

FOOTBALL

## Golden Panthers stunned in home loss

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Coming off some of their biggest wins in program history against Louisville and UCF, the Golden Panthers fell short against conference opponent Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns and saw yet another significant injury to their offense. A new problem has risen, quarterback Wesley Carroll went down in the first quarter with a sprained ankle that sidelined him for the majority of the game. Jake Medlock came on in relief for Carroll, but it wasn't enough. The Golden Panthers lose any hope of staying undefeated as they fall to the Ragin' Cajuns 36-31.

Medlock, the redshirt quarterback, showed some promise by completing 17 of 27 passes for 216 yards and rushing for 39 yards scoring a lone touchdown.

Like the UCF game, T.Y. Hilton did not get the numbers he has been accustomed to seeing because of a sprained hamstring that he suffered a week ago. The Heisman hopeful caught just three passes for 32 yards.

"We've seen this before. They're a great vertical team and they just overcame us today," said defensive back Jonathan Cyprien. "Today they woke up on the right side of the bed and they got us on times when we were out of position and just made plays."

Offensively, Kedrick Rhodes was one of the bright spots for FIU in the loss. The sophomore ran for a career-high 157 yards on 30 carries, scoring three touchdowns in the loss.

The loss brings FIU to 3-1 on the season and 1-1 in the Sun Belt Conference.

"I know I gave our team the best chance of winning, and that it was going to be tough but

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UNIVERSITY POLICE

## New police chief doubles as professor of criminal justice

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While many students and faculty have received a first time welcome to the University, one former student received a welcome back – and in a big way.

Alexander Casas, a University alum and current professor, is the FIU Police Department's new chief police, replacing Bill King whose six year tenure ended during last summer.

"So many paths that are significant to me in my life cross here at FIU. So [the position] was a great fit for me, personally and professionally. And that's a rare thing to get, so that was a good opportunity for me at a time when this department is growing," said Casas, in an interview with Student Media.

The University's senior vice president and chief financial officer, Kenneth Jessell, chose to hire Casas because of his "professional experi-

ence, his leadership abilities and his commitment to community-based police service."

"Chief Casas certainly knows the Miami-Dade community and, as an alumnus of FIU and as an adjunct faculty member, knows the FIU community as well," said Jessell. "In our discussions, I was very impressed with his vision of how to meet the needs of FIU students, faculty and staff. He is committed to making sure that the FIU Police Department is professional

and performs at the highest level, and that students, faculty and staff on all campuses know that their safety is first and foremost."

In regards to Casas's new position, Jessell said that he expects "to see greater emphasis on programs to encourage safety and security [and] increasing awareness of crime and crime prevention. Part of this will be the greater visibility of our police officers. I have already noticed more officers on foot patrol."

Born and raised in Miami, Casas stayed true to his roots and graduated from the University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 2004. He later received a master's degree in leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

"I started FIU when I graduated high school in '86. I stopped in '89 because I started my career in law enforcement and then went back

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STUDENT PROGRAMMING COUNCIL

## LIKE A BOSH



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Michael Katzmayr, SPC vice president of campus relations, conducted the interview with Chris Bosh, reading out student-submitted questions.

## Heat star Chris Bosh visits University

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Either learn about a player by analyzing his stats, or listen as he talks about his inspirations and experiences.

Several hundred students experienced the latter as Chris Bosh, a power forward with the Miami Heat, came to the University on Sept. 22, as part of the Student Programming Council's lecture series.

The lecture - which took place in the auditorium of the School of International

and Public Affairs building, and cost SPC \$20,000—had topics ranging from Bosh's basketball motivations, those who inspire him and his college experiences.

However, it was not a lecture in the traditional sense.

Instead of standing behind a podium speaking about one topic, Bosh sat on an armchair with an interviewer across from him and a crowd in front of him, which was sprinkled with students wearing their Miami Heat #1 jerseys and shirts.

The questions came from SPC and

students who stood in line to receive their tickets.

Michael Katzmayr, vice president of campus relations for SPC and a sophomore architect major, asked the questions and was in charge of bringing Bosh to the University, a process which started during the summer.

The format, which Katzmayr said Bosh wanted, was intended to allow students to interact with Bosh, according to Lukas

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LOCAL

Miami-Dade officials confirm 1st case of West Nile

Health officials are asking Miami-Dade County residents to be on the alert for mosquitos after a 27-year-old man was diagnosed with West Nile virus.

Authorities on Wednesday encouraged people to drain standing water and cover any containers in their yards to keep mosquitos from laying eggs.

The Miami Herald reports the man started feeling ill in early to mid-August. He was admitted to the hospital and tests confirmed the virus. Since he had spent no significant time during the incubation period outside Miami-Dade County, health officials are calling it the year's first locally acquired case of West Nile.

WORLD

Palestinians submit UN statehood bid

Defying US and Israeli opposition, Palestinians asked the United Nations on Friday to accept them as a member state, sidestepping nearly two decades of troubled negotiations in the hope this dramatic move on the world stage would reenergize their quest for an independent homeland.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas was greeted by sustained applause and appreciative whistles as he approached the dais to deliver a speech outlining his people's hopes and dreams of becoming a full member of the United Nations.

Negotiations with Israel "will be meaningless" as long as it continues building on lands the Palestinians claim for that state, he declared, warning that his government could collapse if the construction persists.

Rebuffing an intense US-led effort to pressure him to drop the statehood bid, he said he had asked U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon to recognize a Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem and grant it full membership in the world body.

