

FOOTBALL

## CAJUN INVASION

### Conference play resumes against visiting Louisiana

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People around the nation have started buzzing about FIU football and their 3-0 start that included victories against Louisville and UCF.

On top of the four votes they received in the AP polls, University of Miami head coach Al Golden gave them praise in *The Miami Herald* recently, and now they will have a segment on ESPN College Gameday that will air this Saturday.

ESPN made a recent visit to the Golden Panthers' practice

on Wednesday to film some of the practice and interview head coach Mario Cristobal.

"It was kind of weird having a mic on, obviously I wouldn't compromise anything for our gameplan and our chances for victory, but just for the initial start of practice it was a tremendous honor," said head coach Mario Cristobal.

In Gulden's comments on FIU, he mentioned that it was great to see them getting votes and that he and Cristobal talk and text all the time.



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

After defeating in-state rival UCF, the Golden Panthers will look to stay undefeated against the Ragin' Cajuns of Louisiana and may need to see more of Wayne Times [above, #5] with T.Y. Hilton battling injury.

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SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

## Czech diplomat speaks on life and current affairs

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Karel Schwarzenberg, the Czech Republic's First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, delivered a lecture on Sept. 19 about his lifetime experiences in office as a guest of the University's School of International and Public Affairs.

His speech, which took place in the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum, covered topics across the board.

By making references to China, Libya, Russia, and Japan, Schwarzenberg quickly showed the audience that his political depth was beyond affairs of just the Czech Republic.

The Embassy of the Czech Republic, Honorary Consulate General of the Czech Republic, the European Studies Program and the Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence co-sponsored the lecture.

The former senator is esteemed as an advocate for human rights and shared his insight with around 30 students and faculty in attendance.

Schwarzenberg spoke candidly about the current wave of revolution taking place in the Middle East.

He believes much of today's possibility for change stems from mobile innovation. The growing ways of communication worldwide have "produced another generation" he says.

"The world is changing; but we have to first change ourselves," said Schwarzenberg.

In regards to democracy, he denoted various ways in which countries could be more diplomatic. One example, by having each economy open their markets to one another.

This shift in international relations would more than likely strengthen the dynamics between nations, and promote positive interaction, not necessarily dependence.

Schwarzenberg shared many of his opinions, and outlook for the future as well.

When speaking of China, he maintains the revolution which took place some 60 years ago has installed much change to their system, however, there are now substantial problems at hand. The lower class is still "helpless," in the hand of the powerful.

"Within the next decade, China will become the most powerful economic power of the world," Schwarzenberg said, despite the "obvious misfortune" of the

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Karel Schwarzenberg  
Czech Republic's First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Affairs

poorer class.

He also denoted that in nearby India, they are also on the rise, and it's something worth watching.

In sharp contrast, Schwarzenberg stated that Russia however, in terms of economy, has become stagnant.

When asked by a student about Cuba, and whether any resolve will come of Castro's regime, Schwarzenberg smiled, saying "In his age; there will be some biological resolution."

His sense of humor was noticeable throughout the lecture; an attribute of which, the audience enjoyed.

Schwarzenberg ended much of his testimonies with witty comments, and at one

point said "I hope I'm not boring you, yet."

Gavin McClean, a senior political science major, enjoyed Karel Schwarzenberg's lecture.

"He seemed very knowledgeable; and not just on affairs of The Czech Republic," McClean said to Student Media.

Schwarzenberg kindly responded to everyone and anyone with comments and questions throughout the room.

Grace Taylor, a grad student majoring in higher education/administration said, "It's important to have a representative from another country to come visit the school. It's good to have reputable speakers talk about their experience."

COMING UP | Life!

Check out the Sept. 26 issue for a review on the Department of Theatre's first production of the year, "Swimming in the Shallows".

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## DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE

# First theater show begins with sharks

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The Department of Theatre is opening the fall season with their first production of the year, "Swimming in the Shallows." The production offers a chance to explore the relationship between a man and a shark as well as two other couples, all intertwined as friends.

Wayne E. Robinson Jr., associate professor of the Department of Theatre, directed the production, which explores the relationship between a man and a shark, written by Adam Bock. "The production will appeal to many students because of its witty dialogue and relatable situations involving relationships and friendships."

The cast is small, totaling only six: Elizabeth Abad as Barb, Julio Liverpool as Bob, Zakiya Markland as Donna, Carina Skandre as Carla Carla, Joshua Thomas as Nick, and Ewan McLaughlin as Shark.

After their child, Bob Jr., leaves home, Bob and Barb find themselves alone in an empty nest and are now forced to get along and completely interact with each other.

However, Bob is focused on offering his wife more material goods to satisfy her, while Barb is searching for a more

## ACTING OUT



KRISTIN HERNANDEZ/THE BEACON

University theater students conducted a flash mob in the Green Library Breezeway on Sept. 20 to promote their upcoming Fall production of "Swimming in the Shallows."

spiritual meaning to life.

"At first sight, the play is wacky and fun. You don't really know what to think about it. But really, it's about a woman who wants to change her life," said Abad.

"We all want to become a better version of ourselves."

Donna and Carla Carla are at the crossroads of dating and marriage. Donna wants to take the next step with Carla Carla, but

Carla Carla's nerves and her dislike of Donna's smoking habits keep them in a state of confusion and hesitation.

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## NATIONAL

# US military milestone: end to ban on gay service

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Associated Press

The U.S. military passed a historic milestone Tuesday with the repeal of the ban on gays serving openly in uniform, ending a prohibition that President Barack Obama said had forced gay and lesbian service members to "lie about who they are."

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta pledged not to allow other issues of equal opportunity, such as allowing women to serve in combat roles, to be ignored or set aside.

"I am committed to removing all of the barriers that would prevent Americans from serving their country and from rising to the highest level of responsibility that their talents and capabilities warrant," Panetta told a Pentagon news conference. "These are men and women who put their lives on the line in the defense of this country, and that's what should matter the most."

Repeal of the 18-year-old legal provision — commonly known as "don't ask, don't tell," under which gays can serve as long as they don't openly acknowledge their sexual orientation — took effect Tuesday at 12:01 a.m. EDT.

Appearing with Panetta for what was probably his final news Pentagon conference as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, retiring Navy Adm. Mike Mullen said that with the new law allowing gays to serve openly, the military is a stronger, more tolerant force with greater character and honor.

"I still believe that it was first and foremost a matter of integrity, that it was fundamentally against everything we stand for as an institution to force people to lie about who they are just to wear a uniform," Mullen said. "We are better than that."

Some in Congress still oppose the

change, arguing that it may undermine order and discipline, but top Pentagon leaders have certified that it will not hurt the military's ability to recruit or to fight wars.

Obama issued a statement saying he is confident that lifting the ban will enhance U.S. national security, that henceforth "our armed forces will no longer lose the extraordinary skills and combat experience of so many gay and lesbian service members."

sexual orientation," the memo from Clifford Stanley said.

Gay advocacy groups celebrated across the country.

At a San Diego bar, current and former troops danced and counted down to midnight. "You are all heroes," Sean Sala, a former Navy operations specialist, said. "The days of your faces being blacked out on the news — no more."

A lingering question is whether disciplinary procedures are adequate to deal with

accepted applications from openly gay recruits, while waiting for repeal to take effect before processing the applications.

With the lifting of the ban, the Defense Department published revised regulations to reflect the new law allowing gays to serve openly.

The revisions, such as eliminating references to banned homosexual service, are in line with policy guidance that was issued by top Pentagon officials in January, after Obama signed the legislation that did away with the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The lifting of the 18-year-old ban also halted all pending investigations, discharges and other administrative proceedings that were begun under the Clinton-era law.

Existing standards of personal conduct, such as those pertaining to public displays of affection, will continue regardless of sexual orientation.

There also will be no immediate changes to eligibility standards for military benefits.

All service members already are entitled to certain benefits and entitlements, such as designating a partner as one's life insurance beneficiary or as designated caregiver in the Wounded Warrior program.

