

SHAKE IT



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Students learn to dance Salsa and Bachata this month during SPC's Dancing with the Wolfe series.

SGA lobbies legislatures for more funding

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Staff Writer

The Office of Governmental Relations and the Student Government Association are combining efforts in hopes of gaining income funding for three main issues identified by the University as affecting students and the growth of the institution.

These issues include funding for the College of Medicine, an increase in the Capital Improvement Trust Fund and an increase in need-based financial aid. Student Government lobbyists are working to gain the support of local South Florida legislatures

to resolve these issues by the end of spring 2014. "[SGA has] put a face and urgency to personalize the lobbying process," said SGA Governmental Affairs Coordinator Alexis Calatayud.

The College of Medicine has been under a ten-year funding plan to create a self-sustainable college. For this last year, the University is seeking \$15,000 in state funding before it uses its own budget.

A funding issue affecting all public Florida universities is the shortage of financial assistance from the state government towards the Capital Improvement Trust

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College of Law remains outlier of national findings

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Pre-law students face a new challenge as they spend their years preparing for postgraduate studies.

In a recent survey by Kaplan Test Prep, 54 percent of law school admissions officers reported that they will be cutting their incoming classes for the 2013-2014 year. The study also noted that 25 percent of law schools are planning to make cuts next year. This displays an increase from the 51 percent of law schools that are making cuts as reported by Kaplan Test Prep last year.

Stephany Montano, sophomore English and political science major, finds the trend troubling.

"It's already hard enough to get into law school as it is, and now that they're cutting admittance, it makes it even more competitive," said Montano. "Everybody wants to be the best."

The University's College of Law, however, displays a different route.

"We are very much going against the trend. We're not

reducing class size," said R. Alex Acosta, dean of College of Law.

Statistics from the College of Law show that 595 of

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the 2,686 applicants in 2012 were admitted, signaling an admittance rate of about 22 percent for that year. This year's fact sheet showed that 558 of the 2,129 applicants

were admitted (26 percent), indicating an increase in rates of admission.

"Two things are going on: over a four year period there has been an increase in applicants, not a decrease," said Acosta. "You can't just look at the number of applicants, you have to look at who the applicants are."

Acosta went on to mention the college's emphasis on quality of applicants, those with better LSAT scores applying as opposed to those with lower scores.

"Our class is exactly where we want it to be. Except for the goal that we set, there are no plans to decrease it. Our class size has not been impacted by the trend," said Acosta, citing that the college is 105th in a U.S. News ranking.

He also pointed to the recent increase in GPA for the current class – which is at 3.73 for the majority of students according to a pamphlet released by the College of Law – and in LSAT scores where 75 percent of students scored a 158 according to the very same pamphlet.

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UNICEF comes to campus, wins rising club of the year

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Fresh out of the Big Apple, the University chapter of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund has reached a successful point – it was appointed the 2013 Rising Star Club of the Year award at the UNICEF Campus Initiative Summit where the club participated in workshops to learn more about the organization's goal for advocating on campuses.

UNICEF is a nonprofit organization that aims to help children under the United Nations in under developed countries. UNICEF@FIU's mission is to empower students to give more and be part of UNICEF's global mission.

"I got involved with UNICEF because I feel like people are prob-

lems in the world, but if we start volunteering and helping out, then we become part of the solution," said Lorraine Apolis, president of UNICEF@FIU.

Members gets involved with events and projects as they believe working together is the best way to achieve success in attaining donations and getting students involved. Also, UNICEF opens doors for internships for those interested in humanitarian causes. At the Summit, the club was able to speak with different organizations like Peace Corps and educational programs that presented internship opportunities that would be ideal for those wanting to make a difference.

"My involvement allows me to do things I am passionate about with people who share similar goals," said Makita Rova, sopho-

more international relations major and a member of UNICEF@FIU.

Recently this semester, UNICEF@FIU applied a more flexible approach in involving members in planning events which attributed greatly to the club's achievement in New York City.

"We give people a chance to present ideas and projects they'd like to work on," said Lorraine. "We're very flexible in that way."

Editorial members said they have worked to make the club more enjoyable for students in the that they have allowed them to have more of a say in events and a chance to connect with other committees.

"It is why we started creating projects that would allow members to obtain some level of control on what they really want to do," said Secretary of UNICEF@FIU Andrea

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Jo.

This organization is available for students from all majors and for anybody who is willing to take an opportunity to make the world a better place for children; the organization provides participants a chance to give ideas and apply their skills for the ultimate goal of zero

suffering for kids. Any one can excel and make a positive change by utilizing their special talents.

"I discovered that it is much more than simply fundraising," said Jo. "UNICEF is more about protecting the lives of children and

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WORLD NEWS

Tests prove Roma couple are mystery girl's parents

The mystery is solved - but the future of the young girl known only as Maria is still uncertain. DNA tests have confirmed that a Bulgarian Roma couple living in an impoverished village with their nine other children are the biological parents of the girl found in Greece with another Roma couple, authorities said Friday. Genetic profiles of Sasha Ruseva, 35, and her husband, Atanas, matched that of Maria, Interior Ministry official Svetlozar Lazarov said Friday. Ruseva says she gave birth to a baby girl four years ago in Greece while working as an olive picker, but gave the child away because she was too poor to care for her. She since has had two more children after Maria. Maria has been in a charity's care since authorities raided a Roma settlement in Greece last week and found she was not related to the couple.

German spy chiefs to head to US for talks

German spy chiefs will travel to Washington shortly to talk with U.S. officials about the spying allegations that have so angered Europe, including whether Chancellor Angela Merkel's cellphone was monitored by the National Security Agency. The heads of Germany's foreign and domestic intelligence agencies will participate in the talks with the White House and the NSA, German government spokesman Georg Streiter announced Friday. Streiter did not give a specific date for the trip, saying it was being arranged on "relatively short notice." He said the exact composition of the team was still being determined.

Italy: 700 refugees saved at sea amid EU deadlock

European Union leaders on Friday failed to take new action to ease the plight of thousands of boat refugees trying to cross from North Africa. Italian vessels rescued another 700 migrants while the two-day EU summit was going on. The Italian coast guard assisted five crowded boats in the Mediterranean Sea near Sicily carrying a total of 705 migrants, it said. All were brought to safety except for one migrant who reportedly fell into the sea during rescue operations by a Maltese cargo ship. A search was launched. About 365 migrants drowned in an Oct. 3 capsizing near Lampedusa, an Italian island that is closer to North Africa than to the European mainland. Following the tragedy, EU officials set up a task force seeking, among others, to improve the system of maritime border patrols.

For more world news, check out FIUSM.com.

