

\$11.4 million grant first steps to UniversityCity

Wertheim gifts \$10 million to Nursing and Health Sciences



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This mockup shows the pedestrian bridge that will connect Sweetwater to Modesto A. Maidique campus.

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A U.S. Department of Transportation discretionary grant program, called Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery 2013, appropriated \$11.4 million to the University on Sept. 5.

These funds will develop the pedestrian bridge that will connect the University with Sweetwater, and street improvements two blocks north and south of Southwest Eighth Street, on 109th Avenue.

“We didn’t get all the money we

requested, but basically we are trying to develop street improvements from the Green Library to the Sweetwater City Hall,” said Steve Sauls, vice president of Governmental Relations.

According to Facilities Planning, the specifics behind the grant’s funding, meaning how much will fund the pedestrian bridge and how much will fund the street improvements, are still in discussion. The only approved figure is the total amount of the grant.

The DOT’s official project description, found online, states that, “These infrastructure improvements

will support the economic growth of a major public research university and an adjacent small city [Sweetwater].”

However, Robert Griffith, director of Facilities Planning, asserts that the scope of the projects funded by the TIGER Grant transcends financial outcomes.

“FIU is outreaching to help the community of Sweetwater as well, it’s not just creating a market for economic development,” said Griffith.

Stuart Grant, coordinator of Facil-

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The Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine will be joined by the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences after Herbert Wertheim donates \$10 million to expand the program in honor of his wife.

A few years after Wertheim’s \$20 million donation to the University’s College of Medicine, the latest gift will fund student scholarships at the graduate level, as well as faculty development and research.

The Nicole Wertheim Nursing and Health Sciences Scholarship Endowment will help support graduate students who are working on clinical doctorates in physical therapy and master’s level nursing students who are studying to become registered nurse practitioners, according to Ora Strickland, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

The Endowment for Nursing and Health Sciences Education and Research will go to faculty development and research.

“These endowments were set up to support faculty research and enhancement and to support faculty collaboration in the developmental program and research,” said Strickland. “The same endowment fund established three faculty chairs, which was done as a means to mentor students to develop research, they will also mentor junior faculty members.”

Of the three faculty chairs, one focuses on prevention and family health, another focuses on pain

management and disease prevention while the third, community mental health, according to Strickland.

Junior nursing student, Valerie Ratmiroff believes that the donation will do wonderful things for the nursing school.

“I don’t think the nursing field is often given much credit, but I think that this donation will enhance learning and education and attract more students to the field,” said Ratmiroff. “I also think the graduate scholarships are very important, because graduate students are not often given much financial aid, it is something that could greatly benefit me in the future if I decide to go to graduate school.”

While the college will be named after Wertheim’s wife, his donation comes as a sign of his commitment and confidence in the college, said Strickland.

“He saw our five-year strategic and business plan and after he read those, he wanted to fund the plan,” said Strickland. “In essence the gift was given to demonstrate his commitment and confidence in the direction the college is going, and he did this by commemorating his wife’s birthday and their 44th wedding anniversary.”

According to Strickland, the donation will be paid over a five-year period in \$2 million increments.

“This endowment has been designed to boost the college in moving forward to really become worlds ahead,” Strickland said.

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Texting and driving banned, secondary offense

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The controversy over the practice of texting while driving has not disappeared; even after a Florida law was passed.

On Oct. 1, Florida’s ban on typing in a wireless device while driving, also known as Senate Bill 52, will go into effect. Refusing to comply with the law is considered as a secondary offense, which, according to Tampa Bay’s The Current, means that it can only be applied if the police for another reason have stopped an individual.

According to the Florida Senate website, the first violation of the law is punishable as a nonmoving violation, with a \$30 fine, plus additional county court costs. The Miami-Dade Clerk of Courts site refers to nonmoving violations as having a \$129 fee.

The second violation of the law is punishable as a moving violation, with a \$60 fine plus additional court costs.

The nature of the law, as well as its method of punishment, is a source of debate amongst students.

“Texting and driving is not something that you should do,” said Carlos Gutierrez De Pineres, a junior mechanical engi-

neering student.

Despite this, De Pineres says that the law will not be as effective.

“[There are] DUIs for people that drink and drive, and people still drink,” said De Pineres.

“I think maybe that’s pushing it a little too far, to check people’s phone records.”

Camille Rosa
Junior
Social Work

He later clarified that it would reduce amounts of texting while driving, but that this would only be among those who care about losing money.

“Those who don’t care about the ticket, they don’t care

about the money because their parents will pay for the ticket, or whatever. They will still do it,” said De Pineres, “They will find ways around it”.

Camille Rosa, junior social work student, agrees with the ban.

“I actually think its great. Anytime that I’ve tried to text and drive, I can’t. It’s really difficult to really pay attention to the road and text at the same time,” said Rosa, who pointed out that such a practice is dangerous.

When it came to the efficacy of the law, Rosa said she believes that it will work.

“I think a lot of accidents happen because people are not paying attention. I don’t know the statistics to accidents, but I know [...] a lot them had not been paying attention,” said Rosa.

In a previous report, Student Media pointed to how the law allows authorities the option of using phone bill records to determine whether or not an individual was texting at the time of a road-related infraction. This has caused some students to ponder the role of the right to privacy in the matter.

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WORLD NEWS

Climate panel: Warming “extremely likely”

Scientists now believe it’s “extremely likely” that human activity is the dominant cause of global warming, a long-term trend that is clear despite a recent plateau in the temperatures, an international climate panel said Friday. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change used its strongest language yet in a report on the causes of climate change, prompting calls for global action to control emissions of CO2 and other greenhouse gases. In its previous assessment, in 2007, the U.N.-sponsored panel said it was “very likely” that global warming was due to human activity, particularly the CO2 emissions resulting from the burning of coal, oil and gas. The change means that scientists have moved from being 90 percent sure to 95 percent - about the same degree of certainty they have that smoking kills.

Cuba lets athletes compete in foreign leagues

Cuba announced Friday that its athletes will be allowed to sign contracts to compete in foreign leagues, a shift from decades of policy that held professional sports to be anathema to socialist ideals. The measure promises to increase the amount of money baseball players and others are able to earn, and seems geared toward stemming a continuing wave of defections by athletes who are lured abroad by the possibility of lucrative contracts, sapping talent from national squads.

Experts fear Dominican ruling could cause crisis

Experts warned Friday that a Dominican court decision to strip citizenship from children of Haitian migrants could cause a human rights crisis, potentially leaving tens of thousands of people stateless, facing mass deportation and discrimination.

