

HOMECOMING CONCERT

## Scant publicity done for few tickets

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If you planned on being one of the first to get Lupe Fiasco tickets, “Kick, Push” your way to the back of the line.

The Homecoming Council began distributing free student tickets on Aug. 10 to the Homecoming Concert featuring Lupe Fiasco and Tinie Tempah.

This is the second consecutive year that the Homecoming Council has brought a musical act to the student body.

The FIU Stadium will host the concert for the first time in the venue’s history, as a way to kick off Homecoming week on Sept. 25. Last year, the band Lifehouse performed in the tailgate area outside the stadium.

The stage will face the east end of the stadium, where the student section is located, according to Mercy Lavado, the homecoming overall coordinator.

The Homecoming Council followed the suggestion of the athletics department.

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## FIELD DAY



PHILIPPE BUTEAU/THE BEACON

Freshmen Monique Blackwood, psychology major, and Victor Solis, biology major, pass away the time near the University Park Towers.

HONORS COLLEGE

## Lesley Northup named Honors dean

**ANALIA FIESTAS**  
Staff Writer

Though the Honors College’s new dean was announced in June, she has held that position for more than five years as its interim dean.

The long and national search for a dean of the Honors College officially ended on June 1 with Lesley Northup named as the college’s permanent dean.

“It is good to know that I measure up against national competition,” Northup said to Student Media. “The search and hire process also gave me a chance to help educate the FIU community on what Honors does and why.”

Northup holds degrees

from the University of Wisconsin, Madison; the Episcopal Divinity School; and the Catholic University of America, where she

the University community in July.

“The national search confirmed that our Honors College has identified a

research activity and requirements for active community engagement,” said Wartzok in the letter.

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Lesley Northup  
Honors College Dean

studied ritual and liturgy.

University Provost Douglas Wartzok expressed his satisfaction of the national search results through a letter he wrote to

unique niche with its blend of intellectually demanding interdisciplinary courses, an emphasis on developing future leaders, a strong program of creative and

the permanent dean, Northup was an associate dean at the Honors College for two years and also interim dean

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LIFE!

## University life a challenge to faith

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Attending a university is a rite of passage for many teenagers and young adults, but for many religious students the exposure to new ideas and people is particularly a heavy cross to bear.

According to a study done in 2010 by the PEW Research Center, approximately 42% of Americans between the ages of 18 and 29 have changed their religious beliefs at least once in their lifetime.

“I think a lot of young adults change their religion because once they leave their household, they acquire the opportunity to choose their

own religious outlook on life,” explains Donovan Taylor, a junior biology major.

The pressure of university living can also waylay spiritual pursuit, especially in a secular society in which it is becoming easier to ignore or even reject beliefs that seem outdated and outgrown.

“I’ve been raised in a Christian background, but since college I haven’t really been participating or thinking about stuff like that,” said Amy Lee, a sophomore and undecided. “I guess peer pressure has something to do with it, as cliché as that sounds, but it’s the truth. It’s the trend

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

# FIU's online presence includes Facebook, Twitter

**HEIDI BRYCE**  
Staff Writer

As social media networks continue to take over, the influence of websites such as Facebook, Youtube, Tumblr and Twitter are being utilized by the University to promote a familiar interaction with students.

Both prospective and current students are able to add school pages to their friends list along with other clubs and organizations to get information on upcoming events, news and all things related to their affiliations and fields of study.

Through FIU.tumblr.com, students can gain a more personal perspective of the school by scrolling through the many student submitted photos displaying school spirit. They can also discuss their campus experience with questions and statements which are published on the blog.

The University also maintains a Twitter account, which like the Tumblr and Youtube pages, is managed by University alumna Betsy Soler, social media community manager, for the Department of Marketing and New Media within the Division of External Relations.

Soler graduated in December 2010 with a bachelor of arts in public relations from the School of Journalism and Mass Communications. She's been working within the realm of social media for at least four years and is determined to create a reliable network of communication between students, the University, as well as the Twitter accounts and Facebook pages of the University's other departments.

She oversees all university related web pages, and gives them the responsibility to maintain their content. She intends to follow what she calls a "hub model," in which each organization is centered around the University, to keep a closeness within the student body, despite the various groups and colleges.

Her typical day consists of extensive interaction. From her computer, she replies to hundreds of students; answering questions, posting useful information. One of her most recent tweets says "let us know if you need any help," in response to a student trying to enroll.

Working with Soler is Matt Herzberger, director of web communications for University and Community Relations. Although Herzberger maintains the official University website, his plan is to integrate the general information of the school with the accessibility and sharing capability of a social network.

By adding click-able links to reroute users to a social network page for further information and discussion, the official University page works side by side with its other social pages. Apart from the university home page, Herzberger also manages news.FIU.edu and calendar.FIU.edu. He designs the visual interface and ensures it's simple and easy to use.

His latest project is a mobile app for the University now available for iPhone users while Android and Blackberry apps are in progress and expected to be available soon this fall.

The app allows students a quick way to check their Financial Aid accounts, log into Black-

board and more. The approaches being made via internet to enhance the student experience at the University are relatively new, but, none the less, greatly underway to all those following the networks.

Students have been observing the Universi-

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Violet Lopez,  
Senior  
Fine Arts Major

ty's growing internet presence, and their opinions vary. Melanie Massa, a senior psychology major says she's joined various Facebook pages in accordance with her interests, but finds them lacking at times in updating information as often as she'd like.

"I check them [the University Facebook

pages], but it's usually the same information I've seen already," said Massa.

Violet Lopez, a senior fine arts major believes the University pages has its benefits.

"It's not only a way for the University to connect to students, but students can talk to each other on the same level," said Lopez.

In other words, these social network avenues increase relations among the student body, itself. Strangers can become peers through discovering which University related interests and/or studies they have in common. In addition to the main University Facebook page, there is also a fan page for the University library system. At the forefront of the pages – Twitter, Youtube and Blogspot – is Marissa Ball, manager of emerging technologies for the Library/Reference Department.

Ball is in charge of social outlets for both The Green Library and The Glenn Hubert Library at the Biscayne Bay Campus. Ball constantly supervises these University pages to answer as many inquiries as possible and updates them content often.

"You have to be willing to play. Everyone who connects with you through Twitter, won't be the same as those through the phone. You have to be able to reach students through their avenues," Ball said.

Her efforts to maintain efficient communication with students doesn't end while she's in her office.

"It's a 24 hour job. It's more than a passing fad; so people should take it seriously," Ball said.

# College plans to secure a building, increase research

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for five years.

The work she delivered during those seven years earned her the Provost's Operational Excellence award in 2009.

Northup began her career at the University in 1993, when she joined what was then the Department of

Philosophy and Religion.

After years of teaching, her efforts were rewarded when she received a Teaching Incentive Program award and two FIU Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching awards.

Northup was always active in university affairs. She served on the Faculty Senate, the FIU Athletic

Council, the Board of the Academy for the Art of Teaching and the Access and Equity Committee.

Looking forward, Northup has many plans for the Honors College.

"We are going to be working hard to secure a new Honors building with Honors housing, administration, classrooms, support

spaces, and some commercial space as well," she said. "We are ramping up our undergraduate research program substantially and will begin to be able to award some research stipends."

In addition, Northup said the Honors College is inaugurating a new program, Honors Education in the Arts.

HEARTS will incorporate some elements of the fine and performing arts throughout the curriculum and a variety of programmatic contexts.

Northup, along with others, will create a formal Honors Internship Program that takes advantage of unique community relationships.

"We are moving toward implementing service-research, undergraduate community-based research resulting in a feasible application to create a solution for some identified community problem, throughout the curriculum," she said.

Northup believes that an honors college should be student-driven.

Because of that, she has already put in place several initiatives to highlight that—a required leadership course, community service requirements and an honor code.

She is also a firm believer of strengthening an international focus, which is why she says all Honors courses will be qualified for Global Education credit.

As Northup explains, each section of the second-year honor courses, which already deal with issues of "inhabiting other lives," will be enhanced with the addition of two cutting-edge teaching developed by its faculty in conjunction with the National Honors Professional Organization: Reacting to the Past, a research-focused role

games that improve public speaking, quick thinking and transactional skills.

"Our popular study abroad programs will expand from four countries to six, and have been reconfigured to move away from cultural tourism and into hands-on, experiential learning," said Northup.

Northup confirmed that the Honors College has added a full semester prep course before each month-long trip and a major research component to each program as they continue to differentiate Honors Study Abroad and build in excellence.