Efforts from Panthers and legislatures underway for aid

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Fund. CITF is a fee students pay every semester through tuition dedicated to building or renovating non-academic buildings such as the Graham Center and the Recreation Center.

This year the University received \$30 million from the government rather than the expected \$170 million.

And the issue that has personally affected students is the raise in criteria for Bright Futures Scholarships. Bright Futures is a merit-based scholarship program which, according to state legislatures, 9,926 FIU students used last year to pay for their classes.

"If I didn't have Bright Futures, I would have to take out student loans which leaves me starting my life with debt just out of college," said economics and math senior Junior Pena.

Incoming freshmen in 2013 were required to score a 1020 (50th percentile) on their SAT and a 22 on their ACT, which is already a rise from previous years. Next year's incoming freshmen are going to have to score a 1170 on the SAT and a

26 on their ACT in order to receive Bright Futures.

The University has a specific disadvantage to the new standards for Bright Futures because of the population served, where

To put it into perspective: 80 percent of students from this year's senior class receive Bright Futures, but if they were to apply under 2014 standards, only 40 percent would receive aid.

has enough to support their family, doesn't mean they can also put their kid through college alone," said biology sophomore Doris Gonzalez.

SGA is working with House of Representatives, including Jose Felix Diaz, Jose Javier Rodriguez, Gwen Margolis, Jose Oliva and Cynthia Stafford to "bridge the gap between Bright Futures recipients and FAFSA recipients," said Calatayud.

In relation to these representatives, most University graduates live in South Florida, meaning the future of Miami-Dade County will be affected by the success students have in gaining an education.

Calatayud said if students are not receiving help from Bright Futures or FAFSA, the population of college graduates in Miami-Dade will decrease. Efforts from student government and legislatures are still in the works, but the goal is to increase need-based financial aid and resolve the other two issues addressed by the end of spring 2014.

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the required SAT and ACT scores for acceptance aren't as high as the University of Florida or Florida State University. Future students will receive less aid than those of the past.

"The new requirements are a little high and will only discourage many high school students from attending FIU, or even college in general. A university is supposed to promote education and this is the exact opposite," said Pena.

There are many students who are not receiving any help at all to pay for college because their SAT/ACT scores are too low, but their financial income is just enough that they are not receiving aid from Federal Student Aid either. For this reason, SGA is lobbying for an increase in need-based financial aid.

"There are some people who really should be getting Federal Student Aid and aren't. Just because a family

Pre-law Panthers rise to the competition

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The Kaplan Test Prep survey also showed that 78 percent of law school admissions officers believe that the curricula of American legal studies needs to be reformed to better prepare students for careers as attorneys.

According to Acosta, the College of Law has a plethora of clinical programs for students to better prepare themselves for future careers.

"I believe we have about 115 clinical programs, which is an incredible [amount] because that doesn't count externships," said Acosta.

"The other thing we've started to really push: externships," said Acosta. He said the college is one of the most important clinical programs, increasing chances of employment.

"Under The Florida Bar rule, if you have 48 credits, you are allowed to go to court and represent clients.

So what students do in these externships is go to court and prosecute or defend clients in small cases that nonetheless offer significant experience," said Acosta.

Acosta mentioned that many graduates have found employment thanks to the program.

"Do you want to hire someone whom you had the opportunity to observe firsthand, or do you hire someone off their resumé?" said Acosta.

The College of Law rates have not influenced Montano's decision as to what universities she should apply to.

"My dream has always been to go out of state. My top choice right now is Stanford Law School," said Montano.

Montano clarified that she wishes to get her bachelor's degree at the University and her law degree out of

state.

Meanwhile, Montano will not let the rise in competitiveness for law schools faze her as she follows the pre-law track.

"Law school has been my dream since I was in the fifth grade," said Montano, "My whole focus in middle school, high school, [and everything else] was 'I need to get good grades, I need to go to a good college, get a good GPA there, get a good grade in the LSAT, because I have to get into law school'."

"And I will if I work hard enough," said Montano, "I did my own research and not a lot of people apply to law school with a double major or a minor, they apply with just the pre-law track or any other major. So I'm doing my best, you know, to stand out."

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UNICEF serves as great opportunity

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encouraging a better you."

"It gives an opportunity for students to be less self absorbed," said Apolis.

For the month of October, UNICEF has nationally focused on the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign that fundraises to provide clean water for children. Here at the University, Apolis, along

with other board members, has partnered up with fraternity Phi Iota Alpha who work with UNICEF year-round to host a Halloween Costume Contest on Oct. 31.

The main event for this semester is aimed towards human trafficking and child slavery awareness which will occur Nov. 21 at 4 p.m. in the Graham Center Pit. It focuses on child slavery right

here in Miami as well as in other countries. According to the UNICEF website, 5.5 million children worldwide are victims of forced labor and child trafficking. The organization's goal is to decrease that number to zero.

"We want everyone to know UNICEF is at FIU, and everyone interested is welcome to ask, support and join," said Jo.

Rova said joining was simple. "I heard about them in a club fair, went to a general meeting and joined through OrgSync."

UNICEF@FIU meets every other Friday in the Graham Center. You can find them through Facebook and OrgSync.

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Down with “female supremacy” The final 25 percent

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The idea of female supremacy is the exact opposite of feminism.

Is this surprising to you? If so, please, read on.

Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary defines feminism as “the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities,” not female empowerment or female superiority.

If you’re not a feminist, that means you don’t support gender equality. Females who say “I support women, but I’m not a feminist” have no idea what they’re talking about. Men who outwardly resent feminism support the patriarchy and basically don’t want anything to change – which I regard as an opinion as valid as others.

In mainstream thought, people are assigned binary gender roles: male and female. Masculinity describes strength and power. Femininity, on the other hand, represents domesticity and being delicate. This describes masculinity as the opposite of femininity, which isn’t necessarily the case.

We live in a society where masculinity represents power. Meanwhile, both physical and psychological aspects of masculinity found in women are undesirable. This is a problem that extremists – notice I didn’t say feminists – try to overcome by not removing

body hair, rioting, running around naked and very often engaging in discourse that puts down men as a general whole.

“If you’re not a feminist, that means you don’t support gender equality.”

These extremists definitely give feminism a bad name. If you want to have body hair, you can very well do so for yourself and because you support gender equality – not because “men suck.” The idea that everything is good in moderation revolves around the fact that every form of extremism results in negativity.

Women running topless down the streets and down catwalks as large publicity stunts to support the fact that all breasts are made of the same thing are taking the right idea and showing it off in a way for which society is not prepared.

Afterwards, supporters of feminism that try to express themselves in less dramatic ways are shut

down because of the rooted bias in response to the extremist expression of feminism.

