

LAKESIDE CHAT



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Demetrius (left), a senior majoring in criminal justice and Danny, a junior engineering major, pause for a moment near the lake across the Green Library.

STUDENT ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER

Less funding holds back center's construction

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Plans for the Student Academic Support Center, a "one-stop shop" for students' academic and financial needs, are being reevaluated as the University waits upon the remaining funds from the legislature.

Up until this legislative session, the center was lacking approximately \$10 million for its original \$30 million budget, according to Facilities Management Vice President John Cal.

With the anticipation of a funding crunch, Cal stated that the University "reviewed cost construction data and actually reduced the request to about \$7.8 [million]," of which they were given none by the state.

In an interview with Student Media in August, University President Mark Rosenberg said the cuts to PECO funding have hurt the University, but they are looking at different options.

The center's completion is a high priority for the University, Rosenberg said.

"We want to have all of our student services there and the longer it takes us to do that the less efficient we become."

The delay has had its advantages, however, according to Chief Financial Officer Kenneth Jessell.

"If you're going to be building something, this is the time to be building it. Contractors are really trying to bring the

price down as much as they possibly can," said Jessell about the budget reduction.

With the center's budget now at \$28 million, a new programming committee is being formed to reevaluate what more can be added to the center since its location has been changed.

Initially, the SASC was designed to be part of FIU Stadium's expansion plan. A site analysis, which was conducted by architectural firm Gould Evans, "presented various options to the president. He really demanded a lot in terms of planning why it was going to be there, and how it would fit into the area. He decided along with the input of a lot of people that it would go just southeast of [GC]," said Cal.

The possible congestion created by having a student center so close to the support center isn't a deterrent for the University.

"We like congestion," Rosenberg said in the August interview, "as long as it allows students to see each other and to talk and learn from each other and its safe."

Elizabeth Béjar, vice provost for Academic Planning and Accountability, was recently appointed as chair for this new committee.

"We'll review and update the programming because as the University has evolved, the programming that was initially done

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FOOTBALL

Athletics announces expansion of FIU Stadium

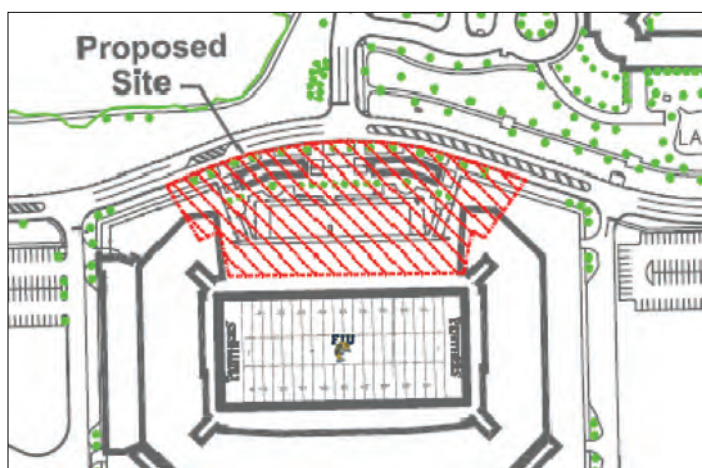
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When the final whistle blows on Nov. 12 it will mean two things—the end of the home football slate and the beginning of the third phase of the University's stadium expansion.

The north side bleachers of FIU Stadium will be bulldozed following the Shula Bowl against cross-town rival FAU and construction will begin in January.

An agreement between University President Mark Rosenberg, Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia and five other members was reached on Aug. 31 to resume construction of the stadium.

"This is the next phase in building Alfonso Field at FIU Stadium into one of the top facilities in college football," Garcia said. "We want to give FIU football



Above: The fourth phase of FIU Stadium's expansion will add a second tier of seats increasing the total to be able to seat 40,000 to 45,000 people.

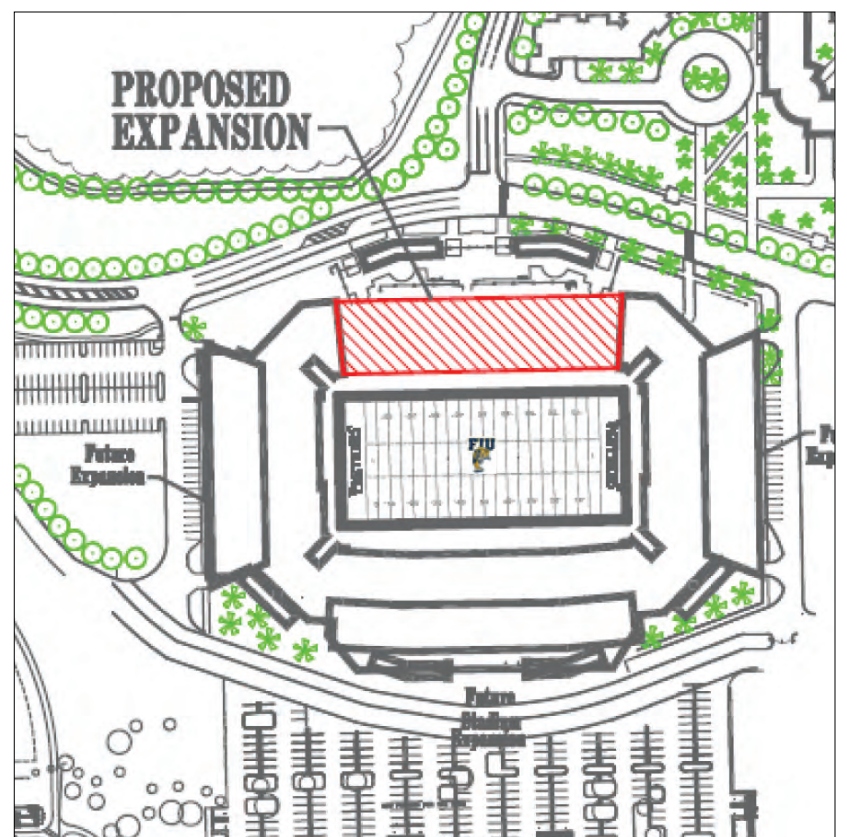
Right: The third phase will close lower bowl of the stadium.

the best possible chance to compete with the top teams in the nation and the completion of this phase just furthers our commitment to the program."

