

NOT SO BRIGHT FUTURE

Scholarship program can see up to a \$1,000 cut

LAUREN ROVIRA
Staff Writer

Students who depend on Bright Futures scholarships will face a 15 percent tuition increase and less money from the program to help them.

Along with the tuition increase, in August the scholarship program will face cuts amounting up to \$960 annually per student.

The state legislature has debated how to go about cutting funding for the Bright Futures program. Two versions of the bill are currently proposed, one in either house of the legislative body.

The House version of the bill would cut anywhere between \$330 and \$480 from everyone's annual award depending on the

kind of award received. The senate version will cut \$960 from all students across the board. Meanwhile, the state legislature is also raising tuition at all public higher learning institutions in Florida – University students will see a 15 percent tuition increase.

Adrienne Samani, an incoming freshman biology major and a recipient of the Bright Futures Scholarship, expressed her frustration.

“My brother and sister are going into college plus me; that makes three. It's a really big expense on my parents and me, too,” Samani said. “I think losing \$960 would get me into a lot of debt most people wouldn't be willing to get into for school.”

Starting this fall, tuition at the University will go up \$17 per credit per semester

for all its students. On average, a full-time student will experience an increase of about \$300.

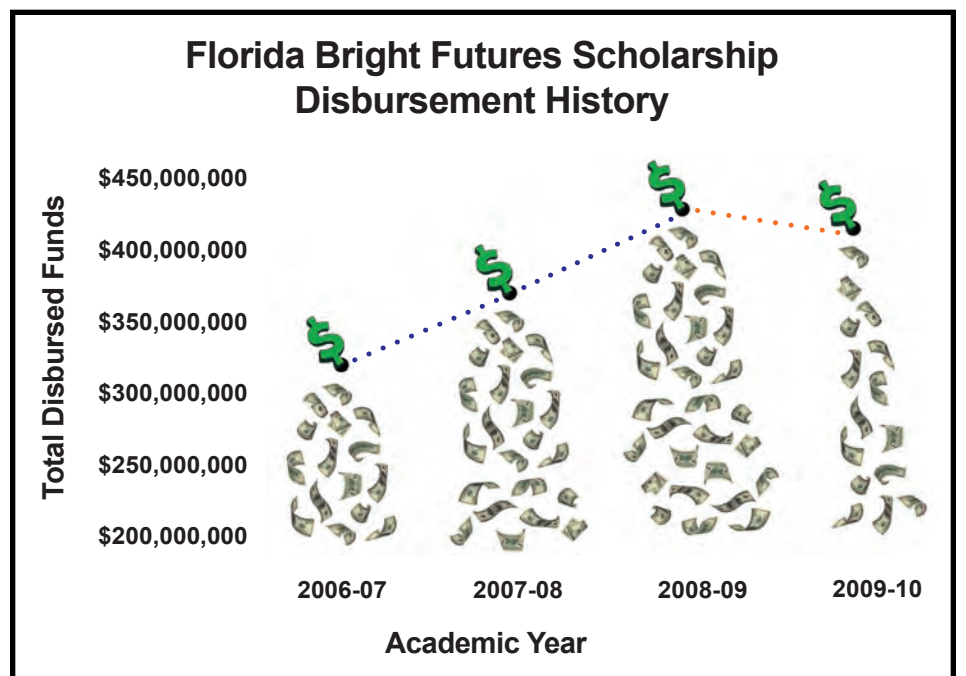
Claudia Torres, a junior criminal justice major and also on Bright Futures, is seeking alternatives to her original graduation plan.

“I was going to stay until spring but I think I want to graduate before because this is stressing me out,” Torres said.

However, the cuts won't affect all students similarly.

Thirty percent of the total earnings the University will receive from the tuition increase will be redistributed to those students who are most in need of financial aid, according to Steve Sauls, vice president of governmental relations.

According to a review of the University's operating



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budget for 2011-2012 fiscal year, \$2.3 million from the tuition increase will be given as need-based finan-

cial aid. Students without any expected family contributions will receive a differential scholarship of approx-

imately \$640.

“These students will

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THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

The theme for this year's Homecoming, “If Roary Ran the Circus,” was announced during a homecoming pep rally on July 6 at 12 p.m. in the Graham Center Pit. Homecoming will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1.

COLLEGE OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES

Community important to new dean

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Asst. News Director

Ora Strickland's father wanted her to pursue a career in music when she was a teenager, but instead she went

with a career that would allow her to help others.

“I decided to become a nurse rather than a physician because I like spending time with the patients,” said Strickland. “I wanted to become a

nurse because I would be able to spend time at the bedside of the patient and teach them how to take care of themselves, not only to help cure disease,

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DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE

Program offers creative outlets

KATRINA BRUNO
Contributing Writer

Theater students at the University are working hard to make this summer season a memorable one as they welcome their Fifth Annual Summer Alternative Theatre Festival.

ATF launched in 2007 in response to a loss of theater facility space due to renovations and an overall need for summer theater activity. This season ATF will showcase four plays: “Educating Rita,” “Oleanna,” “And Baby Makes Seven” and “Die! Mommy! Die!”

The summer semester is usually a quiet time for the department, but the introduction of this program has given an opportunity for theater students to continue to practice, learn new skills and inspire change with performances that are not only humorous but focused

on tackling important social issues.

The ATF is a self-sufficient organization at the University. It uses the revenue from its ticket sales to create costumes, build sets and keep the program running.

Phillip Church, associate professor and head of performance for the Department of Theatre, takes a backseat during the summer and oversees the program as a mentor and adviser rather than as director.

“The program gives students the chance to propose, direct, produce, act, perform and design plays of their own choosing,” said Church. “These are not plays the department determined would be done in the summer.”

The festival, which runs until July 31, is offering students an even more unique

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Check out the column “Food For Thought” by Jasmyn Elliott, for a review of the Nicaraguan restaurant Madroño.

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NEWS FLASH

LOCAL

Miami bomb scare suspect to get mental health evaluation

A mental health evaluation has been ordered for the man police say drove the hearse involved in Miami's bomb scare.

Twenty-eight year-old Lee Lewis was being held at a detention center on \$36,500 bond after a hearing Sunday.

