

FOOTBALL

PRIME TIME WIN

Golden Panthers bring down BCS team on national stage



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Golden Panthers defensive lineman Isame Faciane and defensive back Sam Miller sack Louisville quarterback Will Stein in FIU's first win against a BCS school with a 24-17 victory.

JACKSON WOLEK
Staff Writer

It may have taken nine years to get their first win against a BCS school, but the Golden Panthers did just that after traveling to Louisville, Ky. and coming away with a victory against the Cardinals on what seemed to be the T.Y Hilton show.

The one touchdown victory on Sept. 9, 24-17 being the final score,

was owed to Hilton's two touchdowns that made the difference in the first half of the game.

Ending the game with an astounding 201 receiving yards and 268 all purpose yards, Hilton broke the previous record he once held.

"Just having fun and playing the game," said Hilton. "Wes threw a perfect ball. Can't ask for a better ball."

Before the game, cornerback Andrew Johnson of Louisville

tweeted that he was prepared to lockdown Hilton this game.

"I like our program and our players, we stay away from that kind of stuff," said head coach Mario Cristobal. "Hopefully he earned the respect from us tonight."

The win moves FIU to now 2-0 on the season. After being broadcast on ESPN College Football Primetime, the win and performance is sure to garner FIU national attention.

Cristobal is well aware of what an impact the coverage will have on this season and those to come.

"I hope the eyes were real, real wide as to what went on here tonight," Cristobal said.

The defense set the tone early on when linebacker Winston Fraser intercepted a pass from Louisville quarterback Will Stein and took it back 78 yards to put FIU up 7-0.

The Golden Panthers did not allow any points until Chris Phil-

pott put a 30 yard field goal through the uprights to make it 7-3 with 13:35 to go in the first half.

It was after this that Hilton physically took over, scoring two touchdowns on consecutive FIU drives. The first one, a crossing pass from quarterback Wesley Carroll that he took 74 yards to the house and the second, a deep 83 yard pass.

FIU's defense gave up their first

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BOT meeting sets goals

PHILIPPE BUTEAU
News Director

After presenting the outcomes of the University's 2010-2011 goals, University President Mark Rosenberg laid out the goals for the 2011-2012 academic year.

In addition to increasing percentages and dollar figures University-wide, this year's goals also included completing a plan to acquire the land the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair uses.

"I believe this year we can get it done," Rosenberg said during the Sept. 8 meeting. He added the 86 acres the fair takes place on from March 15 to April 1 would be a "game changer" for the University.

In terms of dollar figures, the University wants to increase their "philanthropic revenue," or donations made to it, to \$37 million – a six percent increase from the previous year.

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University ranks as top institution to work for

LAUREN ROVIRA
Staff Writer

Over the summer, the University has been ranked one of the top institutions to work for, according to a survey conducted by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

"This honor is special," said President Mark Rosenberg as he addressed the matter for employees at the University, "because it's

based on a survey of FIU faculty and staff. In other words, this recognition reflects how you feel about our work place."

The Chronicle of Higher Education recognized 12 features critical to having an excellent workplace as per the assist of higher education experts who helped to customize the survey for the University work experience.

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Check out the Sept. 14 issue for a preview of Florida Supreme Court Justice Peggy Quince's visit to the University.

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NEWS FLASH

LOCAL

Fl. passes up over \$100 million in federal grants

Gov. Rick Scott and the Republican-led Legislature have rejected or declined to pursue more than \$106 million in federal grant money and returned another \$4.5 million for programs linked to federal health care initiatives, including cancer prevention, leading critics to say he is putting his conservative agenda ahead of residents' needs.

Scott ordered state agencies to reject any money tied to President Barack Obama's health care plan, which Florida is challenging in court, but Scott kept more than \$13 million for a four-year abstinence education grant and for another program coordinating background checks for long-term care workers.

The figures were provided by the governor's office.

NATIONAL

Diabetic Walgreens clerk fired for eating chips

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is suing the Walgreens drugstore chain on behalf of a diabetic clerk in South San Francisco who was fired for taking a bag of chips to stabilize her blood sugar levels.

The commission alleged in a federal lawsuit filed Thursday that Walgreens' decision to terminate Josefina Hernandez after her nearly 18 years of unblemished service to the company constituted discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

According to the suit, Hernandez was working as a cashier in September 2008 when she felt an attack of hypoglycemia coming on. She grabbed a bag of chips, gobbled them down and paid for them as soon as she could the same day.

– Compiled by Melissa Caceres

Maury, Rosenberg have differing ideas regarding \$750 million goal

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The total fund raising goal for the University is \$750 million.

Rosenberg said during an interview with Student Media in August the University has not met its fund raising goal for the last two years.

In 2010-2011 the University raised about \$35 million and had a \$57 million goal, and the year prior raised about \$35 million with a \$45 million goal.

However, Rosenberg does not want to lower the end goal of \$750 million.

"It's okay to have high targets. It's okay to have high expectations," Rosenberg said in the August interview. "And we're not going to scale that back."

The board chair on the other hand disagrees.

"Considering the economic times we're

in I think we [the University] are unrealistic about our fund raising goals," said Albert Maury, chair of the Board of Trustees, during the meeting.