The \$6 million privately-

funded project will increase seating capacity from 20,000 to nearly 25,000, closing the stadium, which is currently three-fourths finished.

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Check out the Sept. 12 issue for recap and reaction to the Golden Panthers game against the Louisville Cardinals.

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LOCAL

ACLU to sue over welfare drug testing in Fla.

The American Civil Liberties Union is suing to block Florida's new law requiring new welfare recipients to pass a drug test, filing the lawsuit on behalf of a Navy veteran who was denied assistance to help care for his 4-year-old son because he refused to take the test.

The lawsuit was filed Tuesday in federal court.

The ACLU, which is also challenging a mandate by Gov. Rick Scott requiring drug testing for state employees, says the law is unconstitutional — an argument that federal judges have agreed with before — because it constitutes an unreasonable search or seizure.

NATIONAL

Imprisoned sect leader Jeffs seeks new Texas trial

Imprisoned polygamous sect leader Warren Jeffs has filed a handwritten motion seeking a new trial in Texas after he was convicted there and sentenced to life in prison on child sex assault charges.

Jeffs, who heads the Utah-based Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, claims his religious freedoms were violated by the courts — an argument he also tried to make while defending himself during his trial.

"The Constitutional protection for religious faith and freedom of practice not being of full protection in previous trial ... is legal grounds sufficient to rule in favor of defendant allowed a new trial..." the 55-year-old church leader wrote in his motion.

WORLD

UK-bound plane receives bomb threat

A U.K.-bound Pakistan International Airlines plane was forced to make an emergency landing in Istanbul on Wednesday after it received a bomb threat over Bulgaria, state-run Anatolia news agency reported.

Authorities quickly evacuated all 378 passengers from the Boeing 777-300ER aircraft after it was parked at a remote corner of the International Ataturk Airport, and bomb squads began searching the plane with sniffer dogs, Anatolia reported.

The plane received the threat somewhere near the Bulgarian capital of Sofia, and contacted the control tower in Istanbul to seek permission for the landing.

— Compiled by Melissa Caceres

LIFE!

Alumna establishes company, annual tradition for Sept. 11

ASHLEY MARIE LAPADULA
Staff Writer

It was the day when the unreal turned into the indescribable. On that crystalline morning, Sept. 11, 2001, two airplanes plunged from the sky into the World Trade Center while another pierced a hole in the Pentagon.

More than 3,000 people died that morning, the majority of them buried alive in the rubble of the Lower Manhattan towers, some at the Pentagon and others in the Pennsylvania grassland, the only plane that day to not reach its destination: the

White House. With a numb feeling of horror, the nation came to realize the ugly truth of terrorism.

Marlene Quincoes, also known as Marly Q, sprang into action a few years later with a plan to encourage people to give back to their communities.

Even before graduating from the University in 2008, with a degree in liberal studies and a master's in higher education, Quincoes has always been driven by her unquenchable thirst for helping others. One of her favorite quotes, by Margaret Mead, says, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed

citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

After successfully completing more than 5,000 community service hours in high school, spearheading the annual Relay for Life on campus in 2004 and working with the American Cancer Society and the City of Doral, she knew she could accomplish her next dream.

In January 2010, she quit her job and started her own company called StarMar Events, a consulting, production and management company that works with corporations on public

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Employees will be cross-trained

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was under the concept of the previous committee's vision on the second story of the stadium," said Béjar.

While Béjar claims "about 80 percent of the programming would stay the same," the formation of a new committee is an opportunity to see what additions can be made to match the demand of an increasing student population.

"Since we have almost all the money we need for the [SASC], there's a lot of discussion over what more we can add in terms of multiuse space, potential classrooms, space to accommodate some of that growing need," said Cal.

As enrollment increases every year, Jessell believes that the SASC is "probably one of the most important

projects that we as an institution can do for the benefit of our students. It's the opportunity to bring all the things that are integral to student success in one location." Employees at the center will be cross-trained to resolve a student's issue that usually involved multiple visits to different department, affirming the vision of "one-stop shopping."

"Students wouldn't have to go from Financial Aid to the Bursar's Office to Registration. All of the service staff that are front line can address 85 to 95 percent of everybody's issues," said Béjar.

Aside from its role in customer service, Béjar and Cal envision that the building will become the University's first impression for incoming students, equipped with a 750 seat auditorium for orientations.

This emphasis on centralizing a student's experience lent to the location's move near GC. "It's meant to have

tie-ins to [GC]. It would be meant to stay close to the core of where students are today. They wouldn't be in an isolated part of campus, it would be in the student core," said Cal.

"We're taking what we've learned using the concierge services about the needs of the students so we can be as up to date as we can possibly be. You wouldn't go into a clothing store and buy something on the basis of your size five years ago. You need to get resized and that's what we're doing here [with this committee]."

While the newly formed committee has yet to make any official upon program revisions, Béjar claims that there is a time constraint upon when to use the building's allocated PECO funds, even with the \$7 million shortage.

"The PECO funds were already allocated so we have to act on them. We may have to leave some

space shell. We can leave a fourth floor as a shell which just means you have the frame, the plumbing and electricity but you're not dropping individual offices or anything like that if we don't have enough money to do it," said Béjar.

As the "Facilities and Construction guy," Cal said, he doesn't "like just sitting with the programs and pretty pictures. We want to do actual construction. I want it right away, but I don't drive that train."

Cal's train can't reach its destination until the programming committee revalidates the SASC's plans—only then can a completion date be determined.

If the SASC does not get the funding it needs, Jessell asserts that the University will work with legislation this session on what can be done as the committee continues to evolve the center's plans.