Officials promised to create a path to Dominican citizenship, but gave no details about how it would work or who would be covered. The ruling by the Constitutional Court is final and gives the electoral commission one year to produce a list of people to be excluded from citizenship.

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University using \$11.4 million grant for construction projects

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ities Planning, underlines the most direct benefit that this grant’s developments will bring to students.

“The bridge is a safe way of getting across Southwest Eighth [Street],” said Grant.

Some students agree with Grant.

“It’s convenient for student pedestrians because they won’t have to worry about street lights while crossing the street,” said Annelise Ferrer, liberal studies senior.

There were 52 projects across 37 states that received funds through the DOT’s TIGER grants in 2013 and the University was the only of its kind in the list of recipients, according to the official DOT website.

“Universities don’t usually get this kind of grant,” said Grant. “Counties, cities and states do.”

The development and improvements funded by the grant are the takeoff of the UniversityCity Prosperity Project, an ongoing overarching project between the

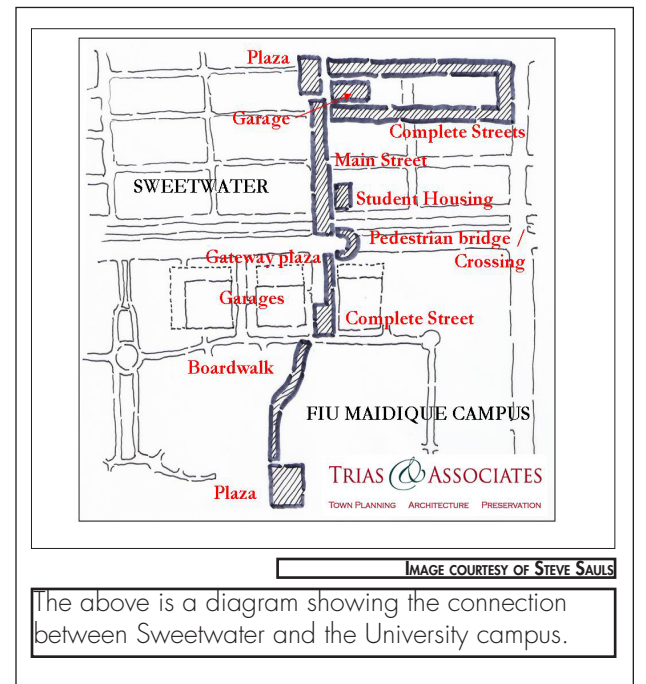
University, Miami-Dade Expressway Authority, Miami-Dade County, the City of Sweetwater, International Business Machines, T.Y. Lin International and other parties.

The overall purpose of UniversityCity would be to increase the number of the transit riders in the area, improve modes of public transportation, foment pedestrian-oriented commuting within the University-Sweetwater region and provide initiatives for local businesses.

Griffith, an employee at the University for 25 years, believes that UniversityCity marks a change in the way the University has approached its surrounding community for the past decades.

“There used to be a concept that the University should be a suburban development with controlled access,” said Griffith. “The new thinking is that we are part of the community, we are opening our doors to them.”

One of UniversityCity’s main components, apart from those funded by the Tiger Grant, will be a FIU



Smart Garage, PG6, that will include its own multi-modal transit hub adjacent to U.S. 41, the Turnpike and Dolphin Expressway.

“I think it’s a good idea because it will benefit those of us who don’t live on or near campus,” said Isaac Chavez, psychology sophomore.

The garage is a commitment by the University to receive the \$11.4 million grant and will be funded by revenue

bonds. The transit hub to be built inside the parking structure will be built in conjunction with Miami-Dade Transit.

“We, through UniversityCity, are trying to be a catalyst for an urban place,” said Sauls. “We are trying to leverage good academic thinking, transportation and urban design. It will be a work in progress for many years.”

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Texting, driving ban in effect in October

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Rosa claimed that while she believed that the law’s goals were important, the method of acquisition in this matter is questionable.

“I think maybe that’s pushing it a little too far, to check people’s phone records. But I guess I don’t see another way of them proving [it], so that might be the difficult part,” said Rosa.

Assistant University Police Chief Alphonse Ianniello thinks the law will one day be a primary offense.

“I think that texting while driving will be treated just like wearing a seat-

belt,” said Ianniello in an interview with Student Media. “At first, I couldn’t just pull you over for not wearing one, but that changed and that’s the common process.”

Rosa explained that since it is a new law, the penalty is fine the way it is for now.

“I think for now it’s a good penalty. I actually think it should go higher eventually,” said Rosa.

Rosa emphasized that the penalty must be kept the same for now. That way, she claimed, citizens can accustom themselves to the law and policymakers see how the populace

reacts to the current price of texting while driving.

“It’s not the correct way of teaching someone something,” said De Pinares, in contrast to Rosa.

De Pinares compared the ban to grounding and speeding, which he believes are questionable methods of punishment. He emphasized education of individuals at an early level as an alternative approach to texting while driving.

“Putting a penalty to it is a wrong way of doing it,” said De Pinares.

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Lecture focuses on Alzheimers’ diets

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Elenor Edwards, a senior psychology major, learned about the hardships of Alzheimer’s disease when her great grandmother began showing symptoms of the disease just a year ago and now does not remember her.

“One minute she makes progress, the next she backslides,” said Edwards. “This started a year ago, but the good thing is that she remembers my grandfather – her son.”

The Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine will host Neal Barnard, a physician, an author and a health advocate, in an event titled, “A Nutritional Strategy for Preventing Alzheimer’s Disease,” on Oct. 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the MARC

Pavilion. Barnard studies the effect of diet on health and has worked to reform federal dietary guidelines.

According to the Karen Wilkening, major gifts officer in the Office of Medical Development, the 14th Annual Joan and Harry B. Smith Lecture Series is funded by private donors.

Edwards said the college of medicine has a lot to prove because it’s new and that by hosting such an event, it will benefit put the college on the map, benefitting the community.

“This lecture will be very beneficial because our generation is quick to go under the knife instead of dealing with natural remedies to better ourselves,” Edwards said.

Jamilah Ruiz, a junior biology major, said her friend’s grandmother suffers from the disease and she plans to attend.

“I’m glad that the College of Medicine is spreading the word out and they’re educating people,” said Ruiz. “This is a big step for them because they’re new and this is a big event, I’m sure. I think it will bring a lot of people out.”

This lecture will cover new research that shows how diet and lifestyle can prevent Alzheimer’s to a certain degree. Neal Barnard will be explaining the steps surrounding what everyone can do to help minimize their risk in developing this disease.