Apart from dollars the University also wants to improve student retention rate, the number of students who re-enroll from one semester to the next.

The retention rate for first to second year students in 2010-2011 went from 84 to 85 percent.

While not much of an increase it did meet the University's goal for that year.

For the 2011-2012 year, the University wants to improve the retention rate by one percent for all student levels – from first to second year students to third to fourth year.

Another goal, in line with the University's Strategic Plan, is to add an additional 2,000 students a year to the total enroll-

ment until it reaches 60,000 students.

But the 2011-2012 year saw not only 2,000, but 3,555 extra students.

If retention improves as the University hopes and as the Strategic Plan continues, more professors will have to be brought on to lower the student to faculty ratio, which in 2010-2011 increased from 26-to-1 to 27-to-1.

However, in the same year the University hired 46 new faculty members.

But with a goal of hiring 47 additional faculty members, Rosenberg wants to come up with a faster and better process to hire them.

He said the searching and interviewing of new faculty could take up to 10 months to hire just one new professor.

The task of coming up with a better process fell to Douglas Wartzok, University provost and executive vice president.

Employees agree with high ranking

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They proceeded thereafter to ask faculty and staff across the nation from different colleges and universities about the quality of their workplace in relation to the 12 categories.

The categories included collaborative governance, confidence in senior leadership, supervisor or department chair relationship, professional/career development programs, teaching environment, tenure clarity and process, compensation and benefits, job satisfaction, respect and appreciation, diversity, facilities-workspace and security and work/life balance.

The results were determined based on the responses of the faculty and staff surveyed for each institution.

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William Berry,
Professor
Psychology

Altogether there were about 44,000 responses from 310 different institutions.

All accredited institutions in the United States were welcome to participate and participation was free.

When responses were in, they were sorted into size categories. The University classified as a large institution as it has over 10,000 students enrolled.

Professor of Psychology, William Berry shared his sentiments on his employment with the University.

Though he is not a full time professor, his experiences at the University have led him to view FIU in a positive light.

"I like working at FIU. I've had minimal problems, and as compared to the other university I teach at, FIU allows its professors more freedom in choosing texts and developing the curriculum," he said. "I definitely feel more autonomous at FIU than the other university, and that is important to me. It demonstrates trust in their employees, rather

than a need to micromanage."

Some of the faculty is even more pleased and grateful to the University.

"This is the place I met my wife 36 years ago," said Chair of the Faculty Senate, and professor of political science, Dr. Thomas Breslin.

Dr. Breslin has been working at the University since 1976.

"I have taught a lot of students and worked with top faculty and colleagues and we are all very proud."

He explained that things have changed in the 35 years he has been employed at the University.

"Socialization of faculty is now extraordinarily difficult, there is more distance between the administration and the faculty, and it's become harder to provide detailed letters of recommendation for students as the student body has expanded so much," he said, "but this university is a professional pride and joy."

The survey also deemed FIU worthy of honors for the

diversity category.

"We value the diversity of our faculty and staff, and it helps us to achieve our student-centered goals," Rosenberg stated.

The University employs approximately 8,200 faculty members from all over the world.

Our student body has also steadily become more diverse, as Dr. Breslin pointed out, the demographics have changed.

"Students have gotten younger, there are a great deal more Hispanic students than when I started, and we have doubled the number of African American students."

In the diversity category, one medium sized university and four large universities were recognized, making FIU one of the select few who received an honor for that particular category.

"At FIU we know that diverse points of view, together with professionalism, hard work and innovation can propel us to turn the impossible into the inevitable."

CORRECTIONS

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T.Y. VERY MUCH

Victory a testament to Hilton's Heisman-worthy talent

The little receiver who once wasn't good enough to play for the big schools just sent out a message to the rest of the nation: try to stop me.

Maybe the Heisman committee was asleep when FIU played last week.

COMMENTARY



BRANDON WISE

That might be why the mainstream media has yet to caught on.

After his second touchdown, Hilton struck the Heisman pose.

He threw his own little flare in just to let the fans know that he is for real. It was a well-deserved attitude after his first two weeks of play have accrued a total of 551 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns.

After all, he just wants to prove to the rest of the nation that despite playing for a once-small school, he is worthy of college football's most prestigious award. There is no excuse for "Goodbye" not be in contention

for the Heisman trophy right now.

Following one of the best games in his collegiate career, 283 all-purpose yards and a touchdown, the senior all-around threat upstaged that on the biggest stage of them all—ESPN.

With 157 yards and two touchdowns on his first two catches, it was evident that Hilton was on a mission to torch the Louisville secondary. Earlier before the game, Louisville defensive back Andrew Johnson wanted everyone to know just what the Cardinals secondary thought of Hilton.

"Somebody might want to give T.Y. Hilton some handcuffs cause it's lockdown time," Johnson tweeted.

I think its safe to say that Hilton found the key to those handcuffs and destroyed the Louisville defense.

On the second of the two touchdown catches, it was apparent that the reigning Sun Belt Player of the Week could easily be starting on most, if not all, Big East teams.

