

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



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Senior Vice President Emeritus Paul D. Gallagher sitting with President Emeritus Modesto A. Maidique at a seminar for the Center for Leadership. They have known each other for 27 years.

University honors founder Paul D. Gallagher

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In 1971, Paul D. Gallagher became one of FIU's first employees as Assistant Dean of Education at 25-years-old. In 2007, he retired as Senior Vice President Emeritus, with six other vice presidencies under his belt.

"Paul Gallagher is one of the pillars supporting the temple that is FIU," said President Emeritus Modesto A. Maidique.

On July 30, 2013, Gallagher

passed away in his home in St. Augustine. Members of the University community united to plan a ceremony in his honor. The Paul D. Gallagher Celebration of Life ceremony will be held on Friday, Oct. 11, at 1:30 p.m. in the Graham Center Ballrooms.

Maidique first met Gallagher August of 1986, when he was interviewing to become president. They worked together even after Gallagher retired – almost 27 years.

"You couldn't get to know Paul and not recognize how much he

loved FIU," said Maidique.

President Mark B. Rosenberg has known Gallagher since 1979. In an email, he said Gallagher taught him how to have high expectations while still maintaining a certain humility about things.

"Paul's modest upbringing gave him an uncommon appreciation for everyday living and for those around who made the world a better place—starting right here at FIU," said Rosenberg.

According to Maidique, Gallagher met his wife, Jo Gallagher,

while she was an FIU student.

"He was 26 years old, an associate dean, and he noticed a beautiful blonde walking by outside his window. He chased her down and she eventually became his wife," said Maidique.

Mayra Beers, the Center for Leadership's director of operations, said Gallagher was very personable, that he always took the time to listen to others' problems and advise them.

"He would always greet everyone; he would know if someone's child was sick," said Beers.

Beers said Gallagher's favorite greeting was, "Hello, Sunshine!"

According to Beers, Gallagher held so many positions at FIU because he was willing to fulfill whatever was most needed at the time.

"He was almost everyone's vice president at some point," said Terry Witherell, vice president of External Relations.

Steve Sauls, vice president of Governmental Relations, worked

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Online enrollment up 10 percent this fall

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Every end of semester, students are faced with the task of trying to fit an appropriate schedule for the upcoming semester. As thousands of students sign up for classes, some run into the stressful situation of not getting the class they selected.

This is when an online class can come to the rescue.

The University's online course programs have seen an increasingly higher student participation in the past few semesters.

According to Joyce Elam, dean of University College, this fall's enrollment in online classes has increased 10 percent more than last fall and about 30,000 students are registered for at least one class.

"Students like to take online classes [and] every year, when registration opens up, there's an open online class which

provides a lot of options," Elam said.

The University has participated in the world of online courses since 1999, when according to Elam, the University opened its first online class. Recently, more and more students are leaning towards the online option.

"It gives you the ability to make your own school schedule and it's an added bonus if you don't have transportation," said Valerie Blattner, senior hospitality management major.

According to Blattner, "you can work wherever there is internet."

The Miami Herald argued on a recent article that these online courses may not be the right fit for every student and some may seem less engaged with the load work.

This is why the University has launched for the first time this semester its first fully-online undergraduate degree program.

Elam said the program is called FIU

2.0 and is offering seven online degree programs, which include business administration, early childhood education, recreational therapy, psychology, criminal justice, hospitality management, communication arts, and recreational and sports management.

The program is geared towards students who normally can't or don't want to commute to campus every week. However, the catch is that those who register for the program must be fully committed to it and are not allowed to take the traditional face-to-face classes.

"The online department is definitely growing and more degrees will be added," said Catalina Fernandez, junior criminal justice major, who works as the course developer for the FIU Online office.

The number of students already signed up for the fully online courses is about 270, according to Elam.

"We expect by the end of this year and next fall that we'll have at least a thousand [students more]," said Elam.

Elam said competition for this program is high.

With the University of Florida's online-only degree programs launching next spring 2014 and other for-profit and private universities following suit, the University is planning on offering more degrees to meet rising student demand.

"The more degree programs that we're able to offer, the more likely we would be able to meet the needs of students," said Elam about its marketing strategy to recruit online students.

Advertising is a major part of recruitment for this program and the greatest targets are transfer students coming from community colleges such as Miami-Dade

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WORLD NEWS

Migrants Used Empty Water Bottles To Stay Afloat

Survivors of a fiery shipwreck that killed more than 100 African migrants clung to empty water bottles to keep themselves from drowning and were coated in gasoline, an Italian fisherman said Friday. Lampedusa resident Vito Fiorino said he was the first to come across dozens of migrants scattered in the Mediterranean Sea while on a fishing expedition. Some didn't have the strength to grab the lifesaver thrown to them and said they had been fighting to stay alive for three hours. "It was a scene from a film, something you hope never to see in life," he told The Associated Press. He and his friends lifted 47 people up onto his 10-meter (32-foot) boat.

Egyptian Riot Police Police Fire Tear Gas At Protesters

Egyptian riot police fired volleys of tear gas and locked down Tahrir Square and several other Cairo streets Friday as clashes briefly broke out in a rare push by Islamist supporters of the ousted president to take control of the iconic square. With lines of armored vehicles and barbed wire, troops sealed off the square and diverted traffic after the Muslim Brotherhood, the group from which ousted president Mohammed Morsi hails, called on its supporters to march there.