Eve Desorme, a senior and biology major, feels like diet can change a lot but can’t

completely stop someone from getting a disease.

“I feel like changing your diet can change a lot. I even heard that avocado can prevent cancer. I don’t really think that diet can fully prevent disease though, I just think that it can lower chances,” Desorme said.

Due to the large amount of RSVP attendees, this event is sold out; however, the College of Medicine is looking to find a larger venue so more people can attend.

“We are booked to capacity and are actually looking for possibilities for a larger venue on campus. It may end up not being in the MARC Pavilion as advertised,” wrote Karen Wilkening in an email to Student Media.

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Death by online social robots

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There was a time, long ago it seems, when robotic programs were not an issue. These programs were irritating at best and spam-full at worst. But at the time, they could easily be identified for what they were: fake.

To this day, they still clog emails through their spam-centric communications- or attempts thereof. However, thanks to advances in technology, the artificial intelligence in these programs has soared. With these advances, bots have gained the ability to become human-like, and not many people seem to be making a big deal out of it.

Today's sophisticated robotic programs, otherwise known as bots, are difficult to distinguish. They act like

real human beings, communicate through the online channels we all use and are programmed to have sleep-wake cycles.

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According to The New York Times, “Many of them have built-in databases of current events, so they can piece together phrases that seem relevant to their target

audience.”

Left unchecked, these bots will inevitably destroy online communications.

Companies- and politicians- are using bots to flood social media sites like Twitter with the messages they wish the public to see, thereby injecting the stream with fake support for their products or policies. The Syrian government has used similar tactics to silence any opposing group. This technology certainly gives a whole new level of control to dictatorships that employ this it to silence what little opposition exists by literally flooding online communications.

The same Times article mentions that 20,000 tweets were sent out by two accounts in 2010 to promote the Website of John A. Boehner, the House minority leader at the time.

The best way to fight this development, as always, is to make people aware. Champions of freedom of speech should be scared of this technological development. For as great the potential of this technology in other areas, such as autonomous cars, there is little point in freedom of speech if the speech itself is never heard or seen.

The technology isn't the problem. The problem is how certain companies and governments are using it.

Every major shift in the way we communicate has been life-changing. But we need to understand them properly. Deliberately lying to people is against the public interest.

Limits on the usage of robot software in communications need to be placed.

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Obamacare's provisions for young women

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October marks National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and thanks to Obamacare, young women like me have access to preventive care and checkups that can help us identify abnormalities and potential cancer early, when they are most treatable.

We, the students, are all too aware of the rising cost of tuition, textbooks, living expenses and school fees.

These things, on top of the cost of health care, can be expensive.

Now, thanks to the Affordable Care Act, I don't have to delay checkups and preventive care because of the cost.

Twenty-seven million currently insured women have already benefited from access to fully covered women's preventive services, including breast exams and mammograms — 1.47 million of them in Florida.

When the law goes into full effect, 47 million women nationally — 2.48 million women in Florida— will benefit from this provision. Additionally, people under the age of 26 can now stay on their parents' health plan, thanks to Obamacare. This is especially important to my peers and myself, since buying health insurance often does not take priority when things like exams, grades, graduation and finding jobs in our fields are occupying our time and energy.

The law also means that health insurance plans will no longer be able to deny anyone coverage based on pre-existing conditions like breast cancer.

This will help women who have overcome breast cancer continue medical care for a more healthy future without fear of losing insurance coverage or going bankrupt.

On Oct. 1, an estimated 3.5 million uninsured Florida residents will become eligible to enroll for more affordable insurance, many for the first time, under the new law. This includes the thousands of recent FIU graduates who are just starting out with their careers and families, and are in desperate need of this service.

Every woman deserves access to lifesaving breast cancer screenings from trusted health care providers, and thanks to Obamacare, they'll do so without fear of looming debt. That's why I'm standing with Planned Parenthood for National Breast Cancer Awareness month to say: Obamacare works.

It works for young women like me and we're not going to let anyone take it away.

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Young female role models today

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Feminism and women's rights are trending topics that seem to be prevalent nowadays.

This brings up the issue of women in the media or spotlight today and just how well of an example female celebrities in particular are setting for young teenage girls.

As an older teenager who is a soon to be 20-year-old, I know just how important it can be to have strong female role models in the media as well as the immense impact they make on a young girl's life.

Lately, it seems as if the amount of young female role models is nearly nonexistent with only a few truly commendable celebs in the forefront.

With young female stars such as Miley Cyrus and Taylor Swift, there is not much mentoring going on but the exact opposite, I would suggest.

We are sending a message to young teenage girls, saying that

“twerking” and dating countless men to no avail is acceptable as long as you have the money and glammed, madeup face to do so.

To bluntly put it, this is a confusing and outright bad example to be endorsing to

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young girls.

Some stars, however have outspokenly made a positive impact, one of the relatively younger ones being Demi Lovato.

Demi Lovato has made an astounding as well as surprising impact on young girls with her past history with bullying

and eating disorders. The 21-year-old has become very vocal about her challenges in coping with these issues and how she has been able to overcome them.

She has been very open

about her struggles and she has encouraged others just like her to speak up and get help for their issues.

As a brief background, it all reached a terrible turning point for Lovato when she violently struck and hit one of the crew members while on tour with the Jonas Brothers. At the advise-

ment of close friends and family, Lovato decided to seek help in a rehab facility in which she was diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

Lovato has undoubtedly and impressively turned her life around since then with much success, including releasing two albums as well as starring in X-Factor and now Glee.

Since her recovery, Lovato has done numerous interviews speaking about her experience with childhood bullying and eating disorders, advising those currently dealing with them to tell someone and seek help as soon as possible.

Due to her positive mental health message, Lovato won the Mental Health Award in the 2013 National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day on May 7 in Washington, D.C.

There needs to be more inspiring and gutsy role models just like her out there for young, maturing women to aspire to and learn from.

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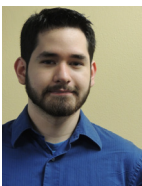


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The ladies from Paul Mitchell gave out their annual free hugs to students in GC Tuesday, Sept 24.

Valve goes full “Steam” ahead

COLUMNIST



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The future of gaming is near with the upcoming launches of the next-gen

consoles. It just got even more complex with the announcement of Valve’s SteamOS (Steam Operating System) and Steam Machines.

With staggered announcements this past week detailing Steam’s new SteamOS, Steam Machines and Steam controller, Valve just put in its card in the battle for the living (or dorm) room.