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FOOTBALL

First road game brings national spotlight



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T.Y. Hilton [above, right] had 283 all-purpose yards against North Texas and has a chance to display his talent on ESPN at Louisville.

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History was made on Sept. 1 when FIU won their first home opening game at the FBS level against conference foe North Texas 41-16. On Sept. 9, they will try to make some more history and beat a BCS school for the first time ever as they take on the Louisville Cardinals in Kentucky on ESPN.

In the first week of the season, the Golden Panthers were able to rack up 401 total yards of offensive, with 283 of them coming from T.Y. Hilton, the Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Week. However, this time the Golden Panthers will face the 38th-ranked defense in the nation, something head coach Mario Cristobal is well aware of.

"They are known for playing a lot of man defense, they challenge you and they make you make plays," said Cristobal. "They play

a lot of freshmen. They did last year and played a lot this past game as well, and it's going to be a lot harder to come by."

The man coverage that Louisville uses may play be an advantage for the offense especially for T.Y. Hilton, who caught a 60-yard touchdown in the season opener. After the game, the senior wideout couldn't believe that North Texas played single coverage on him. According to Cristobal, the challenge is on everyone, and it is a test that the players are looking forward to.

The two players who will be responsible for trying to stop Hilton, Anthony Conner and Jordan Paschal, are relatively new cornerbacks. Conner, a redshirt senior, missed the entire season last year to a torn ACL and played has played in just 10 games for his collegiate career, all coming in 2009 with no interceptions. Paschal is a redshirt freshman and did not play last week due to

an injury. He may be able to play Friday.

"We will see as the course of the game goes on where we can go with the ball and what we can do," said Carroll on the possible idea of exploiting the corners with Hilton.

The Louisville defense last year held opponents to 19 points per game and allowed 144 yards rushing and 167 yards passing per game. In their first game against Murray State, they held them to just nine points, 148 yards passing and 143 yards rushing. They have had to replace Malcolm Tatum (44 tackles, 4.5 sacks) and third-team All-Big East defensive end Rodney Gnat (29 tackles, nine sacks) on the defensive line, but still return seven starters on defense overall.

The defense of FIU has not given up any points just one game into the season and plan on bringing the same intensity and mentality

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FIU Stadium expansion to commence

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The restoration of the north side will include a second press box and additional luxury and presidential boxes. Athletic department offices will also be located in the expanded side of the stadium. The department is currently located inside the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

"Everything is just continually going forward a hundred miles per hour. It's a very strong statement of our administration," said head coach Mario Cristobal. "It's something that everyone is extremely fired up about and something that signifies continuous progress by our program."

Football will not be the only sport benefiting from the expansions.

With the stadium completed, the new seating will not only give a closer view of the field, but it will be able to accommodate FIFA soccer standards.

The school has already played host to two CONCACAF Gold Cup events in 2009 and in 2011 and has aspirations of hosting more FIFA soccer events in the future.

The long-term goal will be to increase the stadium capacity to hold 40,000 to 45,000 seats once the fourth and final phase kicks in. The fourth phase will include a second tier of seats on the north side of the stadium. The date for the construction of upper deck is still yet to be determined.

According to public documents, the lower bowl of the stadium is scheduled to be completed in time for the 2012 football home opener in September.

VOLLEYBALL

In final match before home opener, FIU defeats ETSU

EDUARDO ALMAGUER Staff Writer

Against tough competition, the Golden Panthers held their own to split their final two games over the weekend.

The team was not able to shake off a second straight loss in the Blue Raider Tournament when they lost in three straight sets to Missouri (7-1, 0-0 Big 12) on Sept. 3.

FIU 0, MISSOURI 3

In what is becoming a trend, junior outside hitter Jovana Bjelica led the team with 13 kills. Redshirt junior Renele Forde, whose height and seniority seems to have given her an edge in the setter position, recorded a team-leading 25 assists.

The Panther's (3-3, 0-0 SBC) offense was shut down in the first set as they were battling from behind the majority of the time. Missouri steadily built a 17-14 lead and then shut down

the Panthers with an 8-3 run to win the first set.

The second set saw the Tigers jump out to an early lead over the Panthers. Refusing to go down quietly, Lakovic later slammed a kill to make it 24-20.

A Missouri error allowed FIU to creep even closer, but the Tigers eventually put the brakes on and scored a kill to win 25-21.

The third time was not the charm as FIU fell behind quickly. Though they tried mounting a comeback, the Golden Panthers could not match up and they lost the third set, along with the match, by their biggest margin of the night, 25-14.

Libero Chanel Araujo led the team with 10 digs and middle blocker Andrea Lakovic had a team-best three blocks, as well as the only service ace.

FIU 3, ETSU 1

FIU's (4-3, 0-0 SBC)