Extremism doesn’t actually define feminism, or at least it shouldn’t.

We must remember that this belief is named “feminism” as opposed to the more descriptive label “gender equality” because females are the targeted gender in the undeniable patriarchy in which we live – especially when this revolutionary expression first came about.

If you don’t want to do anything about it or don’t think it’ll change, your belief is absolutely acceptable, but I implore you to understand what “feminism” actually refers to. This way we won’t have so many stink faces in response to the word.

“Female supremacy” is the opposite of “feminism” because it’s the opposite of gender equality. Feminists don’t want females to gain more than males. Feminists don’t want the patriarchy to be turned around.

Feminists simply wish that females have the same rights and gains as males for doing the same things.

You’re allowed to disagree with this idea, but hopefully it’s not because you’re misinformed on the definition of the term “feminism.”

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Despite the attention given to your grades, I have witnessed first-hand that the ultimate criterion for being hired in the real world is experience; employers won’t be looking at your Panther Degree Audit.

Internships provide students with this experience and if the University intends to prepare its students adequately for the real world, they could be doing more to help their students get this critical asset before they graduate.

“College Internships: The Ultimate Social Network,” an article published in the March 31 issue of the Miami Herald, referred to internships as the game-changer.

Our own interim career services director touted their importance in the article by declaring that internships are one of the four key factors that employers use in selecting a new hire.

Why then are internships not a main component of our curriculum here at the University?

I was not able to take any classes with the School of Journalism and Mass Communication without sitting through that mind-numbing orientation, but I could graduate with honors without ever setting foot in a professional setting whereby I would be lacking 25 percent of what I needed to secure a job.

This indicates a serious design flaw.

The University does offer some help to students in acquiring internships; however, the process may be cumbersome and is overly bureaucratic.

Constanza Gallardo, a junior in the undergraduate journalism program, took the initiative to seek the college’s help in securing an internship because she recognized that it could be beneficial to her future career.

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She was told she did not have the credits needed for placement in an internship for college credit. Unimpeded, she sought to obtain an internship, unpaid, without the promise of college credit, but when a potential employer requested a letter from the college, she was left waiting.

Despite the difficulties, the current system does have the potential for successful outcomes. Unfortunately, an important part of the student population is still being ignored: the working student.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, about 40 percent of full-time and 73 percent of part-time students are employed.

I am a member of this demographic, so I know that it is not likely that a student who has to work to supplement grants and student loans will sacrifice a paid job for an unpaid internship.

This presents another hindrance in acquiring that additional 25 percent of preparation we need for our careers.

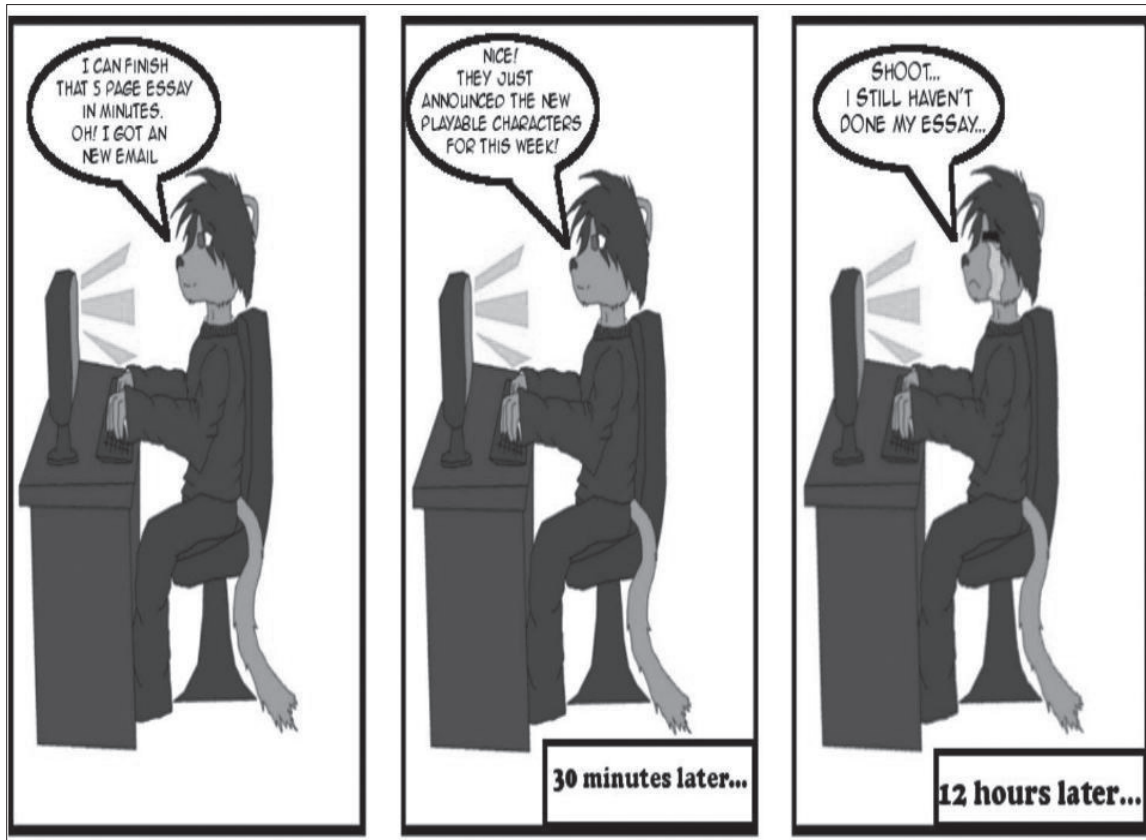
Some universities have already addressed this problem by creating stipends for students who take unpaid internships. Our University should be encouraged to follow suit in order to cater to the entire student body.

As students, we are all here with the goal of graduating to be rewarded one day for the late nights and meals of gourmet ramen with professional success in our chosen fields.

Sadly, FIU is prepared to shove us out the doors only 75 percent ready and less likely to receive those coveted job offers. In this bleak economic climate, the University should be doing more to offer us that final 25 percent.

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“Catfish” host to speak at University

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Nowadays, social media has dominated people’s ability to speak and interact with other people, face to face. Whether it be due to fear of not knowing what to say, doubts of whether the other person will “like” you or not, or just feeling more comfortable being somewhat anonymous, the internet has become a third wheel, if not the dominating factor, in a relationship.

On Oct. 30, 2013, MTV network star Yaniv “Nev” Schulman, host of the show “Catfish,” will

City native, is a producer, actor and photographer.

He started his career at 19 when he created a film and photography production company with his brother Ariel Schulman. Although he is most passionate about photographing ballet dancers, Schulman is most widely known for his 2010 documentary “Catfish.”