He flew through the secondary with ease and walked toward the goal line. Papa John's Cardinal Stadium has not been that quiet even when there isn't a game going on.

For a night, the world got a taste of Hilton. At one point during the game, T.Y. Hilton was trending world wide on Twitter. He even brought in comments from some big names.

Scott Van Pelt said "T.Y. Hilton... America - get familiar." He later said, "I think I was the only human on earth watching FIU torch North Texas last week. It's fun when the little guy (Hilton) shows out on a big stage."

Van Pelt might want to get accustomed to watching the senior more often because Hilton is like fine wine, only getting better with age.

Sports Illustrated's Stewart Mandel, a college football analyst is jumping in the Hilton for Heisman bandwagon.

"Climb aboard the T.Y. Hilton Heisman bandwagon. Right now its just me and Holly Anderson (another Sports Illustrated analyst) but room will fill up quickly," Mandel tweeted

during the game.

Kerry Rhodes, a former Louisville Cardinal and current NFL player mentioned on twitter, "Man who is T.Y. Hilton? He is dynamic. And killing Louisville right now."

The Heisman hopeful has left his mark on the program already, rewriting the record books. Thanks to Hilton, Mario Cristobal and Pete Garcia have gotten a contract extension, the stadium is being expanded, and FIU is getting into the national eye for the first time ever.

Alfonso field at FIU Stadium should be renamed T.Y. field once he graduates. He has done just as much for this program as anyone else who has donated money towards it.

With the way the rest of schedule plays out, it is not an exaggeration to think that T.Y. will get over 1,500 yards receiving and 2,000 all purpose yards.

It is scary to think what this program will be next year after the legend moves on to the NFL.

First half outburst proved to be enough for upset win



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE LOUISVILLE CARDINAL

QUICK RELEASE: Quarterback Wesley Carroll, avoids the sack to find tight end Jonathan Faucher for a small gain.

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touchdown of the year off a late 6-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Michael Harris with 41 seconds left in the first half to make the score 21-10 going into halftime.

The defense kept holding the Cardinals at bay throughout the second half of action, leading Cristobal to take a more conservative approach with the lead.

Despite running the ball 26 times, they were only able to gather 66 yards as a team. Carroll also had an impressive night, throwing for 248 yards on 14-21

completions.

The Cardinals made one last ditch effort to come back when they scored a touchdown late in the game and tried an onside kick that went unsuccessful for them.

They forced the Panthers into a 3 and out but with just over a minute left in the game, and the ball near their own end zone, the defense made one last stop to conceal the win.

This is without a doubt a huge win for the program, and this sets up an even bigger Sept. 15 opportunity when they take on University of Central Florida at home at 6:00 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Defense holds off a late comeback to win their home opener

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Head coach Danijela Tomic had one goal for the team's Sept. 9 game—to show the crowd just how exciting the Golden Panthers can be.

The team did not disappoint.

In a nail biting match, FIU (5-3, 0-0 SBC) overcame defensive woes and miscommunication to beat Tulane (3-4, 0-0 C-USA) in five sets (27-25, 25-22, 21-25, 23-25, 15-7).

Junior Jovana Bjelica spear-headed the offense with 18 kills and four service aces, a career high. Senior Sabrina Gonzalez led the shaky defense with six blocks and libero Chanel Araujo recorded 17 digs.

With the energy of the home crowd

behind them, FIU opened the first set to a back and forth battle with Tulane. The Green Wave, however, wasted no time in exploiting the Panther's defense and pulling ahead 9-12. A Panther timeout seemed to have done the trick: the home team roared back to regain the lead.

With the Panthers a single point away from winning, the crowd was left holding their breath as Tulane scored five straight points to capture the lead. Losing, however, was not in FIU's plan. A kill by Bjelica gave the team the win and allowed the arena to breathe easier.

Though the Panthers never gave up an early lead, Tulane's defense struggled to prevent them from creating a bigger one. In spite of that, FIU scored

the points when it mattered. The Green Wave's service error and their inability to tie the game led to the FIU set victory 25-22 and the match lead 2-0.

While the Panthers may have found themselves scoring the majority of their points, a deficit in the third set, due to a lack of communication, proved fatal to the team.

"Compared to how we can play, we played badly," said Bjelica. "We gave them the sets. It's our fault."

After falling behind by three points, 20-23, the Panthers could not mount another comeback as the Green Waves won the set 25-21.

"We got too comfortable," said Gonzalez. "We didn't have our energy, we stopped talking, and we started

making more errors. We felt like they were going to give us the last set."

In an almost identical replay of the third set, the Panthers were once again battling from behind to open the fourth set. Raising their green-and-white brick wall defense, Tulane shut down any Panther offense to prevent a comeback. Down 16-20, Tomic called a timeout to regroup the team.

The team, along with the arena, roared back to life to within one point, 23-24. The Green Wave ultimately shut the door with a cannon-like kill off Renele Forde to win the set and tie the match.

With their tradition of home excellence on the line, the Panthers waged a battle of tug and war to open the final set of the night.

The Panthers managed to build a three point lead on Bjelica's fourth service ace of the night. They widened the gap to five points with a rocket from Senior Andrea Lakovic to score a point and make it 11-6.