Police found Lewis' abandoned hearse on Friday filled with what appeared to be a cache of weapons, ammunition and rocket launchers. Authorities later said the weapons were fake replicas. The investigation closed major highways and snarled traffic for hours.

According to his MySpace page, Lewis says he's a fetish model and fireplay entertainer.

WORLD

US recognizes new nation of South Sudan

The United States on Saturday recognized the Republic of South Sudan, the world's newest nation, as a sovereign and independent state.

President Barack Obama said in a statement that, "This historic achievement is a tribute, above all, to the generations of southern Sudanese who struggled for this day."

South Sudan became independent after civil wars that spanned more than 50 years. Millions of people died in the conflicts as the black African tribes from the south battled the mainly Arab north for independence. The warring sides reached a peace deal in 2005.

The country's flag was officially raised for the first time over Juba, South Sudan's capital, on Saturday after the speaker of the legislature made a formal proclamation of independence from Sudan.

—Compiled by Melissa Caceres

CORRECTIONS

In Vol. 23, Issue 2 of *The Beacon*, the article titled, "University fundraisers appointed," incorrectly states Marilyn Emas was executive director of development at the Sylvester Comprehensive Center for two years. She was executive director for nine years.

In Vol. 23, Issue 1 of *The Beacon*, the photo caption in At the Bay misspelled the name of the College of Arts and Sciences senator. The correct spelling is Farah Yamini.

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WORLD

Chavez: cancer fight 'longest walk'

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Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez turned to philosophy and Twitter to describe his efforts to beat cancer on Monday, summoning the words of German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche.

"I find myself before my highest mountain and my longest walk," Chavez said in a message posted on his Twitter account. "That's how Zarathustra spoke!"

That quoted a passage from Nietzsche's treatise "Thus Spoke Zarathustra: A Book for All and None."

Nietzsche's book focuses on a prophet who reflects on his life as he descends from a mountain retreat and returns to mix with mankind. Chavez occasionally quotes the German philosopher in his speeches.

Chavez's government also said Monday that the president is recovering quickly after undergoing surgery last month that removed a cancerous tumor.

Chavez remarked on his health during a telephone conversation with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Sunday while exercising outdoors, the Foreign

Ministry said in a statement.

Chavez told the Russian leader "that he has experienced a rapid recovery from the complex operation," the Foreign Ministry said, adding that the president has been undergoing a first phase of rehabilitation.

It said that "has generated an optimal scenario" as he starts a second phase of recuperation, adding that Chavez now has a "feeling of realistic optimism."

Chavez has said he underwent surgery in Cuba on June 20 to remove a tumor from his pelvic region. Chavez hasn't said what type of

cancer is involved.

Since his return to Caracas on July 4, the 56-year-old president has slowed his normally heavy agenda and has limited the length of his televised speeches, saying he is under strict orders from his doctors.

The Foreign Ministry said Medvedev wished Chavez a speedy recovery and told him he could count on Russia's help if needed. It said Medvedev told him that Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov plans to visit Caracas on Aug. 22-23, and that he hopes to host Chavez in Moscow soon.

Program sees cuts as tuition rises

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receive more money in proportion to the tuition increases," Sauls said. "They will be better off."

Florida ranks 48th in the country for the lowest overall tuition rates, and the University is rated one of the best values in education in the United States.

"Tuition increases amounting 15 percent won't change that [ranking]," explained Sauls.

Kenneth Jessell, senior vice president for finance and administration and chief financial officer, explained a few fees will rise as a response to the decline in funding from the state.

"We need to ensure the quality of the product students are receiving is maintained at a high level and continues to improve," said Jessell in an interview with Student Media.

"The opportunity cost of students postponing their graduation as a result of our cutting classes and professors for lack of funding, exceeds the tuition increases."

A document from the Finance and

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and Chief Financial Officer
Office of Finance and Administration

Audit Committee said 70 percent of the total increase in tuition will be "used toward enhancing and maintaining quality undergraduate education."

Patrick O'Keefe, president of the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus and the University's incoming external vice-chairman for Florida Student Associ-

ation, explained his plan of action in response to the proposed changes.

The session for the state legislature does not begin until spring and in collaboration with the University's Governmental Relations, O'Keefe plans to meet with members of the state legislature to fight for the platform both FSA and FIU set forth.

Student government also plans to increase the amount of money it raises for need based scholarships in the form of the First Generation Scholarship fund and potentially announce a merit based scholarship later in the year.

The Bright Futures Scholarship is funded by the Florida Lottery, and was originally launched to help stop the brain drain that was occurring as Florida students went to school out of state. Since 1997, the number of scholarship recipients has more than quadrupled in size.

As the lottery has not been able to keep pace with the growth of the award, in 2008-2009, legislators had to cap the amounts the Bright Futures Scholarship was giving students, even though tuition was continuing to go up.

Strickland chose nursing over music

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but to help prevent it."

Strickland, the new dean of the College of Nursing and Health sciences officially started her tenure on July 1 after spending 22 years as a professor in the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University in Atlanta.

She succeeds Sharon Pontious, who has served as the College's interim dean since February 2010 after former dean Divina Grossman became the University's vice president of engagement.

Her experiences in the field taught her that nursing "is about the prevention of diseases as much as it is about treatment."

She brings the mindset of helping patients to

the College and hopes to develop its presence within the community through the NeighborhoodHELP program, a health education learning program developed by the College of Medicine to help individual families in South Florida's poorest areas.

"There are faculty from the College of Nursing and Health Science who are involved in the community teaching children how to be healthy, who are working with the elderly and who are out there on a day-to-day basis," said Strickland.

"They are bringing their knowledge and skills to the community to improve the health and well being of its members."

As dean, she will oversee academic development and administrative operations

across the five disciplines that make up the College, which are nursing, athletic training, communication sciences, disorders, occupational therapy and physical therapy.

"At the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, we are fueled by intellect and driven by innovation and caring," said Strickland. "We want to have students who are so well prepared that everyone will want to hire them."

One of the founders of the National Institutes of Health's National Institute for Nursing Research, Strickland is an internationally known specialist in nursing research, measurement, evaluation, maternal and child health and parenting.