Senior Berenice Rosa, a communication arts major, has been working for SPC for three years. She is co-directing this event with Alanna Lopez, senior special education major, who has been working with the Student Program-

ROBOTS TO THE RESCUE



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Leriche Louis, senior studying to be a family nurse practitioner, awaits the Waste Management recycle-made robot to shake his hand.

“It’s time to take a step back and get into the real world a little bit, to have real life conversations with people instead of through the keyboard.”

Alanna Lopez
Senior
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be hosting a lecture at the Modesto A. Maidique campus. There will be a private, more in-depth, lecture for psychology students and professors, and a more general lecture for all University students. Schulman, a New York

University Council for two years. Rosa, who watches Nev’s “Catfish” show, commented on Ned being a laidback guy who has been personally affected by what he does on the show. “Having Nev [Schulman] at the Univer-

sity is good because people can relate to him and as the SPC, we want to garner students’ attention. The show premiered two months ago, but people are still talking about it. We want speakers who cater to student’s interest,” Rosa said.

SPC also chose him to come speak because social media is such a big part of people’s lives today.

“I feel like it’s as important in your daily schedule as brushing your teeth! You wake up and the first thing you do is check

Facebook,” Lopez said.

Rosa and Lopez both hope students will make an appearance at the show with an open mind as to what Schulman has to say. Lopez thinks students will learn more of what not to do over the internet than what to do.

“I feel students will learn how not to portray yourself on the internet because at the end of the day, you never know who you’re really talking to... having him come puts in a new line of what to do and potential dangers of what

could happen, so watch what you put on social media,” Lopez said.

“We are college students and, yeah, we are enjoying our time right now, but we eventually graduate,” Rosa added, “We are going to have to face the real world and there might be things that hinder us from getting the position that we want because we posted a drunk picture on Facebook.”

In addition to learning what not to put on the Internet, Rosa and Lopez hope Nev will get a strong message across.

“It’s time to take a step back and get into the real world a little bit, to have real life conversations with people instead of through the keyboard,” Lopez said. “It’s really cool that we are bringing him and maybe he will help someone who thought it was a good idea to post a certain picture, and then they will think about it again and tell themselves they should probably take it down today.”

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University professor investigates interrogation techniques on children

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Surrounded by three chestnut-colored desks, psychology professor Lindsay Malloy reaches over her top drawer to grab her portrait of Cambridge University, the beloved location of her postdoctoral training.

“It’s a time where you usually don’t have to teach, so you’re 100 percent focused on research,” said Malloy. “It gives you time to really build your area of independent study.”

Last week, Malloy published an article in the American Psychological Association concerning her findings on children and adolescents that have falsely admitted guilt to crimes. According to her findings, various factors could lead a child to giving a false confession through

introducing pressure from their peer group, manipulative tactics by officers or even the presence of a friend in the interrogation room.

The research study consisted of adolescents from ages 14 to 17, studying the ways police chose to go about questioning them and how the children reacted to their techniques. One notable difference was the manner in which child suspects were treated.

“When we think a child has committed a crime, everything we know about child development goes out the window,” Malloy said. “We can then treat them like adults. It’s this weird flip, because if this person was in a different circumstance, they would be getting the special treatment.”

She explains all the different ways children are interrogated, which include being lied to,

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Lindsay Malloy
Professor
Psychology

pretending to have condemning evidence or implying leniency.

“These are very powerful techniques against adolescents. There’s all these famous cases like the Central Park Five, who have been kind of duped in these situations,” explained Malloy.

The Central Park Five, a group of five kids, were manipulated into admitting guilt for a rape case in 1989. The case didn’t boil over into a national controversy until 2002, when the actual rapist admitted to the crime, supported by DNA evidence.

Techniques have a lasting negative impact on adolescents, and can even change a teenager’s opinion on whether the police are a legitimate authority. According to Malloy’s research,

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Wires in the Walls conjures up honest emotion with sophomore album “Leap, Timber, Leap”

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Columnist

Wires in the Walls’ 2013 sophomore release, “Leap, Timber Leap,” is a well-constructed follow up to its debut album and shows that this young band has tremendous promise. Relatively unknown and lacking exposure throughout the world of online media, Wires in the Walls is indie buried treasure just sitting and waiting to be discovered.

Aside from the band’s own social media accounts and the sporadic underground online magazine post, there isn’t single large exposure Wikipedia page or “Pitchfork,” “Spin” or “AP” review shedding some insight or shining the limelight onto this band.

Whether strategically intended by them or not, they’re flying under the radar. However, regardless of exposure, LA-based Wires in the Walls brings in a blend of indie rock, Americana and perhaps even a bit of post-rock, and is surely one to check out.

Melodic, twinkling guitars flow throughout this charming EP and leave listeners feeling hopeful. A common trend throughout this four-track production is their ability to evoke this heartfelt

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emotion (think Explosions in the Sky, except with lyrical content and not as powerful) and allow fans to not only hear the music, but also truly feel it.

Easily the most powerful song on the EP, “In the Rain” kicks off with a dreamy, harmonious guitar bit that paves the road and

makes way for Warren Sroka’s soothing vocals.

The guitar and vocal pairing complement one another in a way that is truly majestic and cinematic, taking listeners through an emotional journey. Beautiful and melancholic, “In the Rain” is easily an indie work of art.

“Roadshow,” a more upbeat and cheery track, seems to be the prime example of what this quintet is striving to achieve. Musically, it sheds a little of the melancholic vibes and is unbelievably hopeful, urging one to feel that things are finally starting to look up.

It’s not an easy feat to cultivate and promote such an emotional and cognitive experience through song, but Wires in the Walls manage it well and leave listeners wanting more. “Leap, Timber, Leap” is an easy listen, drawing listeners in with beautiful compositions and an ability to stir up raw emotion.

This music isn’t just entertainment for the ears; it’s food for the soul.

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Children more likely to lie when confronted hastily

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having a negative view of the police and seeing them as less than a legitimate authority would make one more likely to offend in the future.

Also, out of the whole set of kids being surveyed, more than 50 percent admitted that they were falsely confessing because they were protecting someone else.

“It’s interesting because we didn’t think this effect would be that

powerful,” said Malloy. “But we discovered that if you were interrogated with a friend (or whoever you are protecting) in the room, you would be 4 times more likely to have falsely admitted guilt.”

Malloy believes this phenomenon is because of a teenager’s vulnerability to their peer group.

“A lot of the kids said they were protecting a friend, a brother, a family member, sometimes a fellow gang member,” said Malloy. “We always

talk about what happens in the interrogation room, but we never think about what would happen if they don’t take the blame, which might be worse consequences than if they do.”