With momentum now on their side, the Panthers sealed the victory and broke through the Green Wave wall to win 15-7 and take the match 3-2.

Tomic knows that while this may not have the most ideal win, it is part of the growing pains every season brings.

"You have to be tested in matches like this," Tomic said. "In the end I told them I was proud of the win. To become a championship team, you have to go through the struggles."

KICK, PUSH



PHOTOS BY SERGIO NASER/THE BEACON

Forward Roberto De Sousa [top], battles past Stetson opponents in the Sept. 10 matchup. Lucas Di Croce, midfielder, [bottom] drives the ball in the second half. It would ultimately be a 3-2 victory for the Panthers.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Eagles score two late goals to stun Golden Panthers at home

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Staff Writer

After a heart breaking loss at the hands of UMKC on Sept. 2, the Golden Panthers look to go back to their winning ways after facing off against a 4-2-0 Florida Gulf Coast University club at home.

Offensively the Panthers have underperformed this season. Shooting out four of their five opponents this season, the team still has not been able to score the decisive goal when needed. Thus leading to their 2-3-0 record.

With that in focus, the Panthers sought to shed their offensive struggles against a Florida Gulf Coast team, who happen to be 2-0 in away games this year.

With heavy rain hampering the field—making it nearly unplayable—the game, which was set to begin at 6:30 p.m. was delayed until 7:50 p.m.

From the start, FIU and FGCU battled back and forth and it became clear that a Panther victory would not come easily.

FIU broke open in minute 12:53. Co-Captain Kelly Ann Hutchinson took a great assist from Nicole DiPerna, as she had a fantastic strike towards the right

side of the goal post.

Panthers continued to persist after their 1-0 lead. They broke through again, but this time the goal came from Sophomore Kim Lopez in minute 14:39 of regulation.

Lopez took a quick pass from Deana Rossi, which then enabled Lopez to make an impressive header—giving FIU a comfortable 2-0 lead.

The first half then pursued on in a back and forth battle, as no team gained full momentum of the game for longer than a play or two. The half concluded with FIU keeping their 2-0 lead.

Once the second half started, FGCU began attacking aggressively and continually kept FIU on their toes with constant strikes.

Then finally after constant battling Gulf Coast broke through FIU's defense and scored, as FGCU midfielder Kayley Clay took a clean shot from the penalty box. The game was then 2-1, still in favor of FIU.

FGCU carried their momentum throughout the remainder of the game as FIU couldn't conjure anything productive offensively, with FGCU's defense smothering

them.

With that momentum, FGCU made two devastating goals in the span of 5 minutes. In the 64th minute, FGCU's Melissa Arnold broke through a weak FIU defense and took a shot beyond the box that tailed away from goalkeeper Kaitlyn Savage. It was in minute 68:32 that FGCU nailed down their win with a third goal from Gina Petracco.

This marked the second devastating loss in a row for FIU who now stand at 2-4-0 so far this season.

"Hats off to Gulf Coast. They battled back in the second half and they found a way to win," said coach Thomas Chestnutt. Coach Chestnutt attests the defeat to the team's loss in the midfield battle.

"The game was won tonight in the midfield. They ultimately did the better job in the midfield than we did and that's what won the game," Chestnutt said.

Regardless of the outcome, FIU is looking ahead as it heads out to Oregon to take on the Beavers in hopes of getting rid of their losing streak.

"After tonight, whether win or loss, you have to move on" Chestnutt said.

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Feelings of loss are universal in new exhibit



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Alberto Helios Gagliardo's painting of an industrial worksite, "La Pietà Umana," will be part of "Reflections on Loss and Commemoration."

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To commemorate the 10-year anniversary of 9/11, The Wolfsonian-FIU has created an exhibit entitled: "Reflections on Loss and Commemoration."

The exhibit examines how humans cope and commemorate emotional loss and tragedy and is part of the University's public program series, "Unity/Diversity: Reflecting on the Meaning of 9/11."

While most Sept. 11 memorials and commemorations look to call forth certain feelings through photographs or videos taken during the terrorist attacks; this exhibit, however, is an unexpected digression from the original event itself, and is instead a study of the emotions that were (and still are) felt across the nation.

The pieces on display were all created by artists from several different nations in the first half of the 20th century.

Even though each piece was inspired by a different tragic event, they all deal with similar feelings of loss; each artist finds a different way to document, commemorate and cope with the tragedy they have faced.

"[This is] how people display emotions when a tragedy takes place. How they go ahead and handle the loss," said Tommy Gomez, The Wolfsonian-FIU's

communications assistant.

One of the more dominating pieces in the exhibit is a large, somber portrait of an industrial worksite by Italian painter, Alberto Helios Gagliardo entitled "La Pietà Umana" (Human Compassion).

The painting is a direct reference to Michelangelo's Pietà, however, Gagliardo takes the classic "Pietà" theme and transforms it into a raw, modern and tragic scene.

Whereas in Michelangelo's "Pietà", the Virgin Mary embraces a dead Jesus Christ, Gagliardo's version contains a dead industrial worker being carried by a distraught coworker, while a mournful crowd of on-lookers gather around the subject of the painting.