– Compiled by Melissa Caceres

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In Vol. 23, Issue 18 of *The Beacon*, the standalone photo called "Class Act" in the At the Bay section, the caption stating that Federico R. Lastra is a tutor for the Triple A program is incorrect. He is a tutor for the Center for Academic Success.

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COLLEGE OF LAW

Law students exceed Bar passing rate

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To the surprise of many, the University's College of Law achieved the highest bar passing rate for this past summer.

The Florida Board of Bar Examiners on Sept. 19 released test scores from the July 2011 Bar Exam, an exam given by individual states to test whether an individual is qualified to practice law in that area.

The average passing rate during the summer in the state of Florida was 80.1 percent, while the average for the College of Law grads was 89.6 percent.

"It's really meaningful," said Alexander Acosta, dean of the College

of Law. "It shows the students being smart, dedicated and that the faculty is preparing them really well."

In February, the University ranked second with an 88.2 percent passing rate, while the University of Florida came first with a 91.2 percent passage rate.

However, the past few of years since its accreditation, the University has managed to rank number one in February of 2005, 2007 and 2009 and in July 2011 and has maintained the second and third ranking in 2006, 2008 and 2011.

The College of Law has kept up with other competing state law schools such as the University of Florida and Florida State University. This has proven to be

a impressive to many since it has only been opened for six years.

Matthew Bernstein, a recent graduate from the College of Law, passed his bar exam in July. Bernstein will work as a Judge Advocate General for the US Army. The JAG program essentially is a lawyer who operates within the US Armed Forces. He regarded his stay at the College of Law very highly.

"I liked my experience very much," said Bernstein. "I recommended it to all my friends." Bernstein interned with the US Army during his second year of law school in Georgia before joining.

The Third District Court of Appeal will hold the official ceremony for the inductees to the Florida Bar on Oct. 3.

Chief hopes to increase personnel

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to school probably 10 years later, taking a class or two at a time because that's what work would permit me," he said.

Casas has been in law enforcement for 21 years, and was a major at the Miami-Dade Police Department. Throughout his life, he had to balance time between his family, career and education.

"There are a couple of things that affect us as officers. We're always balancing our priorities. I put aside my education for a while to further my career," said Casas.

Doubling as both the police chief and an adjunct professor, he currently teaches Terrorism and Homeland Security online during his off-time, giving him the ability to share with his students what he has learned throughout his career.

"The one thing that most impressed me was his knowledge on the subject of terrorism. I can honestly say that there



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As police chief, Casas would like to implement and promote community oriented policing.

wasn't a single class where I left thinking, 'Man, that was a waste of time.' Since most of the material was historical, in order to keep us engaged he would constantly relate it to something that the majority of the class would be more familiar with," said sophomore David Rafuls, a criminal justice major.

Casas recognizes the importance of campus security, and he wants students to feel safe at all times – whether it is walking on the sidewalk or attending an event.

"It's very important to have strong security in a university setting. University policing is one of those things you want to be in a constant state of readiness because it's a place where there are a lot of students and symbolic targets here -- everything from tragedies we've heard at other universities that have occurred to potential terrorist activity," he said. "This is one of those locations that you always want to be prepared for that. Anywhere that you have thousands of people at once, you need to take an active role in public safety."

When asked what he would do to prevent tragedies like the death of former student Kendall Berry, who was fatally stabbed on campus in 2010, Casas

assured that his department is "absolutely committed" to the prevention of such instances.

"It's hard to say that what happened to one person will never happen to another, because anywhere you have this many people it's hard to guarantee absolutes. Now, what I will guarantee is that, as a department, we will do anything possible to maintain a presence to hopefully deter those things from occurring."

Currently, as the new police chief, Casas is overseeing the department operations, but he says that changes are on the way.

"What I'm doing now is evaluating the operation. It's hard to say what changes I'm making. It's not that I'm making any changes, I'm just furthering what was started by my predecessor, Chief Bill King. And that is [to] support our officers, encourage and expect professionalism and do it in a way that they're doing their job proudly," he said.

He also wants to give more access to parents and provide them more information regarding their child's safety on campus.

"As parents, even though our children are now adults and we're sending them off to university, they're always going to be our children. One thing

that I expect to do is to be available. I will make it a priority to be available to parents to address their concerns and answer their questions. If they feel that their sons and daughters are safe, we're absolutely doing our jobs," said Casas, whose own son is currently a student at the University.

As for his future as police chief, Casas would like to implement and encourage community-oriented policing, which caters to specialized units; for example, he would like to create a unit specifically for housing.

He hopes to see an increase in personnel as well.

"Community-oriented policing is a recipe for success here. One of the things I intend to do is have officers dedicated to just the housing area," said Casas. "I can see other types of specialized units to help with events. I also see the department with additional staffing, matching the ratio of students to officers that is adequate for the student population."

Rafuls, a former student of Casas, is confident in his former professor's new job, stating, "Knowing that he is now heading up our on-campus police force makes me much more comfortable with the overall safety of our University."

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# WAKE UP CALL



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Kedrick Rhodes [right, #9] gets tackled by Louisiana defenders in first loss of the season. Rhodes rushed for three touchdowns.

## Carroll hurt in disappointing home loss

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I knew our team could do it," said Medlock. "Our team just came out on the wrong end of the stick."

The Golden Panthers started quickly, scoring on the fifth play of the game. Rhodes took the ball 43 yards, slicing and dicing his way in the endzone for the first touchdown of the game to put them up 7-0.

A holding call in their own endzone from left tackle Caylin Hauptmann on nose tackle Derreck Dean gave Louisiana their first points of the game on a safety. The safety gave the Ragin' Cajuns great field possession which led to a 48-yard field goal from Brett Baer.