"I believe strongly that international education is a crucial educational element, and am ramping up efforts to develop funding for every Honors student to have a foreign study opportunity," said Northup.

Northup will have oversight for everything that happens in the college, from personnel, to programs and financial matters.

"A large portion of each day is devoted to issues that come up in the regular course of business that need my input—either as advice, directives, or permission. Also, we are very student-centered, so I also see a lot of students," added Northup.

According to Northup, the best honors college in the world needs to have values, virtues and a vision, and she says she will work hard maintain those at the Honors College.



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## NEWS FLASH

## NATIONAL

**Perry signs pledge on anti-gay marriage amendment**

Gov. Rick Perry has signed a pledge to back a federal constitutional amendment against gay marriage — repudiating his earlier comments that marriage rights should be left up to individual states.

The Republican presidential hopeful signed the National Organization for Marriage's pledge Friday.

It states that, if elected, Perry will send a Constitutional amendment defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman to the states for ratification and appoint U.S. Supreme Court and federal judges who will "reject the idea our Founding Fathers inserted a right to gay marriage into our Constitution."

Perry had said that though he doesn't support gay marriage personally, it is a states' rights issue.

## WORLD

**Somali pirates free tanker after 10 months**

The Greek managers of a cargo ship captured by Somali pirates in the Indian Ocean nearly ten months ago say the vessel and its crew have been released.

Paradise Navigation SA said the Liberian-flagged MT Polar oil products tanker was set free Friday and is on its way to a safe port.

A company statement says all 23 surviving crew members are reported to be safe and well. A 24th seaman died of a stroke three weeks after the tanker was seized on Oct. 30, 2010.

The company did not comment on whether the pirates were paid ransom and how much.

It noted the fact that the MT Polar was captured despite having taken all precautions, and said international initiatives against piracy have proved ineffective.

— Compiled by Melissa Caceres

## CORRECTIONS

In Vol. 23, Issue 9 of The Beacon, the article titled "PC Recruitment week brings individual experiences" in the Life! section, the abbreviation for National Panhellenic Conference is not NPHC. It is PC.

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# 5,000 free tickets available to students first-come, first-served



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

Students wait in line on the second floor of the Graham Center to receive tickets from Campus Life for the Homecoming concert featuring Lupe Fiasco, Tinie Tempah, the comedy show and the step show.

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ture event by the homecoming council, the news that tickets were already available came as a surprise to many students.

"I had no idea," said Justin Garcia, a business major, upon hearing that Lupe Fiasco would be the performer.

The consensus is that students know about the concert, yet are unaware about how to obtain tickets for the show.

Ned Chandler, in charge of marketing and promotions at the Biscayne Bay Campus, was unavailable for comment as of press time.

There are 7,000 tickets available for the concert, 5,000 of which are free to students, which is just above 10 percent of the student body.

The homecoming council has been distributing for the past three weeks on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Tickets will be available for distribution once again on Aug. 31 from 1 to 2 p.m., and also on Sept. 8 from 3 to 4 p.m. at both Campus Life offices: room 2240 of the Graham Center at the Modesto Maidique Campus and room 141 of the Wolfe University Center at BBC.

Two weeks prior to the Homecoming Concert, tickets will be distributed on a daily basis until they are sold out.

Although the show will be at the biggest venue on campus, which is capable of seating 22,000 people, the homecoming committee felt the need to cap the amount of seats available for the show to provide a better experience.

"We're not gonna have someone sitting on the opposite side of the stadium," Lavado said when asked about the limited amount of tickets available.

Two thousand tickets are for sale at hc.fiu.edu, with two

options available: a \$30 VIP floor seat in front of the stage and a \$25 general admission price.

The prices are relatively low for a concert featuring Lupe Fiasco, whose average concert price is \$50 and up on Ticketmaster.

"Usually concerts are \$80, so we wanted to cut it and make it easier for students to buy," said Lavado.

However, \$90,000 worth of student money from the activities and services fees were used to pay both Lupe and Tinie.

And when asked about the possibility for University students to receive a discount on paid tickets, Lavado refused to comment.

All proceeds made from ticket sales will go towards the production costs of the concert.

"We're trying to expand the event. We wanted to make it more accessible to the community," said Lavado. "Also, we don't feel it's fair that, since our students are paying for the concert with our fees, people

from outside should get in for free."

Alumni, faculty and staff of the University can also obtain free tickets on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Lavado also refused to comment on what the homecoming council is doing to advertise to the community.

With few signs being seen around either campus, some students believe that the committee can expand the advertisement.

"Have bigger posters, not just little ones," said Emily Ebanks, a senior majoring in architecture. "Also, put them in all the schools. I don't walk around campus a lot and it seems that all of the flyers are limited to GC. Not all the students walk around the campus."

Not all students share the same sentiment about the advertisement for the concert.

"I think they're doing a good job about getting the word out," said Ellen Heitmann, a junior who is double majoring in international relations and political science.

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## FOOTBALL

# Carroll looks to complete legacy in senior year



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Wesley Carroll [above] has won two bowl games in his collegiate career after a number of heartbreaks in high school championship games.

## JACKSON WOLEK Staff Writer

Wesley Carroll almost had five championship rings on one hand as a starting quarterback. Three times he led a powerful St. Thomas Aquinas football program to the Class 5A title game, and three times he came away empty-handed. It was beginning to seem as if Carroll's career as a football player would turn out to be like the Buffalo Bills losing four straight super bowls.

That is why when he got his chance to get back to a championship game as a true freshman for Mississippi State in the Liberty bowl, and as a junior for FIU in their first Little Caesars bowl last year, he didn't want to taste defeat again.

"It certainly fueled a high school fire not winning those three state championships that I know we could have won," said Carroll. "But now that I have a couple of rings in college, I'm trying to get another one this coming season."

He came to St. Thomas as a sophomore from a North Carolina prep team that had just won a state title. But there, he was a backup quarterback. He did not have a ring as a starter. When he arrived at St. Thomas, it was a brand new experience for him.

"I came from winning a state championship in North Carolina, so

as far as I knew, that was the biggest thing around. Then when I went to St. Thomas, it totally opened my eyes to a whole other world because I just didn't know that type of football existed," said Carroll.

In 2004, he got his shot as the starter for varsity and led them to a Class 5A state championship game. He would lose to Lakeland that year in the championship, but he would be back the following year at the same spot again, on the losing end. In his final year with the team, he once again brought them all the way to the state championship to face off against Lakeland, just to be disappointed.

At St. Thomas, Carroll says that he put too much on himself, more than he had at Mississippi State or last year at FIU. He has matured as a player since then and has now realized how to depend on other people. Just like he had to depend on T.Y. Hilton to make the first down of the bowl game last year, or Jack Griffin to punch in the game winning field goal.

There was no shortage of top college football programs that had interest in Carroll after he graduated. Schools such as North Carolina State, UCF and Duke wanted him to be a part of their team. He eventually chose Mississippi State to be his home. Former Bulldog offensive coordinator Woody

McCorvey is the main reason why Carroll went to Mississippi State, because of the faith and loyalty that he showed towards him.

"Another route that could have been considered was Ivy League, like Princeton or Harvard or Brown," Carroll said. "As crazy as it sounds to turn down an Ivy League school, I really just wanted a chance to play in the SEC and play against the best competition in the country."

As a true freshman at Mississippi State, Carroll went 6-3 as a starter and threw for 1,392 yards, making it to the All-SEC freshmen team and to the Liberty Bowl, where he was victorious over one of the teams recruiting him, UCF.

It seemed natural that he would end up being the starter the next year for the Bulldogs, and even Carroll said that he never wanted to leave. He had every intention of staying there for four to five years, but after head coach Sylvester Croom left to be a running backs coach for the St. Louis Rams at the end of the 2008 season, he decided he didn't want to play for a coach who did not recruit him.

Carroll also happened to throw six interceptions and only three touchdowns in his first four games of his sophomore season and, eventually, lost his starting job to Tyson

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Lakovic, Golden Panthers shine in sweep over Fairfield in opener

## EDUARDO ALMAGUER Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers have officially opened the season in dominant fashion.

Florida International University (1-0, SBC 0-0) capitalized on Fairfield's (0-1, MAAC 0-0) numerous errors to win in three sets, 25-20, 25-16, and 25-19 in their first match of the Cal Molten Classic in Berkeley, Calif.

Middle blocker Andrea Lakovic and outside hitter Jovana Blejica lived up to their Preseason All-SBC roster selection by posting nine and 11 kills respectively.