Gagliardo passionately captures a very realistic and modern-day tragedy in a biblical context.

Another piece of interest is a book by an unknown Japanese publisher entitled, "Taisho Shinsai Gashu" [Painting Book of Taisho Earthquake].

The picture book portrays scenes from different areas of Tokyo during an earthquake and the ensuing windstorms and cyclones.

In the first scene, a man and woman are seen having a picnic calmly as the earthquake begins; the next page shows a horrific scene of a tsunami passing

through a harbor, while ships are capsizing and fishermen are drowning in the ocean.

The following page depicts the destruction of an overturned train, and of the passengers frantically trying to escape to safety.

The final page of the book illustrates a group of men pulling a bleeding person out of the rubble of the destroyed train station.

Each page demonstrates the horror felt by those who experienced these events first hand, however, unlike Gagliardo who makes commentary through his work and takes certain artistic license in portraying the death of an industrial worker, Taisho Shinsai Gashu's piece is documentation without commentary of the events that took place.

Also, a commemoration of the destruction three years after the earthquake.

While some pieces are not directly related to Sept. 11, the emotions that inspired them, and that they evoke, are very similar to the emotions felt by the nation towards the destruction and grief caused by the terrorist attacks.

This exhibit gives insight to how Sept. 11 may be commemorated and documented in future years.

"Reflections on Loss and Commemoration" is open now through Sept. 30, on the fifth floor of The Wolfsonian-FIU in Miami Beach.

COVER TO COVER

Entertaining novel unfit for required reading

The novel chosen by the University for the 2011-2012 Common Reading program, "The Red Umbrella," by first-time author Christina Diaz Gonzalez, provides readers with a captivating tale of a Cuban family's struggles during the reign of Fidel Castro.

However, the simple language and diction that makes up its pages are too immature for the incoming first-year students at the University who must read and discuss the novel for their First-Year Experience courses.

The storyline of Lucia Alvarez's family encompasses the 272-page novel describes two fictitious children who experience the very real Operation Pedro Pan.

The operation was an attempt

to protect children from the ways of Castro in Cuba in the 1960s by moving them to the U.S. to live in camps and foster homes in order to be away from the influence of the revolution.

Lucia and her brother, Frankie, are separated from their parents for protection from the revolution and are eventually sent to live with foster parents.

The tale is one of triumph, as Lucia and her brother successfully adjust to their new lives, in the state of Nebraska and the family is eventually reunited, despite the setbacks they faced due to the communist rule of Castro.

Diaz uses minimal literary devices such as colorful metaphors; the red umbrella that the title is drawn from is one of them. However, she uses them sparingly. Meanwhile, the diction used by Diaz throughout the novel is very simple, as little mature vocabulary is used.

The ending of the story is predictable, as the Alvarez

"["The Red Umbrella" was] deemed by The Miami Herald as one of the Best Children's Books of 2010..."

family is reunited in the United States, and all ends well.

Although Lucia's mother was the only one of her two parents allowed to obtain an exit visa, her father still makes it to America, and the author only vaguely explains that he paid officials off in order to make it.

With little other explanation, the book ends in a "happily ever after" manner — despite the turmoil that continues in the family's home country.

While the author should be commended for her addicting book — as many fans have commented on her Facebook that they finished the book in one sitting — in my opinion, the book is not one that is mature

enough for college freshmen.

The novel is achingly simplistic. For example, one paragraph flatly states, "Frankie put his arm around me. My brother was so little, but he acted so big and tough. I leaned over and gave him a kiss on the cheek." While the novel is not poorly written, writing like this makes it too basic for college students.

Deemed by *The Miami Herald* as one of The Best Children's Books of 2010 and one of the 2010 Best Books for Kids by The Christian Science Monitor, the book is captivating but it is not one that will challenge students.

However, because of the

truly amazing and interesting storyline, the novel has been accepted by people of all different ages, according to the author.

"The book is written for anyone 10 and up. I love the fact that the book is being read by kids, teens and adults. Each person gets something different from the story depending on their age and personal background," said Diaz.

The novel itself is an excellent one. However, I do not believe that "The Red Umbrella" is a proper or adequate novel required for college freshmen to read. Incoming freshmen should be challenged with a more mature novel. A novel or nonfiction narrative, including a more complex storyline and language, would have been a much better choice for students to read.

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

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GUILTY PLEASURES

Trashy TV is entertaining, if only for the laughs

The shore crew is car-less while super humans battle awkward situations. Enjoy!

COMEDY: "AWKWARD."
MTV, TUESDAYS @ 11 P.M.

So here it is, another high school drama, except it is actually relatable -- who knew?

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From "The O.C." (come on, like all people in high school are perfect, beautiful and rich) to "Gilmore Girls," with a character like Paris (freakishly smart, inappropriate and competitive), the typical high school drama is not always as relatable as they can be.

In any case, "Awkward." is a typical high school drama that narrates the story of Jenna Hamilton, a somewhat social outcast whose friends either speak "text" or have strict Asian parents who prevent any kind of outside life.