With just over a minute to play in the first half, Louisiana decided to go for it on fourth down, as Blaine Gautier found tight end Ladarius Green wide open who took it

41 yards for the score, giving the Cajuns a 15-7 advantage.

Wayne Times took the ensuing kickoff 69 yards to their own side of the field to set up Rhodes' second touchdown of the half, an 11-yard run to cut the lead to one, 15-14, at the half.

ULL started out the second half just like FIU, scoring on a quick 6-play drive that lasted less than two minutes, ending on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Gautier to Darryl Surgent.

Medlock then responded immediately, taking charge of the offense. The backup took a 2-yard keeper to cut the lead to 22-21 in the third quarter.

The defense would keep giving up points though, one on a 13-yard rushing touchdown from Alonzo Harris and another a 46-yard touchdown pass from Gautier to Darryl

Surgent.

The 36 points allowed is the most this defense has given up all year. FIU allowed Gautier to pass for 221 yards and 3 touchdowns on 14-26 completions.

"The crowd wasn't really on our side but I had faith in Jake and he stepped up," said Rhodes

The x-rays were negative on Carroll's ankle, but Cristobal said it was significant enough of an injury to have him out for the rest of the game.

"We preached from the beginning of the season that if someone goes down your going to be the next guy that has to step up, it's encouraging that we could find a way to get 31 points on the board," said head coach Mario Cristobal. "I think at the end of the day we would trade any positive statistic for a win."

## Weaknesses exposed in tough home defeat

It was supposed to be a tune-up game. They were supposed to use this game to get ready for homecoming week against Duke.

### COMMENTARY



BRANDON WISE

The only problem is that somebody forgot to tell Louisiana that. The Ragin' Cajuns came in and dominated an FIU defense that had not given up more than 17 points in a game all year.

The team as a whole did not seem as excited for this game as the last one.

Just a week after facing a quarterback with mostly the same attributes, Jeff Godfrey, the Golden Panthers could not double their luck against Blaine Gautier.

But Gautier directed the offense much more effectively and exposed a weakness in the defense: stopping the deep pass. On three separate occasions, the junior found his receiver either alone in the secondary or in single coverage. Each time he wanted to go deep, he just flicked his wrist and it was there.

The secondary definitely got a wake up call tonight. Teams that watch this game on film will be able to see the glaring holes that the secondary needs to fill.

Jonathan Cyprien cannot be the only defensive back there to make plays. Jose Cheeseborough, Junior Mertile among others will continue to get picked on until they prove that they can shut down those sides of the field.

### INJURY WOES

A reason that many people will put on this defeat was the loss of two key starters, T.Y. Hilton and Wesley Carroll.

Hilton, who went down last week with a hamstring injury, was limited throughout the game and did not look 100 percent when he was in.

With Carroll spraining his ankle combined with Hilton getting limited action, the Golden Panther offense had to rely on young, inexperienced players. And while they did step up and stop the bleeding, it is clear that FIU needs its playmakers to get healthy fast or it could be a long learning process for the rest of the team.

This team has senior leadership that needs to show itself soon or things could get a lot worse.

### RHODES ON THE RISE

A bright spot for FIU was the rushing

### VOLLEYBALL

## Forde shines in win over Mean Green

### EDUARDO ALMAGUER Staff Writer

The Panthers have caught fire. On Sept. 23, the team entered Sun Belt Conference play second in the East division with the help of a five-game winning streak.

FIU (9-3, 1-0 SBC) also had the best blocking team in the conference, and was ranked top three in kills, hitting percentage

and assists.

Slowly but surely, the blurred idea of a winning machine that head coach Danijela Tomic envisioned in the preseason was coming into focus.

North Texas (9-7, 0-1 SBC) was the first obstacle the team has faced in their first game of the road trip.

FIU did not blink twice. The Panthers surged to a 3-1 match

win over the Mean Green (25-15, 20-25, 25-18, 25-19) to remain white-hot.

Once the scoreboard flashed 1-0 after the first play of the game in the first set, the Panthers did not let go of the lead.

Setter Renele Forde shined bright as she brought her arsenal against the Mean Green after recording three kills, a 1.000 hitting percentage, five

digs and nine assists in the set.

Riding a 9-2 run, the Panthers built a gap that North Texas could not jump across as the score showed 21-12. Two errors by Eboni Godfrey of the Mean Green sealed the easy win for the Panthers, 25-15.

As the second set opened, the Mean Green managed to overcome their first set woes

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## Rhodes a bright spot for present and future

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attack of Kedrick Rhodes, who proved to be a back that the Golden Panthers could rely on throughout the game and most of the season.

When starting quarterback Wesley Carroll went down and the Golden Panthers had to call on redshirt Freshman Jake Medlock, the focus went to the running game.

Rhodes answered the call admirably. With 30 carries for 157 yards and three touchdowns, Rhodes has taken over the role of number one running back.

With a great mix of speed and strength, Rhodes paved the way for the offense that needed a spark all night.

After the opening drive where he got the opening score, the sophomore from Ocala was called on again from 11 and two yards out to get into the endzone.

On nearly every touch, it felt like Rhodes was a broken tackle or two from scoring even more.

The future of the FIU offense is bright if Rhodes can continue this throughout the season.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

## FIU opens conference play with victory

ANTHONY GUIVAS  
Staff Writer

After the Panthers played their first game of conference play against UALR, FIU came out on top against the Trojans with a 2-1 victory.

As FIU carried a 3-5 record heading into play on Sept. 23, it was clear that the Panthers needed to string together a winning streak to secure a return to

the Sun Belt Tournament.