Gay marriage is one of the thornier issues. An initial move by the Navy earlier this year to train chaplains about same-sex civil unions in states where they are legal was halted after more than five dozen lawmakers objected. The Pentagon is reviewing the issue.

Service members who were discharged under the "don't ask, don't tell" law will be allowed to re-enlist, but their applications will not be given priority over those of any others with prior military experience who are seeking to re-enlist.

“As of today, no one needs to hide who they are to serve the country that they love.”

Barack Obama,  
President  
United States

Later Tuesday, at a New York City Democratic fundraiser, the president said he had met backstage with some young Americans who had been discharged from the military because of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

"As of today, that will never happen again," Obama said. "As of today, no one needs to hide who they are to serve the country that they love."

The head of Pentagon personnel policies issued a memo to the work force at a minute after midnight Tuesday. "All service members are to treat one another with dignity and respect regardless of

any future instances of harassment of gays in the ranks. Michael Corgan, a professor of international relations at Boston University and a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, said it's mainly a matter of leadership.

"Discipline problems that might arise from gays serving with an overwhelmingly straight population in the military should be able to be handled the way any other disciplinary problems are, if commanders are up to their jobs," Corgan said.

In Iraq, a spokesman for U.S. forces put out a statement noting that all troops there had been trained for the change.

For weeks the military services have



## NEWS FLASH

## WORLD

Americans freed from Iran prison  
begin trek home

After more than two years in Iranian custody, two Americans convicted as spies took their first steps toward home Wednesday as they bounded down from a private jet and into the arms of family for a joyful reunion in the Gulf state of Oman.

The families called this “the best day of our lives,” and President Barack Obama said their release — under a \$1 million bail-for-freedom deal — “wonderful news.”

The release capped complicated diplomatic maneuvers over a week of confusing signals by Iran’s leadership on the fate of Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer.

Although the fate of the two gripped America, it was on the periphery of the larger showdowns between Washington and Tehran that include Iran’s nuclear program and its ambitions to widen military and political influence in the Middle East and beyond. But — for a moment at least — U.S. officials may be adding words of thanks in addition to their calls for alarm over Iran.

For Tehran, it was a chance to court some goodwill after sending a message of defiance with hard-line justice in the July 2009 arrests of the Americans along the Iran-Iraq border.

— Compiled by Melissa Caceres

## CORRECTIONS

In Vol. 23, Issue 19 of *The Beacon*, the article titled “Poets and Hip Hops Artists Rhyme for Palestine” in the Life! section, the acronym for the organization Students for Justice of Palestine is SJP.

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In Vol. 23, Issue 18 of *The Beacon*, the article titled “Career Services hosting events to engage students with department” in the At The Bay section, Dr. Imani Fredricks-Lowman’s name is misspelled.

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## JUDAIC STUDIES

Israeli Foreign Ministry advisor  
speaks to students on Arab Spring

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A prominent Israeli diplomat and political advisor spoke before a group of about 65 students and faculty members in the Graham Center on Sept 20 on the subject of recent political developments in the Middle East.

But the representative who spoke on Sept. 20 is no typical Israeli envoy: Israel’s highest-ranking Muslim diplomat, Ishmael Khaldi is an Israeli Arab, a Bedouin who spent the first eight years of his life living in a Bedouin tent in the Galilee.

Khaldi’s lecture, titled “Israel Today and the Arab Spring,” dealt with the recent uprisings in the Middle East as well as the current Palestinian attempt to gain U.N. recognition of Palestinian statehood.

Khaldi, who served in Israeli Defense Forces before being appointed Deputy Consul in the Israeli Consulate in San Francisco in 2006, and later becoming the Middle East and Arab Affairs Advisor to the government of Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, said he considers both Israelis and Arabs his brothers.

“I want to be a bridge of understanding between my country, the Jewish state and the countries of the Middle East,” he said.

Not long after Khaldi

took his advising position, the Arab world began to change dramatically, as protests erupted across the region.

For Khaldi, the message was very clear.

“People in those countries want to live exactly like yourselves — in open societies, in democracies . . . and like ourselves — the people in Israel — the only democracy in the Middle

East,” said Khaldi. “Some people call it ‘an Arab spring,’” he said. “I don’t think it’s ‘spring.’ It’s going to take a long time. . . . And who’s going to win? Will it be the liberal power? Or the radical power?”

imagine: we are speaking about ‘spring,’ we are speaking about something that’s supposed to flourish: democracy, building relations — and the opposite thing is happening.”

Khaldi also spoke of the uprising in Syria and said that he could envision two potential outcomes: that the Assad regime would stay, in which case “. . . [Assad] will be dealing . . . they’re still going to have

dent Yonaton Goldstein, a sophomore, said he agreed with much of what Khaldi said and appreciated his directness.

“Before hearing him,” he said, “I thought, sure, [the Palestinians] will probably get the vote, probably get the recognition, but then what? They still have to come back and talk to the Israelis. . . . they’re still going to have

“Israel wants to see the Palestinians living in dignity in their own state, but let’s face reality. The only way to achieve a two-state solution is direct negotiation.”

Ishmael Khaldi,  
Middle East and Arab Affairs advisor  
Israeli Foreign Ministry

East,” said Khaldi.

Speaking of the uprising in Egypt, where the Israeli embassy was recently attacked by protesters, Khaldi said it was clear that “. . . the people who stood up in Tahrir square . . . demanded three main things: to topple the regime, Mubarak . . . political freedom . . . and . . . economic improvement.”

“Both the military council and even the Muslim Brotherhood,” said Khaldi, “will never touch, never cancel, the peace treaty with Israel. That’s a common interest.”

“Israel,” he said, “is and will always be the strongest country in the Middle East.”

Even so, Khaldi said that aspects of the revolutions were troubling for Israel.

“Last week,” he said, “Israel had to evacuate our diplomats from the embassy . . . in Jordan . . . and in Egypt . . . Try to

. . . to improve the situation inside Syria . . . and he will tend not to confront Israel; he will be dealing with internal issues,” and a second possibility, in which “. . . his regime will be toppled and a worse regime will take over, and then it only adds to the instability.”

Khaldi spoke last of the current Palestinian push for formal U.N. recognition of Palestinian statehood, saying that it is problematic because of its unilateral nature and the fact that it is being pursued in the absence of negotiations.

The Palestinian Authority abandoned peace talks in March of 2010 to protest Israeli settlement construction in the West Bank — land the Palestinian Authority considers essential for a future Palestinian state.

“Israel wants to see the Palestinians living in dignity in their own state,” Khaldi said. “But let’s face reality. The only way to achieve a two-state solution is . . . direct negotiation — no matter how tough, and no matter what the background is.”

FIU Shalom Vice Presi-

to discuss borders and the right of return . . . it’s still in need of negotiations.”

Rene Padron, a senior majoring in International Relations, said that the difficulties of creating and gaining recognition for a separate Palestinian state and then negotiating a peace with Israel made him wonder about the possibility of a one state solution “. . . that would be an ‘Israel-Palestine’ or ‘Palestine-Israel’ . . . with really small font size, so it’d fit on the map!”

Hadassah Dukes, an FIU Shalom Dukes, an FIU Shalom chemistry major, said “I completely agree that the countries surrounding [Israel] would help the situation more if they were democratic as well. It was refreshing . . . to have a live dialogue here, with actual information as opposed to what we hear on the radio.”

Khaldi’s lecture was sponsored by FIU’s Judaic Studies Program and co-sponsored by the Middle East Studies Program, the Jewish National Fund, the Caravan for Democracy, MediaWatch International, Shalom FIU and the Hasbara Fellowships.