Things begin to look up when Matty McKibben, a popular, less good-looking version of Finn from "Glee" hooks up with Jenna on a whim. However, she later finds out he has no intention of committing himself to her, or is his social status the concern?

Jenna is forced to cope with a variety of individuals: Lacy Hamilton, her juvenile mother; Sadie Saxton, who is a walking oxymoron and manipulative fat cheerleader; Valerie Marks, an insensitive and unprofessional student counselor, and Jake Rosati, a guy Jenna recently kissed and is now fighting for her affections.

I'm interested to see how Jenna deals with the awkward tension between herself and Tamara, Matty, and Jake, after last week's unexpected shindig at Jenna's house. When Jenna realizes she's a 'girl-code' breaker because she kissed Tamara's unexpected crush, Ricky Schwartz, she also discovers that Tamara was the coward who forgot to inscribe her name at the end of the "friend-emy" letter.

In the upcoming Sept. 13 episode, Jenna's

magical sweet sixteen couldn't be worse, especially when everyone hates you; now, instead of being catered to, her biffle, potential boyfriend and possible submissive secret crush are all getting Jenna's attention rather than the other way around.

The obstacles are similar but the one thing that keeps me watching is to see how the characters manage with the different scenarios thrown at them.

While watching the show, viewers will get lost in the drama; mentally, you make the best choices for them, yet it is eye-opening when you see a character you relate to going through similar situations. It's a life lesson in disguise. Who said television wasn't educational?

REALITY TV: JERSEY SHORE
MTV, THURSDAYS @ 10 P.M.

The "Jersey Shore" phenomenon has gone beyond the U.S. and into their Italian roots. Jenni "J-Woww," Nicole "Snooki," Sammi "Sweetheart," Deena, Vinny, Ronnie, Pauly D and Mike "The Situation" all embark on a trip to Italy, even though some may not know exactly where Italy or its neighboring countries are.

It may not be the most substantial television show ever, but it's extremely entertaining and satisfies the guilty pleasure quota of TV viewers everywhere because the cast is too easy of a target to laugh at.

The recent drama was intense with the fight between Ronnie and Mike, Jenni attempting to be the mediator and Ronnie and Sammi continuing an on-and-off relationship.

While the show is a tad addicting, the average American sees the gang as a joke, but to be honest, this is what attracts its viewers and it is, in fact, hilarious -- from Deena falling on her face (sober or drunk) to Snooki getting in trouble with the police. In the upcoming Sept. 15 episode, the "Jersey Shore" crew decides to take a trip to an Italian beach. The most anticipated event of the season will finally premiere: Snooki, who happens to be the only girl able to



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The cast of Jersey Shore [above] at this year's MTV Video Music Awards.

drive stick, crashes into an Italian police cruiser and a wall, which causes two police officers to be taken away on stretchers to the hospital for whiplash. Snooki has her license revoked, but she is not arrested. What will the gang do for mobilization?!

SCIENCE FICTION: ALPHAS
SYFY, MONDAYS @ 10 P.M.

Running for its first season this year, "Alphas" delivers the enhanced abilities of "X-Men" mutants with a sprinkle of "One Tree Hill" drama and the investigative quality of "CSI." It's a great combination, if I may say so myself.

"Alphas" focuses on six characters who have super human abilities (called Alphas), such as visualizing electromagnetic signals (Gary); the ability to see movement at an advanced speed and hyperkinesis (Cameron); the ability to heighten one or more essential senses (Rachel); or the use of hyper induction, the power to force someone to do something by verbally asking (Nina). Dr. Lee Rosen takes on the mentor role of the group of Alphas and urges them to use their powers for the greater good.

The characters go through personal problems: the sexual tension is growing between Nina and Cameron; Rachel's overbearing

mom has kicked her out of the house and she can't seem to catch a break in her love life; and Gary's mom can't seem to let him go when he has to go out and fight crime as an Alpha.

The characters are extremely human with all with their quirks, issues and wit. The dialogue is fresh, full of one-liners (courtesy of Gary) and an overarching storyline is developing among the stand-alone episodes, promising something bigger in the long run.

The group also has to deal with the Defense Criminal Investigative Service and the U.S. Department of Defense who forbid them to get involved in their investigations concerning rogue Alphas; the growing uncertainty on where the government's true intentions lie; as well as a rebel group, Red Flag, who are Alphas hell-bent on destroying Alphas who have conformed themselves to working with the government.

Sept. 12's episode displays a problem that could potentially hinder the team or actually benefit them: an Alpha who can see what will happen before anyone else could actually be a huge life saver (if he's on Dr. Rosen's team). I can't tell the future, but I know that this episode is going to be incredible.

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REMEMBERING THE PAST



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

Students line up with candles in the Graham Center Pit to illuminate an outline of the United States in commemoration of the 9/11 tragedy. The event was one of several that day which included a half-mast ceremony outside the main entrance of GC, Commemoration & Reflection at the GC Fountain and Peace Monument, and a reception in GC 243.