The win against UALR was a step in the right direction for the Panthers.

"We came out and we played pretty well," said coach Thomas Chestnutt. "We are taking steps towards getting better. We got the win tonight and we held on."

But this win was no easy feat, evident as FIU and UALR took to the pitch, and it was clear the

game would be won with defense.

The Trojans dominated the offensive side of the ball as UALR took eight threatening shots compared to the Panthers' two in the first half.

Regardless, the Panthers ended up scoring first in minute 6:31 of regulation. Freshman Ashleigh Shim scored for the second time as she took a great assist from Nicole DiPerna

which resulted in an impressive shot to the right of the goal post.

FIU was up 1-0 early on, but the lead would be short lived, as the Trojans' came back and in minute 17:07 tied the game at one a piece. UALR's forward Adrianna Queen took a shot from 18 yards out escaping the grasp of goal keeper Kaitlyn Savage.

The Trojans' lone goal was well earned as Savage

once again had an impressive defensive game. She played 90 minutes to go along with seven critical saves.

For more on this story and more exclusive content on FIU women's soccer, go to [FIUSM.com](http://FIUSM.com).

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## Golden Panthers extend win streak to six

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and jump ahead of FIU, 6-10. Errors drowned any attempt to make a comeback as FIU fell back even further.

With the score 10-17, the Panthers hope of a comeback seemed dim. All of a sudden, two Mean Green errors brought them to within five points. Two kills from middle blocker, Sabrina Gonzalez, closed the gap to three.

Two more North Texas errors and a Bjelica kill had now tied the game. The Panther offense was in full swing again and had battled to knot the score at 19-19.

North Texas' Shelly Morton then froze the Panthers. On the heels of three consecutively unanswered kills, Mean Green took the set, 25-20.

After an early deficit kicked off the third set, the Panthers wasted no time turning things around.

FIU built a commanding seven-point lead over North Texas with the help of junior Marija Prsa, who managed to cross the double-double threshold for the second time in as many games.

The Panthers constantly staved off any momentum by answering one Mean Green kill with two more in their favor.

Prsa and Bjelica teamed up to finish off North Texas with a three straight kills and capture the set, 25-18.

FIU and North Texas commenced the fourth set in a tug of war. Each team had their feet planted firmly, determined not to slip up as the lead swung back and forth between them. North Texas, however, buckled first.

Back-to-back kills by Bjelica sparked the offense as FIU began extending their lead.

The Mean Green tried mounting a comeback and came within three points of catching FIU, but their attempt failed.

Four straight North Texas errors brought the Panthers to within one point away from a victory, and Prsa delivered the fatal blow to take the set, 25-19 and win the game.

Forde joined Prsa in posting a double-double, the second of the setter's career. Forde led the team in both assists (45) and digs (16).

Bjelica posted a team-high 17 kills and middle blocker Andrea Lakovic had a team-high six blocks.

The win streak now stands tall at six consecutive games and the winning machine that Tomic pictured sharpened just a bit more.

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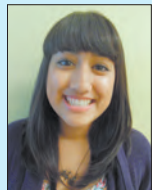
## CHANNEL SURFING

### "The New Girl" is easy to love

SCI FI: "THE SECRET CIRCLE"  
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While "The Vampire Diaries" is one of my favorite guilty pleasures, "The Secret Circle," written by the same writer, L.J. Smith, failed to capture the same magic.

#### COLUMNIST



SANAH FEROKE

The Sept. 15 premiere, which was preceded by some freaky previews and

creepy introduction music, introduced Cassie Blake, whose mother dies in the opening scene - courtesy of a house fire that was started by black magic.

This scene was one of my favorites; it seems like the witches gain their powers when they incorporate the energies of the earth - like starting a campfire.

After this incident, Cassie goes to live with her grandmother in Chance Harbor, where she meets five classmates (Adam, Diana, Faye, Nick and Melissa) who have something more in common with

her than classes: they're all witches who form The Secret Circle.

I feel TSC rushed in the drama department, cramping every cliché they could think of into one hour; Adam attempted to kiss Cassie, despite being in a relationship, Faye rebelled and created a storm she couldn't control and the man who killed Cassie's mother turned out to be Diana's father, the leader of the Circle.

While I felt the special effects of the show were pretty good,

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Deschanel (second from the left) plays a quirky teacher who moves in with three guys in a new sitcom on Fox.

## Golden Idol shines

ALFREDO APARICIO  
Staff Writer

Since 1997, the 25-hour Dance Marathon has not only become the biggest student philanthropic event on campus, but it has also collected over \$600,000 in donations for the Miracle Children's Network.

The Golden Idol, which took place on Sept. 21, showcased the talents of six contestants who took the stage and sang for two rounds. After the initial audition period, the final six contestants sang a full song of their choice for the judges, who chose the top three finalists. The finalists sang a sample of another song while the judges chose the winner.

"We do this to create awareness," said the Executive Director of DM, Evelin Urdaneta, a junior criminal justice and psychology double major. "I was tricked two years ago when friends told me that I was signed up as a volunteer but was really a dancer. When I met the Miracle Children, however, I fell in love with DM."

Ray Soria, a sophomore and business major, went home a winner as well as the viewers' choice. Soria found out about DM through his brothers at Pi Kappa Phi, who have been involved with DM before, and his friends, who encouraged him to do his part and join the Golden Idol competition. The event served as the extra push Soria needed to continue to pursue a career in music.

"I never thought I would win, but

it made my day," said Soria. "I sang in high school, but when I came to FIU, I stopped. It's been a long time since I have sung, but [Golden Idol] has given me the courage to keep going."