Film Gives Indonesia View of Bloody, Obscure Past

Relatives of accused communists slaughtered in Bulumulyo village nearly a half-century ago thought it was safer to forget since the killers still lived among them. Some resented the dead for the stigma that continues to brand their families. Others believed what they were taught: the deaths were justified to save the nation. A new American documentary, "The Act of Killing," challenges widely held views about hundreds of thousands of deaths carried out across Indonesia from 1965 to 1966 in the name of fighting communism. It explores the country's darkest open secret by allowing former mass killers to re-enact their horrors on screen. Bulumulyo residents recently screened the film at the mass gravesite, and this week the producers made it available online across the country.

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Post on Facebook causes alarm

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Early Thursday morning, the University was alerted by the University Chief of Police of a possible threat to the University community.

The threat came in the form of a Facebook post on an unofficial University page titled "Florida International University Class of 2017."

According to a University-wide email written by Casas, "the FIUPD immediately investigated the post and its origin" and "at this time, there is no cause for concern."

"Going over to [Primera Casa] to watch Kung Fu Panda 2. Anyone interested can reply. Anyone scared to death of me can call the campus police or whatever. I'm aiming to do it somewhere on the fourth floor," stated one of the posts.

Livio Zanardo, international relations sophomore, alerted UPD to the post after his girlfriend showed them to him. He said when he called the department at approximately 10:30 p.m., he was informed that the suspect had already been apprehended and was in questioning.

Zanardo expressed concern, but said he did not lose any sleep over the posts.

"The possibility [of a shooting] exists, I just didn't think it is very probable," he said.

Casas said another student contacted UPD a little after 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 2, making the department aware of a Facebook post of a "disturbing nature" which made an indirect reference to a school shooting.

Casas mentioned there were approximately 12 phone calls and six emails regarding the matter.

"We contacted the originator of the post to make sure and determine there was no concern or threat to the University itself or anyone at the University," Casas said.

After 1 a.m., UPD sent a University-wide email alerting those who may have seen the post that the matter had been under investigation.

Casas stated there were no arrests made nor any suspects apprehended.

He said the individual was cooperative and allowed officers access to determine whether or not the individual had access to weapons or a desire to make anything more than those comments.

"Based on the posting itself, there was no specific threat," Casas said. "As far as we are concerned, the case is closed."

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Honoring the legacy of Gallagher

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closely with Gallagher since December of 1990; he said Gallagher was a colleague, a friend, "...and for a period of time, he was also my boss."

"It's a tremendous shock and a loss that such a vital and active person should no longer be with us," said Sauls.

According to Witherell, Gallagher threw himself completely into and learned about every area that he led.

"You hoped soon it would be your area that he was the head of," said Witherell.

After retirement, Gallagher remained dedicated to the University as the founding chair of the Principals Leadership Development Program, a program offered by the Center for Leadership.

Beers said he was leading the Princi-

pals Program Workshop this past June, just a month before he passed away.

According to Rosenberg, Gallagher was a visionary responsible for most of the growth of schools and buildings on both campuses.

Beers recalls how Gallagher would pick up any paper lying on the ground around campus, because he felt it was his campus to take care of, regardless of his position.

"There's a group of us who are here, not because it's a job, but because we believe in the vision and mission of FIU—and he personified that," said Sauls.

Gallagher's Celebration of Life is open to the public.

Some of his colleagues from over the years will speak, as well as two family members.

"Some of the guests that are not able to attend the event can call and leave a voicemail or they can leave a written message," said Lynda Rodriguez, director of commencement and ceremonies.

These written and voice messages will be shared during the ceremony. After the ceremony, there will be a reception in the faculty club.

"We are pleased that we are going to be able to honor him in this way," said Sauls.

Rosenberg said Gallagher's legacy – Florida International University – lives on.

"Everywhere you look on FIU, you can see Paul's legacy. He knew how to get things done," said Rosenberg.

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University launches FIU 2.0, fully online undergraduate degree program

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College or Broward College. But there are also students transferring from other universities.

Surprisingly, the fees for the online degree programs are a lot less

than traditional University tuition.

Because students are not physically attending campus, the athletic, parking and health fees are not included, thus making it more affordable for students.

"If you go online, the cost of

switching [to online classes] is not all that much," said Elam. "It takes a lot of effort to move to campus or off-campus, but if you're a fully online student, it's easier."

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Cuban scholar speaks: Listen to the beat of politics

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If you hear hip-hop and reggaeton blasting from the Ryder Business Building, it isn't an unauthorized party, it's a scholarly break down of politics in Cuba.

Nora Gamez Torres, a Cuban scholar, will be discussing how music has become a crucial form of politics and social contestation for Cubans, Oct. 10 at 9:30 a.m.

This lecture is a project that will be transferred into the book, "Living in Transition: The Politics of Popular Music in Contemporary Cuba," which analyzes popular music and its relationship with social and political changes in

present-day Cuba.