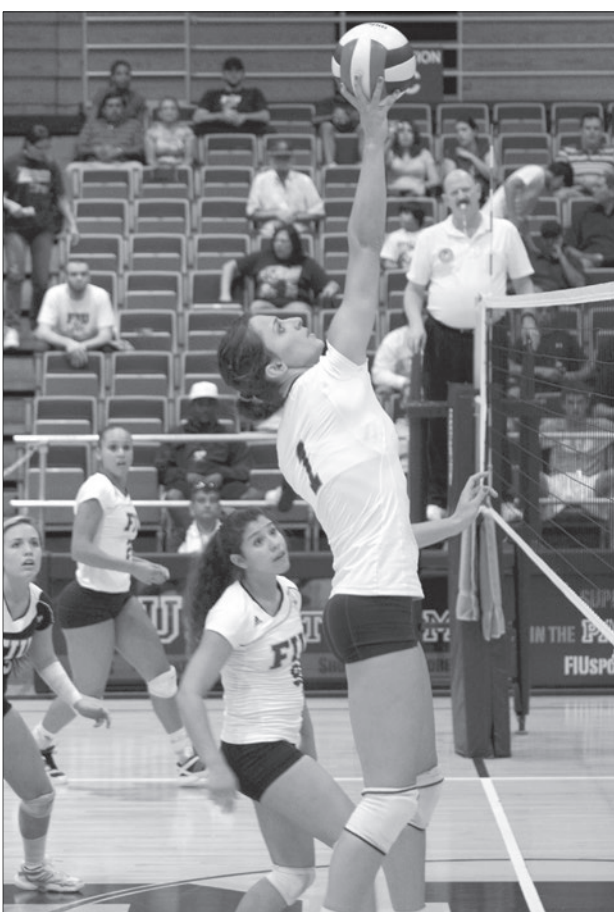
Lakovic also had a team-high six blocks. Sabrina Gonzalez, one of two seniors being counted on to lead the team this year, posted an outstanding .700 hitting percentage.

Libero Chanel Araujo led the defense with 13

digs. A key development in the game was the setter position, which had been in question for the majority of practice, may have just been answered. redshirt freshman Jessica Egan almost exclusively held down the setter position as she led the team with 25 assists, 19 more than redshirt junior Renele Forde, who left midway through the first set.

With adrenaline coursing through their bodies, the Panthers jumped to a 6-2 lead in the first set. Three straight errors by FIU helped the Fairfield Stags knot it at 8-8, where the two teams exchanged blows until the score hit 11-10.

Fairfield went on a 4-0 run before head coach Danijela Tomic substituted Forde for Egan in hopes of stopping the bleeding. The team didn't look back after that. After they closed the deficit to 17-18, Lakovic



BEACON FILE PHOTO

Andrea Lakovic [above] had a team-high six blocks in win over Fairfield in season opener.

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## FANTASY CRUZ

# Receivers poised to make impact for team owners

Welcome back to part two of the Fantasy Cruz draft special. Last column entailed quarterbacks and running backs. Let's now dive into receivers, tight ends and defenses. I will not stoop down to kickers, seriously?

Tight ends are going to be a major draft issue this season. The top two tight ends are coming off season-ending injuries and are probable as of next week. But then again, they do have two studs throwing them the ball, arm slinging Phillip Rivers and "The Sher-

riff," Peyton Manning.

Receivers are coming back with a vengeance this season. Some receivers were make or break last season for many owners alike. Take for example Deshaun Jackson, who was a week-by-week game winner for any fantasy owner who obtained him on their roster. Then again, there were weeks where he was very quiet. The top receivers this season seem to be the same as last year's because their quarterbacks are intact, so make sure you snatch one.

I have always been more of a fan of defense than offense, and lately in the NFL, defenses are becoming extremely complex. Whether talking about the Jets, Steelers,

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## COMMENTARY



JOEY CRUZ

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# With key players gone, team looks to newcomers for help

**MALCOLM SHIELDS**  
Staff Writer

After ending the 2010-2011 season with a 73-38 loss to Middle Tennessee in the second round of the Sun Belt Conference tournament, the Golden Panthers were ready to get back to work over the summer for the upcoming season.

"It wasn't what we expected. We expected more," senior Jeremy Allen said. "It just gave me the motivation to come in the summer and work hard on the things I need to work on."

Last season's leading scorer, DeJuan Wright, used the loss as motivation to get right to work to improve on his game.

"It was a lot of motivation," Wright said. "We have been working hard this summer trying to get better and have a better season. I worked on everything, and as a team we worked on everything."

To the coaches, the results of a long summer's worth of work have begun to show in the players.

"They put in a lot of extra time in the weight room," assistant coach William Eddie said. "They did a lot of individual work. You can look at some of the guy's bodies and you can tell that [the work] is paying off."

For Allen, his focus was to round out his entire game.

"Working on all aspects of my game; getting to the rim [and] my mid-range shot," Allen said. "Me and Juan [Wright] will come in [the gym] and get a lot of shots up."

The roster went through some attrition as the Golden Panthers lost nine players from last season. Key contributors Marvin Roberts, Phil Gary and Tremayne Russell are gone, due to graduation.

For Allen and Wright, it gave them the opportunity to step into the leadership role.

"It's a big role. Being a leader and a captain, you come out everyday and you lead by example, and that is what I have been trying to do," Allen said. "I want to be first in the gym when it is time to play;

just leading by example so they can follow and do the right things."

Returning underclassmen Dominique Ferguson and Phil Taylor should see expanded minutes for them to produce on the court.

"They will have the opportunity to play a full season," Eddie said. "Last year they played fragmented [time.] They put in a lot of work over the summer. Both of the guys look really good. They both understand the college game a little bit better."

Throughout the summer, a couple of freshmen have stood out in workouts.

"Tanner can really shoot it. Tanner can really, really shoot it," Wright said of Tanner Wozniak, a 6'5" Guard from Belleair, Florida.

Gilles Dierickx is a 7'1" Center from Belgium who will add size to the Golden Panthers' frontcourt.

"He reminds me of Dirk [Nowitzki]; he can shoot mid-range out to the three [point line], Wright said. "He was impressive."

One of the main themes that the coaching staff has preached to the team was improving the team defense.

"We are trying to be number one defensively this year in the conference. We're not big across the board, but our speed should pick up for that," Allen said.

"We should get a lot of steals and use our quickness on defense."

As the Golden Panthers continue to prepare for the upcoming season, Allen feels that the team will reach its main goal.

"Number one, win more games. I feel that we have a collective group of guys that will come together," Allen said. "It's a good feel on the team."

For Wright, he feels that team defense will be their catalysis for success on both ends of the floor.

"We expect to be the best defensive team in the conference," he said. "That is what we are going to pride ourselves on this season. Our offensive will come with how we play defense."



BEACON FILE PHOTO

DeJuan Wright [#14] will assume a larger role on a team looking for leadership after key departures from last year.

## FOOTBALL

# Frings, Di Croce score in Golden Panthers shutout victory

**ANDRES LEON**  
Staff Writer

The FIU men's soccer team beat Nova Southeastern 2-0 in their home opener Friday night. With the absence of standout players Nicolas Rodriguez Fraile and Jahbari Willis, Coach Munga Eketebi was confident in his young squad, giving Boca Raton native Colby Burdette the chance to shine on Aug 26.

Burdette assisted international star Sebastian Frings on the second goal for FIU. Off a quick run, Burdette got behind the Sharks back line and unselfishly pass up a shot, giving Frings a chip pass to finish it off in the net.

"It's great to get the win first game of the season, and Colby is going to be great for



SHAWN STEVENS/THE BEACON

Colby Burdette [above, #2] picked up an assist in FIU's season opening win on Aug. 26.

this team. He's a team player and gave me the chance to finish the play," said Frings after Friday night's win.

The Golden Panthers

enjoyed possession throughout the game, keeping the ball away from Nova Southeastern and preventing them from having quality opportunities.

The Sharks only threatened on two occasions.

Late in the first half, Halil Tozar was able to get a shot on goal after getting a through ball

and passing the FIU defense. Tozar's shot fell into the hands of starting goalkeeper Eric Reyes. Reyes, cleared to start this past Monday, made one more save on the night, stopping a long shot from NSU forward James Pucci.

The first goal for FIU came early on when Mario Uribe ran past the NSU defense and gave a lob to Lucas Di Croce. Di Croce controlled the ball off his chest and after quick bounce off the pitch, he chipped it past the Sharks keeper.

"It feels great to get this early win, especially in the opening minutes. To score like that gives us a ton of confidence towards the rest of the season," said Di Croce.