Gaming has changed in the past couple of years, thanks in part to the rise of Steam and mobile games. People can play video games on their smart phones, or they can play on high end machines. However, the

most popular option to experience franchises like “Call of Duty,” “Assassin’s Creed” and “Madden” are typically experienced on video game consoles like the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3.

With the introduction of Steam Machines, Valve is vying for the attention of those gamers that enjoy console gaming.

While not a next-gen console like the Microsoft and Sony counterparts, the Steam Machines will have more in common with a PC, thanks to SteamOS.

But why go with a Steam Machine when you can invest in a PC that has a SteamOS install (or Windows and Linux installs)? Time will tell as Valve will reveal more details behind the new

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iOS 7: New software review

FIUSM STAFF

Now that mania and hysteria over the new iOS from Apple has subsided, we’ve had over a week to sit down and play with our phones. The reaction has been varied, from those who welcomed the new mobile operating system with open arms, and those who rejected it outright, preferring the skeuomorphic feel of iOS 6. There have been countless of previews, and reviews of iOS 7, so we’ll keep this short and sweet, bringing to you the good, the bad, and pointless of iOS 7.

The Good

Right off the bat, iOS 7 just looks sleeker. Continuing a trend we’ve seen on other operating systems, most notably Microsoft 8, we see iOS 7 is more colorful than its predecessor. Gone are

the drop shadows, and in comes the “flat look”, which is supposed to be cleaner and easier on the eyes than previous iterations of iOS. While I was skeptical of this complete redesign initially (I mean, I do miss my electronic yellow legal pad), I’ve adjusted quite quickly and have grown used to the new look. Photos are now easily grouped by date and place taken, making individual photos easier to locate or delete. My personal favorite upgrade is likely the most practical, the new Control Center, which is accessible by a simple upswipe from the bottom of your screen. With one simple swipe, you can now quickly change settings such as Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and phone brightness. There is also a bar at the bottom of the Control Center which gives you quick access to the phone’s camera, calculator, and now

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Recruitment week continues

COLUMNIST



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My thoughts as I was pulling into FIU early that Saturday morning were scattered with ideas of what was to come. As I tried to mentally go over the list of things my Rho Gamma advised us to do for preparation, my thoughts drifted into what I would see. Today was the first day of “real” recruitment—today is when we would get to meet the seven organizations at FIU.

Making my way to the meeting spot, I was quickly reminded of how I felt when I was making the line the day we met our groups. Every girl looked perfect. Most had straight hair, trendy outfits and their makeup was on point. But most noticeable to me was how every time I locked eyes with another girl, I

found her staring right back at me. I wasn’t used to this kind of thing. While I wasn’t interested in what they were wearing or how they looked, they seemed to be interested in me. I wondered whether they were appraising my outfit, or if it was something deeper than that—did they consider me their competition or something? As the parties continued, I learned to get used to the attention and realized it was better to ignore it.

I was reunited with my group. Small talk was going around the table, so I reintroduced myself and joined in the light conversation. My group members were abuzz with excitement and nerves. Some girls already knew which organization they wanted to affiliate with, while others were in the same clueless boat I was in. Today would be the only day when we would attend all seven parties together, as a group.

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Xbox One. Playstation 4. Wii U. Steam Machines?

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hardware and operating system. As of now, I'll be happy with my PC so I can play PC titles. Because SteamOS will run games that can be run only with Linux, which SteamOS is based on, the Steam Machines won't be able to run titles like "Battlefield 4" or any Blizzard title due to their respective exclusivity to EA's Origin service and Bliz-

zard's Battle.net service along with being unable to run on Linux installs. Steam Machine and SteamOS gamers will have their gaming options limited by the new hardware along with the new OS.

System limitations may not just be the only problem, as the price of admission to get the machine may be an issue to some gamers. Thankfully, SteamOS will be free after it's

launched, however, there might be some technical issues that exist during launch.

The biggest risk, however, exists with the Steam Controller. At first glance, the controller looks like a 90's boombox with grips, but the technology within the controller is where some might do a double-take. The controller uses haptic technology, high-resolution trackpads and a "clickable"

touch screen. Tinkerers might enjoy the fact the controller is "hackable" and can be opened up and modified.

Valve targeting undecided gamers near the beginning of the next-generation of consoles is a decisive play to get Steam in more gamers hands. Those that still use Steam will be unaffected by the new OS and hardware, as those gamers will continue to enjoy Steam sales,

the Steam community and Steam's plethora of features that make PC gaming enjoyable.

Hopefully, the transition to the living room will keep Steam a high-quality experience, or else Valve will suffer, along with those gamers making the jump to SteamOS or their Steam Machine.

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Sorority 101: Recruitment week, day two

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For the rest of the week, we would be attending only the parties of the organizations we were invited back to, as independent potential new members.

I had decided early on, before this process even began, that I wanted to make meaningful friendships from the beginning. Regardless if some of these women would end up in different sororities than me, I wanted to get to know them for who they are. What I didn't expect was that some of these girls would go on to be a source of encouragement, support and wisdom during some of the most personal, hardest moments of the recruitment process.

One of these women in particular was Josie. From the get go, this tall, curvy

ray of sunshine and I made a connection. She was witty, encouraging and an endless source of character and optimism for me. We bonded as we waited in line to get into the parties that first day. She would fix my makeup and I would fix her hair. Over the course of the process, we shared our true motives for going through recruitment and what we hoped for. During some of my most insecure moments—like when I got dropped from a particular sorority that I had my heart set on—she was the one who pushed me to keep going and finish the week.

In order to understand why going through recruitment becomes such a personal experience, one has to understand what happens behind the scenes. If you're like me, who went into it having no

inclinations or background information about certain organizations, then you start off with a clean slate. You go into the parties being open and willing to listen. But if you have certain opinions about an organization based off word-of-mouth or stereotypes, it is impossible to go into the meetings with genuine openness.

The problem is that inevitably, people will start to talk and get into your head. You are no longer only listening to your own thoughts about a certain organization, but you are listening to what others think too. A toxic group-think starts to form, singling out a sorority that is deemed "weird" or "awkward." Even some of the sororities that were considered "elite" had bad connotations tied to it. It takes a strong mind to not

be influenced by this kind of hateful talk, and an even stronger character to be unbiased as you walk into the very party people were just bashing.

I understand that willing judgment goes hand in hand with recruitment. As easily as you are judging an organization, they are judging you too. What I find completely disrespectful is showing a lack of respect for the organization that welcomed you with open arms. Tapping your nails on the table because you can't be bothered to even give the sister your attention as she speaks from her heart is not only rude, but also downright offensive. Any sorority, no matter what stigma is attached to their name, has something unique and special to offer you.