In this presentation, Gamez Torres will describe the "cultural public sphere" through which music in Cuba has given the public a way of untraditional communication, a method to express their criticism and feelings on political issues such as race, class, gender and Cuba's strict control over the people.

With the help of Jorge Duany, the director of Cuban Research Institute, Gamez Torres aims to reach out to Miami to share her account of Cuban musicians rebelling, taking a stand and displaying political criticism through music in a country known for its censorship.

"Because there is such a presence of state government and control of the media, then it becomes very interesting

that these newer popular musical expressions are able to channel these ideas in public," Duany said.

The Cuban Research Institute has embodied a passionate mission to ensure advancement in Cuban-American cultures and ideas that allow an understanding of the lives of people surrounding the University, especially here in Miami where it is only 228 miles away from Cuba.

In doing so, they have facilitated a variety of lectures that reach out to a younger population, mostly second- and third-generation Cuban-Americans that usually are not included in discussions about Cuban politics.

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E-cigarettes cause unnecessary hype, even danger to kids

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E-cigarettes, Viper Vapes, Vapor Sharks and the like might give off the appealing impression of being able to relinquish the desire to smoke cigarettes, but, from personal experience, it happens to accomplish quite the opposite.

As a smoker who is in fact trying to quit, I have been using one of these “Viper Vapes” in order to relieve my desire to smoke cigarettes.

It has been moderately helpful in appeasing my craving for cigarettes and has done wonders for my physical presence since I no longer smell like ash.

Other than that, the product really doesn't seem to expel my cigarette craving.

After reading an article on DigitalTrends.com regarding the U.S. Center for Disease Control's possible ban of the different flavors of these electronic cigarettes, I felt as though this product is definitely not worth all the hype.

The article says that kids are getting their hands on these products, and are “ruining e-cigarettes for the rest of us.”

I personally don't feel too

offended by the fact that children are, as always, getting their hands on something that they're too young to have in their possession.

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This product could just be an overrated, failing placebo for smokers who are trying to quit.”

These “vapes” are not only, for the most part, useless for me, but I've encountered others who have made the switch and have not achieved their desired results.

The article goes on to say that a recently conducted national survey discovered that “experimentation with e-cigs among middle school- and high school-aged children more than doubled from 2011 to 2012.”

Some critics have said that the thousands of fruity flavored liquids for the vapes are what will entice kids to smoke them, and possibly lead them to smoking actual cigarettes.

Although this is obviously a negative outcome of the vapes, according to Digital Trends, a similar event took place in 2009 when fruity flavored cigarettes were banned after studies showed that kids were smoking them.

I don't think that the potential ban on the fruity flavored e-cigarette liquids is anything to be worried about, but rather, the possibility that this product could just be an overrated, failing placebo for smokers who are trying to quit.

Even after using this vape for a while, I still have the desire to smoke cigarettes, so I'm left to doubt whether or not this product truly works.

FIU's ban on cigarettes has really left me with no other choice than to satisfy my cigarette cravings with my vape, and so I am really only forced to use it on campus.

If I could have cigarettes on campus, I really wouldn't even have a use for it.

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Disconnected from reality

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That person walking by on the sidewalk while tweeting probably doesn't realize the area ahead just went under construction. Give him a few seconds; it will hit him eventually.

How much time do we spend online daily?

According to an Ipsos 2011 survey, affluent millennials- those between ages 18 to 29- spend an average of 40 hours a week online.

That's the equivalent of a full-time job.

Let's backtrack a bit here.

When did the Internet start being a tool that distracted us?

Let's think back carefully on this, because it's the result of a few technological advances combined.

Better processors, motherboards, graphics cards, batteries and transistors, combined with faster Net speeds, all contributed to the rise of the one single device we can't seem to live without today: smart phones.

The tiny computers that allow us to be connected at all times, ironically enough, are also the devices that are disconnecting everyone from reality.

Today, our mismanagement of a technological renaissance is making us miss precious moments in our lives, moments that are often singular.

None of us can rewind life.

There are moments lost while hastily tagging people during a friend's birthday or rushing to post the picture of an engagement ring onto social media sites as it is given.

Unintentionally using social media while out with friends for a nice evening is commonplace, as is using social media to stalk the profile of an ex, inevitably delaying the healing process of a breakup for an undisclosed amount of time.

According to an info graphic by mapsoftheworld.com on internet addiction, 24 percent of Facebook users missed important moments in real life while trying to share them online. The same infographic says that 50 percent of Facebook users report losing sleep due to the social media giant.

In today's world, physical contact is second to digital interaction. Digital interaction is an out of body experience with multiple individuals at once. The amount of information being sent back and forth is taxing on the person, making loss of sleep and information exhaustion common.

Perhaps the most obvious example of my generation's inability to disconnect from the Net is found within texting. The new law that just went into place this week, which bans texting while driving, is a push to try and stop this current trend.

The solution to this problem is to wake up. Turn off those smartphones and disconnect from the Net. Enjoy a cup of tea in the backyard with family. Do something that involves anything other than social media or TV. Interact with people outside of work, classes and certainly outside of social media websites.

The bottom line is human contact. No amount of high speed Net, YouTube videos or interactive online experiences will ever equal real human interaction. Communicating with many individuals online does not bring us closer to them.