Malloy, whose initial research focus was on victims and witnesses, found her interest in youth interrogation after getting involved in a grad school study that looked at youth adjustment to incarceration.

“I asked if we could add this stuff on interviewing to the larger study

and they said yes, so I was really grateful for that,” said Malloy.

Now at FIU, when she’s not teaching, she is either doing research, publishing or mentoring the five Ph.D. students that work under her. One of her students, in fact, is looking at the data set from this study from a different perspective: looking at the kids who falsely confessed in the past and determining whether that influenced their attitudes about the police.

She hopes the student will be ready to submit the study in the next couple of months.

“Trying to get scientific breakthroughs might be too big of a term, but that’s what a lot of our focus is,” Malloy said. “I feel like the time is really ripe for reforms to be had in this topic right now, so if we could contribute something to that, then I’m happy.”

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Where’s the horror at?

COLUMNIST



LUIS BOLANOS

With Halloween coming up, gamers wanting a fresh new horror experience around this time are empty handed.

Traditionally around this time, the big blockbuster season video games are dropping: “Call of Duty,” “Assassin’s Creed,” “Battlefield” and “Mario.” All of which can be enjoyable experiences in their own right, but nothing designed to scare players. I miss having major horror games hitting around this time, and playing them around Halloween. There’s just something better about getting spooked digitally than watching a horror movie.

Admittedly, I really enjoy horror games like the old school “Resident Evil” and “Silent Hill” games, the first “F.E.A.R.,” the “DOOM” series and the “Amnesia” series.

While the games I just mentioned aren’t games you’d see marketed at your local video game store, I do miss having a horror game to look forward to around Halloween.

Yes, “Amnesia: Machine for Pigs” and “Outlast” were released last month, but those represent a good chunk of the only horror titles that were released this year.

As mentioned earlier, the final week of October is surrounded by new games like “Battlefield 4,” “Batman: Arkham Origins,” and “Assassin’s Creed IV: Black Flag.”

Blowing up stuff in tanks is cool, along with punching criminals in the face or getting into pirate ship battles, but as a horror purist, it’s kind of a shame that these are the games being released on the final weeks of October.

Maybe it’s just hard to scare gamers these days, or maybe gamers are so scared they don’t want to invest in an experience that is purposely design to make them uncomfortable.

Horror games are also a risk for development teams and publishers, because of risk that goes along with developing and releasing a horror game.

“Amnesia: The Dark Descent” was successful due to its small team and development budget, but when compared to “Resident Evil 6” which had a massive team and budget, video game publisher Capcom considered it a failure thanks to poor sales and being poorly received by gamers and critics.

From personal experience, “Resident Evil 6” wasn’t a particularly enjoyable experience, not because of the “horror,” it was because of the awful gameplay and experience.

It could also be that horror games don’t go over well on Halloween, because people would rather watch a movie or go to a party. If anything, a horror video game can be closely compared to a haunted house because both require a person to walk through or interact with a situation presented to them. And these situations typically make you terrified.

As a point of reference “Amnesia: The Dark Descent” was around five hours of tension and horror, compared to an average horror movie that clocks in at about an hour and 30 minutes.

While I know the horror game won’t disappear thanks to independent developers and gamers that want horror experiences, it’s disheartening not having a major horror game around the final week of October standing alongside the blockbuster releases.

If you are interested in playing a horror game around this time, I’d point to maybe looking back on older titles. Maybe going back to “Silent Hill,” tackling the horrors in “Eternal Darkness” or even fighting monsters from hell in “DOOM.”

Gotta love the classics.

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OCT. 28-30 EVENTS

MONDAY, OCT. 28

COLLEGE WRITING WITH WORD, PHOTOSHOP ESSENTIALS

WHEN: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
WHERE: BBC AC1 Rm 393
HOW MUCH: Free

EXILE AND PATRONAGE: MAKING ART IN CITIES OF REFUGE

WHEN: 6:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m.
WHERE: MMC GC 243
HOW MUCH: Free

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

POWERPOINT ESSENTIALS

WHEN: 10 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
WHERE: MMC PC 441
HOW MUCH: Free

BBC MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

WHEN: 12p.m-1 p.m.
WHERE: BBC AC2 246B
HOW MUCH: Free

AFRICAN MUSICAL THOUGHT IN CUBA

WHEN: 12 p.m.-1:45 p.m.
WHERE: MMC DM 353
HOW MUCH: Free

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

FARMERS MARKET

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WHERE: MMC Behind Green Library on the red wall
HOW MUCH: Free admission, prices vary

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WHEN: 1 p.m-2 p.m
WHERE: MMC GC 140
HOW MUCH: Free

LUNCH AND LEARN WITH THE FBI

WHEN: 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
WHERE: MMC RDB 2002
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Family trees sprouting on the sidelines for football

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Some think that the only jobs that stay in the family are running a restaurant or keeping a farm. Nowadays, the sidelines of football teams are seeing more and more familiar last names.

Family trees have sprouted on-campus as well as in other universities.

The patriarch of the “Turner tree” is Head Coach Ron Turner.

Turner’s brother, Norv Turner, is currently the offensive coordinator for the Cleveland Browns and Ron Turner has two sons, Morgan Turner and Cameron Turner.

Morgan Turner, who was on the staff of the Panthers for a couple of weeks during spring semester, is currently the tight ends coach at Stanford University.

Cameron Turner, who came to the University from Head Coach Leslie Frazier’s staff with the Minnesota Vikings, is currently the quarterbacks and receivers coach under his father.

“I love coaching with my dad,” C. Turner said. “At first I wasn’t sure about it. I mean I never played with him, never coached with him, never worked for him, never worked with him,

I didn’t know how it would be, but I have learned so much. You don’t realize how much you don’t know until you get on a new staff and start learning stuff.”

R. Turner spoke on C. Turner being on his staff.

“It’s been great and awesome. It is all I thought it would be and more,” R. Turner said. “It is great having him here and watching him grow and hopefully I am helping him in that aspect. He is contributing in helping the kids grow and in game plan. He has a great football mind. I didn’t really have to call because we had talked about it before, but it was one of the first calls I made.”

C. Turner admitted that he had a small wish about working with his dad.

“I always wanted to learn his offense. I have been around it my whole life, but I never really knew it,” he said.

Both spoke on how it was a struggle to bring C. Turner down here.

“I wasn’t sure if he was going to come because Leslie Frazier wanted to keep him. They gave him a promotion and a raise to try and keep him, I know that they think the world of him, but I am happy he came,” R. Turner said.

“Yeah, I didn’t want to leave.