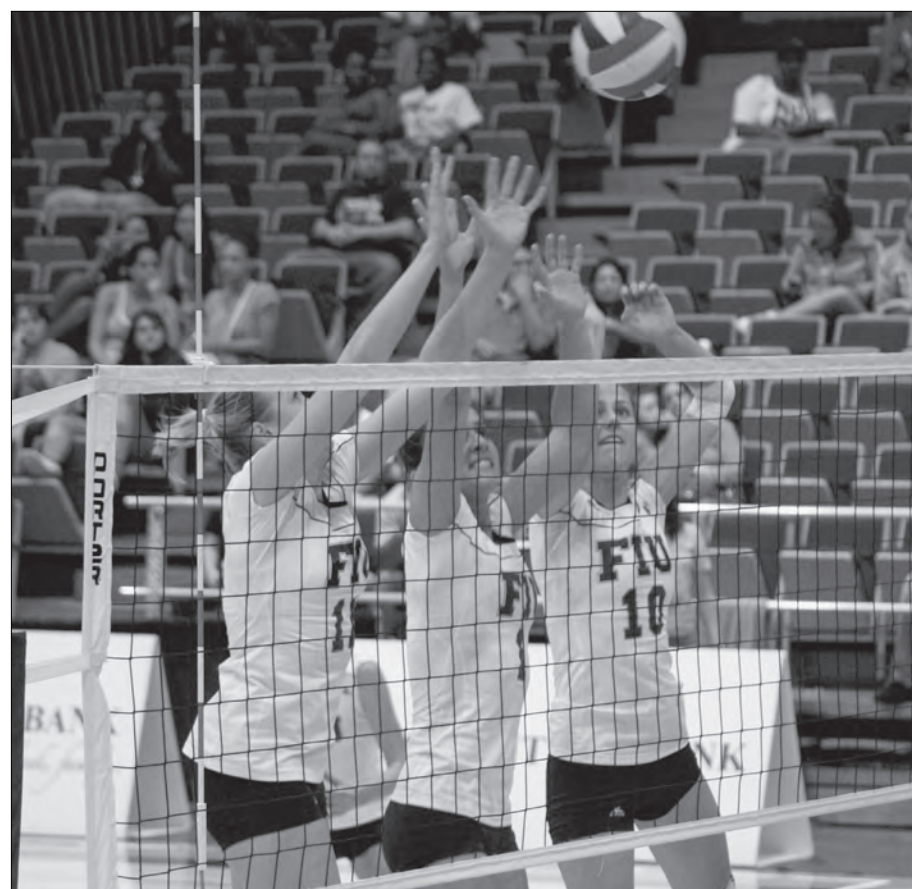
defense shined on Sept. 4 when they snapped their short, two-game losing streak against East Tennessee State University (3-5, 0-0 A-Sun) in their final match of the Blue Raider Bash Tournament.

Several Panthers had outstanding games en route to their fourth victory of the season. Bjelica notched 18 kills and 10 digs for her third double-double of the season.

In the first set, ETSU wasted no time jumping ahead of FIU. The Golden Panthers, just as eager to get back at the Buccaneers, battled back to knot the score at 5-5.

FIU worked hard to distance itself, but ETSU would not back down and battled back to tie the score again. The Buccaneers streaked with seven straight points and ultimately took the first set 25-23.

Both teams came out firing in the second set as neither



BEACON FILE PHOTO

After long road trip, Golden Panthers play their first home match on Sept. 9 vs. Tulane.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Women finish third at Florida Gulf Coast Invitational

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Staff Writer

Aided with an individual first place finish by Daniela Espino in the five-mile run, the Golden Panthers women's cross country team finished in third place at the Florida Gulf Coast University Invitational in Fort Myers on Sept. 2. The Golden Panthers' men's team finished in third place in the four mile run portion of the invitational. Joshua Estrada led the Golden Panthers individually with a fourth place finish.

The Golden Panthers had to compete on a course that was not the most ideal for cross-country running. The runners had to deal with the humidity and some puddles from the rain earlier that day. "It wasn't the fastest conditions in the world," coach Drew Charles said. "The course was a little wet and a little hot, being in the afternoon like it was."

On the men's team, Estrada's time of 20:54.60 was the best for the Golden Panthers. Coach Charles gave credit to Estrada's training during the summer for his results in

the meet. "He put in a great summer. It was kind of expected," Coach Charles said of Estrada's performance. "He looked good in the race. He looked relaxed, smooth. I was happy [with] the way he ran."

Sebastian Castillo and Dyan Cook also placed in ninth and tenth place, respectively, for the Golden Panthers. Castillo finished with a time of 21:20.10. Cook finished with a time of 21:21.70. The tenth place finish at the invitational for Cook was in his first collegiate race.

"He did really well. He didn't do bad for his first race," said Charles.

"It was a good way to start off the season. I think he is just going to keep improving when he gets a little bit more comfortable racing. It's a jump for him to go from five miles to eight miles. It was a nice intermediate with the four miler."

Julius Michael finished in 15th place with a time of 21:48.40. Kevin Castro and Miguel Delgadillo both finished in the top thirty for the Golden Panthers.

For the women, Espino's first place time of 18:43 beat the next runner in the race by over nine seconds. "She was really good,"

Charles said. "From a little over the mile, she kind of just took the lead and never really looked back. It was what we talked about. I was pretty excited about that."

Samia Hdan also finished in the top ten for the Golden Panthers. Hdan's time of 19:58 earned her sixth place in the five mile run. "She is coming back pretty close to where she was last year, which is real nice," said Charles. Junior Tai Canady finished in 15th place with a time of 21:22. Desmika White also finished in the top 30 for the Golden Panthers.

Bjelica named SBC Player of the Week

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team could build more than a three-point lead until the final play.

After a Buccaneer error gave the Golden Panthers the lead, FIU never looked back. Bjelica slammed a kill to tie the match 1-1 and take the set 25-21.

Both teams came out aggressive in the third set. FIU came alive in a fierce, seven-point rally to make it 19-13 and did not let the gap grow smaller than six points. FIU took the set 25-17 and led 2-1.

The team could taste the win now as FIU surged to an 18-12 lead in the fourth set, capped by a Bjelica kill. ETSU refused to go down quietly and punished the Panthers with four straight points.

With the match 24-20, Trkulja and Lakovic

denied the Buccaneers a point with a block each to give them the match victory.

Forde tallied 46 assists in the match, eight more than ETSU had as a team. Junior Marija Prsa tied a career-best with 17 digs while senior middle blocker Sabrina Gonzalez logged a career-best nine blocks.

Following the game, Lakovic and Bjelica were named to the Blue Raider Bash All-Tournament team.

Bjelica, was named the SBC Volleyball Player of the Week. This marks a career first for Bjelica, and the first Panther to earn that honor this season. She led the team with 76 kills in the Bash and two double-doubles.

The Golden Panthers play their home opener against Tulane on Sept. 9, with another match at home on Sept. 11 against Florida A&M.