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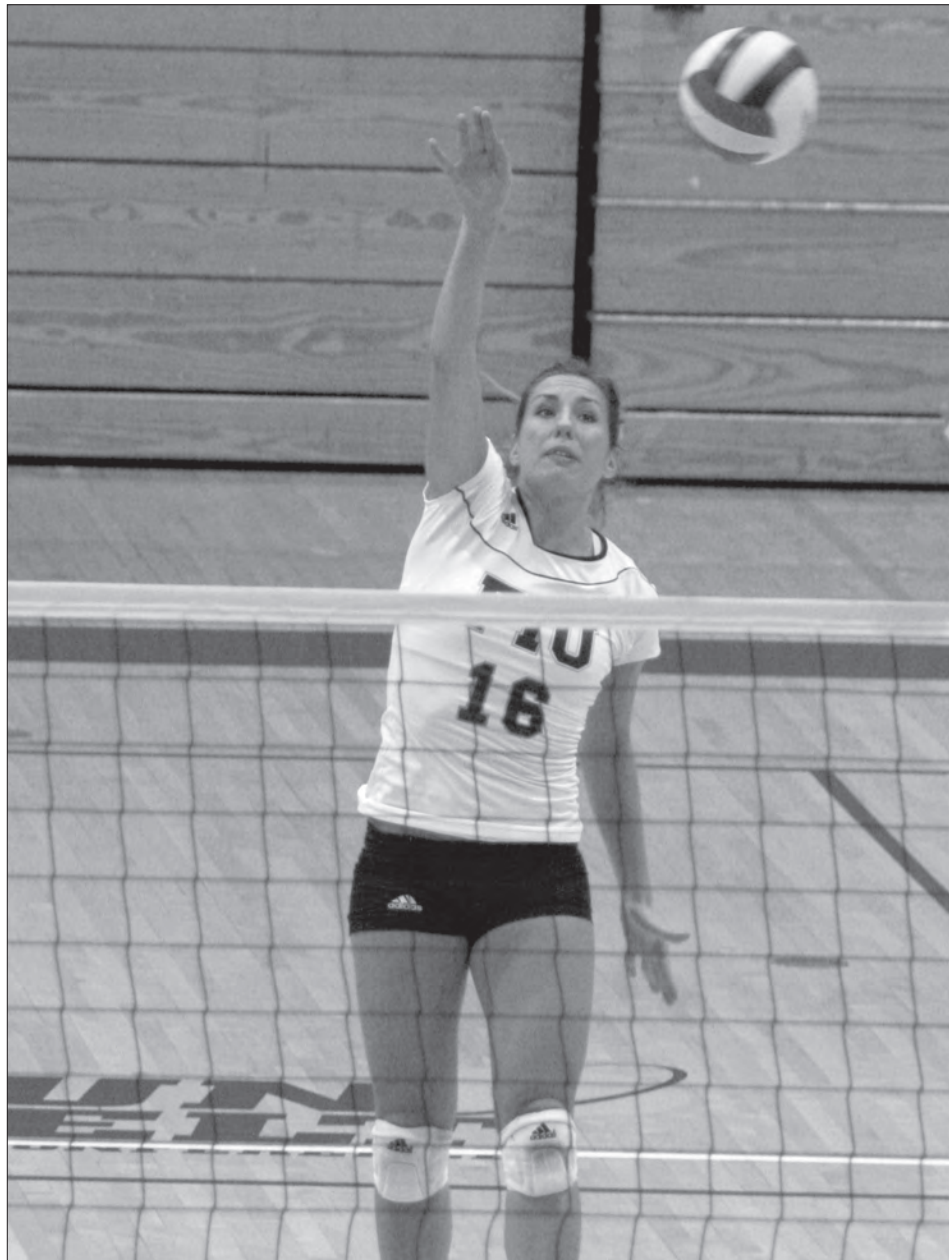


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## VOLLEYBALL

# Bjelica establishing herself as a key offensive player



BEACON FILE PHOTO

Jovana Bjelica [above] has become a key weapon for the Golden Panthers this season.

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When you walk into volleyball practice, several things are going to catch your eye. The first will be an ocean of about 75 volleyballs strewn all around the arena. The second will probably be 6-foot-3 setter Renele Forde, the tallest player on the team. The last thing, however, you are bound to hear first rather than see.

Small explosions followed by volleyballs cutting through the air at violent speeds will demand your attention almost immediately. Jovana Bjelica, junior outside hitter for the Panthers, is the one responsible for these vicious, round missiles. The speed at which the ball leaves her hand is almost abnormal.

There is one thing, however, that has more velocity than her spiked balls: her reputation. Bjelica is quickly becoming one of the most dangerous players in the conference and a vital component in propelling her team toward a Sun Belt Championship.

Head Coach Danijela Tomic wants Bjelica to take charge much like a certain FIU great did just a few years ago.

"She's our go-to player. I told her that we need her to step up and be Yari this year," said Tomic. "That's the mentality I want her to have."

Tomic speaks of none other than 4-time All-American Yarimar Rosa. Rosa's stint with the Panthers from 2006 to 2009 led her to be FIU's all-time kills per set leader with a 5.38 mark. She is having her jersey number retired in the Panthers' Sept. 30 home game against Western Kentucky.

Despite her remarkable early season success, Bjelica knows there is always something she can improve to better her team.

"My goal is to be to be a leader for this

season and to be an example to everyone else," said Bjelica.

To the average fan, watching Bjelica play and bowl over opposing players with her ferocious spikes will leave him or her convinced that she is at the top of her game. And in all honesty, it is hard to argue against that point of view.

In only 11 games, Bjelica has already set single game career highs in kills and service aces this season. She has tied her block and block assists record as well.

She has also been tremendously crucial in helping the team pull through with victories that seemed almost impossible.

In their most recent victory against UCF, the Panthers were one point away from losing in the final set, down 14-11. Senior Andrea Lakovic credits Bjelica with performing exceptionally well to help turn the tables and eventually win.

"There were so many moments where I would just jump on the court and say, 'You're my hero,'" said Lakovic with a smile. "She actually saved the game. We all contributed to winning, but she had the biggest part in it."

But while that average fan thinks Bjelica cannot get any better, her teammates and coach think quite the opposite.

"I know that she can do a lot," said Lakovic. "This is not her best. She can prove much more and she's going to get there."

As deft as she is with a ball on her fingertips, Bjelica is even better at refusing to rest on her laurels. Even with a tournament MVP, an SBC pre-season honor nomination and a player of the week award, she thinks she has not even scratched the surface of her potential.

If that is the case, the rest of the Sun Belt Conference better find some shelter soon because those round missiles she launches are going to tear through anything standing in her way of winning a championship for the team.

## FOOTBALL

# Cristobal would support cross-town rivalry with UM

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Cristobal said that a possible matchup with UM sometime along the road would be something he is in favor of.

"I think any time cross-town universities can play or in-state universities can play, with a great example being this weekend with UCF, you have a chance to really pack the stadium and fill the stands with alumni and with family," said Cristobal. "It makes for a great event."

Right now, what the team is focused on is their next opponent, the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns. This will be their second conference game this year.

Louisiana comes in with a record of 2-1, having lost to number nine, Oklahoma State, in their first game and beating Kent State and Nicholls State in the next two.

They have accumu-

lated 30 points per game in their first three games, the most in the Sun Belt. The scoring has come in a variety of ways.

Out of the 11 touchdowns that they have scored, four have been interception returns, one has been a blocked field goal return, five have been rushing touchdowns and only one has been a touchdown pass.

### CAJUN GROUND GAME

The ground game is made up of freshmen Qyenda Griffin and Alonzo Harris. Griffin has compiled 116 yards on 43 carries and two touchdowns, while Harris has 106 yards on just 18 carries.

"He's only a freshman, so a tribute to him and his coaches for getting him prepared to play," said Cristobal on Griffin's performance.

FIU has the top defense overall in the Sun Belt,

allowing only 14 points per game. The Panthers also have the top rushing defense that has given up only 99 yards per game against elite rushers such as Lance Dunbar of North Texas and Jeff Godfrey of UCF.

