



## BRAZIL

### Devastating rain, mudslides kill 99

Summer rains tore through Rio de Janeiro state's mountains, killing at least 99 people in 24 hours. Rescuers continue to dig through mud and debris in a search of survivors.



## RUSSIA

### Parliament prepares to ratify arms pact

The head of the foreign affairs committee in the Russian lower house says parliament has moved a step closer to ratifying a landmark U.S.-Russian arms treaty.



## TUNISIA

### Rioters reach capital, curfew imposed

Tear gas and stone-throwing youth reached Tunisia's capital as rioters desperate for jobs caused the government to impose a curfew to try to quell protests.

# "I HAVE A DREAM"



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## Exhibit uses different art for poignant, peaceful tribute

**JESSICA MENDOZA**  
Staff Writer

Since 1989, FIU has taken part in paying tribute to the most influential and historically significant civil rights activist.

Partnered with the Martin Luther King Jr. Committee, The Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum will hold a month-long series of art exhibitions honoring the late Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.

"Martin Luther King, Jr.: Worlds Ahead" series not only marks a milestone but also pays homage to an integral figure in American history and the profound effect his efforts have had on our community throughout the years.

The series begins with the exhibition "MLK Legacy." This particular exhibit displays a number of portraits and photographs that lead spectators through key moments in the civil rights leader's life. It pays

respect to his life in still pictures that eventually culminate in motion.

A short film will be presented at the end of the exhibition by Assistant Professor Jacek Kolasinski along with students Jesse Peterson, Luciano Rabuske and Diego Rodriguez.

Also on display is the work of Miami contemporary artist Xavier Cortada. Some of his earlier art embodies the thematic value of "MLK Legacy."

Walking through the quiet halls of the Frost, visitors can also expect to see a wall dedicated to our alumni. The "Wall of Fame" honors past students of color who have become successful members of our community and continued to pave a path of excellence throughout the years. Some of the honorees include business author Gerald Grant Jr.

The alumnus gained his bachelor's and master's from the Business Administration program and

later wrote *Bold Moves to Creating Financial Wealth*. Another alumnus, Dr. Garth Graham, a cum laude graduate from Yale, earned his Bachelor of Science from FIU.

Now Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, Dr. Graham will be honored on the "Wall of Fame" for his research on the impact of health, diet and exercise on African-American males.

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## University remembers Martin Luther King Jr. with events

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In an effort to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and dream, the University will host its annual variety of events to celebrate his birthday and national holiday on Jan 17.

Janice Givens, associate director for the Office of Multicultural Programs and Services at the Modesto Maidique Campus feels honored to be the public relations chairperson for the MLK committee.

"I remember the tragic day that Dr. King was killed, and to be a part of this committee is personally gratifying," said Givens. "The diversity of the programs capsule reflection, community service, discussion and fun all in the name of pausing for a moment to commemorate Dr. King's life and legacy."

This year, the MLK committee has

been able to acquire the MLK Scholarship Endowment Fund. Earlier in the semester four students were awarded a undergraduate MLK Essay scholarship. Three graduate students were awarded a scholarship in the name of Willie E. Williams, an honored FIU professor with aspirations for achievements in building awareness and strengthening cultural diversity in higher education. Donations towards this fund are always accepted in GC 216.

The national holiday has brought together both individual students and campus organizations, with the Student Government Association from both MMC and Biscayne Bay Campus co-sponsoring the events.

Over 30 students will be volunteering throughout the week with more than 200 volunteering for the MLK Day of Service. Matthew Crew from the College of Medicine even designed and arranged the centerpieces

for the kickoff event.

Jumpstarting the week is the annual MLK commemorative breakfast, hosted by MPAS. This year's theme, "Martin Luther King Jr.: Worlds Ahead," will be addressed by the event's keynote speaker, Patricia Russell-McCloud, who has more than 20 years of experience on the lecture circuit. This year will mark the 20th anniversary of the MLK breakfast, and it is a sold out event.

The African Heritage Cultural Arts Center hosted the MLK Day of Service including 250 student volunteers, Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department employees, Service for Peace members and the FIU Student Alumni Association members on a beautification project.

The 34th annual MLK Parade will take place on Jan. 17, in Liberty City. Leading the parade will be University President Mark B. Rosenberg along with other FIU leaders.

The FIU ROTC, Marching Band, Cheerleaders, Greek Organizations, Black Student Union, Athletics and 80 students from the Upward Bound/Pre-collegiate programs will be marching in the MLK Parade. President Rosenberg, his wife and children will be leading the FIU contingency at the Parade.

Along with two weeks' worth of events, the Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum will be hosting an MLK Exhibit that will run to Jan. 30.

The exhibit, "MLK Legacy," features portraits of major events in the life of Dr. King that eventually lead to a video presentation by assistant professor Jacek Kolasinski. Thematic essays written by high school students will be featured in the "Wall of Hope." Highlighting the achievements of FIU Alumni of color, the museum will imple-

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## NEWS FLASH

### Prayer and mourning in Haiti a year after quake

The Haitian capital turned quiet Wednesday as businesses closed and people walked in solemn processions to prayer services marking the anniversary of the worst natural disaster in the nation's history.