By the end of the night, we were instructed to narrow our top five picks. My strategy was to focus simply on the organizations that I wanted to talk to again. I tried not to get too ahead of myself in trying to imagine which one I could see myself in because that wouldn't be realistic. I can't make a decision like that based on a 40-minute conversation.

After trading perspectives on the different sororities with Josie, I chose my top five and decided not to reject any organization just yet. The point is to optimize your chances of getting an invitation back, so "rejecting" a sorority means that under no circumstances do you want to have a call-back from them.

I went home that night feeling confident from my choices, but wavered on the

possibility of being dropped from every single sorority. I also worried that I wouldn't get an invitation back to the ones I did choose.

I remember joking with my Rho Gamma that I would definitely have to take a sleeping pill that night in order to calm my anxiety. Then I thought about it and realized that the last thing I wanted to do was show up loopy and disoriented the next day—what kind of impression would that make!

I couldn't wait for Philanthropy Night the next day. More than that, I couldn't wait to find out which sororities liked me.

Little did I know, the first of many hardships to come was quietly underway as I went to sleep that night.

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iOS 7: The good, the bad and the pointless

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gives you quick access to the phone's camera, calculator, and now flashlight. No more third party always-crashing-when-you-need it flashlight apps!

The Bad

Hope you have your charger with you everywhere you go. You're going to need it. The new iOS 7 drains battery life so quickly; it's almost nostalgic to those of us who played battery vacuum known as the Sega Game Gear. While the iPhone isn't as terrible as aforementioned portable gaming console, users will quickly notice their battery life draining faster than usual. The quickest fix and most likely suspect for this is the background app

refresh, which could be deactivated in your

“You'd think Apple would have addressed this by now...”

settings. While it's nice that your Facebook app is already updated when you bring it back up, it isn't worth the drain on your phone's battery. I also have a bone to pick with the inability to close all apps at once. You'd think Apple would have addressed

this by now through seven iterations of its mobile operating system, but alas, we're still stuck closing them one at a time.

The Pointless

The most pointless aspect of the iOS 7, without a doubt, is the little zooming animation after you unlock your phone, as if your applications are returning following a quick nap during your phone's inactivity. Who thought this was a good idea? Sure, it's only a half-second, but it's definitely not necessary. The iPhone search bar is now a downwards swipe away rather than navigating to the left of your iPhone's home page. In theory it should make accessing the search bar easier, but was anyone really complaining about swiping to the left? Swiping downwards might also

bring up notifications instead of the search bar if you do it from the top, just a heads up, as I have accidentally done this several times already.

The Verdict

With Apple's boldest redesign since the introduction of iOS, we see that iOS 7 holds up quite well in the early stages of its post-launch life. Reaction in our newsroom has been mainly positive, and while not a perfect operating system (none exist, trust me), iOS 7 stands up well compared to other mobile operating systems and is definitely worth upgrading to...even without our sorely missed yellow legal pad.

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From the mind of Neil Young comes PONO Music

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Have you ever thought about the way you listen to music? I don't mean about how miraculous it is to carry around quite literally thousands of songs or albums in the palm of your hand. I mean to ask about the difference between listening to a band's album on the bus with your over the ear, surround sound headphones and seeing that band perform

live in front of you while standing dead center and only five feet away.

Neil Young, the founder and leader of PONO Music, is working to bridge that gap. Coming to launch in early 2014 is PONO Music, an initiative which promises new digital-to-analog conversion technology, a line of type specific portable music players, as well as an extensive re-mastered cloud based music library.

The basis of PONO Music is that MP3's, and their predecessor, CDs, are actually an inadequate substi-

tute for the real thing. According to Young, the compression of data which makes an MP3 format possible only retains about five percent of the data contained within a studio quality audio file. To download such a file would take up to thirty minutes. But not so with PONO.

In April of last year Rolling Stone magazine reported that Neil Young had filed documents to trademark a new audio format. A September 2011 press release by Blue Rider Press, an imprint of Penguin Group,

described PONO Music as "...a revolutionary new audio music system presenting the highest digital resolution possible, the studio quality sound that artists and producers heard when they created their original recordings." The difference in quality that PONO promises is due to the Young's trademarked technology which loses none of its original quality and is yet "a convenient music listening experience that is superior in sound quality to anything ever presented."

A recent Facebook post by Young

posted to the PONO Music page details the Pono Music process. "PONO starts at the source: artist-approved studio masters we've been given special access to. Then we work with our brilliant partners at Meridian to unlock the richness of the artist's music to you."

Young promises that 2014 will bring the launch of both the PONO portable player and an online cloud based library containing downloadable music in Pono Music quality.

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Evans ready to lead Panthers forward

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Panthers Head Coach Anthony Evans' first year at FIU comes to shape with the release of the men's basketball schedule.

The Panthers will face off against 11 teams that finished last year in the NCAA tournament.

The most formidable opponent on the Panthers schedule, the National Champion Louisville Cardinals, will visit the new Lime Court at the U.S Century Bank Arena for a matchup on Dec. 21.

Evans, a Brooklyn native, has great respect for the Cardinals leading man and doesn't take the game lightly.

"It's an honor to compete against them," Evans said. "Rick Pitino is someone who I've watched throughout my career, obviously growing up he's from New York, he's someone who's been very successful with pressure defenses. I think a lot of people try to model that, I did as well. Its an honor to play against them, to compete against him, he's a hall of fame coach and it'll be good for us all around."

The Panthers will start the season at the four-team Kennesaw State Tournament on Nov. 8 through the 12 in Georgia, which will pit the Panthers against Eastern Kentucky, Youngstown State, Kennesaw State and Warren Wilson.

FIU's first three home games will pit them against Florida College, Texas Southern and Stetson, Nov. 14, 16 and 18, respectively.

The Panthers will be back on the road against South Carolina, on Nov. 24, for the second time in the program's history.

The Gamecocks are coached by FIU alum Frank Martin.

Despite facing the National

Champion and the infamous Dunk City team in Florida Gulf Coast University, Senior forward Tymell Murphy weighs each game equally.

"I'm focused on every game the same," Murphy said. "As much as I'm looking forward to Louisville and as much as I'm looking forward to Texas Southern and Kennesaw State, I'm looking forward to every single game the same way and that's just to win. I think I'm looking forward to every single game on the schedule the same way."