Senior Giovanni Correale, a psychology major and recruitment chair, found out about DM in Panther Camp and signed up. "I was one of those happy people that pushed everyone to keep dancing even though I had to go to art class four hours after the event ended."

Correale's experience with DM touched home when his niece went to Miami Children's Hospital for an inflamed appendix that later burst. "I'm a naturally altruistic person to begin with, but if I can use my able body to help someone who needs it, I feel like I did something, [and] that I used my time to help people."

So far, DM has registered 191 dancers for the official event and has collected \$5,969 in donations.

"I saw the impact DM has on campus and wanted to get involved last year, but sadly couldn't," recounted junior Gabriela Franqui, a bio-medical engineering major, volunteer and alumni liaison chair. "I'm excited for the actual event. I wanted to have a bigger experience on campus and work for a charitable event. In the end, it's a lot of work, but we are all fundraising for DM."

Franqui was also a part of the DM line dance - a 15-minute dance that DM dancers learn for the mara-

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# Bosh opens up to students at SPC lecture

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Calafell, president of SPC and a senior sociology major.

"By trying new things and seeing how successful they are, we know we have credible people who know what they're doing," Calafell said to Student Media.

While the audience responded with either laughter or applause when Bosh answered questions about living in and playing in Toronto versus Miami or general basketball questions, they were silent when the questions got personal. At times, they were silent for different reasons.

"At any point, did you ever want to give up?" Katzmayr asked.

"In college," Bosh answered. He said he, and almost everyone else, are babied during high school.

So, as a native of Dallas, when he started attending college at Georgia Tech Institute of Technology, everything he had to deal with as a student-athlete came crashing down on him all at once.

"I was getting killed in practice. I wasn't doing well in class but I thought I would, and I was so far from home," Bosh said. "So I sat there with my head in my hands and called my parents." The crowd was silent. From that, Bosh said he learned

to "stick with it even when things get difficult."

"I could've complained. I could've quit because it was difficult. But I didn't, and things worked out."

Things did work out for Bosh, as the Toronto Raptors eventually drafted him when he was 19 as their fourth overall pick in the 2003 NBA Draft. Since then, and throughout his eight-season career in the NBA, Bosh gives credit to only one player as having the greatest influence on him. He did admit that player wasn't well known, to say the least.

"Probably no one in this room knows this guy, but Darrick Martin," Bosh said.

The crowd was silent again. Martin, a Raptor from 2005 to 2008, gets Bosh's praise as the first person who instilled in him self-confidence.

"He was the first guy who helped me believe in myself," Bosh said of Martin, a teammate for two-and-a-half years. Although Martin had the greatest influence, Bosh's playing skills are all his own.

"I don't model my game after anyone," Bosh said. "When I was little, it used to be Kevin Garnett."

Boos quickly followed Garnett's name.

From minute one of the 45-minute Q&A, and until Katzmayr got the

"one more question" signal, students got to know the soft-spoken giant of their star-studded Miami Heat. And the format was not an issue for them.

**"I could've complained. I could've quit because it was difficult. But I didn't, and things worked out."**

"I thought it was really good," said junior Ana Rivas, a biology major. "Chris is really well-spoken, [and] I liked the way he answered."

But Rivas was not a fan of Katzmayr, the one asking the questions.

"I didn't like the interviewer," she said. "[His] questions were repetitive."

Katzmayr later told Student Media it was his and Bosh's first time in such a setting, but Rivas' opinion did not sway even considering from where the questions came.

"It was his delivery and his inability to flow from one question to another that made it sometimes feel awkward," Rivas said.



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Heat player Chris Bosh says "I don't model my game after anyone."

Bosh tried to ease the awkwardness twice during the interview.

"Relax man, loosen up," Bosh said to Katzmayr early on in the interview. Later, he even imitated Katzmayr's delivery, and despite his laughs, it

turned his face bright red.

SPC, on the other hand, is happy with the way the lecture went.

"I think it went well," Calafell said. "The students responded well and they behaved."

## COVER TO COVER

# “Half The Sky” uncovers stories of victimized women

Srey Rath is a Cambodian teenager who was a victim of the terrors of female human trafficking. Lured in by an appealing job opportunity selling fruit, Rath was sold into a brothel. She endured months of rape and abuse before escaping, only to be sold into a brothel yet again by the police.



KELLY MALAMBRI

Tales of women like Rath fill the pages of the nonfiction book, “Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide,” written by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn.

The authors have created a testament for women who have endured similar pains as Rath and the book is an eye-

catching and inspiring call to attention for women’s rights that avid readers and students must pay attention to.

Kristof is a columnist of the New York Times and WuDunn, his wife, was a previous writer for the Times.

The pair are not only ground-breaking reporters and authors, but they are the first married couple to win a Pulitzer Prize for journalism.

The stories in the book carry readers through horrifying tales of twenty-first century slavery, honor killings, bride burnings, maternal mortality and other grotesque subjects that the Cambodian teenager, among other women, have experienced.

Despite the horrors, the stories of this group of women who went on to have their lives transformed after being enslaved share their success stories and give readers hope,

which is accompanied by shocking truth.

The book is titled after a Chinese proverb which states that “women hold up half the sky.”

*“The stories carry readers through horrifying tales of twenty-first century slavery, honor killings and other grotesque subjects.”*

The book’s powerful stories prove this proverb to be true by the triumph of women like Rath. These stories invite people to support the cause of women’s rights.

Although the tales of triumph are immensely inspiring, the book’s extremely gruesome stories are difficult to read at times and readers

with weak stomachs should beware.