The truth, while difficult to notice for many of us, is right there in our screen: We have replaced our physical needs with machines that are meant to aid us.

The closer our physical and virtual worlds come, the clearer that distinction needs to be made.

We are not robots.

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Athletics vs. academics



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India: find spirituality, one heartbeat at a time

COLUMNIST



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The old and wise say that the most effective way to find the lost spirit inside a hopeless and bewildered body is by traveling.

I will have to admit, a planned or unplanned trip anywhere, even to the grocery store, may change your life completely.

My path has been a long-lasting adventure with unexpected turns, new scenes, encounters and love.

After a week of staying in India, I realized that my existence had been transformed. I did not know if it was for better or for worse, but I recognized that like every being, situation and circumstance, I will suffer from constant change.

New Delhi exuberance and danger, Agra mystic enchantment and now Jaipur, the city of the most beautiful fabrics and charming palaces, hosted my story of hope.

I was in search of those pure souls covered with white dresses and infinite humbleness. I needed to relate and finally assert that my years as a vegetarian and animal rights defender

had ancestral ideologies.

Before my adventure in India, a similar kind of high spirits covered by orange fabrics whom represented one of the faces of Hinduism, Hare Krishna's, found me while exploring the Amazon jungle.

At that time, I was desperately searching for the leftovers of my peace of mind, which was stolen by a fast world. They were able to, somehow, fulfill this crazy idea of energy, connection, karma, pain and the divine that has always followed me.

However, through the years, I was still pursuing something or someone who could make these ideas tangible.

This summer, while living in South Asia, my search for spirituality survived next to Jalāl ad-Dīn Muhammad Rūmī's sweet and truthful ideology. His thoughts and the support of my loved ones became the unforgettable inner voice of my mantras.

Hundred years ago, Rumi, a philosopher, poet, and Sufi mystic, revealed a certain truth about humanity and spiritual behavior. I was living proof that "what you seek is seeking you." Maybe it is the power of the mind, or my deep genuine desires, but something led me to one

of the oldest religions in the world.

After a memorable and somehow traumatic train experience, a vehicle was waiting for us, young spirits, students, with adventurous hearts. By far, a car ride in the middle of the night around the countryside area of Ladnun was an unforgettable example of how to live on the edge. Fast speed, useless traffic signs and an ongoing imaginary roller coaster feeling that lasts for more than seven hours, made me reach to heaven with internal prayers for survival.

For the first time in my life, I saw the white light and feared for my life, when we tried not to crash with into animals sleeping in the middle the road.

Possibly, because of our desires of endurance and moreover, our driver's excellent skills, we arrived safely to our destination. Finally I was going to face one of the main purposes of my long adventure. I was about to meet a unique community, the kind that you just see in those traveling TV shows.

Originating in India, Jainism and its followers approaches spirituality and the liberation of the soul by teaching a life full of harm-



CONSUELO NARANJO/THE BEACON

Munis of the Jain community walking around the city of Ladnun, India guided by their Guru, Acharya Shri Mahashramanji. A muni is a male member of the Jain religious community, who lives under vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and harmlessness.

lessness, detachment and renunciation. They relied on the idea of psychic independence, as well as equality, respect and compassion through all forms of life including plants and animals.

The Jains are the ones who carry a small broom with them in case they need to sweep the floors so they do not kill any living beings.

They do not use any type of advanced technology or transportation.

You may be wondering how these people can survive without basic western needs. Are they happy? What about love and family or any professional desires? Well, my heart was filled with the same interrogates.

Whatsoever, I may reaffirm that everyone on earth

is searching for that unraveling algorithm.

Happiness, love and satisfaction, is unique for each one of us and I was blessed enough to encounter the meaning of happiness from a Jain prospective, in a northern small town in India, thousands of miles away from home.

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Album review: Snowden releases album seven years later

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Snowden has definitely updated

Seven years in the making, Snowden finally released its sophomore effort, "No One In Control," after their alt-rock

heavy debut "Anti Anti" of 2006.

its original sound to accommodate the current musical climate of lo-fi, bedroom chill music without sounding too commercial. "No One In Control" consist of gloomy lyrics over a moody atmospheric alt-sound.

The lyrical content of this record reminds me of James Blake and Bon Iver; people alone in their

thoughts. At times, "No One In Control" turns upbeat and moody but with lead Jordan Jeffares' hollow vocals the combination of the three synchronize perfectly.

The record opens up with the albums' title track, "No One In Control," that borrows guitar tones and cautious dissonance from Vivian Girls. "The Beat Comes" is

the album's standout. It's an instant summer song that's gorgeously produced with youthful, dreamy vigor.

Collectively, there's really no difference in any of the tracks. It's all sonically pleasing but the lyrical content is all the same and Jeffares' lyrics are drowned out and extremely sulky. As reflected

by the lack of content on the band's website, Snowden's second album isn't anything special. It's good but it's also easily forgotten.

"No One In Control" isn't what fans of "Anti Anti" were hoping for but at least it solidifies that Snowden is still here and growing.

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Album review: His Electro Blue Voice's rebellious debut

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His Electro Blue Voice, an Italian trio made up of frontman Francesco Mariani, bassist Claudia Manili and drummer Andrea Napoli, debuted back in August with what is undoubtedly a bold intro into the music industry.