In December the Panthers will play teams who were in the national spotlight last season: the FGCU Eagles on Dec. 7, who were the Cinderella story of the tournament, exceeded expectations and made it to the Sweet Sixteen; the Cardinals, the first time FIU will host a national champion, on Dec. 21; and at Georgetown, who were upset by FGCU in the second round of the South Regional last year, on Dec. 28.

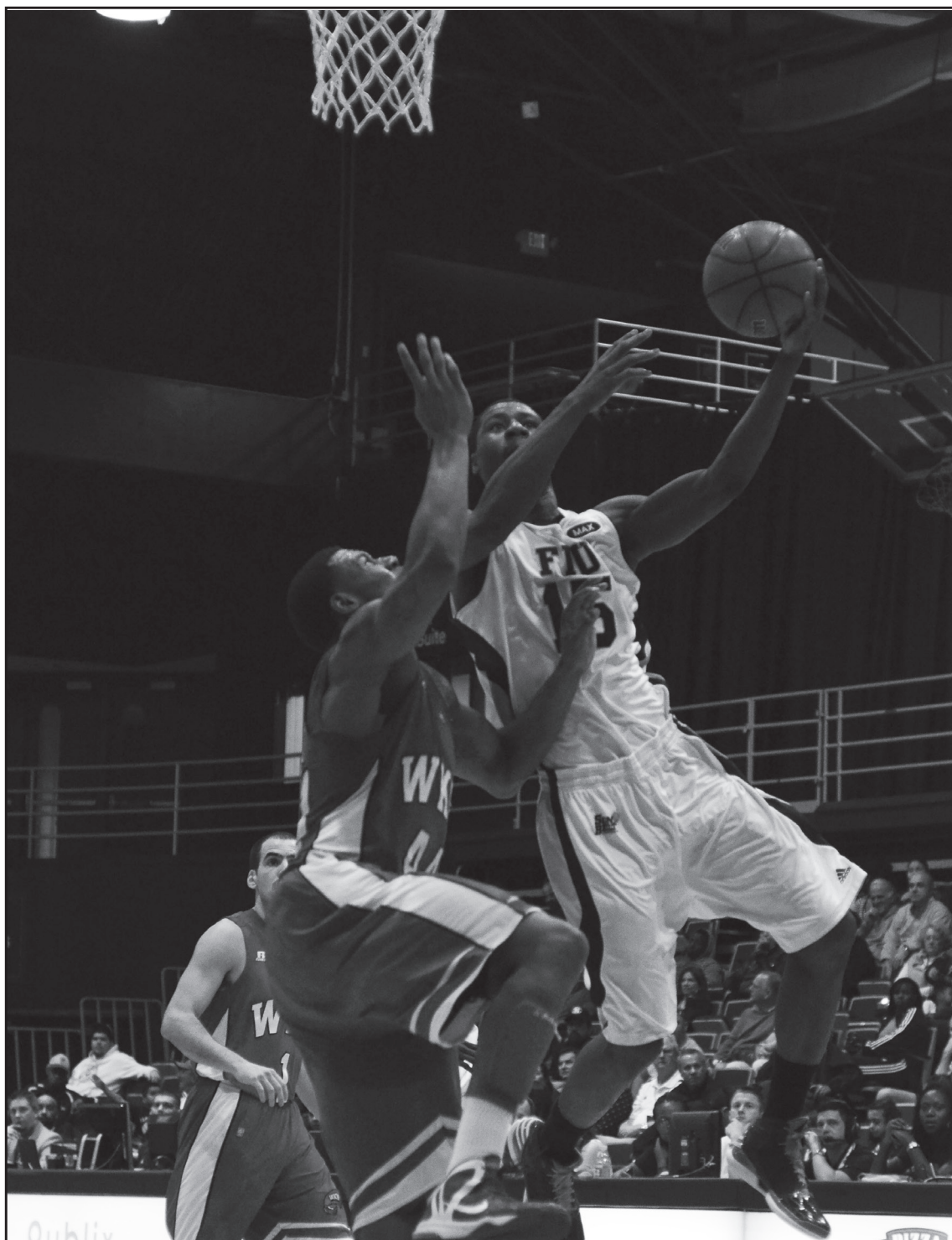
"We chose to pick South Carolina and Georgetown," Evans said. "I want the team to be prepared when we go into conference play and that's part of the preparation."

Two months into the season will have passed before the Panthers first Conference USA home game on Jan. 16, against Old Dominion, but Evans feels the long wait before their first conference game should help.

"I think it's good. I don't know so much of an advantage or disadvantage, but I think it's good," Evans said. "It gives you time to kind of build-on chemistry. The guys get used to the system and all of that stuff before we go into conference play."

FIU will also take on in-state and conference rivals FAU at home Jan. 25, as well as their season closer Mar. 6 in Boca Raton.

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BEACON FILE PHOTO

The FIU men's basketball team led by senior forward, Tymell Murphy (above), looks to embrace the challenges of a new conference.

Panthers, Russo look ahead to new season

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After capping last season with a 19-13 record and a loss to Florida in the Women's National Invitational Tournament, this year the Panthers will have a tough road ahead during the regular season.

"It's probably our toughest schedule in the last 10 years, but we are going to compete and hopefully we pull out more wins this year," Head Coach Cindy Russo said.

In their 29 game schedule, FIU will face 12 teams that made it to the postseason a year ago. Four of those teams made the NCAA tournament and eight reached the WNIT. The Panthers will match up against Villanova and Prairie View A&M Dec. 6, last season's Sun Belt Conference Tournament champion Middle Tennessee and the reigning Conference USA

Tournament champion Tulsa.

Another obstacle for the Panthers will be their transition into Conference USA.

"Surely when you play a team a lot, you know all their strengths and weaknesses and you can combat them, but this season it will be new, and it will be like a new breath of fresh air," Russo said.

Despite a majority of new conference opponents, FIU will still come across some familiar faces as Middle Tennessee, North Texas and Florida Atlantic also moved from the Sun Belt to C-USA this season.

For FIU, they will get their shot at making a strong opening statement as the season opener will be against in-state opponent Florida Gulf Coast University on Oct. 8. FGCU, a WNIT team last season, has beaten the Panthers in each of the past four seasons, with last year ending in a 69-45 win

in Fort Meyers. FGCU was one of the few teams to hold senior All-American Jerica Coley in check. Coley, last year's leading scorer in the nation, was held to a season-low nine points in that contest.

"They have been our worst nightmare; we just have a hard time matching up with this group," Russo said. "They play an entirely different type of basketball than we do, they are a great team."