However, for more hardy readers, “Half the Sky” is freshly realistic about the severe treatment of women

and it keeps readers from putting the book down because of its frightening and provoking stories.

One of the most appalling stories in the book is Simeesh Segaye’s story, who had undergone obstructed birth upon labor and whose baby was trapped in her birth canal. Segaye’s neighbors took her

to a bus stop that would transport her to the hospital.

Unfortunately, the bus took two days to arrive and her baby died. Segaye was later ostracized in her village - indirectly due of a lack of proper health care - and spent two years in a fetal position in a hut alone.

It took extensive physical therapy before she could move again. Segaye and Rath’s stories are described in brutal, full detail; every injury and lashing is accounted for by the authors, which left me cringing as I turned each page. However, it is the details of these horrifying stories that make the book one of the most powerful books recently published.

“Half the Sky” was named one of The Washington Post’s “Top 10 Best Books of the Year” in 2009.

This book is extremely relevant, considering the

millions of women subject to these issues everyday, making the book all the more powerful. If readers choose one non-fiction narrative to read this summer, this should be the one to read.

The writers continue to inspire as the book concludes with: “So let’s get on with it, give them a hand, and speed up the day when women around the world truly hold up half the sky.”

Kristof and WuDunn bring attention to women’s rights all around the globe. Once you begin reading the book, it will grab your attention.

Avid readers everywhere should read this book because it is not only a brilliant read, but it is also a story of depth and true substance.

*Cover to Cover is a bi-weekly book review column. Look for it every other Monday this Fall.*

## “Glee” season premiere leaves viewers playing catch up

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the acting shifted from mediocre to forced. Faye’s “bad girl” attitude didn’t have me convinced.

On Sept. 29, Cassie attends a dance with an athlete from school, causing tension with Adam. Faye tries to control her powers and uses the dance as practice, while a mysterious man comes to town asking for Cassie - maybe she needs the Circle after all.

### SITCOM: “NEW GIRL” FOX, TUESDAYS @ 9 P.M.

I’ve been wanting to watch this show since I first saw the preview and I was not disappointed. The Sept. 20

premiere stars Zoey Deschanel as Jess Day, a quirky, bubbly girl who was recently dumped and is clueless about the dating world. She moves in with three guys, Nick, Schmidt and Coach, who try to help her get back into the dating scene.

Deschanel plays her typical role as the cute girl. The guys she rooms with are all completely different and keep the audience entertained; Nick is mourning his breakup from months ago, Schmidt thinks he can get any girl he wants and Coach has a hard time talking to the opposite sex without yelling at them.

The whole family bond aspect was introduced much too early. The guys

ditch an exclusive party to comfort Jess. Considering they met Jess just one week ago, to already sacrifice their plans is extremely unrealistic.

On Sept. 27, the guys force Jess to get her belongings from her ex-boyfriend’s place and Jess meets another roommate, Winston, who was out of the country playing basketball.

### MUSICAL/DRAMA: “GLEE” FOX, WEDNESDAYS @ 8 P.M.

I can genuinely say that I hate musicals, but since Glee does music covers with their own special renditions, it makes the show very versatile.

However, the Sept. 20 premiere of the third season left me wondering, “Is

that it?” Don’t get me wrong, the first episode was not bad, but too much happened in so little time - Sam left, Mercedes has a new boyfriend and Zizes ditched the New Directions in favor of street credit - mostly serving as a way to introduce the Glee Project winners into the glee club.

A recap at the beginning of the episode would have helped. Half of the scenarios had me playing catch up, like that of Mr. Shue and Emma as well as Finn and Rachel’s rekindled relationship.

Guest star and “Glee Project” winner Lindsey Pearce’s performance stood out with her “Anything Goes/ Anything You Can Do” mash-up. I

hated her fake personality, but I loved her performance.

One thing I will miss is The Warblers near-perfect acoustic interpretations; Blaine has also transferred to McKinley High’s New Directions, but I’m sure a way will be found to incorporate the Warblers into the show.

In the Sept. 28 episode, Shelby Corcoran, Rachel’s biological mother, Quinn’s “baby momma” and ex-Vocal Adrenaline glee club coach return, leaving Rachel to deal with the mother she never had.

*Channel Surfing is a weekly TV review column.*

## HOME COMING WEEK

### UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011



#### PANTHER PROWL COMEDY SHOW FEAT. THE WAYANS BROTHERS

Pick Up at BBC 4:30 p.m., arrive at MMC 5:30 p.m. US Arena. Leave MMC 11:00 p.m., arrive BBC 12:00 a.m.  
WHEN: 6:30-10 p.m.  
WHERE: US Century Bank Arena

#### HOME COMING PEP RALLY

Come out and support your FIU Panthers!  
WHEN: BBC 12-2 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC GC Lawns, BBC Panther Square



#### MEUCE ROUNDTABLE: THE DEATH PENALTY: EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Speakers: Hon. Gael de Maisonrouve, Consul General of France; Professor Megan A. Fairlie.; Professor H. Scott Fingerhut; Professor Noah Weisbord.

WHEN: 8:30-9:30 p.m.  
WHERE: MMC RDB College of Law 1000

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011



#### HOME COMING NPHC STEP SHOW

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  
WHEN: 6:30-9 p.m.  
WHERE: US Century Bank Arena

#### IBHS: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS HONOR SOCIETY

Our guest speakers series starts with: Holger Kamin, International Marketing.  
WHEN: 7-9 p.m.  
WHERE: MMC Faculty Club Lounge in GC



#### ACS LUNCHTIME SERIES

The Perceived Immigration Crisis, National Security & the Presidential Election with Professor Roman.