"I didn't know we lead in the Sun Belt; that's nice to hear, but our goal is always bigger than just leading the conference. We want to be leading the nation," said defensive end Tourek Williams.

### TURNOVER BATTLE

Louisiana is a team that has a great ability of causing turnovers and making points out of them. They have five interceptions and five forced fumbles.

FIU, on the other hand, has turned the ball over just once on offense and another time on special teams.

Wesley Carroll, who has

thrown no interceptions after three games, knows how great of a defense they have, specifically cornerback Dwight Bentley, who leads the Sun Belt with three interceptions.

"He was very active last year. We know exactly how

good of a player he is and he's gotten even better," said Carroll. "Whatever we do isn't going to change based on a player being on the field."

T.Y. Hilton, who has become his main target with 17 catches along with

Wayne Times who has 15, participated in about 40 percent of practice on Wednesday and Cristobal claims that he is ahead of schedule.

One way to know for sure is to come to the game on Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.

## PANTHER PANEL PREDICTIONS



Igor Mello

### FIU 38, UL 14:

FIU's defense is too good. Louisiana struggled against a Division I-AA team last week. There's no way that they'll stand a chance against FIU.



Joel Delgado

### FIU 24, UL 10:

With T.Y. Hilton at less than 100%, the offense might need time to get going, but should still handily defeat the Ragin' Cajuns at home to stay unbeaten.



Rico Albarracin

### FIU 27, UL 13:

Although the high from wins over UCF and Louisville may have worn off, the defense will hold down the Louisiana for an easy conference win.



Brandon Wise

### FIU 28, UL 13:

The Golden Panthers keep it rolling this week, regardless of T.Y.'s status. The defense is playing too well to let this one get away from them.



FANTASY CRUZ

# Injuries taking a toll on fantasy owners and players alike

With injuries rattling the minds of fantasy owners all over, the fantasy football gurus know a solid bench can make or break a team from week to week.

Michael Vick is always making his owners sweat profusely when he rolls out and tries to make a dynamic play because of a potential injury.

Ironically, he gets a concussion by staying in the pocket like a prototypical quarterback. Maybe he is just that. He sustained the injury by getting slung into his offensive linemen. Vick will probably be out two to three weeks, depending on the severity of the concussion.

Anybody who says Tony Romo is not a good quarterback is out of his or her mind. I have heard it all; “Jay cutler is more of a play-maker,” “Mark Sanchez beat him head-to-head,” and “He’s a choke artist.” I will take that choke artist any day of the week. His toughness is unquestionable.

With a collapsed lung, Romo threw for over 300 yards and two touchdowns in his win over the 49ers. Romo said he may play despite his

collapsed lung. If you have a steady backup, toss him in the starting spot.

A repeat performance like the one he had last week is going to be tough with his injury against the Skins.

The Rams are cursed so far this season at the running back position. Steven Jackson is not doing the primetime run he does in the Dick’s Sporting Goods commercial. He pulled a hamstring week one.

Monday night Carnell “Cadillac” Williams pulled a hammy as well. During the first and second week of the NFL, the number one and two running backs on the roster go down for St. Louis. Hopefully, Jerious Norwood does not get hurt in week three.

Good luck, St. Louis. At least you have Sam Bradford.

**THE TRASH BIN**

*Dallas Clark (Indianapolis Colts)-* No Peyton, no bacon for Dallas Clark this season. Between the first two weeks, he has had a total of about 70 yards and one touchdown. The way Kerry Collins is dropping snap and playing football, Dallas Clark might contemplate just being a blocker for the remainder of the season.

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HANS DERYK/AP IMAGES

Daniel Thomas [above, #33] turned in a solid performance against Houston on Sept. 18.

INTRAMURAL ROUNDUP

# Phi Mu defeats Sigma Kappa with a lone safety

**D’JOURBAREY MOREAU**  
Contributing Writer

During the intramural sorority flag football games, Phi Mu matched up with Sigma Kappa. Behind a noisy crowd, Phi Mu took advantage of the miscues and penalties that plagued Sigma Kappa throughout the whole night, defeating them 2-0 on Sept. 19.

Phi Mu’s chances to score early were stung, as Sigma Kappa’s defense played well. But eventually, Phi Mu broke through and put points on the scoreboard when a safety was recorded.

Sigma Kappa, who is still looking for their first win, played competitive, but Phi Mu played smarter. Phi Mu’s game plan was to try and contain the speed of Sigma

Kappa with their defense, and it succeeded.

“That’s better than what we were hoping for,” said Valentina Usquiano. “We all did a great job, we tried our best on the field. We had fun doing it”.

This win leaves Phi Mu at an even .500 record of 1-1.

**ALPHA OMICRON 12, BOSS 12**

The landscape was set Monday night, when Alpha Omicron Pi’s sorority flag football team squared off against Boss. Alpha Omicron Pi’s defense was very resilient, forcing huge turnovers late in the game, including a late interception return that made the final score end in a 12-12 tie.

Field position turned out to play a big role in the game. Returns from both sides were important factors, since each

team struggled to constantly move the football against each other’s defense.

Kimberly Jeacoma, who was the defensive starlet for Alpha Omicron Pi, helped secure the tie after a late interception during the game’s closing minutes.

Even though Alpha Omicron Pi did not lose and is now third place in the standings with a 1-0-1 record, and we can see Jeacoma’s competitive streak, which helped propel the defense during the game.

“It feels just as bad as losing, honestly, because it’s not a win. So I’m not happy about it,” Jeacoma said. “Honestly, I’m a winner and if you’re not first, you’re last.”

With tenacity such as this, it may be a while before we see a loss come from Alpha Omicron Pi, as they play the winless Sigma Kappa next game.

**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	2-0-0	1.000	31	Pi Kappa Pi	2-0-0	1.000	52	Tau Kappa Epsilon	2-0-0	1.000	31
Alpha Xi Delta	2-0-0	1.000	13	Sigma Phi Epsilon	1-0-0	1.000	28	FIJI	1-0-0	1.000	15
Alpha Omicron Pi	1-0-1	0.500	27	Sigma Chi	0-1-0	0.000	-25	Lambda Theta Phi	1-1-0	0.500	14
Delta Phi Epsilon	1-1-0	0.500	13	Beta Theta Pi	0-1-0	0.000	-27	Phi Sigma Kappa	0-2-0	0.000	-41
Phi Mu	1-1-0	0.500	-25	Theta Chi	0-1-0	0.000	-28	Sigma Alpha Mu	0-1-0	0.000	-19
Boss	0-1-1	0.000	-14								
Sigma Kappa	0-2-0	0.000	-15								
Tri Sigma	0-2-0	0.000	-30								

\*All records up to date as of Sept. 23

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# Braylon Edwards is still worthless without a QB; drop him

## FANTASY, page 5

Trash him.

*Marshawn Lynch (Seattle Seahawks)*- He did it for Madden last season by showing determination. This season his Madden rating is at 50 at best. He has only 44 yards this season with no touchdowns.

The Seahawks have no quarterback and their receivers are down through injury. First, the Super Sonics were moved out of town because they stunk. The Seahawks are on their way towards the same fate. Poor Seattle.

*Marion Barber (Chicago Bears)*- There is not much to say here at all. Barber is hurt

and Forte is a stud, even with the worst offensive line in the league. Cut Barber, not his hair. *Basura*.

### UNDER THE CRUZAR

*Jason Campbell (Oakland Raiders)*- Last week against a solid Bills secondary, Campbell threw for over 300 yards, a touchdown and ran into the end zone for a score as well. With Darren McFadden at his arsenal, the Raider's pass attack will improve throughout the season.

The upside is not too high on Campbell overall, but for any owner who has injuries to the quarterback, he is a formidable backup for the next couple of weeks.

Raider nation.

*Daniel Thomas (Miami Dolphins)*- Most owners dropped him after they saw Reggie Bush take the load of the carries in week one. Last week against Mario Williams and Houston, Thomas had an impressive 115 yards on the ground. Thomas proved himself to Coach Tony Sparano. Pick this man up immediately.