I love the Vikings and I love Coach Frazier. I really didn’t want to leave, but Miami was going to be hard to beat, being with family, but it was my second year and I was getting comfortable in Minn. – the NFL is great, but I couldn’t pass up the opportunity,” Cameron said.

The other family tree is the Shankweiler, with Run-Game Coordinator and Offensive Line Coach Steve Shankweiler at the top.

S. Shankweiler, graduate of Davidson University received his masters in physical education from Georgia State University and has been coaching football since 1980, when he was at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. S. Shankweiler went on to East Carolina University – who the Panthers will play on Saturday, Nov. 2 in Miami – in 1987 and had a third stint with the Pirates from 2005 to 2009.

ECU was also the home of Panthers’ Tight Ends and Tackles Coach Kort Shankweiler. K. Shankweiler, quarterback, full-back and tight end, was a four time letterman during his tenure as a Pirate under Head Coach Skip Holtz who himself is in a coaching tree with father Lou Holtz. The Panthers played against S. Holtz’s new team in



JOHNATHAN SEGAL/ THE BEACON

Head Coach Ron Turner (Above) has two sons that also coach football including Panthers Quarterback and Wide Receiver Coach Cameron Turner.

the Bulldogs of Louisiana Tech University on Oct. 26. During K. Shankweiler’s time as a full-back, he was the lead blocker for Chris Johnson, current Tennessee Titans running-back.

“It’s been ok being on a staff with my dad,” K. Shankweiler said. “I have learned a lot from him. It was a little different at first, but when we step on the practice field it is coach and

coach. Once we leave the field and the office it is back to a family relationship; at the same time, it is strictly professional when we are here. He lets me know if I have to get something corrected. I have learned a lot from him.”

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FIU hopes to finish season with a bang

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The season is coming to an end and the FIU men’s soccer squad (5-8-0, 1-4-0 in Conference USA) is looking at a sub .500 season, unless they manage to win their remaining four games.

FIU finished the 2012 season at 8-8-2 (0-7-1 in C-USA). While to the naked eye it may seem as though the Panthers have failed to improve or even regressed, that is simply not the case.

In that 2012-2013 campaign, FIU finished the season with a remarkable 8-1-1 record against non-conference opponents. However, the teams that they faced weren’t exactly the ‘cream of the crop.’ In fact, the overall record of the non-conference opponents FIU faced was an abysmal 48-94-17.

In fact, Head Coach Ken Arena believed that one of the reasons for FIU’s struggles against their conference opponents was their weak non-conference schedule.

“The quality of our opponents wasn’t as high as it should’ve been,” Arena said. “So we tried to make our non-conference schedule a little tougher to better prepare us for the conference.”

This season FIU increased the difficulty of their non-conference schedule and as a result they finished (4-4-0) against the tougher schedule, and also were able to win their first conference game under coach Arena. The Panthers non-conference opponents have an overall record of 39-33-14, a drastic improvement over last year.



BEACON FILE PHOTO

The FIU men’s soccer team has been feeling the effects of a tougher schedule as its non-conference opponents’ overall record is a combined 39-33-14.

“We are much better than we were last year and we are much better than we were at the beginning of the year. We have lost some very close games and I would say at least half of the close games we have had the better of the play,” said Arena. “This team is going to fight to the end this year were all confident and believe that any given game could be like the Marshall game [4-0]. So we just got to stick to it, put our head down, and work hard.”

FIU has eight losses this season by a total

of 10 points. The Panthers worst loss of the season came on the road against Princeton to whom they lost 2-4. Every other match FIU has lost has been by one goal. As a matter of fact, FIU has actually outscored their opponents 23-21 throughout the course of the season.

FIU’s offense who at one point in the season was ranked top 20 in the nation in scoring has fallen to the 32 and has been shut-out in its previous two match-ups and has scored just

one goal in its previous three.

“We are creating more chances than we did in the beginning of the year,” said Arena. “We just haven’t been able to put them away and that’s soccer, it the hardest sport to score in and are defense has improved a lot.

Now, FIU’s offense has proven it could score in bunches, scoring at least four goals in three different matches: four against San Diego State, five at Florida Gulf Coast, and four at home against conference opponent Marshall. FIU has also shown vast improvements in their defense over the last several weeks, allowing four goals in their last five games, including the game where they held the top scoring team in the nation the University of Alabama Birmingham to a single goal.

“We are playing a lot better than last year,” said junior midfielder Gonzalo Frechilla. “As a team we look better, thing is we haven’t been able to find a way to win our games. We have to put our chances away. Hopefully we get our results.”

However, despite all that FIU has has a serious problem finishing games. FIU has allowed seven goals in the first period all season, yet they have allowed 13 goals in the second period. FIU is going to need to find a way to close out these tight games if they hope to win these final four games.

“The key is that we have to finish,” said junior forward Quentin Albrecht. “We create a lot of chances, we have lost the last three games by one goal. so it’s important for us to score at least one more goal than our opponent.”

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Panthers show off talent at ITA tournament

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After a great showing in the Milwaukee Classic, four Panthers got a chance to measure themselves against elite competition.

Freshmen Tina Mohorcic and Nina Nagode, sophomore Carlotta Orlando and senior Giulietta Boha made the trip to Athens, Ga. on Oct. 19-20 to compete in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Tournament.

While the two freshmen and Orlando got their first taste of ITA Tournament action, Boha has played in the ITA previously and for this trip Boha was star for FIU in Athens, Ga. The senior, who went 4-1 in the Milwaukee Classic back on Sept. 13-15 finished last weekend winning all of her singles matches giving her a 3-0 singles record for the weekend.

Boha initially began the tournament playing with a chip on her shoulder for being placed in the "Singles B" bracket.

"At first I was mad, because I wanted to play the best players in the "A" draw, but then it was ok and I told myself to just win all those matches and that's what I did," Boha said.

With the motivation, Boha first defeated Mercer's Haley Powell in straight sets. Boha advanced to the finals round after defeating Stephanie Woods from Georgia Southern, and Mercer's Natalie Franklin after.

When reaching the final round, Boha did not play as the match was canceled due to time constraints and travel reasons.

"We had class Monday, so they said no; of course I was disappointed because I wanted to play the last match since I played well but its ok because I ended well, it's not that I had a bad match and then I had to go back home," Boha said.

For Nagode, she went 1-1 in her singles matches. Nagode won her first match before losing in straight sets to Florida's Stefani Stojic.

"I knew the tournament was going to be strong, the first match wasn't easy but she wasn't that good so I played my game and I won, and the second one I felt she just had more discipline," Nagode said.

Orlando finished her ITA outing with a split of 1-1 in



ROY VIERA/FIU ATHLETICS

Sophomore tennis player Carlotta Orlando helped lead the FIU women's tennis team to a victory in the ITA Regional Tournament.

singles over the weekend.