This not just because of the loud and chaotic nature

of the album, but also because of the raunchy title, "Ruthless Sperm."

It is extremely fitting, though, because the band is shamelessly ruthless to the ears of their listeners, but in a good way.

"Death Climb" starts off the short album that is only seven tracks long. Mariani immediately gets into your face with nonsensical lyrics while bandmates Manili and Napoli drag the same pounding loop until about the 1:36 minute mark. From

there, it only gets noisier to the point that it is no longer music, and instead just a mess of sounds.

"Spit Dirt," the longest song of the album reaching the eight minute mark, follows as the second track with more of an upbeat, drum rhythm. The sound is still very much distorted and probably just as aggressive, if not more.

There is a break around the 3:22 minute mark, as the instrumentals tone it down a notch into yet

another loop that is dragged to the end. Only the guitar switches things up every now and then. It also helps that Mariani isn't constantly screaming into your ears for the remainder of the song.

The rest of "Ruthless Sperm" alternates between states of tense, up-tempo instrumentals accompanied by excessively aggressive vocals, as well as somewhat more relaxed, surprisingly melodic instrumentals.

Practically every song on "Ruthless Sperm" is note-

worthy, but the most impressive from the seven tracks is unquestionably, "The Path." It is one of the really great, upbeat tracks that breaks down very nicely, with a guitar melody towards the end that is sometimes moody enough to be a tad reminiscent of Joy Division. The influence on the guitar can actually be heard throughout. Another decent example of this can be found in "Born Tired," the second-to-last track.

The final track, "Red

Earth," is also somewhat noteworthy, but that's only because it serves as a reliever from all the wonderful torture you've put your ears through.

Overall, His Electro Blue Voice has quite the rebellious debut. And if you don't mind having your gut busted, your face melted and your brain fried by the end of the album, then definitely give this one a chance.

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Panthers underdogs versus winless Eagles

COLUMNIST



PATRICK CHALVIRE

Saturday showcased the Panthers as an underdog: 17 points down to be exact.

But the biggest question was how it could

of attendance at games and the support of the school will fall ultimately fall on the outcome of these games.

Now attendance at home games has always been a concern, but will anyway truly show up to a homecoming game to support a dismal team?

It's never a debate as to the type of fans Miami is known for, but the positive spirit one gets from the so-called fan base only diminishes with every loss.

Now all hope isn't lost for support of the team. Greeks fraternities/sororities, known for their spirit and work in the community, show an affection for this team. I had the chance to speak to several members associated with Greek life and the consensus seems to be to support the team, no matter the wins and losses.

Even with homecoming just around the corner, the Panthers record won't stop them from showing up to their game against UAB and the rest of the homecoming festivities. When it's all said and done for them, it's just a game.

Tell that to the players who are using football as a means to succeed in life. Guys such as defensive linemen Greg Hickman and Isame Faciane are expected to at least practice for a number of NFL teams in the offseason and can see their lives changed dramatically, barring

be possible?

The Panthers faced the Golden Eagles of Southern Mississippi. At the time on a 16-game losing streak, the Eagles last felt the splendors of victory on Nov. 26, 2011.

Now, this wasn't your ordinary college game: it was also the first Conference USA game for the Panthers, but by the looks of it, it wasn't a good way to start conference play.

The Panthers were on a losing streak themselves, starting 0-4 this season, allowing 187 points.

Granted, the Panthers did face ranked and powerful teams in Maryland, UCF, and Louisville. Though being an underdog to a team, who hadn't seen a win in almost two years, just seemed like a pretty big slap in the face.

It's clear the Panthers needed their bye week last to help themselves regroup and give quarterback Jake Medlock time to recover from his concussion, but it's never guaranteed that the break will bring a victory. In this case, a much needed victory.

Though players and staff may not all admit it, the status



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Senior defensive lineman Isame Fasciane (Above), is a defensive leader this season along with fellow senior Greg Hickman. Fasciane went into the USM game with five tackles for loss in four games.

any setbacks.

But I understand the meaning from the support. Maybe that kind of support is what this team needs: support from people who don't care about the W's and L's, who want a team that tries its best. The kind of support, in other words, you received as a child when you played pee-wee sports.

Now I am in no way saying

that as a joke, I honestly think with all the turmoil's this team has gone through and will possibly continue to go through, maybe what they need is support no matter what the results are at the end of games.

Only a matter of time to see if the supporters out there will continue to show up to games and bring some friends with them.

Maybe, just maybe, it'll be

the kick in the rear the guys need to get on the right track, whatever track that may be. Because when it's all said and done, this program is at the starting line of a marathon and if the first four games have anything to say for it, they're still putting on their shoes.

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Goalkeeping issues hoping to be cleared up



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This season has been filled with uncertainty for this FIU men's soccer team, with the rise of junior Roberto Alterio into the picture being the leading scorer of the team side by side with last year's top scorer and Conference USA's second team junior Quentin Albrecht. Alterio, who has scored five goals through nine games this season, is being considered a pleasant surprise to Head Coach Ken Arena this season, on being the biggest offensive force on a team that was basically led by Albrecht just a year ago. This is the good type of uncertainty in the team this season, but there is some other question marks on the team, such as the goalie situation and conference games coming into play this season.