*Eric Decker (Denver Broncos)*- Wise words from the infamous Mark Jackson: "Mamma there goes that man!" Last week he had more yards than he had all last season.

He has 115 yards on five catches. Brandon Lloyd is coming back this week,

but Kyle Orton will find a way to get the ball in this guy's hands. Scoop him up. Ringer.

### BASHING BRAYLON

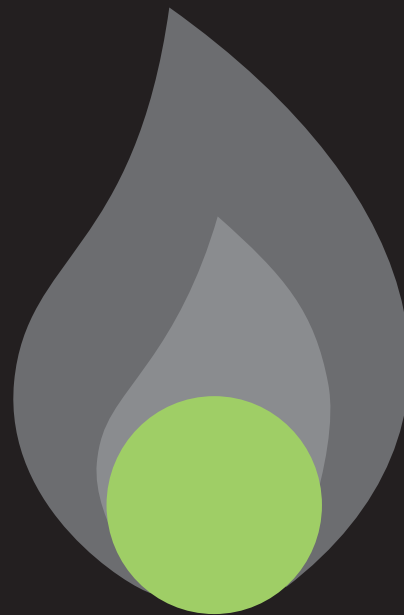
Braylon Edwards, buddy, you should have stayed with the Jets.

They say more money, more problems. Braylon had a single catch for 21 yards and now he is hurt. He is day-to-day for now.

Like I stated before, Braylon's season is done with. Drop this guy if you have him. He is worthless without a steady quarterback and does not even get targeted like a number one guy with Michael Crabtree on the team.



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## THE SHOW GOES ON

### Homecoming Week to feature Lupe, Wayans Brothers

**ALFREDO APARICIO**  
Life! Editor

Big stars will be making their way onto campus during Homecoming Week, including hip-hop artist Lupe Fiasco, who will be the main event at this year's Homecoming concert.

While there are plenty of pre-Homecoming events to choose from, Homecoming Overall Director Mercy Lavado promises that there is plenty to please everyone from Sept. 25 until Oct. 1.

The Homecoming Concert, which kicks off the week on Sep. 25, will feature the talents of Fiasco, accompanied by Tinie Tempah at 7 p.m. in the Football Stadium.

"After carefully examining who was currently on the top charts, we started thinking about the demographics of our students," explained Lavado. "We felt Lupe Fiasco would best cater to the musical interests of the student body as a whole and also the Miami community."

Tempah, who Lavado described as a rising star who is gaining fans in Europe, will also demonstrate his talents to create the feel-good concert the homecoming council has been aiming for. The University spent \$90,000 to bring both Fiasco and Tempah to the University.



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Homecoming week will begin with Lupe Fiasco's performance in the Homecoming Concert on Sept. 25.

"We made lists of people but the council ultimately decided this would be the most appealing," added Lavado. "Of course, with any artist, there are difficulties to overcome between managements, contracts and more, but we got both for \$90,000."

Lavado believes this concert will also be an opportunity for incoming freshman to come and

support the events.

"Our goal is to have an amazing kick-off event for Homecoming Week to encourage everyone to come out to the other events. We hope this leads to a larger attendance at our Homecoming Game [so students] support the team," said Lavado. "This concert will create the hype and excitement for everyone to see how amazing this week is and since this is the

first big event freshmen will encounter, we get to instill their FIU pride early on."

On Monday, Sep. 26, the events continue with a Pep Rally at 12 p.m. at the Graham Center Lawns.

At night, the main event will be the Panther Prowl, held at 7 p.m. in the US Century Bank Arena, where the Wayans Brothers - Shawn and Marlon -

will be featured. The cost of both brothers ranged from \$35,000 to 45,000.

"[The Wayans Brothers] appeal to the masses," said Lavado. "They are known throughout a diverse population and their sense of humor can be appreciated by all. Aside from their movies, 'Scary Movie' and 'White Chicks,' their stand-up has gotten excellent reviews."

The process was the same as with Fiasco, Tempah and the Wayans Brothers have shown their enthusiasm about coming to the University.

"They tweeted us about their excitement," said Lavado.

The Homecoming Council usually has 3,800 tickets every year for Panther Prowl, but with the popularity of the Wayans Brothers, they have extended their tickets to 5,000. Despite having more tickets, Lavado advises to come early as tickets run out fast.

On Tuesday, Sep. 27, the week continues with the National Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show at the US Century Bank Arena at 7:30 p.m.

The NPHC, also known as "The Divine Nine," will perform a Step Show that has traditionally been held every year at the Biscayne Bay Campus. Due to

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#### FIT FOR LIFE!

## New law helps make healthier food choices in restaurants

Personally, eating out on a regular basis does not appeal to me because of the uncertainty that comes with consuming an excessive amount of calories and over-proportioned meal sizes.

However, a recent trip to Panera Bread answered my prayers when I looked up on the menu and saw the calories that will join my waistline for eating a sandwich and salad combo.

COLUMNIST



RATASHA IRIBARREN

Over a year ago, President Obama signed a health care legislation that included a new requirement for major restaurant chains nationwide to post calorie information on their menus.

The law will officially be enforced across the United States next year and requires that all restaurants and retail food businesses with 20 or more locations display their calorie counts for standard items on their menu boards.

California and New York City have been leading the menu labeling game for quite some time, but now calorie counts

"The law will officially be enforced across the United States next year and requires that all restaurants...display their calorie counts for standard items on their menu boards.

are popping up across major food chains and food retailers across South Florida.

Here is a look at the calorie count for my meal at Panera, as well as a few other low-calorie bites you can find around town.

**Half a Panera Bread strawberry poppyseed and chicken salad with half a mozzarella and balsamic vinegar sandwich: 474 calories**

Combine the protein power from sweet citrus-herb chicken and crunchy pecans with crisp romaine lettuce, fresh strawberries, mandarin oranges, blueberries, pineapple tidbits and a sugar-free poppyseed dressing to get a refreshing salad that tastes just like candy.

Pair it up with calcium-rich mozzarella

seasoned with black pepper, salt and fresh basil on a crunchy ciabatta roll for a meal that adheres to all of the food groups.

Note that the mozzarella and balsamic vinegar sandwich is not offered on the menu, so you will need to place a special request, which is what I did since I do not like the tomato part of the tomato mozzarella panini.

**Mcdonald's honey mustard snack wrap (grilled) and fruit n' yogurt parfait with granola: 410 calories**

As you can probably already tell, I am a huge fan of chicken. At under 500 calories, you can enjoy sweet and tangy grilled chicken topped with fresh lettuce and bone-healthy cheese in a small wrap without the

greasy mess of the fried, crispy version.

Afterwards, indulge in a satisfyingly sweet low-fat vanilla yogurt layered with strawberries, blueberries and crunchy low-fat granola. The yogurt parfait is so delectable, it almost tastes like ice cream! Almost.

**Starbucks vanilla almond biscotti and tall 2% milk cappuccino: 240 calories**

Yes, it is possible. Contrary to popular belief, you can treat yourself to a delightful desert without sabotaging your gym workout or healthy diet.

Satisfy your sweet tooth with the crunchy texture of this famous Italian cookie and wash it down with the drink that makes Starbucks so legendary. As a tip, regardless of whatever you choose to drink at Starbucks, think tall so you can keep your waistline small.

So the next time you dine out, don't be surprised if prices are not the only numbers you see. Remember these tips for a waistline-friendly dining experience.

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



## REEL TO REEL

# From Muppets to politics, fall's anticipated new releases



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[Clockwise] Amy Adams (left) and Jason Segel (right) help the Muppets save their theater, Johnny Depp (center) plays a journalist in the movie based on the novel by Hunter S. Thompson, Ryan Gosling is campaign press secretary tied up in scandal.