Strickland, who taught

nursing at University of Maryland, University of North Carolina and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, is also the first researcher in the US to track and document the symptoms of expectant fathers.

Since her appointment in February, Strickland has interviewed around 12 potential new faculty members and plans to continue seeking out health care professionals for positions.

"We've got to have faculty and students who understand the latest breakthroughs in genetics, immunology, physics and the basic sciences so that we can take those breakthroughs so that we can apply them to the needs of patients," she said.

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VOLLEYBALL

Rosa, Valentin help Puerto Rico in tournament

BRANDON WISE
Staff Writer

Golden Panthers, old and new, remain international this summer - with impressive results.

Yarimar Rosa and Natalie Valentin helped lead the Puerto Rican National team to a fifth place showing at the 10th annual Pan American games in Guadalajara, Mexico from June 30 to July 9.

Led by Rosa and her team-leading 11 attack points, Puerto Rico won in three sets (25-16, 25-23, 25-18), earned fifth place after going 3-2 in pool play and qualified for the 2012 Grand Prix, one of the most highly regarded women's volleyball competitions in the world.

The Puerto Rican team defeated Trinidad and Tobago to set up a chance to play for fifth place in the tournament, competing against current Golden Panther Renele Forde, who practiced with Trinidad and Tobago for this tournament.

After defeating Trinidad and Tobago, Puerto Rico faced an Argentinian team that jumped out to an early 2-0 lead. Puerto Rico rallied and won three consecutive games. Rosa helped lead the charge as Puerto Rico won those three games 25-23, 25-21, and 15-13.

When Rosa played at FIU, she was a four-time All-American and Sun Belt Conference Female Student Athlete of the Year. She is also a member of Criollas de Caguas, a professional volleyball team in Puerto Rico.

When Valentin played at FIU, she was a member of the All-American team as well as being a first team All-Sun Belt choice. She is also playing professionally in Puerto Rico for Leonas de Ponce.

In addition, junior Marija Prsa has been practicing with the Croatian National Team and will travel with them to the Friendly Games in France.

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE RELEASED

The women's volleyball team's 27-match 2011 schedule includes three tournaments at Berkeley, Calif., Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Orlando, Fla. Teams that the Golden Panthers will face include California, Auburn, Missouri, and Tulane.

Following a stretch of tournaments, FIU will open Sun Belt Conference play on Sept. 23 at North Texas and then to Denver on Sept. 25. The home opener for the Golden Panthers will be on Sept. 30 when they host Western Kentucky who made it into the NCAA tournament last season.

The Golden Panthers will enjoy the heart of their schedule, hosting five consecutive home conference matches from Oct. 21 to 30.

Conference play will stretch all the way until Nov. 12 when FIU will head to Troy to wrap up the season. The final stretch of the Golden Panther season will be a difficult one as they finish up with four of their last five on the road against Louisiana-Monroe, Louisiana-Lafayette, South Alabama and Troy.

The final home game of the season will



BEACON FILE PHOTOS

Natalia Valentin [above] and Yarimar Rosa [right] help Puerto Rico in the Pan American games. Puerto Rico finished fifth in the tournament.



be on Nov. 8 when the Golden Panthers face Florida Gulf Coast University on Senior Night.

The Golden Panthers will then host the 2011 Sun Belt Conference Championship, which is set to begin on Nov. 17 to 19.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Wittels signs with Cardinals; Griffin, Hilton on award lists



BEACON FILE PHOTO

Garrett Wittels [right] leaves FIU and joins teammate Jeremy Patton in the St. Louis Cardinals organization, playing with the Batavia Muckdogs in the club's Single A short season affiliate.

JOEL DELGADO
Sports Director

Garrett Wittels' college baseball days are over.

The Golden Panther infielder, who is widely remembered for his 56-game hitting streak and the allegations of rape made against him this past winter, signed with the St. Louis Cardinals organization on July 1.

He is the fourth FIU player to sign with a Major League Baseball club this offseason and the second to join the Cardinals. Jeremy Patton was drafted by St. Louis in the 38th round of the MLB Draft and Wittels joins him on the Batavia Muckdogs, the team's Single A Short Season affiliate.

Wittels went hitless in his first game with the Muckdogs, going 0 for 3 on July 5 and picked up his first hit with the Muckdogs with a fifth-inning double in a victory over the State College Spikes on July 9.

This past season at FIU, Wittels helped power an offseason that led to team's second consecutive

regional berth, hitting .345 and garnered 40 RBI to go along with four home runs.

The signing comes after the charges that were brought up against Wittels were dropped in Bahamian court in June.

GRIFFIN, HILTON RECOGNIZED

Jack Griffin had his moment in the limelight this past December, converting the game-winning field goal in front of a nationwide audience to help the Golden Panthers win their first ever bowl game in the Little Caesar's Pizza Bowl.

Now the FIU kicker is gaining more recognition as a part of Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award Watch List, which features 30 of the top place-kickers in the nation.

Griffin, who took over place-kicking duties last season, was one of the more consistent kickers in the Sun Belt Conference, converting 17 of 20 field goals attempted last season. He is the only Sun Belt kicker to be named on the list.

The winner of the award will be announced in front of a national audience during a awards gala this December.

Star receiver T.Y. Hilton was named to an awards list of his own.

The senior wide out is on the Fred Biletnikoff Award watch list, which is given to the nation's top receiver.

He is one of three Sun Belt wide receivers on the list, along with Louisiana's Ladarius Green and Arkansas State's Dwayne Frampton.

Hilton, who helped set up the Griffin kick in the bowl game with a first-down conversion on a hook-and-ladder play on 4th-and-17 to keep the final drive alive, led FIU receivers with 59 catches for 848 yards and five touchdowns.

BASEBALL: 2012 SLEEPER?

Baseball America selected the Golden Panthers baseball team as one of eight potential sleepers for a College World Series berth.

BASEBALL

Patton looks for a new start with hometown team

BRANDON WISE
Staff Writer

Jeremy Patton was recently drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in Round 38 of the Major League Baseball draft. Patton, who is originally a resident of St. Louis, Mo., could return to his hometown club if the call comes one day. He was a redshirt junior this past season where he hit .359 with seven home runs and 53 RBI. He said it is an amazing thing to have happen to him.