FIU coordinator familiar with Cardinals offense

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to the Louisville offense. One advantage that they will have is new defensive coordinator Todd Orlando, who coached against the Cardinal offense just one year ago while he was the defensive coordinator at UConn. In that game, Louisville put up 26 points against his defense in a 26-0 loss.

"Their offensive coordinator is a pro guy, and last year playing us they came out and played with passion and they get after it," Orlando said.


This year's offense will look much different with new starting quarterback Will Stein and new starting running back senior Victor Anderson.

Stein threw for 226 yards and two touchdowns in the win versus Murray State, while Anderson, who is replacing fourth round draft pick and first-team All-Big East running back Bilal Powell, ran for 61 yards on nine carries with one touchdown.

The Cardinals also lost their top two wide receiver threats from a year ago in

Cameron Graham and Doug Beaumont, making life a little easier for their secondary, who could be without senior safety Chuck Grace. Grace is facing possible suspension for a hit to the head he gave Andrew Powers of North Texas towards the end of the game.

If Grace does not see the field, there are a wide variety of players who Cristobal mentioned that can take his place. Terrance Taylor, Justin Halley and Demarkus Perkins come to mind. Right now, Taylor to start at free safety on the depth chart.



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Fraternity takes steps to set an example of equality



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Old and new members of the Delta Lambda Phi Fraternity part took in last year's week long events during rush week. This year's events will focus on getting to know present members and team work activities.

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Staff Writer

An organization founded on "enhancing the quality of life among gay, bisexual and progressive men," Delta Lambda Phi National Social Fraternity came to be in 1986 in Washington, D.C., as a social fraternity that would not discriminate based on sexual orientation.

The Beta Delta Chapter was founded at Florida International University on Jan. 17, 2004, and currently has 20 to 25 active members.

Jameer Baptiste, a political science and public relations double major and recruitment director and sergeant at arms director for Delta Lambda Phi said, "a progressive male is anyone of any sexual orientation who is comfortable with being around a homosexual male or homosexual person."

Through their philanthropy with a nonprofit organization in Miami called Care Resource, the fraternity volunteers their time with different events and socials to bring awareness about AIDS, as well as bridging the gap between lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and allies.

They also take part in University events like the Dance Marathon, Relay for Life and with other LGBT organizations in an effort to

provide resources for students on campus.

The Interfraternity Council begins their "rush" week on Sept. 12 and through Sept. 16, and as a part of the council, Delta Lambda Phi will be hosting their own set of events throughout the week.

Starting off with Monday, Sept. 12, in the Graham Center Game Room, the fraternity will host a game of billiards where interested men, whether heterosexual or homosexual, can come out and meet the brothers of Delta Lambda Phi.

"We tend to have more of a melting pot in our fraternity in which we have all different types of cultures," said Baptiste.

The events continue with an activity night on Tuesday, Sept. 13, and a team-building event called "Spaghetti and Marshmallows" on Thursday, Sept. 15, where those who are rushing the fraternity will work with the brothers of the organization to demonstrate how well they can work together.

For Baptiste, his reasons for joining a fraternity were initially to build a connection and network amongst other people that identify with his sexuality, but from the connections and experiences he gained as a rushee and now brother of Delta Lambda Phi. "I wanted to be able to have the Greek experience but share my views and actu-

ally feel accepted and be able to be welcomed without having to hide or feel that I am different from my brothers," said Baptiste. "I have an understanding of what it means to be a brother in a fraternity of the Greek life."

Baptiste emphasized the importance of the fraternity's principles: "to develop dignified and purposeful, social, service and recreational activities for progressive men, irrespective of sexual orientation."

Despite the fraternity's history with being an openly homosexual organization, it does not expect nor force any man to "come out" because he is rushing.

Baptiste said, "We still have some people who have not 'come out' to their families and friends, and then we have others who, during the process or as brothers, have 'come out' because of the support they have from our fraternity."

"It's a great opportunity and if you ever, as a young individual, questioned your sexuality or felt uncomfortable or like you didn't belong in the collegiate life, this is a great way to build friendships and bonds with people who understand you."

For more information on Delta Lambda Phi Fraternity and their Rush Week, please visit their Facebook page at "RUSH Delta Lambda Phi / Beta Delta."

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Unusual workout teaches to form a strong foundation

While most people opt for sun-kissed naps at the beach, I tend to go for the more active route. When I came across Paddle Pilates, a new group exercise class that combines stand up paddle boarding and Pilates, I knew I had to try it.

COLUMNIST



RATASHA IRIBARREN

But before I could even set foot in the water, certified Pilates and Paddleboard Pilates instructor Jules Gennari took me and the rest of the class through some safety tips and a basic warm-up.

The warm-up helped me learn how to control my breathing and stretch out all of the muscles I needed for the class - like the abs and oblique muscles.

After the warm up, we paddled out, and I immediately felt my core working to prop myself up on the board. Many people mistake "the core" as just the abdominal muscles, but it also includes major muscle groups like the spine, oblique muscles and gluteus.

Joseph Pilates, the founder of Pilates, defined the core as the "powerhouse." With a powerhouse, or strong foundation, Joseph believed that you can have basic control of any body movement.

Once I found my balance on the board, I was able to use my powerhouse from teaching Ultimate Abs at the Recreation Center to paddle with my upper body.

In my half-hour long Ultimate Abs class, I help the FIU

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THE HIGH LOW



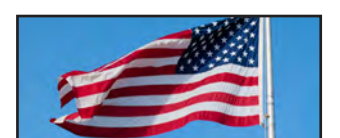
NFL season officially kicked off on Thursday night at 8 p.m. with the Saints vs. Packers.



Study says confronting people about sexist comments makes them behave differently the next time.



Family of slain Yale student sues the university for not maintaining a safer campus; preventing rape.



US drops to fifth place in international "most competitive economies" list.



Three former Florida Panthers hockey players die in an airplane crash in Russia.