The Golden Panthers shot 50 percent from the field, taking 14 shots with seven of

them on target. Meanwhile, NSU fired seven shots with only two on net. NSU keeper Steffen Rau compiled five saves on the night.

As far as minutes for the home opener, five players for FIU play for the entire match. Keeper Eric Reyes along with defenders Nicholas Chase, Anthony Hobbes and John Kite saw all 90 minutes of action.

Freshmen Arthor Kristinsson and Quentin Albrecht received about 40 minutes each off the bench.

"We have a lot of talent on the team and few of the players are getting used to our playing style, while others are getting accustomed to the humidity," said Coach Eketebi. "We are going to expose our talent this season and I think it's great that these freshmen play hard."

# Journey to FIU filled with successes and failures

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Lee.

So the whole recruiting process started over again for Carroll now that he was back on the market. Many schools were interested in him this time around as well, especially after what he showed he could do at Mississippi State in the SEC.

FIU happened to be close to home, so his parents could come watch him play every home game. And what was even better, FIU wanted him.

"I wanted to play for a team where they wanted me, and there's

no better feeling than being wanted," Carroll said.

Carroll was coming from an SEC school with a rich history of success in the most difficult conference in the country to a school that had no conference championships and arguably one of the worst conferences in football. FIU had never even been able to make a bowl appearance. This was not the territory that Carroll was used to. He was used to the big time at St. Thomas and SEC play.

"It didn't bother me, I could see that there was promise and it wasn't much different than Mississippi

State," said Carroll. "They hadn't been to a bowl game in about a decade, so being a part of something like that has always been something that I take to heart."

After Carroll sat out a season as a redshirt, he began a fierce quarterback battle against Wayne Younger at the start of the 2010 season. Carroll eventually won the spot over Younger, took FIU to a 6-2 record in the Sun Belt conference play, and then to a Little Casers Bowl victory. And the rest is history.

Except Carroll does not want that to be the end of his legacy at FIU. He has one more year to show

everything he has to NFL scouts, but more important for him is taking the momentum of last year and bringing it along to this season so that FIU can have an even stronger program.

If he does not end up in the NFL, he certainly has a backup plan, since he already graduated with a bachelor's degree and is working on his master's. Graduating and winning a bowl game all in a year's time is special. But which is more important?

"You can always go back and get your college degree at any age. But right now, the bowl game is defi-

antly more important because there are only so many years that you have to play college football," said Carroll.

## 2010 SEASON STATS



WESLEY CARROLL

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YDS:  
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QB Rating:  
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## Julio Jones could be a steal for teams looking for value



DAVE MARTIN/AP

Julio Jones [center] could make a big splash as a member of the Atlanta Falcons.

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or even the Ravens, these NFL defenses have offensive coordinators pulling their hair out at times. They blitz corners and drop an outside backer to his spot, or even rush five in the box and ghost a safety towards the middle of the field. Defense is definitely the better side of the football.

### WIDE RECEIVERS

**Andre Johnson-** Last season's 1,216-yard, 8-touchdown year is just another example that, year after year, he is a player owners can rely on and trust. I think if anyone were to be his quarterback, they would make him look good. Role Model.

**Greg Jennings-** I mean, he does have Aaron Rodgers going for him. Last season he caught the ball for 1,265 yards and 12 touchdowns. Look for Jennings to repeat a dynamic season now that healthy Packers are back in the mix. Remember, he ran into the end zone with a broken leg and broke

Darren Sharper's tackle. Doing it for Madden.

**Roddy White-** Last season, he was the second best receiver in fantasy football. Last year, his numbers were 1,389 yards and 10 touchdowns. This year he has a thriving quarterback with another year of experience and a new addition to the receiving core that will free him up sufficiently. Watch out for Atlanta this season, along with White. Dirty Bird.

### UNDER THE CRUZAR

**Julio Jones-** Two words: draft him. From what I have seen this preseason, Jones is looking very healthy after having that foot injury after college. Don't be surprised if Jones is a top five, number two receiver in the NFL this season. Roll Tide.

### TIGHT ENDS

**Antonio Gates-** Last season he suffered from injuries, but hopefully he'll be back in action for owner's sakes. If Gates gets back to his usual self,

I can guarantee he will be the most efficient tight end this season. Spark Plug.

**Dallas Clark-** This season is a crapshoot for the top tight ends. Dallas Clark is back in action, but apparently Peyton Manning isn't going to start week one. With Kerry Collins throwing him the ball, hopefully Clark is fully recovered and good to go to have a usual Dallas Clark season. Comeback Kid.

**Jason Whitten-** Last season was not so great with a little over 300 yards and three touchdowns. His best buddy is back and healthy, looking extremely promising. Tony Romo is another "under the cruzar" QB, and with him at Whitten's disposal, owners can be pretty confident Whitten will dominate in the Wild West this season.

For more Fantasy Football tips,  
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## Golden Panthers able to hold off Fairfield comeback effort

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and Blejica powered the squad to an 8-2 run on the heels of four combined kills and two service aces from Outside hitter Marija Prsa. A service error by Stag Rachel Romansky sealed the first set for FIU, 25-20.

With Egan starting the second set at the setter position, FIU jumped to another 6-2 lead with two kills from Blejica. With the help of some more Fairfield sloppiness, the Panthers never lost the lead in this one. After taking a 16-10 lead with the help of an attack error by the Stags, FIU never let

the gap drop to less than six points. The team won the set 25-16, its biggest margin of victory of the night.

Fairfield posted eight errors this set, bringing their total to 13 in the game. Egan was the star with 12 assists. Gonzalez, dormant in the first set, led the team with four kills.

Knowing that their backs were up against the wall, Fairfield came out in the third set firing. FIU, however, had no problem keeping pace. After a back and forth, the teams were tied 4-4.

After dropping to 5-8, the Panthers showed

patience and let Fairfield do the work for them. The Stags posted a remarkable five straight errors to give FIU a 10-8 lead. After more battling, the Panthers held a slim, one-point lead with a score of 17-16. An overpowering 7-0 run gave the team a set-point position, 24-16.

The Stags tried to make things interesting by scoring three points with the help of a kill and two FIU errors, but ultimately it wasn't enough: the winning point was scored, fittingly enough, on a Fairfield error to give the Panthers a 3-0 victory.

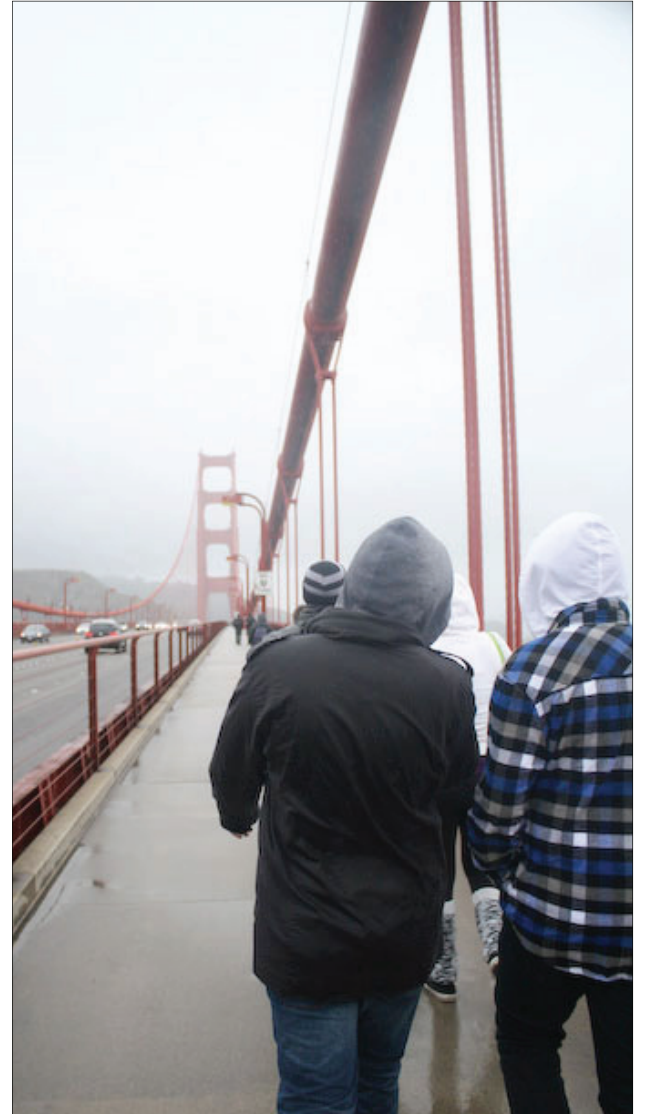
## BLOOMING ASSOCIATION

### Organization offers educational benefits for students



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FOREVER BLOOM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A student [above] enjoying a water gun fight during the Forever Bloom Alumni Association's 2009 Summer Picnic Splash. The picnic celebrated its fifth year anniversary this past Aug. 13. A group of students [right] walk on the Golden Gate Bridge during last Spring's trip to San Francisco as part of FBAA's ADVENTravel Program, which organizes community service-based trips for youths.