**RICO ALBARRACIN**  
**STEVE MESA**  
Student Media Staff

## THE IDES OF MARCH: OCT. 7

Three years after his last directorial effort in "Leatherheads," George Clooney returns to the director's chair with "The Ides of March." Based on the play "Farragut North," the film is about a campaign press secretary (Ryan Gosling) who finds himself involved in a political scandal that threatens his candidate's (Clooney) shot at the presidency.

Clooney has starred in politically charged movies such as "Syriana," which won him an Oscar and "Michael Clayton," which won him an Oscar nomination.

These honors prove that he excels in the roles he plays. Clooney also scored an Oscar nomination as best director for his last serious directorial film, "Good Night and Good Luck." With his roles in "Crazy, Stupid, Love" and "Drive," Ryan Gosling is quickly becoming the most wanted actor in Hollywood. "The Ides of March" has a great ensemble to boot that also includes actors Paul Giamatti and Phillip Seymour Hoffman as rival campaign managers and Marisa Tomei as a reporter.

## MARTHA MAY MARCY MARLENE: OCT. 21

"Martha May Marcy Marlene" tells the story of Martha (Elisabeth Olsen), a young woman who is trying to live a normal life with her family after fleeing from a cult and its abusive leader (John Hawkes).

As she tries to move on with her life, she is still haunted by painful memories of her days in the cult. She also becomes paranoid and fearful that the cult would come looking for her.

The movie premiered at this year's Sundance Film Festival to raving reviews and good word-of-mouth - thanks to the perfor-

mance of Olsen, who happens to be the younger sister of the Olsen twins.

Not only is this Sean Durkin's first film, but he also won the directing award at Sundance.

## A DANGEROUS METHOD: NOV. 23

Set on the eve of World War I, "A Dangerous Method" takes a look at the relationship among psychiatrist Carl Jung (Michael Fassbender), his mentor Sigmund Freud (Viggo Mortensen) and a troubled young woman named Sabrina (Keira Knightley).

It is through his dealings with Sabrina that Jung uses groundbreaking methods in psychoanalysis that were devised by Freud. However, a patient (Vincent Cassell) sent by Freud ends up influencing Jung to engage in a sexual relationship with Sabrina.

"A Dangerous Method" is director David Cronenberg's first film since his Russian gangster flick, "Eastern Promises," where he once again works with his "Eastern Promises" actors, Viggo Mortensen and Vincent Cassell. Michael Fassbender is quickly becoming another sought-after actor in Hollywood after his roles in "Hunger," "Inglorious Basterds" and "X-Men: First Class."

Two things to look forward to: Fassbender's role as Jung, his first role that is based on a real person, and how Cronenberg further explores the combined themes of sexuality and psychology.

## THE RUM DIARY: OCT. 28

Paul Kemp (Johnny Depp) trades the hectic life of New York City for the rum-soaked party in Puerto Rico. Sanderson (Aaron Eckhart), a businessman involved in shady property development deals, is one of a growing number of American entrepreneurs who are determined to convert Puerto Rico into a capitalist paradise for the wealthy.

When Kemp is recruited by



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Sanderson to write favorably about his latest unsavory scheme, the journalist is presented with a choice: to use his words for the corrupt businessmen's financial benefit, or use them to take down the greedy men.

After watching the trailer, "Rum Diary" looks like a fun film with potential to gain some awards, with Depp bringing a drunk comedic touch, reminiscent of his portrayal of Captain Jack Sparrow from the "Pirates" franchise.

The performances to watch in this movie are Amber Heard and Eckhart. Heard adds a sexy female figure to the mix and Eckhart can pull off the villain role, as he did in "The Dark Knight," in order to make "Rum Diary" a great film.

## THE MUPPETS: NOV. 23

The world's biggest Muppet fan, Walter, is on vacation in Los Angeles when he and his friends Gary (Jason Segel) and Mary (Amy Adams), from Smalltown, USA, discover oilman Tex Richman's evil plan to destroy the Muppet Theater and drill in search for the oil recently discovered beneath the Muppets Theater.

To save the theater, Walter, Mary and Gary assist Kermit in reuniting the Muppets. The plan is to stage The Greatest Muppet Telethon Ever and raise the \$10 million needed to save the theater.

Although I have never really been a fan of The Muppets, the movie has me excited for a few things. The marketing campaign for the movie has been one of the best in years.

With parodies of other movie trailers, such as "The Hangover II" and "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo," "The Muppets" is setting itself up for a great Thanksgiving



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Segel has written comedies such as "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" and "Get Him to the Greek."

With the track record that Segel has set so far, the film should provide humor for both kids and adults.

weekend opening. Cameos by Neil Patrick Harris, Paul Rudd and Zach Galifianakis should enhance the dialogue, written by the film's lead actor, Jason Segel.

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

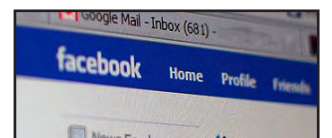
## THE HIGH LOW



The University's law graduates have achieved top passage rate of the Bar Exam in Florida.



"Don't Ask Don't Tell" has officially been repealed on Sept. 20.



Students on Facebook all abuzz about the site's newest changes.



Twitter is now selling ads to political candidates. The company claims it will help people connect with issues.



Cryos, the world's largest sperm bank, is rejecting donations from redheads.





## Week of events to build up “hype” for football game

### HOMEcoming, page 7

growing demand, it has been moved to a larger venue and incorporated into the Homecoming Week.

“The step show is a chance for members of the NPHC to showcase the unique talents and traditions of their respective black organizations through stepping, chants and strolls,” explained Lavado. “Judged and based on the traditional steps that have been around for over 100 years, in some instances, step shows are integral parts of the NPHC Greek Life.”

The Homecoming Council hopes the show will also generate a bigger interest outside of the NPHC community and keep non-NPHC students informed and interested in coming out and seeing the show.

“[The NPHC Step Show] has been successful because the FIU chapters work alongside the other chapters in other Florida campuses,” said Lavado. “For example, one organization here can call upon the chapter of Florida Atlantic University to help their performance. This is a huge event within the NPHC community and it is unique to FIU.”

The Variety Show will take place on Wednesday, Sep. 28, at 8 p.m. in the BBC Wolfe Univer-

sity Center Theatre. It will incorporate different acts such as magicians, contortionists and other performers. Everything will be directly related to this year’s Homecoming theme: “If Roary Ran the Circus...”

The penultimate event, the Lip Sync/Talent Show, will take place at 8 p.m. between the Gold and Blue Garages.

“Lip Sync is a chance for students to showcase either a talent or a choreographed Lip Syncing routine.

All dances incorporate this year’s Homecoming theme, FIU panther pride and student creativity,” explained Lavado.

Homecoming King and Queen Voting will take place Sep. 29 in the Modesto Maidique Campus and BBC Computer Labs and online from 10 a.m to 6 p.m.

The Homecoming Dance will begin at 8 p.m. at BBC’s WUC Ballrooms.

Oct. 1 marks the start of “Game Day” with the Homecoming Parade in the Ryder Business Building Loop at 2 p.m. and continues with the Panthermonium Gameday Tailgate in Lot 6 across the Everglades Hall Residence Housing at 3 p.m.

The Homecoming Game between FIU and Duke University begins at 6 p.m. in the FIU Football Stadium.

# Sharks open first production

### SHARKS, page 2

Nick is gay and promiscuous. He has difficulty maintaining relationships until he meets Shark -- proving there is always a fish in the sea for everyone.

But this shark is unlike any other that you may have seen on the Discovery Channel; he has a job at a museum, dates and walks among the rest undauntedly and is treated by humans as an equal.

“The play is simply about people and relationships,” Abad said. “The fact

that Nick and a shark are dating doesn’t really make a difference to anyone.”

The production will also feature a few veteran performers from the department. Notably, Carina Skarande, who offered her talents during the Alternative Theatre Festival as Anonymi in the short play “On the Blink of Destruction,” and Elizabeth Abad, who directed “After the Beep” during the Sound and Soundstage production this past summer.