REEL TO REEL

“Warrior” works hard to break out of predictable shell

In the sports movie genre, the predictability factor could be a turn-off for some moviegoers who have seen what seems like thousands of movies ending with either the underdog winning or losing, only to learn a valuable lesson. I believe that as long as the movie is entertaining, then predictability should not matter at all.



STEVE MESA

“Warrior” may be predictable by sports movie standards, but it is an entertaining film that not only focuses on the ferocious in-ring action, but also makes you care about the main characters and the problems they have.

Brendan Conlon (Joel Edgerton) and Tommy Reardon (Tom Hardy) are estranged brothers who come from different backgrounds despite being raised in the same household. Brendan is a high-school teacher, a family man and a former mixed martial arts fighter who is struggling to make ends meet.

Tommy is a former Marine who reconnects with his alcoholic father, Paddy (Nick Nolte), with the intention of having dad train him for an upcoming MMA tournament in Atlantic City.

What Brendan and Tommy don't know is that they have put themselves on a collision course to face each other in the tourna-



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ment where they will take their unstable emotions for one another in the ring with them.

Director Gavin O' Connor (“Miracle”) does a great job introducing the characters without overloading the first hour with a lot of exposition in terms of the characters' backgrounds and how they became the men they are now. O' Connor not only manages to make this story very compelling because of the family drama, but also enthralling with nicely shot and well-choreographed MMA fight sequences.

The performances in this film

by Edgerton, Hardy and Nolte are truly the best three performances to be seen in a single film this year.

Both Edgerton and Hardy are terrific as the feuding brothers with different approaches to their own fighting styles. While Edgerton embodies his character as a calm and efficient fighter, Hardy's character is fueled by rage and has a more animalistic behavior both in and out of the ring.

When they finally go toe-to-toe with each other in the ring, their fighting styles mesh

together to make the final match of the film an emotional and brutal scene. Nick Nolte delivers his best performance in a while as the father of the two brothers and an alcoholic who is trying to reunite his sons despite their troubled past.

Like “The Fighter,” the focus on the action in the ring and the lives of the characters in “Warrior” are equally balanced. However, there are major differences between the two films. While “The Fighter” was based on a true story that also happened to be an extraordinary boxing movie,

“Warrior” is entirely fictional and MMA becomes a primary focus on the silver screen for the first time since 2008, where moviegoers got their first taste of the sport with the release of David Mamet's “Redbelt” and Orlando-set “Never Back Down.”

If this movie is successful and generates enough word-of-mouth, it could make MMA even more popular than ever just like how “Rocky” made the sport of boxing interesting and popular again.

“Warrior” also mirrors real life with some of the characters that may be familiar to fans of Ultimate Fighting Championship; some of the characters remind me of Dana White and Brock Lesner.

The Dana White-esque character is a man who organizes an event to find out who is the toughest fighter on the planet and the Brock Lesner-like character is a seemingly unbeatable and undefeated Russian fighter, played by former World Wrestling Entertainment wrestler Kurt Angle.

Far from an ordinary sports movie, “Warrior” is one of the best movies of the year that manages to successfully become both a family drama and an exciting sports film with great performances from Joel Edgerton, Tom Hardy and Nick Nolte.

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

Outdoor exercise combines Pilates with ocean waves

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Abs class, I help the FIU community and myself build a strong foundation with various types of crunches, planks, sit-ups and other exercises used to engage the core muscles.

Using the board as our mat, Gennari brought us through a series of Pilates moves, including the Pilates one-hundred, flutter kicks and planks. Similar to my Ultimate Abs class, each move engaged different parts of the core, and some exercises had multiple purposes.

For example, the Pilates one-hundred helped us warm up our abdominal muscles and

learn how to control our breathing as we did the exercise. I learned that the name, Pilates one-hundred, comes from the 10 breaths that you take during the exercise. Each breath consists of inhaling for five seconds and releasing the air out from your lungs for another five seconds.

As I worked through my first-ever Pilates class, the challenging moves combined with the uneven and unpredictable ocean waves tested my ability to keep the board steady and engaged my stabilizer muscles within seconds. After a while of combating with the current, I finally channeled by inner balance and enjoyed the fresh ocean breeze.

That is another great thing about this class; rather than lying on a foam mat in an enclosed classroom, students benefit from the soothing sounds of the water. As a college student, I could not think of a better way to escape from the endless papers, exhausting exams and constant reading that builds up the stress in our lives.

And the benefit from being outdoors does not stop there. While sun exposure has been linked to harmful diseases like cancer, in small doses, UVB rays promote the vitamin D growth that our bodies need for sustained bone health.

Overall, my love for an active beach day

was satisfied from the optimal core workout that I received from Paddle Pilates. If you are looking for challenging exercises, a great tan, an escape from college chaos and are up for something new, I would definitely recommend taking your workout afloat with Ft. Lauderdale Stand Up Paddle's Paddle Pilate Class.

For more information on location, prices and booking a class, call 954-625-5798 or log on to www.fortlauderdaleup.com.

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Fallen heroes honored during 5k run in the park

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nonprofit events. Quincoces's mission is to create positive social change through community events.

Just months into starting her company, she has established a nonprofit organization called “P.A.R.K. Project,” with a purpose to inspire and empower others to “P.A.R.K.,” or to Perform Acts of Random Kindness.

“I did not choose to be a social entrepreneur and philanthropist, it chose me,” said Quincoces, whose ambi-

tious character has pushed her to the heights of her dreams. Though her list of future goals is infinite, she has a team of loved ones and supporters to accomplish it all.

Among her supporters is co-founder Humberto Casanova and P.A.R.K. Project president Flor Garcia.

Garcia said: “Working with Marly is awesome! She keeps you on your toes, but aside from that, working with her is a blessing. I sometimes feel like I am in this journey with her ready to conquer the world, a journey that is chal-

lenging but, at the same time, rewarding.”