After the season opener against the Eagles, the Panthers hit the road for the next three games; which is the most consecutive road games the Panthers will play all season. In contrast, the Panthers largest home stand of the season will be five games. Two games in the Fun and Sun Classic that takes place at the end

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BEACON FILE PHOTO

Entering her senior year, shooting guard Jerica Coley (above) looks to lead the Panthers to a tournament birth.

Has the men's soccer team found its goalie?

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The FIU men's soccer team (3-4-0) have started three different players at goalie this season.

The latest Panther to get a crack at defending the goal for FIU was redshirt sophomore Daniel Mion.

"We're going to sit down and evaluate what we think," Head Coach Ken Arena said. "Danny obviously did a good job so he is going to be strongly considered."

FIU's latest victory came by way of a shutout, which coincidentally was the Panthers first of the season. The goalkeeper for that match was none other than Daniel Mion. Mion finished with five saves en route to a 2-0 win over the (1-4-1) Jacksonville Dolphins.

For Mion, this was the first start of his young collegiate career.

However, when asked if he experienced any pre-game jitters, "No, Not really," Mion said. "I prepared really well for the game

in training every day, just waiting for my opportunity. I got my chance and was fortunate enough to get a shutout."

The success of Mion shouldn't come as a surprise seeing as he had a very successful high school career, posting 29 shutouts during his tenure at Belen Jesuit Prep. At Belen, Mion received numerous honors such as being named to the ESPN RISE All-Florida team, First-Team All-Dade and won two district titles and a regional championship in 2011. He also had success off the field making the honor-roll each of his four years in high school.

Mion seemed to have great camaraderie with his fellow teammates as they fooled around with each other during the post-practice interviews. The Panthers hope that chemistry could transfer to better play for the defense on the field.

"The defense played well," Mion said. "I had some saves, the team has to focus and concentrate

to not give up any goals. I think we can build on that and hopefully get a few more shutouts."

The Panthers have given up 13 goals through seven games, which places them at the bottom of the barrel among teams in their conference.

were haunting the FIU defense in previous games.

"The last three games, even though we lost two of them, we had the better play in all three games," Arena said. "For us it's just continuing to get better in all areas and continuing to believe

With FIU's stellar offense and the much-improved defense, the wins are bound to come. The improved defensive play should result in FIU being able to pull out those close games rather than falling just short.

"The most important thing is to make it to the conference tournament," Mion said. "We're going to take it one step at a time, we just got to move forward from there."

FIU will look to continue their recent success on their two game road trip against Princeton and Penn.

However, after those two matches, FIU will embark on a grueling streak of 8 consecutive in-conference games that will make or break their season.

FIU has a chip on their shoulder after not being able to win a single conference game last year.

"We're going to sit down and evaluate what we think. Danny obviously did a good job, so he is going to be strongly considered."

Ken Arena
Head Coach
Men's soccer

FIU hopes that the emergence of goalie Daniel Mion will help alleviate some of the issues that in what we're doing. Hopefully the win's start coming when we deserve them."

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Women's basketball embraces new conference challenge

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of the December and then followed by three more home games against Palm Beach Atlantic, before kicking off conference play against Rice and East Carolina.

In total, the Panthers will have 15 home games and 14 road games. FIU will close the season with three of five at home with senior day happening on March 1 against Old Dominion, before closing the season on March 5 at

Louisiana Tech with the C-USA Tournament beginning on March 11.

"This season is the most road games we will play out of conference," Russo said. "I like to stay home as much as we can. If I could play all the games at home I would be happy, I would like to be the first coach to figure out how to do that. Miami is a great place to play and to get schools to come since it's warm down here during the Christmas time especially for schools up north, so it's a great tool to

get talented schools to come down here."

In addition to hosting the Fun and Sun Classic, the Panthers will host the 19th annual FIU Thanksgiving Classic in November. The Panthers will also travel to Gainesville, Fla. on Dec. 20 and 21 for the Gator Holiday Classic, with a possible matchup with Florida, the team that eliminated the Panthers from the WNIT last season.

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Viola introduced as owner of the Florida Panthers

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Vincent Viola's first event as owner of the Florida Panthers opened in a manner worthy of a West Point graduate like himself, with a color guard presenting a U.S. flag and an Army sergeant singing the national anthem.

Viola sang along and clapped at the end. His enthusiasm was evident, as he hopes it will be in his new role.

Viola was formally introduced as the Panthers' principal owner, chairman and governor on Friday, after spending \$250 million for the team and the operating rights to the BB&T Center, where Florida plays its home games.

"We understand the privilege of the stewardship that ownership of a sports franchise really means," Viola said. "We don't really own anything.

The players sweat, sacrifice their health in later years to do well on the ice, to provide the right feeling and connection to the fans. It's about the players and the fans and our service to those two respective groups that will determine our success. I really, truly believe that."

Viola also gets the Saveology.com Iceplex where the Panthers train, along with team's development partnership with Boyd Gaming, an effort to put a casino adjacent to that arena. His acquisition of the Panthers happened quickly, starting about a month ago when he asked NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman to have lunch.

"A very nice lunch," Bettman said.

Must have been, since Viola didn't wait around to complete the deal. He and his family — his sons are hockey-mad — plan to relocate

to South Florida soon, and Viola said he's already assured general manager Dale Tallon that any resources the team needs to move closer to the ultimate goal of winning a Stanley Cup will be available.

As part of the deal, Douglas Cifu takes over as the Panthers' vice chairman, partner and alternate governor. Team president Michael Yormark was promoted, now getting chief executive officer as part of his title.

"When you think back at the 20-year history of this team ... there has been one constant," Bettman said. "South Florida has always been an important, terrific hockey market for us and we've had passionate, loyal fans for the Florida Panthers. Well, today, we open a new chapter."

Viola is the chairman and CEO of Virtu Financial, an electronic trading firm with offices in the U.S., Singa-

pore and Ireland. He's taking over a franchise that has been to the playoffs only once since 2000 and finished with the fewest points in the NHL last season.

Then again, his resume shows he's never hidden from a challenge.

Viola is a graduate of West Point, once chaired the New York Mercantile Exchange and was so moved by the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks that he decided to found a center devoted to helping military officials combat terrorism. Viola helped ensure that the mercantile exchange reopened quickly after the attacks on the World Trade Center, earning him a citation saying in part that "his actions embody the American Spirit in its most noble form."

"With Vinnie as the principal owner, we are going to be looking at an era where I think there will be unprecedented commitment,"

Bettman said. "Vinnie represents a focus and a determination to bring out excellence, commitment, hard work, teamwork, and he'll make sure that the resources that this club needs — not only to be competitive, but to be a winning, successful team — will be available to the club and to the players."