"It is like a dream come true," Patton said. "To get drafted by my favorite team, it is hard to explain the feeling."

For Patton, this is something that he has wanted to do his entire life. To be drafted by the Cardinals means that when he gets called up to the big leagues, he can play in front of his family and friends that watched him grow up and play ball. From growing up in St. Louis, Mo., to finishing up his career at FIU, this could not have been a better opportunity.

"Since I was 5 years old, I have dreamed of playing in the majors for the Cardinals," Patton said. "Now, I am going to get that chance."

He credited his stepfather for getting him into the sport from a young age. He

is thankful for him and the success he has achieved.

"My step-dad got me into baseball," Patton said. "He started playing catch and wiffle ball with me in the back yard."

When he was younger, he garnered the nickname "The General." It has stuck since then and the title is fitting. He is always seen as a leader of the team.

"I think it was because of General Patton," chuckled Patton, "who led the Second Armored Division in World War II."

Before coming to FIU, the General had some work to do to rise through the ranks. He started his college career by attending Jefferson County Community College, located in Hillsboro, Mo., for two years. He redshirted in his first season at Jefferson due to a quadricep injury. After that, he managed to put up large numbers and drew the attention of major Division one programs.

When he finished up there, Patton had a decision to make. A lot of schools were interested in having him play for their team.

"University of Southern Mississippi, Western Kentucky, and Missouri," Patton said, "but FIU was where I wanted to be. I transferred to FIU because of the weather mostly; it is a lot better to play in

warm weather than cold weather."

When Patton arrived at FIU in the 2010 season, he had a difficult time adjusting to the lifestyle of South Florida. It is a completely different world going from life in Missouri to life in South Florida.

After making the adjustment to the lifestyle, Patton made an immediate impact. He started in 58 games of 60 games played under Head Coach Turtle Thomas, who he enjoyed playing under.

"It was a good experience," Patton said. "He definitely knows a lot about the game and a lot about hitting."

"The General" led the charge in helping FIU to win its first Conference Championship since 1999, as he was named Sun Belt Conference Tournament MVP. Patton hit .361 with 15 homeruns and 98 RBI in his career at FIU. He also earned First-Team all conference honors and was

also named to the All Sun Belt tournament team in both seasons.

In his time at FIU, the team was ranked the highest, 20th, since 2001 when FIU made it to the super regional and finished 19th in the polls.

Now, Patton is a member of the Batavia Muck Dogs, a Class A short season affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals organization. He has already had an impact with the Muck Dogs. Batting second in the lineup, he is hitting .326 with four doubles and five RBI.

After this season wraps up, he will head back down to Jupiter, FL for spring training with the Cardinals.

Once his baseball career is finished, Patton aspires to get the rest of his life started. As athletes learn eventually, they cannot play forever.

"I plan on starting my career in Sports Management," Patton said. "And starting a family."



BEACON FILE PHOTO

Jeremy Patton [above] has a chance to live the dream of playing with his hometown club, the St. Louis Cardinals.

JEREMY PATTON STATS & FACTS

- 2-Year Starter
- BA: .359
- RBI: 53
- HR: 7
- Started every game of the 2011 season.
- SBC Tournament MVP
- OBP: .460

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thomas adds size, athleticism with new recruits

JACKSON WOLEK
Staff Writer

Coach Isiah Thomas followed up from where he left off last year with his first recruiting class by putting together an impressive 2011-2012 class consisting of Joe De La Rosa, Gilles Dierickx, KeDorian Sullivan and Tanner Wozniak.

Joe De La Rosa is a 6 feet 11 inches, 240 lbs center from Montverde Academy in Orlando, Fla. and born in Bronx, N.Y. De La Rosa is ranked 88 out of 100 on ESPN.com and would help tremendously with the down low presence that the Golden Panthers were missing so much of last year.

De La Rosa is said to have great inside post moves, but needs to get a little more muscle on him to play Division I basketball which will come with offseason weight training.

KeDorian Sullivan is the one forward that FIU picked up. Sullivan is 6 feet 7 inches, 185 lbs from Southwind High school in Memphis, Tennessee. He was not that well known of a high school player, but is seen to be a very athletic player who can play well in the transition game and down low.

With the amount of athleticism that FIU has already, this just adds to the fire power they will have. Another state product that Coach Thomas signed was guard Tanner Wozniak, from Keswick Christian School in Belleair, Fla.

He is 6 feet 5 inches, 185 lbs and averaged an astounding 31 points a game in his senior year. Wozniak will be a great replacement for the loss of both Phil Gary and Marvin Roberts, as well



BEACON FILE PHOTO

Isiah Thomas [left] picked up four new recruits to join the Golden Panthers this upcoming season, including Joe De La Rosa, a highly-touted center who will add size down low.

as a back-up for Phil Taylor.

"The incoming 2011 class at FIU promises to be one of the best and with the other FIU classes, we should be able to dominate the Sun Belt Conference and make the NCAA tourney each year," Wozniak told ESPN.com, where

he was ranked 80 out of 100 on their recruiting scale. Last but not least, FIU was able to grab 7 foot, 240 lbs, Gilles Dierickx, from West Hills Chaminade High School in California. Gilles was originally born in Belgium, and averaged 13.2 points and 9.2 rebounds per game in his

senior season.

Coach Thomas issued a statement regarding Dierickx. "We are thrilled to have Gilles come play here at FIU. He will be a tremendous addition to our team. His size and athleticism is impressive. He is the type of player that is not afraid to be aggressive down low both on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. At 6 feet 11 inches, 240 lbs, we are happy to have Gilles as a member of the FIU family."

This was a huge pickup for Coach Thomas, considering that they lost 6-foot-8-inch" big man Eric Frederic. Frederic has chosen not to play for FIU this upcoming season for unspecified reasons, and it is unclear where he will play.

Having Ferguson, Moore, De La Rosa and Gilles Dierickx, who are all 6 feet 9 inches and above, will make give FIU a much bigger team than last year. Also, it looks as though this year's class will be able to play on time, instead of halfway through the season like last year.