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BORDERLESS WITH BROOKLYN

Graduate school abroad an option to consider

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BROOKLYN MIDDLETON

In the piles of paperwork for various graduate school programs that have started to accumulate on my desk, a critical issue remains: I have absolutely no idea how I am going to finance graduate school in a way that is realistic and logical, particularly as the United States remains in a poor economic state and the job market outlook continues to be utterly depressing. An excellent alternative to avoiding the real world, continuing education and not incurring high debt is pursuing a graduate degree abroad.

It is understood that if one wants to acquire a graduate degree, he or she will have to

take out copious amounts of student loans. This is unsatisfying for several obvious reasons. Firstly, one would rather not continue to accumulate student loan debt. Furthermore, the pressure to obtain a career that will immediately start paying down a seemingly unconquerable debt is too stressful. According to CNNMoney, the average college student graduates with \$24,000 in debt, and that is just for undergraduate coursework. According to the "SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid," the average debt accrued by a student for a master's degree is \$25,000, which leaves a graduate with almost \$50,000 in loans.

In addition to living the life of an expat for awhile, there are some great advantages to studying abroad for a graduate degree. The procedures for applying can be quite similar to

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that of the U.S., but it can often be an easier process, as many schools abroad do not require entrance exams such as the GRE, GMAT or LSAT.

In most European countries, graduate school is a fraction of the cost in the U.S. Take Sweden for example. As Sarah Menkedick, a writer for "Matador Abroad," writes, "Graduate school is free. The website for Uppsala University announces this nonchalantly, as if the whole world lived in the calm socialist paradise that is

Sweden."

Such is the case in Norway, where higher education is also free of charge. South Africa, Mexico, Spain and Germany offer extremely competitive prices. Furthermore, federal U.S. loans can be used abroad at approved institutions.

In addition to going abroad for graduate school because of how cost effective it is, pursuing an international education also brings forth less tangible factors of equal importance. Positive

growth is inevitable because it presents a highly independent experience. For students who did not have the finances, during earlier college years, there is now a chance to finally do so.

Learning a new language and being forced to acclimate to a culture outside of your own gives one a much needed crash course in the real world. The occasional loneliness and awareness that you are a foreigner can lead to a much-needed growth spurt of independence.

So, while you finish your application to Harvard Graduate School and begin negotiating loan terms with Sallie Mae, consider going abroad for your degree. It will save you thousands and will cause you to grow both intellectually and personally.

"Borderless with Brooklyn" is a biweekly column examining world events.

Obama going soft in hopes of successful re-election

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On Sept. 2, the Obama administration declared that it was stepping down on its proposal to implement stricter clean air regulations, stating that "the commitment of [the] administration to protecting public health and the environment is unwavering" – as long as the right-wing agrees with it, of course.

We have a President who seems to have left his guts at home. The Obama administration was given the opportunity to govern by the people-the same people to whom they are failing to protect from the bullies of the right-wing.

What we are presented with today is deregulation to promote so called growth, but the big picture is the selling out by the appalling United States' legislative and executive branches. This government is

supposed to protect and serve its people. The environmental policy at hand, which affects

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the health of the country, is just a microcosm of a bigger vision, a vision which does

not include the welfare of the majority, but the betterment of the few that can afford to see the fruits of their seed. This can only be accomplished by skewing a once virtuous democracy into a plutocracy – and President Barack Obama's "change" is doing nothing to amend that.

Michael Steele, spokesman for Speaker of the House John Boehner, stated that the derailing of the proposed Environmental Protection Agency regulation was "the tip of the iceberg when it [came] to stopping Washington Democrats' agenda of tax hikes, more government 'stimulus' spending and increased regulations, which are all making it harder to create more American jobs." This is not about the E.P.A., it is not about health and it is not even about jobs. The Republican Party cares only about business, and the three main points in the antithesis of the Democratic agenda presented show just that.

At face value, the abandonment of the proposed regulation seems like a move to please the Republican and business community, keeping Obama's potential second term in mind. However, the underlying base of it all has a heavier implication on society at large. We fail to see the bigger picture amidst the political smog. It is up to us voters to realize the mockery that these elected officials are creating, deregulating and proliferating to asphyxiate what is left of the working class.

This kind of mentality does not promote good governance. It only exemplifies the struggle of the everyday citizen. It's not about us, but about which party benefits the most, of course. The President was elected to change our society for the better, but what we have so far is a cat surrounded by wolves. It is not about our health, or our future. It is about the next election, and that is the hole we have to crawl out of.

VERBATIM

"A word to the wise ain't necessary - it's the stupid ones that need the advice."

- Bill Cosby, actor

"We need to accept that we won't always make the right decisions, that we'll screw up royally sometimes - understanding that failure is not the opposite of success, it's part of success."

-Arianna Huffington, co-founder of HuffingtonPost.com

"From now on we live in a world where man has walked on the moon. It's not a miracle; we just decided to go."

-Tom Hanks, actor



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Open house offers a glimpse of Health Center's available services

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Whether it's a routine medical exam or even a massage and acupuncture, the University Health Service and Wellness Center has it all, and provides professional and accessible primary care to FIU students.

The University clinic offers a wide range of services at prices that are often less expensive than the cost of visiting an outside clinic.

On Sept. 14, Biscayne Bay Campus University Health Services Department will be hosting their annual open house event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for students interested in learning more about the facility while being offered a number of tests and screenings for free.