The production will be held in the Black Box Theatre, located in the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center, which offers a larger space than smaller productions typically held in DM 100.

Stained glass windows and a long stage, adorned with painted floors of white and blue, offer a somewhat ocean-esque effect. However, the director and actors alike encourage the audience to use their imagination and draw their own conclusions.

This Friday, at 12:55 p.m., near the south entrance of the Graham Center, students from the theatre department will be participating in a flash mob to promote the play.

The production will run from Sept. 23 to Oct. 2 (Wednesday through



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Swimming in the Shallows will explore the relationships of three couples who are all friends as they navigate through the treacherous waters of relationships.

Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.) in the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center Black Box Theatre. General admission is \$15, but FIU students pay only \$10.

“The play is simply about people and relationships. The fact that Nick and a shark are dating doesn’t really make a difference to anyone.”

Elizabeth Abad,  
Theatre Major

## Students and alumni welcomed to join the Career Fair Fall 2011

### ALFREDO APARICIO Life! Editor

Career Services is hosting their Career Fair Fall 2011 at the Modesto Maidique Campus this Friday, Sept. 23 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

Students and alumni who attend are required to dress in professional attire to be admitted as well as your Panther ID and plenty of resumes for potential employers.

“We usually get about 1000 students every semester,” said Kenneth Setzer, the marketing and publications coordinator at Career Services. “As the years pass, however we have seen a rise in the professional development workshops that happen the week before the Career Fair. This year, the amount of employers coming has also risen.”

The workshops teach skills necessary for the job world such

as interview and networking skills and resume writing and are hosted throughout the year.

The Career Fair will feature over 90 employers from government and military agencies to private and non-profit organizations that will be collecting resumes and some will interview potential employees during the fair.

“We hope they get jobs,” said Seltzer, “all students and alumni are invited.”

## THIS WEEKEND

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 23



#### WIND AND PERCUSSION ARTS SERIES MASTERCLASS: MICHAEL FREEMAN

WHEN: 4-5 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public  
WHERE: Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center Recital Hall

#### FIU THEATRE PRESENTS: SWIMMING IN THE SHALLOWS

WHEN: 8-10 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: General Admission \$15.00, Seniors and FIU Faculty/Staff \$12.00, FIU Students and FIU Alumni Association Members \$10.00  
WHERE: Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center; Black Box Studio Theatre



#### (CSBA) A NIGHT OF EMPOWERING WOMEN

The Caribbean Student Bar Association will be hosting an event where several women will share their enlightening stories concerning how they overcame adversity.  
WHEN: 7-9 p.m.  
WHERE: MMC College of Law Large Courtroom

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 24



#### KAYAK DAY ON THE BAY

Space is available for the first 20 registered participants. FIU Students and Staff will need to present their Panther ID and complete a Participant Registration form in order to sign up.  
WHEN: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
WHERE: Biscayne Bay

#### SENATOR BOB GRAHAM'S TALK AND BOOK SIGNING: "THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM"

WHEN: 1-3 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free, RSVP required: 305.535.2644, programs@thewolf.fiu.edu.  
WHERE: The Wolfsonian-FIU, Miami Beach



#### SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM DAY

An annual event hosted by Smithsonian magazine in which participating museums across the country open their doors to everyone.  
WHEN: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: Frost Art Museum

#### ORCHESTRAL MASTERWORKS SERIES: FIU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

WHEN: 7:30-9:30 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: General Admission \$15.00, Seniors/Faculty/Staff \$12.00, Students/Alumni \$10.00  
WHERE: Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center; Concert Hall

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 25



#### HOMEcoming CONCERT FEATURING LUPE FIASCO & TINIE TEMPAH

WHEN: 6-10 p.m. Doors Open 6 p.m. Show starts at 7 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: General admission & VIP tickets are available at online hc.fiu.edu  
WHERE: MMC FIU Football Stadium  
Doors Open 6PM / Show starts at 7 PM

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL COMMENTARY

# Preliminary problems need to be addressed first

**ALEX SORONDO**  
Contributing Writer

Consider the plight of the handless man who cannot decide which pair of gloves he wants to buy. Severe though his predicament is, there is an underlying problem that is not getting any attention, a problem that is so obvious, he has actually forgotten about it- the fact that he has no hands.

Watching such a thing would bear a considerable resemblance to what it was like to sit through the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus meeting held on Sept. 19 when the election of-and, ultimately, the question of whether to even appoint – an SGA Lecture’s Coordinator became the meeting’s major point of contention.

Graduate Senator Rachel Emas was the first to argue-with admitted futility, since the position needed to be filled and could not be abolished-that, as small a price as it may seem to pay this new Lectures Coordinator her \$1,000 salary for providing a service already well-covered by the Student Programming Council, the money could be put to far greater use.

Laura Farinas, the candidate in question, and SGC-MMC President Patrick O’Keefe, who instated the position after fielding administrative requests and complaints, posed the distinction between Student Government Association and SPC lectures as being the distinction between education and entertainment. While SPC books celebrities for lectures, SGA would bring engineers, architects, doctors and lawyers – professionals from whom students might ostensibly gain real insight.

The problem here is that Farinas, the sole candidate for the position, placed particular emphasis on attracting politicians to speak on campus. To me, it seemed that her perception of the job revolved around that exclusive initiative. The big problem with inviting politicians, as was quickly pointed out, is that they tend to bring their politics with them. Thus, to invite a politician might suggest an endorsement of his or her policies, which then suggests University affiliation with, or support of, that politician.

So, this is an issue: should we or should we not risk wasting \$1,000 on hiring somebody who

“This is what we should have been doing all along, consulting students about what they want.”

may or may not attract a number of professionals to come speak to University students?

Before we get into that, let me turn your attention to how one of the first things asked of the candidate during the senators’ Q&A was how she plans to market these lectures to students, in which she pledged posters, flyers, classroom announcements and so forth. Also, let me mention that her conviction on this matter seemed to be a serious selling point, earning murmurs of approval from across the room.

Note also how one senator mentioned earlier in the meeting that the goal for this year’s “Meet Your Dean” event is to gain attendance into the double-digits, “Which was a bit difficult last time.” Listen to how just about

every senator’s report is punctuated by mentioning their aspiration to “get students involved,” “boost student involvement,” “make students interested.”

Student interest and student involvement appears to be the source problem, the hands onto which we fasten the gloves of luxury: lectures, movies and concerts. However, if there are no hands to begin with, the gloves go nowhere. Who is to say how much money we have filtered into hopeful efforts toward boosting school spirit and student involvement?

As Senator Emas, the chief opponent of the Lecture Coordinator position, so discerningly suggested, “Maybe before appointing somebody to be a new lecture coordinator [for \$1,000 a year], we should ask students if

they even want lectures.” This is what we should have been doing all along, consulting students about what they want before taking expensive shots in the dark.

After a while of catering largely to explicit student demands, once senators and coordinators of varying rank have a solid idea of what students want, what kinds of events they will attend, then at that point they can take the initiative of coming up with the positions and services that need to be implemented and executed.

Until then, we should pinch the pennies we desperately need, and start addressing the problem of guessing what students want and when they should get it. We must get to know the demographic: their tastes, sensibilities and their hours.

# Alleged prostitute humiliated by police

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The manner in which Christina Vavra was arrested by the Manatee County Sheriff Department is humiliating and incompatible with Florida’s Law Enforcement Officer Ethical Standards of Conduct Principles 2 and 5.

Vavra was arrested for prostitution, specifically for a \$20 blow-job. Thank God this dangerous criminal is off the streets; society can all sleep safer and sounder now.

In addition to reportedly throwing money at Vavra, *Miami New Times* reports that Vavra asked the undercover cop to show his penis, knowing that they are obviously not allowed to do so. The officer then pulled out a prosthetic penis and Vavra began oral sex.

It is worth mentioning the officer was driving his vehicle the entire time. Furthermore, it is reported that the officer then had to slam on his brakes because of a possum in the road causing Vavra to hit her head on the dashboard.