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2011-2012 RECRUITS

- Joe De La Rosa
- Gilles Dierickx
- KeDorian Sullivan
- Tanner Wozniak

Students help campers with community service

KENNETH DYCHES
Contributing Writer

It could have been any other ordinary Tuesday morning walking through the Graham Center, but if you happened to pass by the pit chances are you would have done a double take.

Kids of all ages, students and adults alike, were busy going to town painting a nine-foot wide and five-foot deep landscape representation of Florida's natural environment.

"It's all about kids helping kids," said Roumiana Katzarkov, director of the Medical Library at the Miami Children's Hospital.

"This is a project created by the kids in our community who will use a form of art to make our kids feel better."

The six to 12 year-old campers from the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum's 2011 Youth Cultural Arts & Community Service Summer Camp dove right into their duties and with every brush stroke added a little piece to the bigger picture.

The colorful mural, which depicts a scene straight out of the Everglades with the official animals and plants of the state of Florida, is to go up in the Intensive Care Unit of the Kendall Branch of Miami Children's Hospital where it will be enjoyed and admired by the patients.

"I want to make sure it represents Florida and has educational value for the kids," said Katia Narciso, a graduate of the

art department. "The work itself is worlds ahead, [and it shows] that we need to take care of what we have in order to continue the human race, so our kids can get the world as we got it."

The spark of the idea for the mural is credited to the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha, who first approached the Frost Museum's educational department with the proposition a month ago. They were looking to work with the Frost Art Museum's 2011 Summer Camp in an arts and culture oriented community service project.

With the help of Kelly Brady-Rumble, the grants specialist at the Frost Art Museum, they put their heads together and came up with the idea for the "Worlds Ahead" mural.

They contacted Katzarkov who was immediately on board with the idea, as well as Miami's Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Mural Project Team, who helped to coordinate the project between the parties involved.

The art department later assisted in sketching out the piece while the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha purchased all the supplies and transported the mural around campus. The outcome was impressive.

"The overall image will creatively convey positive images of hope and healing along with the five strategic values of FIU: Truth in the pursuit and application of knowledge, freedom of thought and expression, respect

for diversity and the dignity of the individual, responsibility as citizens of the world and stewards of the environment and excellence in the pursuit of intellectual and personal endeavors," explained Brady-Rumble.

The mural itself will serve to represent something larger than those involved; staff and faculty, fraternity brothers, art students, MLK project leaders and campers will work together with paints and paintbrushes and smiles.

"It is absolutely refreshing to see people with so much energy, with so many ideas, people from different backgrounds, but all so dedicated to working and giving to the community," said Katzarkov as she looked upon the painters in the pit.

She added, "I loved every piece of it [especially] that it is coming from FIU, considering the Miami Children's Hospital affiliation with FIU School of Medicine and bringing this affiliation to a new level."

The mural was officially presented to Miami Children's Hospital – West Kendall Ambulatory Care Center at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16 by key members of the Art Department, the Frost Art Museum, the Pi Kappa Alpha faculty and kids from the Frost summer camp.

"It's a big responsibility because I want to be sure it will impact [the kids] positively, make them happy and enlighten them. I want them to forget about pain when they look at it," said Narciso.



SANA ULLAH/THE BEACON

Alan Rodriguez accompanies young camper in painting the mural.

"I'm very happy to be involved with the Frost Art Museum and hope to continue teaching kids. I

want to give them a perspective that art is reaching others; it's not something separate."

REEL TO REEL

Summer 2011: More superheroes, death and magic

The summer movie season is in full swing and it has delivered plenty of hits, such as "Thor," "Bridesmaids" and "X-Men: First Class" as well as a few duds such as "Hangover 2" and "Green Lantern."



RICO ALBARRACIN

As good as some of these were, they pale beside the movies released during my favorite summer film season.

So far 2011 has been no 2008, the year when "Iron Man," "Wall-E" and the crown jewel, "The Dark Knight" premiered. I don't think this summer has anything to match the summer of '08, but there is still enough to enjoy and avoid.

HITS

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2" (July 15) – The final installment of the season, with an ending 10 years in the making.

For an entire generation of people, "Potter" has seen flocks of people fill theaters for a shared experience. The buzz so far is positive. Expect a huge



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Chris Evans, as Steve Rogers, battles Nazis on the set of Johnston's Captain America: The First Avenger.

opening weekend at the box office.

"Captain America" (July 22) – After failed attempts of portraying Steve Rogers on film, Director Joe Johnston takes his hero movie making experience from "The Rocketeer" to give the Captain a retro style look to symbolize the USA's battle in World War II. At first I was skeptical about

Chris Evans playing the lead, especially after his character, the Human Torch in "The Fantastic Four" failed to set the world afire. The poor direction of "Fantastic Four" franchise left such a bad taste in my mouth that seeing Evans immediately made me skeptical. After watching the trailer and Evans, I'm ready to believe.

"Crazy, Stupid Love" (July 29) – The premise of the film looks like plenty of other romantic comedies. Middle-aged man gets a divorce and meets a young "ladies man" and they end up influencing each other.

What makes me believe this will be different from other romantic comedies is the quality of actors

in the movie: Steve Carrell, Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone and Julianne Moore bring plenty of experience and charisma to make any movie enjoyable. Opening alongside "Cowboys and Aliens" gives "Crazy, Stupid Love" a chance to be the second sleeper hit of the summer.

"The Change-Up" (Aug 5) – Guess what? Another body switching movie! We've seen them with kids, mother and daughter, even kids growing up overnight, like Tom Hanks in "Big." Ryan Reynolds and Jason Bateman take this plot and boil it into an R-rated feature: the married Bateman versus bachelor Reynolds, envious of each other's lives.

I've grown tired of body-switching movies, but seeing an R-rated version of one does pique my curiosity.

MISSES

"Friends with Benefits" (July 22) – A guy and girl have casual sex, without the complication of being in a relationship until they fall in love with one another. Wait, I saw this

COVER TO COVER

PARENTS JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND

“Battle Hymn...” exposes West and East disciplinary differences

Being restricted from participating in a school play or forced to play a certain instrument are things that many American students never experience. In “Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother,” author Amy Chua would not have it any other way.

Chua states on the “Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother” title page that the book is “about a bitter clash of cultures” – a battle in which both cultures must compromise.