#### VANESSA PAREDES Staff Writer

Communities, like flowers, need attention if they are going to bloom.

The Forever Bloom Alumni Association, which had its first meeting in fall of 2006, has blossomed into an organization known for its educational public charity led by not only community students and teachers, but also

parents and local volunteers. FBAA's purpose is to promote both academic and social development of the community's youth through various community service projects, mentoring, networking, achievement recognition support and even educational travel.

The Name "Forever Bloom" comes from Bloom's taxonomy of learning domains as suggested by the organiza-

tion's founder, Anthony Reid. The name essentially means that the organization will forever grow and aspire. In addition, despite the second part of the name "Alumni Association," FBAA is for everyone and anyone who wants to participate.

Jerica Duverge, the president of FBAA, said that she initially joined FBAA to reconnect with a former peer, but later realized what

FBAA was really about for her. "As time went by I could see that being part of FBAA is more than a way to do that," Duverge said. "It's a step towards building a better community by inspiring the youth and connecting with them."

In the six years of FBAA's existence, the Board of Directors and a few volunteers managed to create a wealth of programs to reach out to their

community.

Among these programs is the Forever Mentoring Program. This program arranges mentoring partnerships between middle and high school students while college students are paired up with post-graduates and even professionals.

The organization houses approximately 200 full and junior members and works with other establishments,

including "Stand Up For Love," a group of dancers who perform in FBAA events to advocate positivity and social awareness in youth.

"Back to School Night," which happens every year during the first week of school, consists of going to a local Fuddrucker's for the purpose of donating school supplies to a local organiza-

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#### CHANNEL SURFING

### Talking dog and suicidal lawyer bring big laughs and life lessons

These are my weekly recommendations for your TV viewing pleasure.

**SCIENCE FICTION: CURIOSITY ON DISCOVERY, SUNDAYS @ 8 p.m.**

#### COLUMNIST



SANAH FEROKE

The show opens up a whole new scientific perspective on various topics; things that seem to be common knowl-

edge suddenly brings an "Oh, that's what's supposed to happen" effect.

The fact that everything is based upon science and less based on a biased hypothesis makes this show seem more reliable than most.

The first season has brought a whole new prospect to those who always watch the Discovery Channel.

The show has a wide range of topics: from the odd alien invasion scenario that shows insight from scientists and military strategists and analyzes if we would be ready to deal with such an invasion, to the most recent episode about what sank the Titanic.

We think we know about what actually happened based on textbooks while others think we know the facts based on the tragic love story from the James Cameron movie, but viewers cannot

help but wonder if there is something more hidden deep below the surface of the water.

The Sept. 4 episode's questioning of a parallel universe and if one actually exists is beyond me; I'm not even sure if I believe in that, yet we all have our prior beliefs, but sometimes it is good to put them aside and listen to a different, analytic perspective.

I guess I am just curious, no cats harmed in the process.

**COMEDY: WILFRED ON FX, THURSDAYS @ 10 p.m.**

Wilfred is an American remake of the Australian version of Wilfred starring Elijah Wood as Ryan, a suicidal ex-



PHOTO COURTESY OF FX NETWORKS

Wilfred (Jason Gann) tortures Ryan (Elijah Wood) on "Wilfred," based on the Australian series of the same name.

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COVER TO COVER

# “The Help” speaks for lost voices in a troubled South

It's 1964 and Miss Skeeter, along with the women she writes about, could be killed for publishing a memoir of 12 black maids working for rich white women. Instead of being beaten or losing their jobs like those in Jackson, Mississippi who fight for civil rights, the women inspire and change the town.

Such is the base of the plot “The Help,” by Kathryn Stockett. The novel has become extremely popular and recently has been made into a movie, which is in theaters now.

Stockett's first novel keeps readers' hearts pumping as three brave women attempt to boldly go where none have gone before—into the lives and minds of the Help who assist white women.

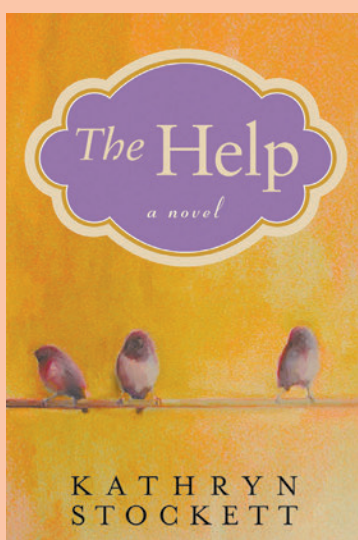
The book, Miss Skeeter, Aibileen and Minny, the two other main char-

acters who are black maids, with the assistance of 10 other maids, write describes stories of the good and bad experiences the Help have endured while working for white women in the area; women who happen to be Miss Skeeter's friends and own mother.

For example, Aibileen tells the story of how she was forced to use a run-down bathroom in the garage by the white woman she worked for, as well as the joy she experienced raising the children she looked after.

Amidst the drama, the book makes historical references to figures like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and makes mention of realistic happenings to blacks during that time.

For instance, one of the characters, a son of one of the black maids who contributes to the novel, gets his eyes gouged out by the Ku Klux Klan after having accidentally used a white restroom. This part of the novel is reminiscent of the story of Emmitt Till who was murdered at the age of 14 after flirting with a young white woman, and was



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“The Help” has also been made into a movie starring Emma Stone.

punished according to laws the of racism.

Stockett included such details through the dialogue of her characters to emphasize how much trouble the women could actually get into for writing their book, and by doing so, puts the reader right in the pinnacle of the civil rights move-

ment that was Jackson.

Without a doubt, the book's most intriguing character, Aibileen, teaches readers, along with the children she looks after in the book, basic values that in such a time weren't highly regarded.

The book's repetition of these simple virtues, and references to heroes like Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., remind readers again of what it was like in the heart of the civil rights movement, as she describes the tension between those who were most closely involved in the violence, anger, and revolution it caused.

“One day, a wise Martian come down to Earth to teach us people a thing or two,” Aibileen says as she explains the story of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the white children she cares for. Aibileen's attempts to educate these children without their parents (her employers) knowing is another way in which this noble character fights for what is right.

She once again threatens her life for the improvement of humanity, and proves that anyone with a

strong will can make a difference in the world.

According to the afterward of her novel, Stockett grew up in a white family in Jackson and had a black maid dear to her heart while growing up.

As Miss Skeeter searches to discover the unclear past of her own maid as a girl, Stockett explores the real feelings she has towards Jackson through her protagonist.

Eventually, the book the women fight so hard for is published, and Miss Skeeter, Aibileen and Minny go their separate ways, only after revealing the dirty secrets of some of the white women in the town and creating better relationships with others.

The story of the creation of their novel fills the endlessly entertaining pages of “The Help,” and the novel is a must read by all of society, as it creatively speaks for all different races.

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

# Council works to increase communication on campus

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of falling out, up to the point where God has no place in my life anymore.”

According to the PEW poll, the percentage of unaffiliated millennial young adults is steadily increasing. Of those unaffiliated, 57% find religion in general as not very important in their lives. The remainder simply cannot decide.

“I guess you can say I'm

confused,” said Lee.

Patrick Rabulan, a second year graduate student for counseling psychology tells a similar story. However, his story has a different ending. Just like many other college freshmen, Rabulan's first years in college posed a challenge to the beliefs he had known all his life.

“The independence of college life definitely affected my religious beliefs,” said Rabulan. “I didn't start seri-

ously practicing [Christianity] until I was in my sophomore year. Going to college here created an environment that allowed me to challenge my beliefs and assess them for what they are in theory and in practice.”

Thus, Rabulan became an example of how life in college can prove not only to be a testing ground for one's beliefs, but also an opportunity for growth and a deepening of

understanding. Through perseverance in the early challenges of his experience, Rabulan's beliefs became realized even further.