The other freshman Morhorcic lost in both singles matches to Clementina Riobueno from University of

Miami and in the consolation bracket Linn Timmerman from Georgia Southern.

"It was my first match after April and after injury, and now I know what to work on," Morhorcic said. "Mostly I have to work on my serve and return because I was out of tennis for a long time. Now I know what college tennis is about, and what kind of matches the whole team can expect."

For the Panthers and Head Coach Katarina Petrovic who now have had a month of practice and conditioning feel encouraged from the ITA results especially after competing against top 10 caliber schools. The Panthers feel confident in their ability to compete against top tier competition moving forward.

"It's good to see we are on the same level as they are," Nagode said.

"For sure we are going to play in January against some of the same level of teams, so I think it's good to see that we can compete and we saw that we are there, we just have to work on our doubles," Orlando said. "We are improving a lot, and working hard and if now we are there, I can only be positive that when January comes we will be better, especially in the conditioning because right now they are more in shape than us but if work these next two months we will be on the same level."

While the Panthers competed well in singles, they were unable to notch a doubles victory losing both doubles matches in the first round. The duo of Nagode and Mohorcic lost 8-4, while Orlando and Boha lost in a tightly contested match 8-6.

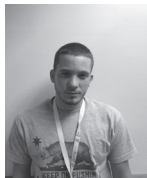
"Everybody has to be on the same page when it comes to pairing teams and this was the second match together for Nina and Tina, and the team they played had 24 matches together so it was very tough for them," Petrovic said.

The importance of doubles has been stressed by Petrovic and along with conditioning that will be something Petrovic will continue to stress in practice as the Panthers prepare to host the FIU Invitational on Nov. 1-3.

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With season looming, Murphy must take on leadership role

COLUMNIST



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Playing for the post-season, for the bright lights and a shot at a championship is the usual motivation for every sports team, especially those at the Division-I level.

For the FIU men's basketball team, though, that motivation simply cannot be there this season.

See, this year the basketball team will not be allowed to participate in any postseason play because of low APR scores during the reign of former coach Isiah Thomas.

In other words, this team can go undefeated and come March there won't be any madness at the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

With the lack of motivation that could possibly strike this team, one person must step up to ensure this team, in light of its punishments, does not throw the season away.

That person is senior Tymell Murphy.

Murphy, who was recently placed on the Conference USA players

to watch list, is undoubtedly the most talented and skilled player on the roster.

So by default he has the power to call shots and the responsibility to hold this team together during tough times.

Murphy will get some help at the hands of some experienced players as seniors Rakeem Buckles and Raymond Taylor will both play this season after sitting out last year due to transfer rules, but Murphy is the returning star of a Cinderella team.

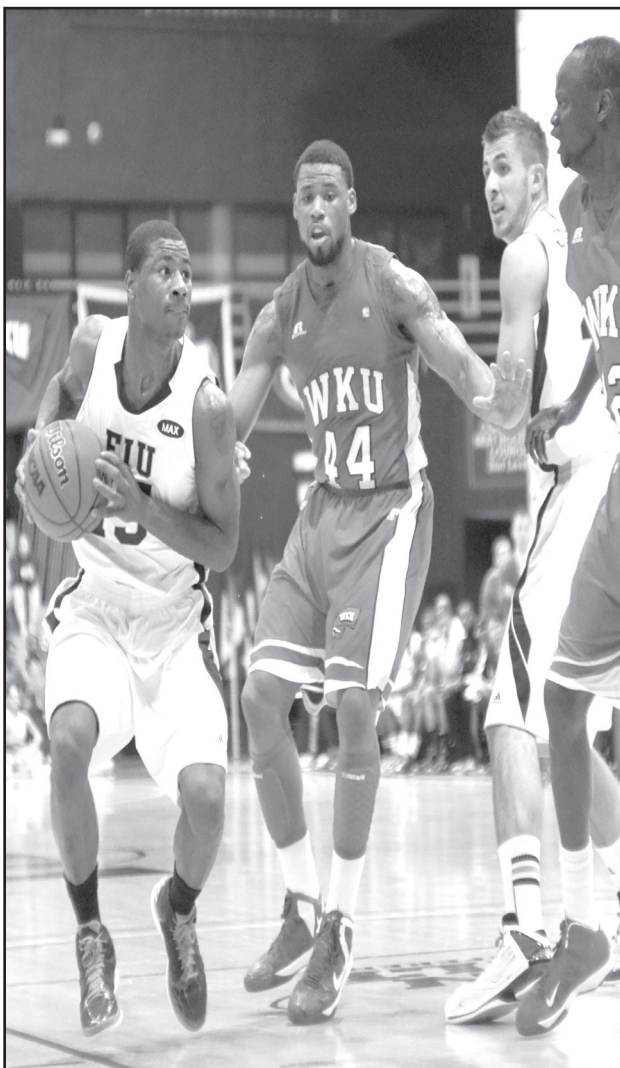
It's ultimately on him for this team to keep their heads above water.

Can he do it though? Absolutely.

Tymell was a First Team All-Sun Belt Conference selection last year as he led the Panthers in scoring at 14.6 points per game and in rebounding at 6.8 boards per game.

He was extremely efficient as well, shooting 57.3 percent from the field and 31.6 percent behind the three-point line.

And not to mention, before FIU, Murphy was a NJCAA National Champion. He led South Plains to an undefeated season in



BEACON FILE PHOTO

Senior forward Tymell Murphy (left) looks to help lead the FIU men's basketball team to a successful season, despite not being able to play in the postseason.

2011-2012 while he averaged 9.9 points per game and 6.6 rebounds per game.

This is a young man who in four years of collegiate basketball has never shot lower than 51 percent from the field in any season.

His lowest shooting year came while he was a freshman at Mohawk Valley when he shot at a 51 percent clip. His sophomore season at South Plains, he shot 57 percent from the field.

Murphy is the perfect package. He's fast. He's strong. He's determined.

And most of all, he's drastically needed by his team.

What Murphy will need to do though if he wants the team to succeed is find a way as the leader to incorporate the talents of Taylor and Buckles.

His most important role won't be to rack up points or rebounds, but to let the speedy Taylor and the athletic Buckles impact the lineup.

Now if Murphy incorporates Taylor and Buckles smoothly into the lineup, I think this team can have the sort of season

they did last year, where no one saw them coming and they were a couple of late baskets away from punching a ticket to the NCAA Tournament.

The difference this year, though, is even if it all works out and even if Murphy does his job as a leader and involves Taylor and Buckles this team still won't have an opportunity to play under the bright lights of the postseason.