University students would benefit from

reading this non-fiction narrative as they will gain an idea of just how relaxed Western forms of parenting are compared to Eastern.

Readers will also obtain a strong respect for the Western way of providing children with freedoms that Chinese mothers and educators tend to look down upon, as described by Chua. Sleepovers, watching television or earning a grade less than an “A” were never allowed of Chua’s children, Sophia and Lulu.

By forcing her children to practice the violin and piano until they left teeth marks on the piano itself, Chua created two talented musicians and one rebellious teen. Although Lulu, the younger of Chua’s daughters, never

got less than straight A’s, she rebelled against Chua’s parenting techniques and fought for the right to play tennis instead of the violin.

Meanwhile, Chua’s eldest daughter Sophia, valedictorian, Harvard grad and accomplished pianist, flourished thanks to Eastern-style parenting and education.

Our system has its problems, but Chua’s experiences prove that Eastern forms of education can suppress a child’s creative nature and inspire anger by pushing them beyond their breaking points.

As Lulu rebels against the violin, Chua realizes her mistakes and admits that pushing her child so hard was not always the right

thing to do. This realization is caused by the voice of her daughter screaming, “I HATE YOU!”

Although she never truly leaves her harsh ways behind, Chua learns to let her children follow their bliss. Chua may never admit it, but after reading “Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother,” I realized that education requires a balance of Western and Eastern practices; neither is complete without a dose of the other.

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

COLUMNIST



KELLY MALAMBRI

The Smurfs take over NYC, James Franco battles apes

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movie already! “Benefits” follows the same formula that “No Strings Attached” brought to theaters back in January.

Instead of Ashton Kutcher and Natalie Portman, we now get Justin Timberlake and Mila Kunis.

This story delivered a piece of crap the first time around. Timberlake and Kunis could give us good on-screen chemistry, but it is not enough to make me go through it again.

“The Smurfs” (July 29) – There are plenty of cartoon series that should never have been made into movies: “Fat Albert,” “Garfield” and “Alvin and the Chipmunks.” I’m pretty sure “The Smurfs,” based on the eighties cartoon, looks like a flop, even with Neil Patrick Harris. Kids won’t get it. Not even the charisma that pours out of Harris’ pores will save this 3-D cheese-fest.



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The Smurfs, painting the town blue with their shenanigans, arrive in theaters everywhere on July 29.

“Rise of the Planet of the Apes” (Aug. 5) – When I heard about the making of this movie, I groaned. When I heard that the star would be James Franco, I groaned and then I

saw the trailer for the movie and I, you guessed it, groaned some more. The plot—one ape leading the charge against the human race—seems lazy, the acting cheesy and the title is as

long as a Fall Out Boy song. It just seems as though it is a re-imagining of a franchise that people are familiar with to cash in on. No thank you.

“Final Destination 5” (Aug. 12) –

When a franchise gets past the trilogy phase, chances are the movie plots are probably running on fumes. It seems as though there is one guy that gets a premonition about an upcoming tragedy that helps him and his friends cheat death.

This is the same plot of every “Final Destination” movie, with the change being that the characters don’t necessarily have to die, as long as someone else takes their place.

Not really a good enough twist to make me watch it, and guess what? It’s in 3-D! Maybe the creators can have a premonition of when this franchise will die.

Hopefully this will help. I’m putting my reputation on the line and now only time will tell if I’m right. Happy viewing.

Reel to Reel is a weekly movie column. Look for it every Wednesday this summer.



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TOP: Nathalie Nodarse (right) as Ruth and Ashley Capo (center) as Anna argue with Peter played by William Cadena (left) BOTTOM: Ashley Capo (left) as Anna handcuffs her lover, Ruth played by Nathalie Nodarse (right).

“Educating Rita” unites theater talent

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and cultural experience this summer.

For the first time, students will collaborate and act alongside alumni from the Southampton Solent University from the United Kingdom.

Ben Hawkins, Robyn Lindsay and Tom Jancis all graduated from theater program at SSU.

The cast mates live by Hawkins personal motto: “Take your experiences and do what you can, when you can, with what you have,” even if it means paying their own way to the US in order to be a part of this experience.

The SSU production of “Educating Rita” was performed in the theater at FIU on June 21, 23 and 25. The production showcased the talents of Lindsay, who starred as Rita and Jancis as Dr. Frank Bryant.

The play chronicles the trials and tribulations of a relationship between a professor, who is facing a mid-life crisis and a free spirited character named Rita. Behind the scenes,

Hawkins directed the show.

Students and faculty, locally at the University and abroad, are hoping the partnership between FIU and SSU is only in its beginning stages and that an alliance between the universities will continue to grow strong.

The success of the collaboration can already be noticed.

In addition to the summer program, theater students involved in ATF also participate in outside productions, a major one being “Body and Sold,” which brings to light the issue of human trafficking.

In January 2011 students took the performance to Washington D.C. and they will be taking the performance overseas to England this summer.

In the future, they’d love to move the performance to China and Argentina in an effort to continue spreading their message around the globe.

It’s all in a summer day’s work for theater students and, as Church states, “it is really the student’s opportunity to step up to the plate and be challenged.”

BORDERLESS WITH BROOKLYN

Support crucial for South Sudan's success

The world's newest country, The Republic of South Sudan, reigned in its long-awaited independence on July 9, 2011.

COLUMNIST



BROOKLYN MIDDLETON

The gestation period of its pending sovereignty has spanned several decades. Since post-colonization border drawing, there has been a rift between northern and southern Sudan. The greatest conflict is the difference in religion. Muslims make up the majority of the North and Christians make up the majority of the South.

This has caused years of grueling violence.

Because of its tumultuous history, the birth of South Sudan's independence is not without worry. According to *Time* magazine's Alex Perry, in April 2010, "Any premature birth presents complications. Sudan is already one of the least stable countries on earth, and where 2 million people died in two civil wars between the southern and the northern

government in 1955-72 and between 1983 and 2005." Perry correctly asserts a dose of reality.

He goes on to ask, "Does southern Sudan have any hope of working?" America often forgets its own wealth of resources and experience with self-governing before its independence. Because of this, there is always doubt when an impoverished country gains sovereignty. Perry is asking the wrong question. The international concern should be how to contribute to South Sudan so that it can evolve to not just political independence, but economical stability.