Casanova, who joined the organization and company in hopes of encouraging other citizens to take part in this P.A.R.K. Project and own the movement, describes working with Quincoces as simply being “the best.” “I vividly remember watching the second plane crash into the towers, an image I will never forget.”

P.A.R.K. Project is celebrating their one-year anniversary on Sept. 10 with a historic event: the 1st South

Florida 5K Freedom Run and P.A.R.K. Festival in collaboration with the City of Doral, Miami-Dade County and dozens of corporate “P.A.R.K.ners.”

This event will honor and remember those lost during 9/11 and observe its tenth anniversary. It will also provide a magnificent opportunity for the whole community to run, jog or walk next to the military officials, veterans and first responders who protect our freedom every day by honoring their dedication to their service.

The South Florida 5K Freedom Run and P.A.R.K. Festival is a celebration of life and love for service, and at its core, it is simply an act of random kindness by Quincoces; the event will be the group effort of people, companies and organizations that live the cause and P.A.R.K. for the men and women who embody the cause to protect our freedom. One-hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit a variety of military, veteran and first responder charities through the P.A.R.K. Project organization.

“Everyone and anyone can P.A.R.K.! In other words, Perform Acts of Random Kindness,” Quincoces said.

The South Florida 5K Freedom Run and P.A.R.K. Festival will be on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. It will be located at JC Bermudez Park, 3000 NW 87th Ave., Doral, FL 33166.

For more event information, please go to www.park-project.org, and under the Events Tab, you can register online for the pre-event. The deadline to register online is Friday, Sept. 9, at 2:00 p.m.

Political duplicity plagues gay community

PAOLO RAMOS
Staff Writer

The political world is rampant with accounts of scandal and hypocrisy. Regardless, politicians hold in their hands the responsibility of keeping high levels of integrity in the decisions that they make on behalf of themselves as well as the people that they represent. Instances of such lapses in judgment can be found in recent events involving the political movement for LGBT rights.

Petty as the drama over gay rights seems, the far reaching consequences are burdened upon less already distressed gay Americans.

Earlier this month, Indiana Republican Phillip Hinkle was exposed for attempting to solicit sexual favors from Kameryn Gibson, 18, through Craigslist. The encounter turned sour once Gibson discovered who Hinkle was and, after a heated argument, resulted in the exposure of the event to Hinkle's family.

In a similar incident in 2007,

Republican Idaho Senator Larry Craig was arrested for attempting to cruise men in an airport bathroom. Ironically enough, both politicians have a history of stalling the progression of gay rights. It is perplexing to conceive that the very proponents of anti-gay legislation continue to shoot themselves in the foot.

Why the majority of the Republican Party continues to maintain its anti-gay platform is absurd, especially considering the consecutive indiscretions of members of their own party. As the 2012 elections approach, the political climate for gay rights is sure to become increasingly volatile. The passage of the

gay marriage bill in New York has undoubtedly stirred the pot, bringing the issue to the forefront. Candidates for the Republican ticket including Michelle Bachmann and Rick Perry have expressed the initiative to further anti-gay legislation. The tragedy of the matter is that though politicians see gay marriage mostly as a fighting point in the race for office, the citizens in their care suffer the real ramifications.

In Bachmann's own backyard of Waterloo, Idaho, 19-year old Marcellus Richards was beaten unconscious by a group of his peers that were harassing him using anti-gay slurs. It is without a doubt that

anti-gay rhetoric like Bachmann's has directly contributed to incidents similar to those like Richards'. It is deplorable that the hypocritical law makers are left with nothing but a tarnished reputation while members of the LGBT community continue to be abused by their followers.

Marcellus, as well as all LGBT members of the United States are in the wards of these politicians, competence notwithstanding, and deserve more protections and civil liberties from their government. If the pettiness in the political sphere surrounding gay rights does not let up, we will continue to see American citizens suffering because of it.

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Ideologies the same despite perception

ANDRES MARTINEZ-FERNANDEZ
Contributing Writer

One of the points of contention within the Republican Party right now is the question of electability versus ideological conformity.

The question is: should voters in the primaries "vote their conscience" and choose a hardline Republican who is most in line with conservative ideological beliefs, will not budge on most political issues and is much less likely to win in a general election, such as Michelle Bachmann?

Or, should they instead vote for someone who is at least perceived to be more moderate, willing to compromise on some of the less important issues and is much more likely to win in a general election, such as Rick Perry?

Perry is perceived to be too moderate by many hardline Republicans and Tea Party conservatives, for reasons such as accepting bailout money and supporting Rudy Giuliani, a social liberal, in the 2008 presidential election. Michelle Bachmann, on the other hand, is

a champion to the aforementioned groups for refusing to compromise her conservative beliefs on issues such as raising the debt ceiling.

There really is no ideological difference between Perry and Bachmann.

Although these are only perceptions, it is important to remember that unfortunately, in politics, perception is assumed to be reality.

It would behoove conservatives to truly understand the reality of these candidates - there really is no ideological difference between

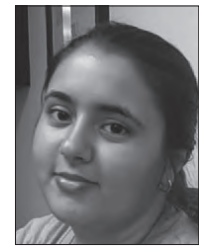
Perry and Bachmann on the major issues. Both are fiscal, social and national security conservatives who realize the importance of reining in government spending by cutting expenditures, which is by far the most important issue facing the country right now. Neither candidate is likely to compromise his or her conservative beliefs on the major issues.

However, Perry has a firmer understanding of the realities of governance and of the electoral process beyond the primary, both of which requires working to gain support from those who may not agree with the Republican party platform on some issues. This often means giving up ground on a less important or less relevant issue to gain ground on a more pressing issue. Having a persona of "my way or the highway" simply does not work in Washington and the founding fathers set up the government to work that way.

In the words of former President Ronald Reagan, "Someone who agrees with the party on 4 out of 5 issues is 80 percent a friend, not 20 percent an enemy."