WHEN: 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
WHERE: MMC RDB 2007

## Idol shows students’ talents



ROBERTO JIMENEZ/THE BEACON

Golden Idol winner Ray Soria says “I never thought I would win, but it made my day.”

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thon - with the children in a past baseball game. “Even though it rained and the game was postponed and we couldn’t do it, we got to talk to the moms of these kids. We got to see what they feel.”

One of the judges, Korrin Stanek, the associate director for orientation, has been in DM since her days as an undergrad. “I was a dancer back then and always judge the audition part of Golden Idol. This year, I was part of the actual event.”

Stanek is always happy to put her musical

background as an undergraduate vocal performance major to use. “Some of my friends and family have suffered from cancer, and my best friend’s little sister died from it. Since then, I dance and do this in her memory; she was like a sister to me.”

Dance Marathon is on Jan. 29 in the Recreation Center. Students and faculty can go online at <http://www2.fiu.edu/~dm/> to look at upcoming events, get involved or donate.

“I don’t think the day will hit me until I am there,” said Franqui. “So far, it has been a fulfilling experience. I hope it only gets better.”

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## BORDERLESS WITH BROOKLYN

# Palestinian statehood allows for collective voice, rights

The perpetual violence between Israelis and Palestinians has an opportunity to be quelled by the motion to recognize Palestine as a state.

### COLUMNIST



BROOKLYN MIDDLETON

On Sept. 23, as the United Nations General Assembly votes to recognize Palestine as its own country, it is imperative that the United States join the overall international community in supporting its statehood.

This will not happen; President Obama has vowed to veto the bid. It is unfortunate that the U.S. in its promise to honor Israel and promote peace in the region, is dismissing a solution for just that.

University students, particularly international relations and political science majors, as well as students in the Middle East Studies Certificate Program, should take

an active interest in this proposed resolution as it shapes the future of the Middle East indefinitely.

On Sept. 22, Public Reason, FIU Student Media's radio talk show committed to gathering opinions and generating discussions, invited two representatives of Students for Justice in Palestine to discuss Palestine's possible statehood.

Both guests indeed wanted Palestine to have recognition as a state, but echoed sentiments of worry and hesitation that even with recognition of Palestine as a state, there would be a lack of change for the day to day life of Palestinians.

Though it would be remiss to not mention the struggles that would remain in spite of statehood recognition, I do not agree with the idea that it would be a total lost cause.

At the very least, with international recognition, the Palestinian people would finally have a collective voice.

“Vehemently opposing Palestinian statehood is a demonstration of rejection to a chance for peace.”

Criticism that this is simply a symbolic move is relevant. Symbolic as it may be, the multi-lateral recognition of Palestine as a state offers rights and opportunities for negotiations that a stateless entity lacks.

The U.S. and Israel's firm opposition to Palestine's statehood and their continued stance that negotiations must take place directly between Israel and Palestine is antiquated and already failed.

The failure of the peace talks last year are what led to this UN resolution.

Israel must show that its

supreme interest is indeed peace and diplomacy. Vehemently opposing Palestinian statehood is a demonstration of rejection to a chance for peace.

As the Middle East continues to cultivate internal revolutions, our support both as American citizens as well as students for democracy and civilian engagement in shaping their state's future should not be withdrawn in regards to Palestinians.

There must be discussion about the obvious disconnect between America's support for the Arab Spring and the vehement oppo-

sition to the desires of the Palestinian people.

Our relationship with Israel, though to be honored and respected, must also remain symbiotic; the safety of all three parties — Israelis, Americans and Palestinians — must be safeguarded. Continuing on this failed path of pseudo diplomacy and failed peace talks only further jeopardizes all three parties' safety. A move for Palestinian statehood is a move for peace.

*“Borderless with Brooklyn” is a biweekly column examining global issues.*

# Public transportation an efficient, cheaper alternative

KATRINA BRUNO  
Staff Writer

Whether you take the bus, ride a bike, drive or walk to school, there are many ways to get to and from campus. The Golden Panther Express, Metrorails, Metrobuses and Metromovers are just some of the options that can help students cut costs getting around town and commuting to school.

Getting to know bus routes and taking advantage of alternative transportation can benefit students, especially those from out of town who do not have their own vehicles, or those looking to save a few bucks on gas.

In order to be more frugal and green, I decided it might be best to start trading in my car keys for bus fares. Though I hate to admit it, I am stubborn about taking public transportation.

For me, being able to drive my own vehicle, make a quick stop for coffee at Starbucks and blast my music during the

commute to the Biscayne Bay Campus is more enjoyable than working my schedule around set bus times.

“Public transportation is something to consider if you too are feeling the pinch of gas prices.”

However, because I now have to commute over 60 miles a day — which adds up to over 300 miles a week — to BBC, I needed to re-evaluate my transportation habits.

Through research, I realized the immense benefits using public transportation could provide, such as saving money on gas and tolls and free time during the commute.

According to the Office of Parking and Transportation, a one-way ticket from the Modesto Maidique Campus to BBC, or vice-versa, costs \$2.50.

At the University, there is the Golden Panther Express that provides transportation between MMC and BBC, the CATS shuttle that provides transportation from MMC to the College of Engineering and Computing, and the BBC Housing Shuttle that provides transportation from BBC to Aventura Mall.

In addition to the University having a myriad of options to help students get around town and save money, the available free time during the 45-minute commute gives me an opportunity to read and study.