Finding motivation this season is going to be difficult, I know, but I wouldn't count out the leadership of Tymell Murphy to come through like he always seems to do.

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BLOW THE WHISTLE

Whistleblowers speak the truth to University

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National Security Agency whistleblowers spoke at the University Oct. 24 about their lives after exposing government wrongdoings.

This was the third time the Government Accountability Project, a nonprofit organization that protects whistleblowers, came to the University for the American Whistleblower Tour.

“We’ve come here three times. There’s no other university that we’ve been to three times,” said Louis Clark, GAP president and director of its corporate accountability program.

Clark moderated the panel discussion between the whistleblowers— Thomas Drake and Jesselyn Radack.

They were two of four whistleblowers to present the Sam Adams award to whistleblower Edward Snowden who currently has asylum in Russia. Radack is the GAP’s National Security and Human Rights director. She used to work for the Department of Justice as an ethics advisor until she blew the whistle on FBI agents who unlawfully interrogated “American Taliban” John Walker Lindh.

Thomas Drake, the

second panelist, was legally represented by Radack after he disclosed documents of a government data collection program that threatened privacy rights of Americans. He was an NSA senior official at the time.

Rochelle Guzman, junior in broadcast media, left with “a lot of respect” for the whistleblowers.

“They do go through a lot and they’re actually trying to help us. They’re trying to help the citizens,” she said.

Clark’s format for moderating the discussion was “to listen and not be scripted.”

“I know the stories very well,” said Clark. “There’s always something more that I know that would be, in some cases, dramatic for people to hear. And so, if I haven’t heard that yet, I’ll follow up with a question until they say it.”

Jesselyn Radack’s answer to one of Clark’s follow-up questions prompted gasps from the audience.

“Now what happened? You said you were investigated on criminal charges and then also the bar charges. What’s the status of that now?” asked Clark.

According to Radack, the criminal investigation closed with no charges brought and

she spent more than \$100,000 in attorney’s fees.

“I was eventually taken off the ‘no fly’ list around 2009 and the bar case against me closed this summer— 10 years later,” said Radack.

Clark then shifted the conversation over to Thomas Drake. Drake faced 35 years in prison for obstruction of justice.

“Obstruction of justice?” asked Drake. “I cooperated sensibly with the government investigators, including cooperating with the FBI for five months after they raided me on November 28 of 2007.”

All charges were dropped after he agreed to a plea bargain arrangement in June of 2011.

Drake said he took the oath four times to support and defend the Constitution. “It wasn’t about me. It was about the future of our country,” he said. “That’s the reason I blew the whistle.”

Moses Shumow, professor of journalism and mass communication has been to all three of the University’s Whistleblower tours.

“It’s a really timely topic for my intro to digital media class,” said Shumow. “Just this week we’ve been talking about privacy, and data sharing and government



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Department of Justice whistleblower Jesselyn Radack (left) and NSA whistleblower Thomas Drake (right) came to share their experiences whistle blowing during their tour with the Government Accountability Project.

surveillance, so I can make very easy connections to my own class.”

Journalism senior, Virginia Torres reflected on what she learned from the panel discussion.

“Just because it’s the government doesn’t mean it’s the truth,” said Torres. “So you should still try to investigate and get your own truth.”

Frederick Blevens, professor of journalism and mass communications and coordinator of the Whistleblower Tours, said he is already working with the GAP on next year’s tour.

After the panel discussion, Drake said he was pleased with the audience’s feedback.

“They do care about their future. They do care about

what’s happening in this country.

And to have that kind of engagement—the very informed questions, as well as the listening. It’s very encouraging. It does give me hope for the future,” Drake said.

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Average college price hikes appear to be moderating

TUITION: OTHER FINDINGS

Tuition:

- public, four-year universities: \$18,391 in-state, \$31,701 out-of-state
- private: \$40,917
- public, 2-year: \$10,730
- Average tuition increased from \$70 to \$15,130, an increase of <1%
- New Hampshire and Vermont had the highest published in-state tuition
- Alaska and Wyoming had the lowest tuition and fees at four-year schools
- California and New Mexico had the lowest tuition and fees at two-year schools
- In 2012-2013, \$238.5 billion in financial aid was issued to undergraduate and graduate students. Students borrowed about \$8.8 billion from private, state and institutional sources.
- About 60 percent of students who earned bachelor’s degrees in 2011-2012 graduated with debt, borrowing a total of \$26,500 on average.

KIMBERLY HEFLING

AP Writer

There’s some good news on college tuition.

Yes, the cost has gone up — but not as much as in the past.

For in-state students at a four-year public college or university, published tuition and fees increased this year on average \$247 to \$8,893.

That’s a 2.9 percent increase — the smallest one-year increase in more than 30 years, the College Board said Wednesday in its annual report on college prices.

Out-of-state prices, as well as the costs to attend public two-year colleges and private institutions rose but they also avoided big spikes, said Sandy Baum, co-author of the report.

These more moderate increases could lessen concern that an annual rapid growth in tuition prices is the new normal.

“It does seem that the spiral is moderating. Not turning around, not ending, but moderating,” Baum said.

The average published cost for tuition and fees at a private college for the 2013-14 academic year was \$30,094 — up \$1,105.

An out-of-state student at a public college or university faced an annual average price tag of \$22,203, which is up \$670.

The average price tag for an in-state student to attend a two-year institution was much less at \$3,264 — up \$110.

Most students don’t actually pay that, though. There are grants, tax credits and deductions that help ease the cost of going to college.

About two-thirds of full-time students get grants, most from the federal government.

But, in the two years leading up to the 2012-2013 school year, the federal aid per full-time equivalent undergraduate student declined 9 percent, or about \$325.

That means students have to foot more of the bill themselves.

“The rapid increases in college prices have slowed, however, student and families are paying more because grant aid is not keeping up,” said David Coleman, president of the College Board.

While the average published price for tuition and fees for a private college is \$30,094, the net price is \$12,460 — up \$530 from last year.

The net price is what they actually pay

after grants. There were years this decade that saw the net price going down, but it has gone up the last two years.

The average published in-state price for tuition and fees at a public four-year school is \$8,893, but the average net price is about \$3,120.

Molly Corbett Broad, president of the American Council on Education, in a statement called it “troubling” that overall grant aid is not keeping up with prices. Her organization represents the presidents of U.S. colleges and universities.

“Institutions are committed to holding down costs, but it is equally important for state and federal governments to play their part to make college affordable,” she said.

The College Board is a not-for-profit membership group that promotes college access and owns the SAT exam.

The report spells out the large declines in state appropriations given to public institutions in recent years.

These cuts have been blamed for rises in college costs.

Other causes often cited range from the high cost of health care for employees to the demand by students for flashier campus amenities.