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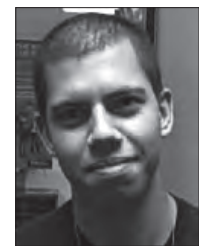
Are you content with President Barack Obama's performance?



"A little bit, I think so. He was really specific about bringing the troops home, and I have a lot

of family in the military and they're still out. Domestically, I am not too sure. I haven't been focused too much on it. I'd like him to bring the troops home, focus on the economy."

*-Marilyn Gonzalez
Biology, Senior*



"I am in some areas more than others. I like his foreign policy goals, I like his methods.

I don't really like his domestic plans though. I don't really like his approach on the economy, jobs, and economic growth in general."

*-Lucas Miranda,
International Relations, Junior*



"I am not content. I am a Republican and I will be voting in the next election and I will not be voting for Barack

Obama. I have a major issue with his healthcare reform. I don't agree with it. I come from a family of doctors and the way I was raised just isn't the way he wants to take the country into healthcare reform. [But,] I am for gay rights and equal rights for all."

*-Natalie Perez-Mendez
Biology, Freshman*

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Lupe lacks ticket promotion

JONATHAN SZYDLO
BBC Managing Editor

Once again, the distribution of this year's homecoming concert tickets is shaping out to be a fiasco, or better yet a Lupe "ticket" Fiasco.

As Student Government Council Vice President Emilio Collyer stepped onto campus Sept. 7, he was "Daydreamin" of picking up tickets, not only for him, but five peers as well. Little did he know that the Homecoming Council changed the distribution schedule for the homecoming concert from originally being Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., to Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Collyer was made aware of this distribution change, not through Student Government related emails, or through updates sent out by the Homecoming Council, but by overhearing a student media interview with Pablo Haspel SGC-BBC Speaker of the Senate, as he had one foot out the door to grab his concert tickets.

Upon hearing this information, Collyer proceeded to pull a 180 and stomped back into his office in a fit of rage refusing to comment on the situation.

During the first week of the semester, students were faced with a similar situation when the Homecoming Council failed to communicate the homecoming concert ticket distribution dates with the University community.

According to Haspel, the reason why homecoming is in disarray is in part due to the homecoming council not being finalized until the first week of the current semester.

"The whole homecoming situation was pretty rushed. Applications for the home-

MIND FREEZE



ANDRES BEDOYA/THE BEACON

Jungeun Kim, freshman and hospitality management major, Zachary Brod-Lechtner, junior and electrical engineering major, and Matuny Louis, junior and hospitality management major, join in on the fun with Mind Freeze. Student Programming Council hosted the game show in Panther Square on Sept. 7

coming council positions were still being accepted through the first week of the semester and weren't finalized until the end of the first week of classes," said Haspel.

Both Ned Chandler, the Homecoming Council's BBC representative in charge of marketing, and Wolfgang Acevedo, Campus Life graduate assistant, were approached for a comment on the Home-

coming Council's failure to disseminate the distribution dates to the University community, but they refused.

According to Jose Toscano, assistant director of Campus Life, emphasis has been made to the Homecoming Council on taking advantage of social media for marketing homecoming events.

"We advise the council to use the home-

coming website, Facebook and Twitter to send out information," said Toscano. "We had technical issues [on the Facebook widget on the side of the HC site] but this [the Twitter widget above it] works fine."

"We're pushing people to go to our website for all updates regarding tickets. We're also telling them to go there for the option of floor tickets," added Toscano.

Service day to be held in remembrance of 9/11 attacks

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Staff Writing

While Saturday mornings may be used for sleeping in, some students use the early hours to try to make an impact in their community.

This Saturday, Sept. 10, student volunteers will be giving back to Biscayne Bay Campus on the University's 9/11 Day of Service sponsored by the Center for Leadership & Service.

The Day of Service will be held in the Wolfe University Center's Panther Square. Students will begin to register at 8 am if they are coming from MMC and then board the shuttle to arrive at BBC by 9 am.

Students at BBC will begin registering at 8:30. Breakfast will be served to participants from 9 to 10 a.m.

After some videos are shown, students who participated at the site of 9/11 ten years ago will be connecting with the participants.

From there, students will be

It is a day for us all to look back on and how it affected us as we all had a reaction to it and realize how this changed the history, and course, of our country.

Sabrina O' Keefe,
Assistant Director
Women's Center and Center for Leadership & Service

broken off into groups, and for two hours, they will be collecting mangrove seeds that fell and were not rooted, pulling up evasive plants, and cleaning up residue along the Bay's shoreline.

After this, lunch will be served and students will get an opportunity to reflect on their day, speak of their experience out cleaning together and of any strange items that they may have found along the shore.

Sabrina O' Keefe, Assistant

Director of Women's Center and Center for Leadership & Service, wants participating students to reflect on their values, the events of 9/11, and how their lives have been affected since that day ten years ago. According to O' Keefe, around 250 students have signed up thus far.

"It is a day for us all to look back on and how it affected us as we all had a reaction to it and to realize how this changed the history and course of our country," O' Keefe

said.

Jennifer Grimm, the Environmental Coordinator in School of the Environment, Arts & Society, has coordinated the entire environmental aspect of the event.

According to Grimm, Mangroves are an endangered species and their goal is to replant them in certain areas around BBC and in Oleta River State Park.

Also in attendance will be members of alternativeBreaks, a

network that started fifteen years ago that encourages students to examine a social issue and utilize their break to help out not just in Miami, but all over the world.

Applicants for aB were asked to participate in the Day of Service as committing to volunteer is the core of aB projects and for them to get a taste of what they will be doing and to determine whether they are willing to work in a team.

Chrystelle Edma, a sophomore Public Relations major and Director of aB at BBC hopes all participating students will become more conscientious citizens, ask why, and to come back and volunteer again.

According to Edma, when anyone decides to volunteer, they give a little of their time and life and that is a big step.

"When I participated in my first aB trip to Nicaragua, it was an eye opening experience because there are many issues in the world and that one little thing you do can make a big difference," Edma said.