As a new state, South Sudan does not have a sealed destiny of collapse and despair. The oil reserves in the south, long monopolized by President Omar al-Bashir, provide opportunity for international trade and profit. It is unknown how the oil reserves will be divided, if at all. While al-Bashir has spoke in support of the South's succession, his sincerity must be doubted. A man wanted for genocide cannot be trusted by the international community.

The collective cheers should not be muted by fears of instability. Conversely, the jubilation should not overshadow much needed discussion and discourse on how to help the world's 196th nation. It is essential that the international community's involvement in the sustainability of this nation does not end with just eloquent words of support. The international community that has rightfully joined in celebrating South Sudan's newfound independence must ensure the safety of its new citizens through humanitarian aid and United Nations initiatives.

Westernized nations often have short-term memory loss when it comes to promises made to developing countries. Critical monetary contributions essential to stability become mismanaged, support from heads of state waver and its citizens' security are all the more jeopardized. South Sudan is on its knees, but with proper support, it can stand tall.

"Borderless with Brooklyn" is a biweekly column.

Social media increases trial exposure

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There are a lot of great things that came from the broadcasting of the Casey Anthony trial. The highly broadcast murder trial has influenced and intrigued many students at our University.

I followed the case from day one and used various social mediums to share my rants, raves and praises of the prosecution and disapproval of the defense's tactics.

The trial both fascinated and nauseated me. It made me wonder why and how Casey Anthony suddenly captivated the country. Other similar cases go without the kind of attention Casey's case received.

I do not believe any other trial has been as publicized as the Casey Anthony trial since the O.J. Simpson trial. The prevalence of social media undoubtedly contrib-

uted to the national popularity of the case. It allowed myself and many others to receive up-to-date information on an hourly basis, keeping us actively and emotionally involved in the trial.

From the beginning, the case had all the makings of a best-selling murder mystery novel - lies, deceit, a dysfunctional family and a young, Caucasian woman whose soul seems as stone cold as her smile.

Anthony, 25, was acquitted on July 5, 2011, of first-degree murder, aggravated child abuse and aggravated manslaughter of a child. She was only found guilty of providing false information to a law enforcement officer.

Anthony was charged for the murder of her two-year-old daughter, Caylee Marie Anthony, on October 14, 2008. Prosecutors claimed Anthony rendered her child unconscious with chloroform

before placing duct tape over her nose and mouth to suffocate her. It was said she then stored Caylee in the family's car for an unknown amount of time and finally dumped her body in a wooded area nearby the Anthony's residence.

Anthony's defense team claimed that Caylee accidentally drowned in the family pool and Anthony's father, George Anthony, had covered up the accidental drowning. According to CBS News, "Baez then went on to detail, graphically, sexual abuse Anthony sustained from her father...This abuse created a culture of lying and deceit in the Anthony family home." She had been backed up into a proverbial cave of fear that hindered her ability to tell the truth.

Casey was guilty of one serious accusation: she did not report her child missing for 31 days. She created an intricate series of falsehoods, including made-up nannies,

boyfriends and jobs to escape the reality of admitting Caylee was gone. Surprisingly, Casey has not been charged with child abuse or neglect.

The 12 jurors came back with the verdict of not guilty. According to the Miami Herald, "There wasn't enough evidence to convict Anthony of the most serious charges: first-degree murder, aggravated child abuse and aggravated manslaughter."

Students are drawn to Anthony because she exhibits similar qualities to us. She is 22, liked having fun and lived just a few hours north of our own University. Her face is eerie - blank, lacking expression and remorse and her story is disheartening, but it has inspired a generation of students to become more interested in the judicial system and more willing to express their opinions on controversial topics.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

High sporting event ticket prices unfair to alumni

I am a recent FIU graduate who was planning on purchasing season tickets to FIU's home football games for 2011. However, some less than ethical business practices on the part of the Athletics department, has made me reconsider.

For any of the decent seats on sale, you are required to make a mandatory donation

before you can purchase tickets, some in the range of a \$400 minimum IN ADDITION to the \$100 ticket price. (Not to mention a \$10 processing fee)

Frankly, Athletics is making it very hard for alumni like me to really get into the FIU spirit. (Especially when you consider how often increasing Alumni turnout is mentioned

by Athletics).

It is one thing to charge for tickets, but to also force large mandatory donations is ridiculous. Looking back at past football games (I have not missed an FIU home game since 2008) it's no wonder the ticketed section has always been so abysmally empty.

- Ben F. Badger Jr., FIU Alumni

BEACON | Editorial

University housing needs to speed up plans

As enrollment numbers continue to rise, students interested in living on campus find it increasingly difficult to secure housing for the upcoming semester. *The Beacon* believes students face unnecessary challenges with the department of Housing and Residential Life.

Because most colleges are at the Modesto Maidique Campus, the majority of students would choose to live at MMC. However, because of limited housing availability, many students are either pressed to live at the Biscayne Bay Campus, roughly 40 minutes away from MMC, or put on a waiting list.

According to Student Government Council at MMC Housing senator Larry Brown, housing on both campuses during the Summer B session has reached maximum capacity with 3,000 students, along with 500 applicants still pending.

Alexis Sanchez, a sophomore management and information systems major, is concerned about her housing situation for the upcoming fall semester.

"I understand the demand has never been this high. Now, it sounds like there is a large group of students, including myself, who feel like they are in housing-limbo," said Sanchez.

Over recent years, increased student interest has propelled the University to look towards expansion plans, but the plans are coming too late. The University is anticipating over 3,300 students living on campus this upcoming Fall.

The rapidly growing interest to live on campus has brought on unanticipated concerns for the upcoming school year. Students claim the process to receive a housing assignment has been delayed for the Fall 2011 semester, leaving them unsure about their living situation with as little as a month and a half until the semester starts.

"I've been told at least three separate dates since turning in my application and it was not until just recently that I've heard about being wait-listed and pending," said Grace Pozzo, sophomore and advertising major, who thought turning in her application in March would guarantee a spot at MMC.