FIU has used three goalies this season, but the most minutes belong to freshman Lawrence Craggs, who has started six games for the Panthers this season and has been a good goalkeeper. This was not what was expected

of him with 11 goals allowed and 19 saves giving him have a .633 save percentage so far this season. This is not something Craggs has experienced before, coming off a high school season in which he only allowed one goal in the whole year.

Arena commented on Craggs, "He is a very good goalkeeper and he is learning as games go along, has committed some rookie mistakes out there, and right now it is a game-to-game decision as of what goalie to use"

Arena, given the performance of his goalkeeper, has been using other goalies lately to try them out as Craggs underperforms to give him a little breather and try to clear his mind. On these situations, Arena has given Miami native, redshirt sophomore Daniel Mion some starts. Mion has been given the chance to step up to the challenge by getting two starts this season, on his first start against Jacksonville University, he earned the shutout, which was the first shutout of the season for FIU as the Panthers went on to win

the match 2-0. After providing FIU with it's first shutout, he went on to start the next game against Princeton, in which he allowed four goals on 14 shots, while conquering four saves between the pipes.

Another weapon the team has used this season in the goalkeeping position is last year's starting goalie and former C-USA all freshman team, sophomore Robin Spiegel which started the first game of the season allowing two goals to Loyola Marymount University as FIU fell with a 2-1 score.

Given the fact that there has been a mix of goalkeepers under the FIU goals, last week's game against Penn University, Craggs went out there and looked like the goalie FIU has been expecting to come out all season by posting a 2-0 shutout to the Quakers. Craggs recorded four saves while not allowing any goals on the first shutout of his college career and leading the Panthers to victory.

Arena on Craggs, "On these past two games Craggs didn't play, he worked extra hard out there in practice and

pushed himself during that time wanting to earn the privilege of going back out there, and all that hard work paid off with that shutout"

For FIU, now is when the expectations occur as they get ready to play eight straight conference games which started with Marshall University at home on Sunday Oct. 6. The Panthers have already dropped their first conference game this season with a disappointing 2-1 loss against Florida Atlantic University earlier in the season. Conference games were the Panther's weak spot last season as they were not able to win a single game ending with a record of (0-7-1). This will be a hard stretch for FIU on a month full of conference games on where they split even as they play four away and four on the road.

"We aren't changing any methods or necessarily practicing any differently, we will make some little adjustments as match ups go along but we will be ready," Arena said.

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Head Coach Kenny Arena (above) is still looking for a solid person to keep in the net. So far, Arena has used three different players at goal keeper including Lawrence Craggs, Daniel Mion, and Robin Spiegel.

Non-conference battles prepare Panthers for C-USA

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Prior to this seasons kick-off, Head Coach Ken Arena noted that the FIU men's soccer team would take on a tougher non-conference schedule to help prepare them for conference play

"The level that we have to get to is the level that the best FIU teams are used too and that is competing for championships," Arena said. "The quality of our opponents wasn't as high as it should've been, so we tried to make our non-conference schedule a little tougher to better prepare us for the conference."

The FIU men's soccer squad (4-5-0) is more than half way through the regular season slate and has posted a (4-4-0) record against non-conference opponents.

The previous year FIU went (7-1-1) against non-conference opponents.

"It was a tougher schedule," Arena said. "I think that it really helped us grow and prepare for our conference."

While the Panthers weren't able to match the hot non-conference start of

a year ago, they do however feel better prepared to face-off against their conference, which dominated them last year to a tune of (0-7-1).

FIU lost its only conference game thus far to Florida Atlantic University (5-0-1).

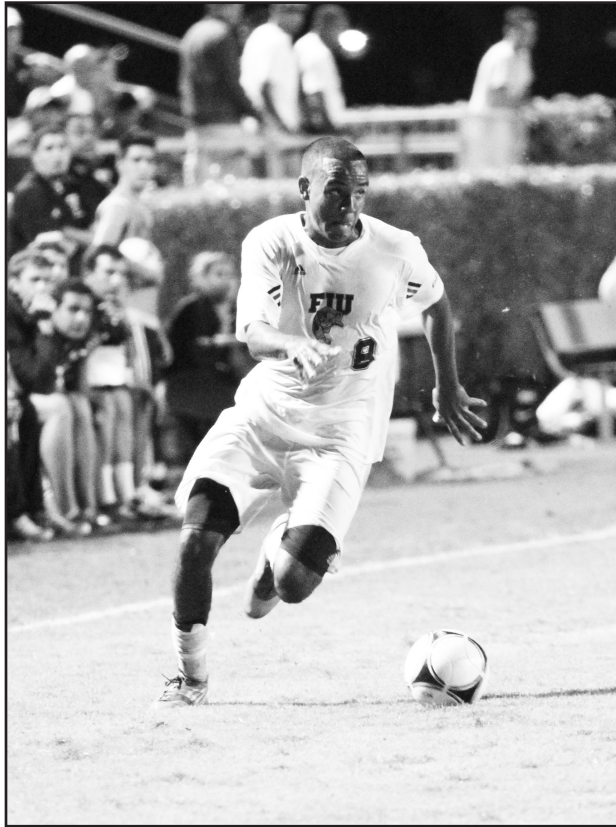
"The whole season is a process. Said Arena. "For us improving and discovering who needs to be on the field and where and how are team needs to play, we feel pretty good about what we've learned so far. I think it will continue to change week to week but we've made a lot of steps in the right direction."