Around town, there is a variety of ways to get around as well. The Metrobus, which offers transportation nearly everywhere in

Miami, costs \$2.00 per trip. Furthermore, they are air-conditioned and now have free wireless Internet access.

Additionally, the Metrorail is a 22-mile elevated transit system that covers the area from Kendall to Downtown Miami, also for \$2.00 per trip.

The Metromover, a free service, gives transportation access to those traveling through the Brickell and Downtown Miami area.

Public transportation is helpful because it allows students, especially those who are from out of town and do not have their own personal vehicles, the ability to navigate through Miami freely, and to enjoy everything our beautiful city has to offer.

Public transportation is something to consider if you too are feeling the pinch of gas prices.

No matter the way you get around town or to school, it is important to know that there are alternative methods that may help you save time and money while commuting.



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Anderson Cooper, journalist

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## OFF THE RUNWAY



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Top: David Miller junior, political science major participating in the Blue and Gold Fashion Show.  
Bottom: The Student Programming Council hosted a Blue and Gold Fashion Show where students would model FIU gear, FIU homecoming dance attire and what to wear to an FIU football game.

## Day for bisexuality aims to educate and raise awareness

STEPHAN USECHE  
Contributing Writer

Dark pink, royal blue and purple may sound meaningless to some people, but to others, it represents more than just random colors, it represents themselves.

On Sept. 22 Stonewall Pride Alliance and Multicultural Programs and Services got together to host “Bisexuality Celebration Day” at the Biscayne Bay Campus Wolfe University Center, RM 159.

“Bisexuality Celebration Day is a day to talk about a minority,” said Luigi Ferrer, Executive Director of Prideslines Youth Services and Board member of BiNet USA, as he led an educational presentation about bisexuality along with Sexologist and Diplomat of the American Board of Sexology, Dr. Marilyn Volker.

This is the second year Stonewall Pride Alliance and MPAS got together to host “Bisexuality Celebration Day,” which is celebrated Sept. 23. “We want to raise awareness about bisexuality, but also have a fun and interactive event,” said Camille Perkins, Graduate Assistant for LGBT Initiatives.

The conference room was decorated with flags, balloons, and colors that for many represent the bisexual community.

The event offered all participants a variety of snacks to pick from, as well as informative handouts that made the presentation interactive.

Students like Stephanie Varela, a sophomore psychology major, attended the event to learn more about the subject.

“I’m curious to learn what they have to say,” said Varela.

Varela described bisexuality as something to be proud of, something normal and also expressed the fact that another reason she had attended

the presentation was that she wanted her boyfriend, Michael Basconez, sophomore psychology major, to be educated about bisexuality.

“I want to be involved... and learn more about [bisexuality] because it’s important to [Varela],” said Basconez.

As the presentation evolved, opinions started to convey across the room. Words such as confused, funny, sinner, greedy were examples given by the attendees of how people have misjudged bisexuals.

Federico R. Lastra, psychology major and staff of Reading and Learning, also gave as an example the word “depravados,” Spanish for “depraved.”

Correspondingly, Varela claims to have heard it being described as “just an experiment.”

However, Volker describes them as “privileged.”

Volker and Ferrer had bisexuality conceptualized as “to recognize and honor the potential for sexual and emotional relationship with more than one gender.”

Andres Bermeo, Senior Health Educator, whose intentions on attending the presentation were to get information and to meet the speakers, reinforced the conceptualization.

“At some point in your life, you will be attracted to someone of the same sex,” said Bermeo.

After sharing ideas and comments about bisexuality, games were played in order to help the attendees understand or reinforce their sexuality.

The purpose of these games was to make these people realize how similar they are to each other, and how normal it is to experience different emotions - Volker’s goal for the presentation.

According to Volker, she wants to know the students’ concerns to help them be more healthful, because “the students represent the world.”

## Homecoming Variety Show to be “as big as possible”

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The University’s Homecoming Council is presenting its second annual Homecoming Variety Show on Sept. 28 at the Wolfe University Center theatre at the Biscayne Bay Campus. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and starts at 8:00 p.m.

The show will consist of performances from Metropolis entertainment group, such as Mike Bliss and the Incredible Bliss Kids. Mike Bliss and his two sons, Zachary and Stephen, are a family act that brings unicycling, magic and mind reading acts to the stage.

Bliss has been performing for over 20 years and has also been

featured on NBC’s “Americas Got Talent” alongside his sons where they were among the top 35 out of 100,000 performers. Zachary and Stephen are some of the youngest kids in the country performing their mind reading act. Zachary is also known for being one of the youngest professional jugglers in the United States.

This trio has outdone them-

selves countless times with stage performances, and have been known to stop students on numerous campuses across the country and correctly guessing the contents within book bags, purses and wallets.

“I’ve seen his videos online and I am really excited to see what he does on stage,” said junior and psychology major,

Anarella Bulgini.

Accompanying the family of magicians is Kenneth “Xclusive” Paryo.

Dancing since the age of 13, this triple threat captivates the audience with his comedic timing, unique dance moves and music mixes.

Originally, Paryo wasn’t a fan of showing off his talents until he

was also featured on “America’s Got Talent”, where Judges David Hasselhoff and Piers Morgan were quick to compliment his audition, raving on how terrific and talented he was as a performer.

Xclusive has opened up for rapper Trey Songz and can be seen all over YouTube.

When asked about the event, Campus Life Graduate Assistant Wolfgang Acevedo seemed very enthusiastic saying the show will be “as big as possible.”

Tickets are available at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus in the Graham Center room 2240 and at BBC WUC 141 on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets are free for all FIU students. There will also be giveaways being distributed at the event.

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