Outside participants from Mt. Sinai Medical Center, asthma allergy centers, local chiropractors, massage therapists and Mercy Laboratory will also come in to perform screenings.

Information on skin care and men's health will also be provided as well as sun vision testing, fitness and nutrition assessments, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings.

"Last year we had over 270 participants and close to 80 percent of them were students. It's always been a good way to let students know we are here for them," said Therese Boyd, director of BBC University Health Care.

On a daily basis, the health center focuses on women's health services, from cold and flu, to sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy tests and pelvic inflammatory diseases.

The health fee that students pay every semester entitles them to use the University Health Services, unlike other clinics that require a separate payment just to see the doctor.

The only time students are charged is when additional testing is needed, such as for strep screens, blood work, urinalysis, mono tests and others.



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Rosa Santos, junior social work major, receives a routine check up from Nurse Practitioner Kathleen M. Adams at the University Health Center.

Nonetheless, these extra laboratory tests are much more economic than doing them outside of school. While a baseline blood work test, for instance, can range from two or three hundred dollars outside of school, FIU only charges \$40.

Also, a pap smear can normally cost \$150 out of pocket, but if done at the BBC health clinic, it's only \$25.

They do not, however, accept third party payments such as Medicaid.

"We are not here to make a profit on our students, we are here to make certain that they stay healthy so that we can keep them in school and graduate on time," Boyd said.

The health clinic spends as much time needed with the patient depending on what is being done.

"We pride ourselves on teaching our students about improving their health," Boyd said. "We enjoy spending time with them and working with them."

Nurse practitioners and physicians are on staff and can write prescriptions. On Wednesdays, the health clinic also provides free 10-minute massages.

The health center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Both BBC and Modesto Maidique Campus health services are reliable and looking for new ways to improve in order to benefit their students.

Oscar Loynaz, MMC's University health care director elaborated on a plan that is still in the making.

"The [MMC] campus is pretty much a full service pharmacy and we're working on trying to get some of the prescription medication over here to the BBC campus, so if a student needs something it can be ordered at BBC and transported to MMC campus," said Loynaz. "We haven't worked on all the details yet, but that is something we've had in



A sign outside of the University Health Center advertises the upcoming Open House, on Sept. 14.

the works for a while."

As the University Health Center continues evolving, there are still a some services not offered, such as dental care, overnight infirmary services, X-rays and other sophisticated diagnostic tests.

If, however, those services are needed, referrals can be made to the local hospitals, pharmacies and physicians.

'Sorbet' meet and greet set for Pines Center

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The University's Pines Center Campus is hosting Sorbet on Sept. 14 as a University wide event introducing SGA members from both the Modesto Maidique Student Government Council and the Biscayne Bay Campus Student Government Council, in which the Pines Center is represented.

"The point of this event is to educate MMC and BBC on what happens at the Pines Center Campus," said Emmanuel Okwor, former SGC-BBC Pines Center Representative and current Pines Center Senator.

According to Okwor, the sorbet theme was chosen to serve as a simple meet and greet to create a degree of affinity amongst the Pines Center community. As part of the event there will be a short lecture describing the satellite campus and its offerings, a small tour of the class rooms and labs, followed by a small gathering where snacks and refreshments will be served.

During the socializing hour that concludes the event, students and faculty will be able to get to know one another and exchange their experiences and concerns on the Pines Center Campus.

"So much is offered and so much goes on at the Pines Center, and I feel that most of the student body does not know that this campus exists," said Okwor. "I thought we should have this University wide event so that everyone could come out and see how nice this campus is."

New SGC-BBC website intended to be more 'relevant'

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The Student Government Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus has launched a new web site, <http://sgabbc.fiu.edu/>.

SGC-BBC Clerk Larrisa Adames said that the decision to create a new Web page was motivated by a desire to make the site more relevant and useful.

"The [old site] was extremely outdated," Adames said. "We wanted to update it and change it."

The new SGC-BBC web site includes a comment box students can use to contact SGA representatives, an archive of the minutes of

SGA general meetings dating back to May of 2010, contact information for the heads of the various committees, content explaining the roles of SGA councils and committees, and a section containing links to information on upcoming campus events.

Unlike the website for SGA at the Modesto Maidique Campus, the SGC-BBC website does not currently have a "senate compliance dashboard" that allows visitors to see whether or not SGA representatives are keeping up with the demands of their position.

The new version of the SGC-BBC web site, Adames said, went online on Aug. 15.

At the time of printing, however,

the content for some sections of the new SGC-BBC Web site has not yet been added, and links from the main SGA site at <http://www2.fiu.edu/~sga/index2.html> have not yet been updated and still redirect users to the old website.

Adames encouraged students to familiarize themselves with the functions of the various SGA branches and officials.

"They need to know the branches," she said. "So they know who to contact when they have a problem or a suggestion."

Students wishing to receive updates on SGA BBC's activities can visit the Web site home page and join the SGA-BBC mailing list.



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This screengrab of the new SGA-BBC website shows the photo scroll and links on the bottom. There are also links to their social media accounts.