Among the other religious and spiritual clubs and organizations on campus, the Multifaith Council stands out in particular. Several organizations of different religious beliefs, including Christianity, Judaism and Islam, have come together to “nourish the intel-

lectual dimensions of faith as well as the spiritual dimensions of education.” One way they do this is through their joint efforts with events that promote open discussion about religion and spirituality amongst students, such as a roundtable event that occurred last spring semester.

Paul Massingill, president of the Multifaith Council, believes in the interdisciplinary communication among religious beliefs and academic disciplines.

“We're finding ways to encourage conversation across academic disciplines and different faith perspectives around the questions of truth, faithful spirituality and how knowing and understanding God helps us better know and understand ourselves, one another and the world we share,” said Massingill.

“FIU has done incredible work in promoting diversity on campus in many ways. I see FIU promoting cultural and ethnic diversity and find that the tolerant atmosphere our university maintains extends in part to the many religious beliefs that are represented on campus,” said Rabulan.

Chuck Huang, a sophomore computer science major, recently transferred to the University from China and had similar experiences.

“The university generally provides a free religious learning environment. Back in China our university only focuses on students' academic well-being” shared Huang. “Here [FIU] we have the privilege to participate in many great campus ministries like Cru and Wesley, who provided

great opportunities for my faith to grow.”

However, the open atmosphere and opportunities often clash with the religious beliefs of students' and the academic agenda of a secular university.

“Some professors may not accept students' answer from their religious perspective. For example, if you write in your paper that God created all the plants and animals, the professor may require you to rewrite your paper,” said Huang.

Massingill understands this point. “Of course there are other ways in which a large secular university is a challenging place to encourage people to seek God and explore their faith. There will probably always be somewhat of a tension there. I pretty much ignored God and my faith the first couple of years of college.”

It wasn't until his third year that he became serious about his faith.

Taylor, Huang, Rabulan, Lee and surely many others on campus can identify with the tension and struggles Massingill talks about. Yet despite this ever-present tension, he also has hope and vision of moving forward at FIU.

“I do feel like there is a growing movement of students on campus who are seeking to grow in their faith and live out their faith in the world,” said Massingill. “I think religious life and the presence of God-seeking students on campus is going to continue to grow. I'm excited to see how that will help shape the life of our university.”



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# The game of lying provides fresh mystery, suspense

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lawyer who becomes pals with his neighbor's dog, Wilfred, played by Jason Gann.

I think all sane animal owners see their pets for what they are -- animals, but Ryan sees Wilfred as a scruffy bearded man with an Australian accent in a dog suit who is capable of talking, cursing, drinking and smoking, all while having a dog-like mentality.

This comedy is like the adult version of the concept of Disney's "Up," and I like it. It is much better than hearing "squirrel!" every five seconds from Dug the dog.

The show is funny in its own way, particularly because the idea of putting a mischievous man in a dog suit in the position of offering advice and attempt to be helpful while still not comprehending the 'fake throw of the ball' trick is hilarious and sometimes infuriating.

Every now and then I want to wring his ear, but then I remember it is just a show.

What sucks me in is the way each episode is set up as a way for Ryan's personal improvement with Wilfred acting like a pseudo mentor.

In the Sept. 1 episode, Ryan feels like he has finally found happiness, which is rare for someone who feels his life is mediocre, but Wilfred begs Ryan to sacrifice it for a higher purpose.

I have a feeling that Ryan will succumb to Wilfred's request because

if he does not, Wilfred will manipulate him until he does. Wilfred, however, is practically Ryan's only bud, as sad as that seems. I guess a dog really is a man's best friend ... Wilfred is another story.

**DRAMA: THE LYING GAME ON ABC FAMILY, MONDAYS @ 9 p.m.**

Running for its first season, "The Lying Game," based on the Sara Shepard book series of the same name, is taking a shot at the small screen.

While this one shares the same format of suspense and drama like that of its parent series, "Pretty Little Liars", I feel more attached to PLL but still feel like giving TLG a test drive.

Here is what we know: Emma Paxton, living in foster care is discovered by her twin sister, Sutton Mercer, who has been adopted into a wealthy family, but is still searching for their biological parents.

While Sutton goes off on the hunt, Emma has to pretend to be Sutton in the meantime.

Also, there is something mysterious and shady going on with Alec Rybak, the father Sutton's friend, Madeline, and Dan Whitehorse, a police officer and brother to Sutton's secret boyfriend (blackmail maybe since it is not like he has not done that before). Who knows? It is all part of the game.

The thing is I keep noticing is



PHOTO COURTESY OF ABC FAMILY

Alexandra Chando [above] pulls off the dual roles of twin sisters, Emma Becker and Sutton Mercer, separated at birth and reunited.

that most of the events are extremely random and could possibly be filler as there is no full connection between every incident.

One thing I found especially unique is that Sutton's younger sister, Laurel, seems to feel left out while the adopted sibling, Sutton, gains more attention from her adopted parents than their own biological kid.

While that scenario is at a standstill, Emma is stepping up, fusing her personality and Sutton's good

clothing style into one as she sticks up for Charlotte, another one of Sutton's close friends. Is it possible that Sutton's friends are actually starting to like Emma as Sutton more than Sutton herself? (Gasp!)

In the upcoming Sept. 5 episode, we find out that these two girls, who lived in completely different worlds, shared more than just huge alien eyes and good facial structure. Emma and Sutton realize that they both have been having the same dreams and

have had similar experiences in their childhood.

I will be watching "The Lying Game;" it is fairly interesting and helps me with my fashion, but maybe it is not as good as Pretty Little Liars. We will see what happens... it depends on how curious I am, or if Pretty Little Liars reruns are on.

*Channel Surfing is a weekly column on TV shows. Look for it every Monday this Fall.*

# Annual trips help students realize their hidden potential

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tion in need.

"Joining the group has helped me not only be more involved in the community but it has also opened my mind to 'the bigger picture,'" added Duverge.

"Though no one has inspired me in my career venture specifically, they have inspired me in other aspects

of my life; especially the younger members who are so innovative and creative. They inspire me to do things I never did when I was their age."

In addition, the FBAA ADVENTravel Program, established in 2009, organizes community service-based trips for youth, such as a trip that took place during Spring 2010 to San Francisco.

"Through FBAA,

members are able to experience things outside of their normal routine and they do it with guidance from their mentors.

The trip to Canada, for example, allowed students to go somewhere they normally would not, and to do it safely and enjoyably," said Vanessa Grijalba, a senior and health service administration major.

"It forced members to

step outside their comfort zone and experience things like cooking meals for their peers, going on a seven mile hike, riding public transportation, volunteering in a foreign country, and learning to take care of yourself."

The second trip took place June 14th of this year. Their destination was Montreal, Canada where a total of 27 participants became

acquainted with Montreal's museums, city festivals and a community service event held at the University of Montreal.

This time around, study groups were created in order to maximize the learning experience, giving participants various assignments relevant to their trips.

The assignment included a 40-minute presentation on a topic related to Montréal.

"This organization, in essence, was created as a means of continuing the ardent process of young people learning, growing and realizing the limitless possibilities of sharing and exploring their world together," said Duverge. "FBAA places great emphasis on striving towards high academic achievement, career advancement and upward social mobility."

## THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

### MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2011

#### MASSAGE



WHEN: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free 10 mins  
WHERE: BBC Recreation Center

#### SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT LAW SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

Come join their first meeting of the school year to find out more about how you can get involved!

WHEN: 12:45 p.m.-1:30 p.m.  
WHERE: Large courtroom

#### YOGA



WHEN: 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: BBC Rec. Center

#### EC BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

WHEN: 12 p.m.-3 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: MMC Engineering Center Backyard

#### FIU WOMEN'S SOCCER VS. FLORIDA TECH



WHEN: 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.  
WHERE: FIU Soccer Stadium

#### COM 2011-2012 INTERVIEWS

WHEN: 12 p.m.-5 p.m.  
WHERE: Lot 33

#### "FALL INTO FIU PBL" FIRST GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
WHERE: MMC College of Business Complex 232

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2011

#### FIU BIKES "BACK TO SCHOOL"

Join FIU Bikes, the FIU GoGreen Team, the Rec Center, FIU Barnes & Noble Bookstore, and Kmart to promote biking!

WHEN: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
WHERE: MMC In front of Rec Center

#### ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY

WHEN: 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: RDB 2008

#### TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE: THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIVACY IN SOCIAL NETWORKING

WHEN: 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.  
WHERE: MMC GC 150

#### FIU CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY MEETING

WHEN: 12 p.m.-2 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: RDB 2008

#### AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY FIRST FALL MEETING

Join them to learn more about their new ACS FIU Chapter, upcoming events & great opportunities to get involved! Lunch will be provided!  
WHEN: 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: 2006

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## BORDERLESS WITH BROOKLYN

# Inexpensive clothing for an exorbitant price

Apologies alone do not suffice; there must be a fundamental change in the manufacturing of clothes abroad. The Brazilian government is bringing 52 charges against Zara's parent company Intidex for slave labor.