Viola said he has a long hockey background, as a fan. The Brooklyn native was a New York Rangers fan going back to the early 1960s, when he couldn't afford a good seat at their games, or really one that allowed him any decent view of the ice.

Eventually, his seat kept getting better.

And he said watching the Panthers at the end of last season provided him with the intuition that the time was right to call Bettman and start thinking about getting a view from an owners' suite.

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SJMC proposes Hispanic research scholarship

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History for the School of Journalism and Mass Communication has been made with the induction of a new scholarship for Latino/Hispanic students in the community.

The scholarship, cultivated by Leonardo Ferreira, professor of journalism and broadcasting, and Raul Reis, dean of SJMC, will make a significant impact for FIU as the first university to incorporate an opportunity for research students and professors to conduct studies in the field of hispanic communications.

“I saw the value in what Ferreira was trying to accomplish, so we came up with a proposal and they really liked the idea,” said Reis.

For over 20 years, Ferreira has been working in collaboration with the Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communications to make this scholarship specifically for Latino/Hispanic students.

“Latinos have been prevalent in the community for over 30 years. I was always asking myself why we don’t have a

special program recognizing the Latino community—there are awards for African Americans and Koreans, but very little for Latinos,” said Ferreira.

Ferreira then approached Reis with the proposal for the award and received his support. According to Ferreira, it was important to create a program because the Latino community has been growing significantly, not only at FIU but worldwide.

“Latin America is more invested in the community now. More and more, Latinos are being employed by Latin America and our community has been growing in many ways,” said Ferreira.

The scholarship was proposed to the AEJMC in 2012 during the celebration of the association’s bicentennial year. Ferreira and Reis proposed the first draft of the award in Chicago, while searching for funding and proper approval by the board of the SJMC. After a year, the award received approval in Washington, D.C.

“I feel very proud because it’s the first time we have this award in over 100 years and it is perhaps the most reputable,” said

Ferreira. The implementation of this award was delayed for so long due to the difficulties in getting national approval. According to Ferreira, it was not that FIU did not want to move forward with the program, but it was convincing a national program that they should have it.

“They probably thought it wasn’t the right environment for it. But now, they realize how important the community of Latinos is, and that it was no longer possible for the media not to think about it,” said Ferreira.

The award is a research award in which undergraduates, graduates and professors of Hispanic heritage may apply for. In order to apply for the award, applicants must consider themselves part of the Latin American community.

This includes Cuban-Americans, Mexican-Americans and African Americans of the Caribbean. Filipino-Americans can claim Hispanic heritage, but since they are not a primarily Spanish-speaking country, they would not be eligible. Applicants do not have to be directly associated with

PLINKO!



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Elliott Covington, business marketing major, played Career Plinko to find out more about applying for jobs at the Career Fair on Monday Sept 23.

the SJMC or FIU.

“We want to increase the visibility of this kind of research in Latin America and Hispanic audiences in the U.S. And because FIU is located in Miami and we have so much history in Hispanic media, we thought we would be ideal for hosting the award,” said Reis.

Reis also said that this would be an international conference with people all around the world, which is a good way to put FIU on the map.

While the exact financial award number is still in the works, the award will be funded by FIU. According to Reis, finding additional funding and sponsors are still in the works.

“It was a long process, and it will take a year until we develop the whole process. It’s all spelled out, but we still need to figure out how we are going to advertise and publicize this widely to get as many entries as possible,” said Reis.

“I think this will bring a lot of attention because there is no award like this nationally. It will bring great attention to FIU and the work we are doing,” said Reis. “My hope is that this will increase the visibility of the school and create a large, traditional presence in the Communications world.”

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LifeLong program expands residents’ knowledge

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The phrase “You are never too old to learn something new” applies to all of us.

For the individuals that have experience, but are still curious of what else life has to offer, FIU is giving them a chance to expand their knowledge with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

“This is a program for what we call seasoned adults. We cater to people who want to continue their education long after they have completed their degrees,” said Jan Solomon, development officer of the Office of the Vice Provost.

OLLI is a program FIU offers to people 50 and older who wish to enrich their knowledge.

Classes for the program are located on the Biscayne Bay Campus and according to the FIU OLLI site, these classes will help members in the program stay engaged both mentally and socially while developing personal growth.

FIU started this program 15

years ago, according to Solomon. They have received large grants from The Bernard Osher Foundation to create a curriculum for the current members of the Miami Dade community.

“There was a grant given of \$1 million from the Bernard Osher foundation to OLLI FIU to expand the program to offer more classes and invite more people to become our students,” said Solomon.

Bernard Osher is an American businessman who is known for his work as a philanthropist.

He started the foundation in 1977 with the mission to improve quality of life through support for higher education and the arts.

According to their website, the foundation did not expand the program nationally until 2002.

Currently, the program is present at 117 colleges and universities across the nation which means there is at least one in every state.

The schedule for the OLLI is quite similar to a regular FIU student’s schedule. Sessions

for the semester run about 16 weeks: in fall, from September to December, and in spring from January to April.

The classes that are offered for members of OLLI varies

“These are non-degree courses so the students of the program have the personal satisfaction of continuing their education and meeting new people. We feel for us to provide that oppor-

“We cater to people who want to continue their education long after they have completed their degrees.”

Jan Solomon
Development officer
Office of the Vice Provost

beyond just math and English. Their catalog consists of art history, Cinema without Borders and even a class for Adobe Photoshop.

All of these courses are offered at BBC because OLLI students don’t have to deal with parking issues and other crowd troubles at MMC.

The classes that OLLI offers are not graded. They are there to learn the lessons and enjoy the similar company around them.

tunity for people to continue their learning experience,” said Solomon.

The process of becoming a member of OLLI starts with paying the membership fee of \$45.

After that, students select the classes that they want to do and pay for them.

The prices varies on each class, some are in the range of \$50 to \$75, while the more complex classes like the Photo-

shop and art classes go into the \$150 range.

What’s on the horizon for OLLI is their open house on Oct. 10 at the Wolfsonian University Center.

Interested candidates for the program can get their chance to meet the teachers and learn more about OLLI.

Another goal the staff of the program is working toward is earning a second grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation that they are eligible for.

Solomon and the other members of the department are happy to provide opportunity to seasoned adults to become a part of the FIU community.

“OLLI has become an important part of the University. This is one of those if you build it, they will come and in the last five years we have built the program up to where it is constant and stable,” said Solomon.

For more information, students can go to OLLI.fiu.edu.

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