Goalie by Committee

Nine games into the regular season it is quite clear that Coach Arena has no problem with going with a goalie by committee approach.

"I think all of our goalkeepers that have played so far have done a good job." Said Arena. "We haven't decided yet who will be the starter, at this point it is still game by game."

FIU has gone with three different goalies this season: redshirt sophomore Daniel Mion, who started last season, sophomore



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led by Coby Burdette (above) along with Quentin Albrecht and Roberto Alterio, the Panthers look to improve on a conference record of (0-7-1) of last season.

Robin Spiegel and freshman Lawrence Craggs.

Before the season started the presumed starter was Spiegel.

However, an offseason injury set him back, thus limiting to one start this season where he allowed

two goals.

On Sept. 22nd when the Panthers played against the Jacksonville University Dolphins (1-5-1), Mion made his first career start.

Mion was successful as he helped FIU achieve their first shutout of the season.

Mion would keep the starting spot for the next game against Princeton.

However, he allowed four goals and has been then benched for the next game.

The Panthers current goalie Craggs, is the goalkeeper that got the first shot at cementing himself as FIU's goalie.

Craggs started FIU's first six contest but didn't do particularly well giving up a conference worst 13 goals.

Craggs would be benched for FIU's next couple of games before getting his chance at redemption against Penn (3-6-0).

Craggs was successful as he led the Panthers to their second shutout of the season.

"He sat down for two games and came back and did a good job," said Arena.

It is unclear how the committee will shape up from game to game, for now Craggs is locked in to be the guy and he will continue to hold that position as long as he keeps the hot hand.

These are the Games that matter

Although every game matters in a 17 game season, it is undeniable that the

conference games are what will make or break teams, especially for a team like FIU that still carries around a chip on their shoulder due to their conference woes the year before.

"I still think the conference is going to be harder at the end of the day because these are the games that really matter," said Arena. "I'm looking forward to see our team step up to the games that really matter."

The remainder of the schedule will prove to be a challenge for the Panthers, in which two of the eight teams left on the schedule are ranked in the NCAA top 25: University of Alabama at Birmingham at number 15 and the University of Tulsa at 23.

The Panthers open up an eight game stretch of Conference-USA play at home against Marshall (2-5-3) (0-1) on Oct. 6, the game is set to kick-off at 7:00 p.m.

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Heat's Spoelstra not letting success change him

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It took Miami Heat coach Erik Spoelstra a few extra minutes to make his way out of a Bahamian restaurant after a recent dinner, getting stopped several times by fans with photo requests.

He obliged them all.

After all, they weren't calling for his head. Or throwing something at it, for that matter.

Guiding the Heat to the past two NBA championships may have changed perceptions about Spoelstra. But those titles didn't change the 42-year-old who prides himself on doing the same things, with the same people, as he did before he won.

"It's my personality naturally to try to fly under

the radar," Spoelstra said Thursday, the next-to-last day of Heat training camp. "That's simply not realistic with this group. You have to understand that, you have to be OK with it and embrace it to a level where you're comfortable. I won't go out there and overexpose myself, but I do live my life and continue to do things I think are important."

Like going out to dinner.

Much got made of the infamous bump Spoelstra got from LeBron James in 2010 as the Heat lost in Dallas and fell to 9-8 in the first season of Miami's "Big 3" era.

There were reports players wanted Spoelstra fired, that Pat Riley's protege was over his head trying to handle a team with megastars like James and Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

Some when a step farther to voice their displeasure with Spoelstra.

"Three years ago people were throwing things at me, asking for me to be fired," Spoelstra said, starting to tell the story of a time he was dining out in the Coconut Grove section of Miami.

He was seated outside at a cafe, when someone threw something at his table.

"Actually, my friend got hit by a piece of sculpture, broken-off sculpture that got thrown," Spoelstra said. "They were trying to hit me, saying I suck, I should be fired. It went sailing right over my head and hit my buddy right in the chest."

Spoelstra wasn't fazed.

"It was hilarious," he said. "I was like, 'You've got to come with me all the time.'"

Spoelstra's level of celebrity doesn't work everywhere. He spent some time recently on the Oregon coast with his family, so many of his relatives made the trip that they ran out of space. A vote was taken to see who would sleep on the floor.

He lost.

"Family keeps you very grounded," Spoelstra said.

Spoelstra's insistence that he's a normal guy is somewhat comical at times. During an interview Thursday, while downplaying his celebrity, a spectator at Heat practice interrupted to tell Spoelstra how much he enjoyed watching him work.

That spectator was Perry Christie, the Prime Minister of the Bahamas.

"Spo's a pretty private person, or as much as you

can be in Miami," said Heat forward Shane Battier. "There's a line. There's a line and that's what everyone's learning in the digital age."