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While Intidex has stated that only 0.03 percent of its garments were made in "unlicensed workshops" out of seven million, the *Sydney Morning Herald* reported that the factory was subcontracted by A.H.A., which is responsible for 90 percent of Zara's production in Brazil.

Even if it was only 0.03 percent out of seven million, the numbers lack relevance to human cost. Some of the workers inter-

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viewed and freed from the workshops were as young as 14 years old.

According to Forbes, "In one of the workshops, a Bolivian worker explained to the reporter that a pair of Zara jeans – which in Brazil is sold for roughly [\$126] – has a working cost of [\$1.14]. Such a sum is divided equally between all the people involved in the production system, which in the case of the pair of jeans takes about seven individuals. The workers' average monthly income is about [\$569] for a shift

of no less than 12 hours. Working safety conditions found in these factories were also critical. A fire extinguisher had an expiration date of 1998."

The response from Intidex, which is headed by Amancio Ortega, the richest man in Spain, was trite and simply echoed what other huge retailers said when they too had been caught with their pants down: unauthorized outsourcing. In other words, Intidex and its millions of dollars is incapable of monitoring and remaining aware of the conditions

in which its clothes are being produced in and the total lack of welfare for who it employs, or more accurately, enslaves.

It is shameful that multi-million dollar companies have to go through a slavery scandal to be prompted to do the right thing. Nike had a similar mea culpa that resulted in copious appeals to the mass media and public. In July 2000, writer Jim Keady lived in Indonesia and worked with Nike factory workers. Wages were \$1.25 per day. A multi-million dollar company outsourcing labor to cut corners financially by exploiting workers with abysmal wages epitomizes gross corporate greed.

As recently as two years ago, Keady returned to the field and conducted research that showed positive progress, but as he points out in an article on huffingtonpost.com, "Nike workers are still being paid a poverty wage and

Nike still refuses to bargain with their workers in good faith."

Of equal importance is consumer awareness about where their \$126 skinny jeans are coming from. If it is from Zara, it might have been made by an enslaved 14 year-old Bolivian in some godforsaken sweatshop in Brazil.

However, I resist the notion that consumers are solely responsible for ensuring their clothes are coming from ethical practices of companies. The average consumer, unlike Spain's richest man, does not have endless resources and millions of dollars to properly research where their garments are coming from.

The consumer should know where their clothes are coming from, but the company that produces it should be held ultimately accountable.

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

# Textbook rentals a cheaper alternative to purchasing

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Staff Writer

Although the semester has just begun, I am already filled with dread at the thought of what comes next: purchasing textbooks. Fortunately, I have recently learned that there are options to help keep my wallet full and my stress levels down this year. The University is helping students overcome their textbook woes by offering the option of renting, rather than purchasing, textbooks at a reduced price.

At the start of the semester, cries and pleas from students, new and old, trickle down my Facebook Wall begging for cheap or free books. Bulletin boards around campus are flooded with flyers from student entrepreneurs offering textbooks for cash, always promising the best deal.

The long lines at the bookstore, the high cost of books and the strategically placed binders and pens I want, but do not need, haunt me all the way to the checkout counter. It seems as if all of the money I worked for this summer will go straight from my bank account to books and supplies.

Last Spring, I spent almost \$800 and last Fall I spent almost \$1,000 on textbooks. There have been semesters where I have chosen to forego purchasing books for certain courses simply because of the cost. According to the College Board, students at a four-year public college during the 2011-

2012 school year should expect to spend up to \$1,137 on textbooks and other supplies.

However, renting textbooks can save students up to 50 percent on a single textbook. It is easy to do and may help maintain a progressive educational environment. There is a text message system that will remind students of a book's due date.

Renting is a cheaper alternative, because returning books that were purchased new back to the bookstore at the end of the semester does not always promise a fair return. I witnessed a friend get offered 30 cents once for a used textbook. The value of books decreases quickly because they are always being updated and newer editions are printed.

When I rent, I am able to order books online, which means I can avoid the long line, or even pick them up at the University bookstore. The best parts are that I am still able to highlight and write within the rented textbook and I do not need to worry about returning the rental book until after finals.

So, before you become overwhelmed by the price of textbooks, take a look at the other options offered. The benefits of renting highly outweigh the benefits of purchasing new. Not only will cheaper textbooks hopefully inspire professors to keep assigning them as part of the classroom curriculum, but it will also save students a lot of money.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### *Republicans need history lesson*

I am sick and tired of people criticizing Obama for taking a vacation. No, the country is not in the best shape at the moment; however why don't conservatives shut their mouths before people realize that they're just a bunch of hypocrites. Republicans will condemn Obama at any opportunity to make themselves feel like they have a chance of winning the 2012 election.

I suppose the right-wingers are forgetting that their beloved George W. Bush took the most vacation time out of any president in U.S. history! Oh yeah, and he dug the hole that America is now climbing out of. How quickly we forget.

- Dana Weinstein,  
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### *Uncertain future for Libyans*

In recently taking control of much of Tripoli, Libya's capital, last Monday, rebels have scored a decisive victory against Qaddafi, whose hold on power looks increasingly fragile. As many Libyans celebrate their success and the very real prospect of freedom at last, numerous concerns remain: will the regime re-emerge to rout the rebels, as it has many times during the course of the 6 month struggle? Will the rebels manage to keep it together, or will they break into infighting due to tribal and political tensions? Will the government be as free and democratic, or will it come to replace one tyranny with another? While such worry and skepticism is warranted, so is hope and confidence in the Libyan people: millions of them can already feel and enjoy the taste of freedom they fought

hard for. They stood up to a murderous state and refused to back down even at its greatest displays of brutality. What began as a medium-sized protest that was horribly suppressed turned into a sweeping movement of national liberation that transcended – albeit imperfectly – tribal, religious, and political differences. They formed a civil society, rudimentary legal system, and even a pamphlet on the proper treatment of captured enemy truths. I, like many others, would've never thought this movement would keep its momentum for this long. To see people who have never known freedom be willing to die for it is a sobering and inspiring experience, and it should be met with support, hope, and at least cautious optimism.

-Romney Manassa  
FIU Alumnus



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# Pets on campus already a concern for some residents

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tutions and has seen some students at other schools bring snakes and even tarantulas as pets.

“Not everyone has the same standards of cleanliness and we don’t have enough studios or rooms to satisfy everyone. There are also many people with allergies which could be set off by animals,” said Kogan.

According to Kogan, students normally abide by the University’s pet policies and Health and Safety inspections that are conducted three times a semester, which check for violations and functions to keep dorms free of unpermitted pets.

“We usually give them a 24-hour notice to remove the animal because we understand the attachment towards the pet but they are still documented for alleged violation of the code of student conduct. Whichever staff member confronted the situation would write an incident report,” said Kogan.

Despite the consequences of breaking the rules, there are always students who try their luck.

Marcus Silver, Resident Life Coordinator at Lakeview Village, has encountered a number of different pets while inspecting rooms throughout his time working at three different institutions.

“Everything from cats, dogs, ferrets, to

seeing over 100 snakes in different cages while conducting safety inspections,” said Silver. “The funny thing about the snakes is that the resident’s friend had his pet store go out of business and they needed to find a space for the snakes. We found out that there were crickets coming from the room and this led us to the snakes.”

In spite of some unique scenarios, some college officials note that students with pets seem to be less stressed than students who live on campus without a pet.

“I think it should be the preference of the student to bring a pet on campus,” said Nicole Perez, a junior journalism major. “When you’re outside of the classroom you are free

to do whatever you want so why not bring whichever kind of pet you have to school if it will make you happy.”

A major concern with having pets on campus is sanitation; pets may carry germs or small parasites that can spread and affect other pets and even students. Although, having a cute non-human friend on campus may ease tensions for students who are accustomed to having pets, the implications it may cause is a major factor in on the University’s pet policy.

“It would bring an interesting level of change for FIU and make people a little more compassionate, but it could also upset many people, especially those with allergies or animal phobias,” said Swaede.

# ‘SGA Day’ gives students an opportunity to meet and talk with representatives

## NATASHA CAPLAN Staff Writer

Out of the shadows of their third floor WUC office, the Biscayne Bay Campus Student Government Council will make their first appearance of the Fall semester, to mingle with and address their constituents and their concerns.