As the fall semester approaches, out-of-state students like Cassie Golitz, sophomore and biology major, are scared there would not be enough time to search for off-campus housing, should University dorms not be available.

"Finding an apartment is difficult to do three states away. I am literally flying to Miami the day before the Aug. 17 orientation, and am praying that I have secured housing before then," said Golitz.

While we understand that it is unrealistic to expect a significant increase in availability, *The Beacon* feels that Housing and Residential Life should at least have given applicants ample time to explore other housing options.



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National HIV/AIDS Symposium comes to BBC Kovens Center

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Having found a calling to start the conversation on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy within the diverse South Florida communities, the United States Department of Health and Human Services hosted the Miami National HIV/AIDS Strategy Implementation Symposium at the Biscayne Bay Campus' Kovens Conference Center on July 8.

The symposium was organized by Angelica Ramirez, the regional resource coordinator for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and Jacqueline Taylor, Region IV public health analyst for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as a means of creating dialogue within the South Florida community in terms of implementation of the Obama Administration's National HIV/AIDS Strategy based on an April 2010 report, "Community Ideas for Improving the Response to the Domestic HIV Epidemic."

"The calling came because of the overwhelming [HIV/AIDS] statistics in the South Florida region," said Taylor.

"The goal is to start the conversation [on local HIV/AIDS strategies]. First, to educate on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, educate, raise awareness and

provide the information to equip organizations or service providers of the strategies and the federal goal and plan that we are executing," explain Ramirez.

Sharon L. Ricks, the deputy regional health administrator for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, describes the purpose of the symposium as engaging the local communities to develop their own HIV/AIDS strategies.

"We have an implementation strategy at the federal level, but we want local communities to begin to develop their own implementations," said Ricks.

The symposium went from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., consisting of eight different presentations, 12 different speakers and a round table session that allowed those in attendance to discuss the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and contribute their own recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services based on the experiences within their respective fields.

Donald Green, 48, was in attendance not only because he is a freelance grant writer but because he is also HIV positive. "For me, I need to stay current [with HIV/AIDS advancements] as a grant writer. This allows me to learn more about my issues, and the advancements in treatments," said Green. "This is personal to

FUTBOL FRIDAYS



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Left to right: Valentin Nechita and Henry Zelaya, from the BBC futbol, club gather every Friday to play soccer at the recreation fields next to the Bay Vista Dorms. The club welcomes all other FIU students to come and join in on Futbol Fridays.

me. Even though I may, or may not, make any profitable connections, I still learn something about my disease."

Vanessa Johnson, vice president of the National Association of People with AIDS, and one of the speakers at the symposium was encouraged by the overall response to the symposium.

"Not only was there great attendance but people were partici-

pating and that's a hallmark for a good meeting. People were asking questions, they were engaged and they obviously cared for what was going on," said Johnson.

However, Johnson did note one improvement that needed to be made in the future with similar events: the involvement of college students.

"I think that college aged students are an important constitu-

ency to get involved in this process. They cannot sit on the sidelines as this is going on because it goes without saying that the most impact group, as far as newly infected folks go, are the young," said Johnson. "They really need to get college aged students to be in attendance. I think it is good to have this event on a college campus, but they need to learn how to appeal to college students," admits Johnson.

FIU clubs and summer camps use recreational facilities

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The FIU Campus Recreation Department offers students and non-students the opportunity to use the recently renovated Olympic-sized pool. However, only during summer is the pool put into heavy use by student organizations and the community at large.

According to Christina Reddick, coordinator of Biscayne Bay Campus Recreation, there are currently four summer camps that use the Aquatic facilities: the FIU Department of Children & Families, the FIU Eco Academy, the FIU Tennis Camp and the City of Sunny Isles.

All camps, besides the FIU Eco Academy which is affiliated to FIU's School of Environment, Arts and Society, pay a group rate price of \$6 per participant which funds the FIU Aquatic Center's staff salaries. The FIU Eco Academy is able to use the pool and, in return, pay for the lifeguards and the kayaking.

"During the year, there are

"It's a great pool and has all the state of the art tools you need. Summer camps as well as FIU clubs plan lots of events and parties here."

Barry Tucker, FIU Lifeguard

students here at the pool, just not as many as in summer," said Barry Tucker, one of the FIU lifeguards. "It's a great pool and has all the state of the art tools you need. Summer camps as well as FIU clubs plan lots of events and parties here."

Randy Horner, swimming and head diving coach, offers an annual swim camp at the BBC Aquatic Center from June 27 to July 1. FIU Swim Camp is affiliated with the FIU Athletics Department and other private companies that pay a fee in order to use the campus' facilities.

However, this year's swim camp was cancelled. According to Horner, the flyers and information sheets were not distributed early enough. The program,

which strives to train swimmers to perform at a championship level, will be advertised starting at the end of 2011 to get as many participants as possible signed up for the 2012 summer.

On July 8, the Aquatic Center will host a swim meet between the North Miami Swim Team and the Comets Swim Team from Pembroke Pines.

One of the parents who frequently bring their children to the pool, who only gave her name as Michelle, has been coming to the BBC Aquatic Center for several days with her son Daniel, who is seven years old.

"I really like the pool and it is at a great location, not far from my house at all," said Michelle. "It reminds me of the public pools

back in Europe that we always used to go to. Daniel loves it too. He is really getting into swimming because of this opportunity at FIU."

Michelle drives to the FIU campus from Hollywood and, according to her, she loves the security, cleanliness and parking that the school offers.

But Michelle, as well as many students, was not aware that the pool is also accessible throughout the rest of the year. Students on campus are unaware of the availability of the Aquatic Center and tend to believe it is solely reserved for the FIU swimming team.

Max Codio, a junior business major, takes most of his classes at BBC and has not used the pool

since he started at FIU in 2004.

"I know there is a pool but I wouldn't really use it unless there are more people or events going on," said Codio. "Whenever I passed by, there was no one there. It would be great to have more activities at this campus and for the clubs to advertise the events more effectively, so that more students are aware of them."

The recreation department sells day, semester and annual passes to anyone that wishes to use the recreation facilities.

PRICES

- FIU students: free
- Daily: \$7
- Semester: \$85
- Annually: \$215
- All membership plans include access to group exercise classes and aquatic center.