According to Florida Law Enforcement Officer Ethical Standards of Conduct, Principle 2, “Police officers shall refrain from any conduct in an official capacity that detracts from the public’s faith in the integ-

ity of the criminal justice system.”

If having an alleged sex worker perform oral sex on your prosthetic penis while driving does not “detract from the public’s faith in the integrity of the criminal justice system,” then “integrity” is a concept that I do not understand.

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Perhaps the Manatee Sheriff’s Office will enlighten us as to what constitutes “integrity” and how this specific officer upheld this pledge by driving a vehicle while an alleged prostitute was between his legs.

Principle 5 states, “Police officers shall treat all members of the public courteously

and with respect.” Specifically, Principle 5, section 2 reads, “No police officer shall ridicule, mock, deride, taunt, belittle, willfully embarrass, humiliate, or shame any person to do anything reasonably calculated to incite a person to violence.”

The humiliating experience of going down on a prosthetic penis, having money thrown at you and hitting your head on the dashboard directly violates this, as it is absolutely humiliating and shameful.

In an interview with FIU Student Media, Keith Kameg, a spokesperson for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, said “This is not our case and its recommended that you contact the arresting agency.”

David Bristow, The Manatee Sheriff Department’s public information officer, said, “You’re not from around here so you don’t know how many complaints we get about prostitutes. So we’re going to continue trying to keep the prostitutes off the streets.”

No, I am not “from around here.” Regardless, our culture cannot allow for gross humiliation of sex workers by a force who are supposed to uphold a higher integrity.

I do still have a comment for them: high-five guys, we are a safer society now that a sex worker was humiliated and arrested for an alleged \$20 blow-job. Bravo.

## VERBATIM

“It’s no longer an exaggeration to say that middle-class Americans are an endangered species.”

-Arianna Huffington,  
Co-founder of The Huffington Post

“Women represent 40% of the world’s labor force but hold just 1% of the world’s wealth.”

-Fareed Zakaria,  
Editor-at-Large of Time

“And I believe that good journalism, good television, can make our world a better place.”

-Christiane Amanpour,  
journalist

“Being president is like running a cemetery: you’ve got a lot of people under you and nobody’s listening.”

-Bill Clinton,  
former president

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# Award winning LGBT to be screened at the Bay

**JONATHAN SZYDLO**  
BBC Managing Editor

It's been a hard fought battle for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community to gain an equal standing domestically. Don't Ask, Don't Tell has been repealed; New York recently passed legislation allowing gay marriage; but what about the fight internationally?

On Sept. 26, Multicultural Programs and Services is hosting a screening of Bob Christie's documentary, "Beyond Gay: the Politics of Pride" as part of its LGBT Initiative from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m at Wolfe University Center 159.

The documentary takes place during the seven month period leading up to the 30th anniversary of the Vancouver Pride Society, as President Ken Coolen and friends venture around the world examining the "pride" movement, from countries that are notoriously homophobic to some that host some of the largest Pride parades in the world.

After its release in 2009, "Beyond Gay" went on to win Best Film at the 2010 Indianapolis LGBT Film Festival, and scored nominations for Best Musical Score in a Documentary Program or Series and Best Picture Editing in a Documentary Program or Series at the 2010 Leo Awards.

According to Camille Perkins, graduate assistant for the LGBT Initiative, the documentary screening is just a starting point for things to come.

"[The screening] is a prelude to a bigger project that we have going on in this office. It

is part of our global initiative to show what it is like in other countries that have Pride celebrations," said Perkins.

Playing along the lines of the University's Worlds Ahead Strategic Plan, the LGBT Initiative is having students in attendance, who are interested in researching the LGBT climate of specific countries featured in the documentary, register to put together a research paper on their country of choice to be presented during International Education Week. The research projects are to be presented on Nov. 16 where the winner will receive a gift card to an as-yet-unspecified venue.

Registration for the country specific research project is open through Sept. 30.

"I would like to see a large turnout for the documentary screening, not only as a means of spreading LGBT awareness, but also to get undergraduates and graduates involved in the research presentations for International Education Week so that we can get the message out there that LGBT issues are worldwide," said Perkins.

## DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

- Time: 11 a.m.
- When: 9/26/11
- Where: WUC 159

## GETTING STUNG



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## CALIFORNIA GIRL



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Left: West Coast artist, Jenn Grinels, comes to share her musical talents with students at the Biscayne Bay Campus. Top Right: Jenn Grinels and Merideth Kayte Clark interact with student freshman Victoria Cruell, Hospitality major. The Student Programming Council brought Jenn Grinels as their first act for their Coffee House Event Series this semester.

# With less events at BBC, apathy increases

**LAURA GONZALEZ**  
Contributing Writer

As homecoming approaches, students have started lining up in the Student Programming Council office to reserve tickets to the upcoming events. But, with the big name acts events taking place at the Modesto Maidique Campus, students aren't really flocking to the Biscayne Bay Campus.

"The activities aren't that great to drive all the way [to BBC]," mentioned Jessica Padilla, a senior journalism major. "This campus gets all the leftovers."

This year's main events feature Lupe Fiasco and the Wayans Brothers – both

shows happening at MMC. There is also a stepshow hosted by the National Panhellenic Council, which showcases members of the Greek community.

Denise Halpin, Student Government Council president at Biscayne Bay Campus, is well aware of this issue and laments on the recent change of venue for the NPHC Step Show.

"The step show was major to BBC. It turned out that the step show was such a good event that we outgrew ourselves," said Halpin. "[The Homecoming Council] didn't feel we had the capacity. It's a shame that the one major BBC traditional event was lost [to MMC]."

Many students on campus said they

weren't aware that BBC is hosting a pep rally on Sept. 26, or the variety show on Sept. 28.

"I knew about the football game, but I didn't know about any activities going on in BBC," said Lourdes Rodriguez, a senior psychology major.

Though most of the students on campus admitted to knowing very little of BBC's upcoming homecoming events, Ana Deliz, a senior studying advertising, showed excitement for next week.

"A bunch of my friends are going. I live far, but the shuttle will take me back," said Deliz.

Akim Desire, a freshman majoring in political science, was enthusiastic

about experiencing his first University homecoming.

"I thought it would be nice to meet people and make new connections," said Desire.

Although this year's homecoming events boast larger acts than previous years, the lack of BBC promotional material prior to Sept. 17 contributed to the overall degree of apathy at the bay.

"I didn't even know there was anything happening [at BBC]," said Emmanuel Francisco, senior journalism major. "I've only heard about MMC events and I don't even take classes down there."

*Additional reporting by Jonathan Szydlo.*

# SGC-BBC to sponsor homecoming event shuttles

**JONATHAN SZYDLO**  
BBC Managing Editor

With the majority of Homecoming events taking place at the Modesto Maidique Campus, the Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus has decided to sponsor shuttles between BBC and MMC for the Sept. 25 Lupe Fiasco and Tinie Tempah concert; Sept. 26 Waynes Brothers Comedy Show; and the Sept. 27 National Pan Hellenic Council Step Show.

According to Denise Halpin,

SGC-BBC president, assisting students with homecoming transportation is a necessary endeavor for the council to take.

"As student leaders, [we] have to take it upon [ourselves] to assist the students [we] represent in whatever way possible so that they can participate in these events," said Halpin.

Preregistration for respective shuttles is required and available at the BBC Campus Life Office located in Wolfe University Center 141.

## NEED A RIDE TO THE HOMECOMING EVENTS AT MMC?

### Homecoming Concert

- Pick up at BBC 4 p.m.
- Leave MMC 10:30p.m.
- When: 9/25/11

### Comedy Show

- Pick up at BBC 4:30p.m.
- Leave MMC 11:00p.m.
- When: 9/26/11

### NPHC Step Show

- Pick up at BBC 4:30p.m.
- Leave MMC 11:00p.m.
- When: 9/27/11