The way the Heat go about their on-court business hasn't changed much since Spoelstra arrived nearly 20 years ago to work in the video room. The style of play has changed in countless ways, but the franchise's philosophies remain the same as they did when Riley — now the Heat president — installed them, and that won't change on Spoelstra's watch.

That said, he also knows his team. After 90 minutes of intense work Thursday morning, Spoelstra gave the Heat the rest of the day off, a reward that was appreciated.

"He just trusts us," James said. "He trusts all the veterans

that we're going to do our work, if he's around or if he's not around. That's the biggest thing, the trust that he has in us. We trust him, man. He's come a long way, we've come a long way and it's the best relationship we've had."

Spoelstra wasn't thrilled this week that it became known publicly that he got a new multiyear extension from the Heat, insisting he would just have preferred the details stay in-house. He's not looking for fame and wasn't looking for fortune when he started in Miami, and now that he's got both, he sees no reason to change who he is.

"I keep it in perspective," Spoelstra said. "So if somebody wants a picture now, it's better than the alternative."

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Weekly meetings help students speak English

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Contributing Writer

Practicing English can be essential to some students to succeed in their classes.

FIU's English Conversation Circle has meetings in which individuals practice conversation starters in the English language and, with time, become used to the English language.

These meetings take place at the Biscayne Bay Campus every Monday at 3 p.m. in the Hospitality

Building.

Glenn C. Hutchinson, assistant director for Center of Excellence in Writing, runs the intercultural gathering.

For over a year now, the program has been meeting weekly to help students progress in learning English.

Pan Fan, senior Hospitality major and a student from China who is part of the "4+1" program has taken advantage of the meetings.

"The meetings are good, it's a place where

I can speak the English language," said Fan.

Not only do these meetings emphasize on speaking the English language and starting English conversation, but also the different cultures represented in those meetings.

For example, during the meetings, they talk about high and low context cultures and different ways of life in different countries.

The meetings usually start with icebreakers in which questions such as "How was your week?" will be asked, and foreign students are given the proper time and opportunity to express how their week was and take part in other conversations.

The Conversation Circle is expanding, with a Spanish Conversation Circle in the works in the Modesto Maidique Campus on Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

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COLOR RUN FUN



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Nicole Cozzi, a higher education admin grad student, and Christina Reddick, Assistant Director for Students Affairs, are 'slaving away' getting the colored powder ready for Sunday's Color Run.

“The meetings are good, it's a place where I can speak the English language.”

Pan Fan
Senior
Hospitality

Shutdown jeopardizes nutrition program for poor

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Associated Press

Jacob Quick is a fat and happy 4-month-old with a big and expensive appetite. Like millions of other poor women, Jacob's mother relies on the federal Women, Infants and Children program to pay for infant formula — aid that is now jeopardized by the government shutdown.

Pennsylvania and other states say they can operate WIC at least through the end of October, easing fears among officials that it would run out of money within days. But advocates and others worry what will happen if the shutdown drags on beyond that.

"What's going to happen to my baby?" asked Jacob's mother, Cierra Schoeneberger, as she fed him a bottle of formula bought with her WIC voucher. "Am I going to have to feed him regular milk, or am I going to have to scrounge up the little bit of change I do have for formula or even baby food?"

WIC serves nearly 9 million mothers and young children, providing what advocates say is vital nutrition that poor families might otherwise be unable to afford.

Schoeneberger, for example, said her son goes through about \$40 worth of formula a week. "It's like a car payment," said the unemployed mother of three.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children — better known as WIC — supplies low-income women with checks or debit cards that can

be used for infant formula and cereal, fruits and vegetables, dairy items and other healthy food. WIC also provides breast-feeding support and nutrition classes. Poor women with children under 5 are eligible.

Just before the shutdown, the U.S. Department of Agriculture had warned that states would run out of WIC cash after a "week or so." Now the agency says WIC should be able to provide benefits through late October, with states using \$100 million in federal contingency money released Wednesday and \$280 million in unspent funds from the last budget year.

If the aid dries up, desperate moms will probably dilute their babies' formula with water to make it last longer, or simply give them water or milk, said the Rev. Douglas A. Greenaway, head of the National WIC Association, an advocacy group. Pediatricians say children under 1 shouldn't drink cow's milk because they can develop iron deficiency anemia.

"These mothers have trust and confidence in this program, and that trust and confidence has been shaken by Congress," Greenaway said. "This is just unconscionable."

Danyelle Brents, 22, a single mother of three, receives about \$200 a month in vouchers for food and formula for her two children and baby. She is being hit doubly hard by the shutdown: She is a contract worker for the Federal Aviation Administration who catalogs records for aircraft certification, and is furloughed.

HOMEcoming WEEK OCT. 7-OCT. 12 EVENTS

MONDAY, OCT. 7

HOMEcoming KICK OFF AT THE BAY

WHEN: 3 p.m.

WHERE: BBC Behind the Aquatic Center

HOMEcoming MOVIE: "FAST AND FURIOUS 6"

WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHERE: BBC WUC 157

THURSDAY, OCT. 10

PANTHER POWER PEP RALLY

WHEN: 11 a.m.

WHERE: Campus Life BBC Hallway

FRIDAY, OCT. 11

HOMEcoming DANCE "LXV LOUNGE"

WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHERE: Kovens Center

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