On Aug. 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., BBC-SGC will be fielding questions and introducing the new members of the council in Panther Square as part of the Student Government Association Day.

All students are invited to join in on the discussions, voice their opinions and receive free giveaways.

“It is our student voices that are needed for changes to be made at FIU. If we don’t ask questions, how will we know what we need?” junior Andres Lopez said.

At the start of every Fall term, Campus Life has a week dedicated to different organizations that aim to enlighten students about what is transpiring at the campus. The council welcomes everyone from freshmen to graduate students during this three-hour discussion for students to show their school spirit and give voice to their concerns.

During the meeting, the entire council will be introduced, and the new agendas and goals for the coming year

will be laid out. It is directly tied into what the council’s agendas will be for the semester. Students will also be able to engage cabinet members in an open forum where they will be doing a question and answer session in which all questions from students will be addressed.

Along with the issues of upcoming goals and agendas, there will be supply giveaways, key chains and other treats. They will also be serving refreshments to all participants.

Larissa Adames, SGA staff clerk, believes this event is important for all students.

“They’ll be able to meet their counsel and see what SGC

is capable of doing for them,” Adames said.

In the past, this event was meant to help connect any communication gaps between students and the council.

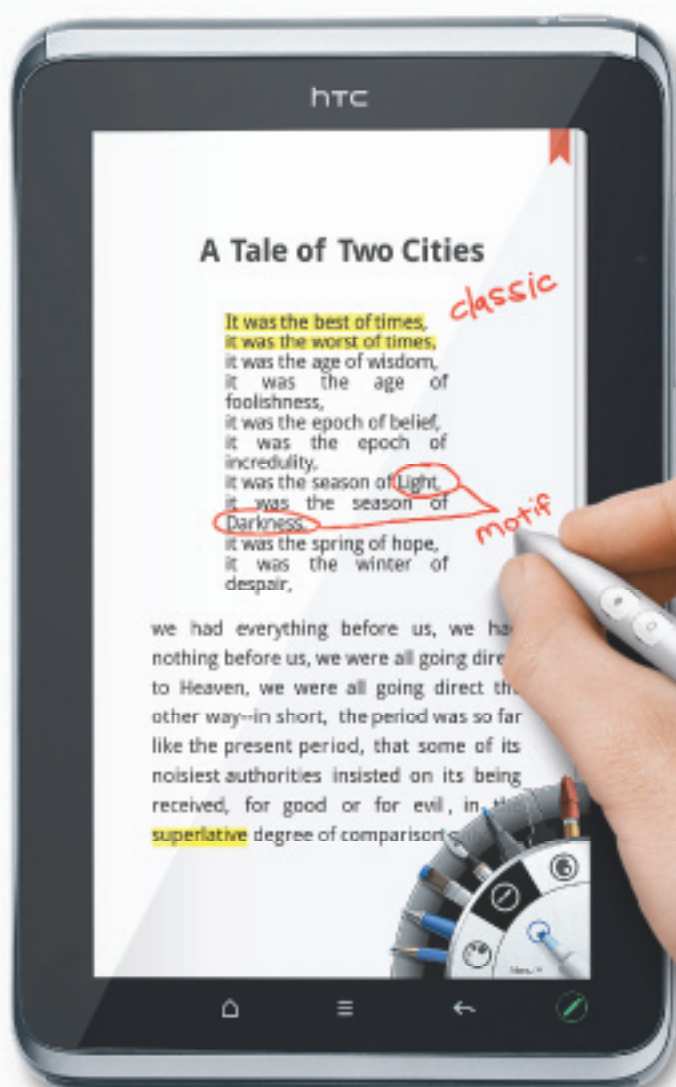
The council looks to learn what students think of, and want from, their elected members.

“Students underutilize their SGC. We can actually create a voice students see,” said Farah Yamini, College of Arts and Sciences Senator. “SGC Day is our way of throwing a pebble within the river that is FIU; to spread awareness about student empowerment via SGA. This year- with our pebble of SGC Day- we intend to create a ripple with a greater magnitude.”

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## Annual faculty dorm visit helps residents adjust

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Whether it's making cupcakes or having a game day, the Bay Vista dorms are always thinking of something fun and creative for Housing students to do.

On Aug. 25, Housing and Residential Life hosted their annual Knock-Knock program, where faculty and staff members knocked on students' doors to see how they are adjusting to their new places and life on campus.

"It's a great opportunity to meet the students and they love the fact that we take the time to come and talk to them," said Melinda Parrot, administrative assistant for the Department of Parking and Transportation.

Many students agreed that the way the faculty came out, introduced themselves and socialized with them was very helpful.

"I think it's a good opportunity to share our experience as students with the staff, it makes it seem like they really care about our well-being" said Christian Chavarro, a freshman majoring in public relations and advertising.

Before walking students to their doors, participating faculty members sat down to accompany them for dinner.

After dinner, faculty separated into groups and took their chance to surprise other students at their doors; some had more luck than others.

Dawn Fagnan, assistant director of Enrollment and Recruitment Services in the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management,

had zero luck on getting any students to open up their doors, "I love Knock-Knock, even though I wasn't able to get any takers this year. I always look forward to it, because it helps me talk to the students and helps them trust me. That's the one thing I love to do."

Freshmen moved into the Bay Vista Housing on Aug. 19, and most haven't quite gotten used to their new living environment.

Knock, Knock allowed many freshmen to feel comfortable going to faculty with their concerns and problems.

One of the students living in the dorms, Shakeria Brown, a freshman biomedical engineering major, expressed her support for the program.

"I think that the Knock-Knock program is cool. It lets the faculty know about problems we have and how comfortable we are," Brown said. "Plus, the staff who knocked on my door was very nice."

After an eventful day, the Knock-Knock program helped many Housing students learn about the faculty's role in their campus' day to day life. It aimed to help to students feel more at home during their time at the University.

"At first I was like 'Oh man, what are these people in business suits doing outside my room? Did I do something wrong?'" But the faculty were very open with me and told me things that I wanted to find out but didn't know where to find [the information]," said Kemieika Clayton, a freshman nursing major.

"Faculty and staff really do

### TROPICAL INTRODUCTION



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Independent dancer Claudia Alvarez, 25, performs during the Freshman Luau on Aug. 25. The Freshman Luau is an annual event, held in Panther Square, designed to give new students an introduction to the BBC campus and University as a whole.

care. While this year we weren't able to include gifts and prizes, for the next time around, we are going to discuss on reestablishing it in the program" said Nikki

Kogan, Resident Life coordinator at Bay Vista Housing.

"We want more students to get involved the next time we do Knock-Knock, so that we can get

more academic staff and students together and help them achieve their goals and to make their years at FIU a great experience," added Kogan.

## FIU not among schools moving towards pet-friendliness

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As long as it doesn't crawl, walk, or slither, FIU is as pet-friendly as can be. The rest of your pets need not apply - for now.

For many students who grew up in pet-friendly homes, leaving a member of the family behind, such as a cat or a dog, may not be easy. This may explain why universities across the country are allowing students and their pets to live on campus.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, California Institute of Technology, University of Illinois and University of California-Los Angeles are just a handful of the universities that have embraced their student's furry friends on campus; but will FIU ever join them in their move towards pet-friendliness?

The University is not completely anti-pet. Students are allowed to keep a fish in the residence halls, as long as the fish tank is no larger

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than ten gallons.

But for many, fish can't fill the void of leaving behind a family pet.

"I understand the sanitation and hygiene worries but pets give a little compassion which some people need to adjust to a new environment, especially those coming from another school or town," said Michael Swaede, a

senior advertising major.

Researchers at Ohio State University found that pets can provide support and serve as a stress reliever to those students who live with them. They can even make students more responsible and productive.

Other students, however, shared different concerns.

**Michael Swaede**  
Senior, Advertising

"As it is, many people are messy with their dorm rooms and if the dog does it's necessity in the dorm, some people might not clean it right away, starting hygiene problems and even fights with roommates," said Alexandra Floresmeyer, a sophomore advertising major and resident of the University Tower. "Students are busy all day and would most likely be negligent towards the pet, which is not fair to the animal."

Most schools, including other in-state schools like University of Florida and Florida State University, only allow fish as pets. However, those universities that have more lenient pet policies allowing for all sorts of pets, only permit them on designated floors and students must apply for approval.

Nikki Kogan, Resident Life Coordinator for Bay Vista Housing has worked in residential life for a number of years in several insti-