Many people wore white and sang hymns as they navigated collapsed buildings and rubble from the earthquake that left much of Port-au-Prince in ruins and killed more than 230,000 people.

Mourners gathered at the Catholic cathedral waiting for a memorial Mass next to what was once a prominent landmark in a ragged downtown.

### Doctors see no "downward events" in Giffords' recovery

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' recovery is "going as anticipated," and doctors are seeing what they want to see so far.

Peter Rhee, chief of emergency medicine at University Medical Center in Tucson, said "none of the downward events have occurred at this time" in her recovery.

Doctors have decreased the amount of sedation they are giving her.

Of the six patients the hospital is still treating from Saturday's shooting, Giffords is the only one in critical condition.

### Voters return Castillo to the seat he gave up

Voters returned Angelo Castillo to the Pembroke Pines City Commission by an overwhelming margin Tuesday, choosing the incumbent over a familiar challenger who waged a contentious campaign.

With all 16 precincts in District 4 reporting, Castillo won almost 87 percent of the votes compared to challenger Michell "Mike" Rubinstein's 13 percent. Voter turnout was 6 percent, the Broward Supervisor of Elections Office said.

Castillo, first elected in 2004, celebrated at his home in the Alhambra neighborhood with about 100 family members, friends and campaign volunteers.

—Compiled by Alexandra Camejo

# Summit to discuss the impact of boycott on goods made in Israel

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Contributing Writer

The impact of an international boycott on Israeli goods and how to combat and counter the effects of these sanctions is the theme of a summit hosted by the School of International and Public Affairs.

"Combating the Campaign to Delegitimize Israel: A Community Summit," co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation's, will take place on January 16, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Jungle Island.

Opening remarks will be delivered by Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz with featured speakers including Michael B. Oren, ambassador of Israel to the United States and Irwin Cotler, a member of the Canadian parliament.

Dr. Shlomi Dinar, Director of FIU's Middle East Society is optimistic of the impact that the summit will have on the interested

students at FIU.

"Students will learn how to fight efforts that question Israel's existence and learn how to speak against attacks on Israel's history," said Dinar. "No matter what their political views on the Middle East may be, students will also learn the importance of political involvement and advocacy."

In 2005, the Palestinian Solidarity Campaign issued a call for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions against Israel until three conditions are met, according to the campaigns website [www.bigcampaign.org](http://www.bigcampaign.org).

The conditions listed are: "ending its occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the Wall; recognizing the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equity; and respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of Palestinians refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN resolution 194."

Within the section titled "Why Boycott?" of the Boycott Israeli

Goods website Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a prominent and vocal civil rights activist who gained recognition during the Apartheid rule of South Africa, is cited as one of the more prominent advocates in favored of the Boycott on Israeli goods.

Although Archbishop Tutu has been an outspoken international civil rights activist, Alan M. Dershowitz, a Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, who will be speaking at the summit, brings up the case that Tutu's involvement has more of an anti-Semitic inclination than he would like to admit.

He states in his Dec. 20, 2010 article for *Hudson New York*, titled "Bishop Tutu Is No Saint When it Comes to Jews" that Tutu "has minimized the suffering of those murdered in the Holocaust by asserting that the 'the gas chambers' made for 'a neater death' than did Apartheid."

In his words, the Palestinians, who in his view are the victims of 'Israeli Apartheid,' have suffered more

than the victims of the Nazi Holocaust.

He has complained of the 'the Jewish monopoly of the Holocaust,' and has demanded that its victims 'forgive the Nazis for the Holocaust,' while refusing to forgive the 'Jewish people' for 'persecute[ing] others.'

With the support of the Archbishop and the use of comparisons to South African apartheid as a means of garnering international support, the movement has gained a substantial following throughout the European Union, yet no economic sanctions have been put into effect against China who has been at the forefront of allegations towards the violation of human rights.

Visit [JewishMiami.org](http://JewishMiami.org) to RSVP. Light Kosher breakfast will be served. For security purposes, advanced registration is requested. Admission is free for students with a valid student-ID. For more information, contact Carol Brick-Turin at [CommunityRelations@JewishMiami.org](mailto:CommunityRelations@JewishMiami.org) or 786-866-8485.

## Week of events to end with dinner

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ment a "Wall of Fame."

On Jan. 18, there will be a movie night, co-sponsored by the University's College of Architecture and the Arts at 7 p.m.

At BBC, the MLK Youth Forum and Peace Walk will

take place on Jan. 19 starting at 10 a.m. with keynote speaker, Ephren W. Taylor II, the youngest African American CEO of a publicly traded company, City Capital Corporation.

Closing the week off will be an MLK Dinner in Room 243 of the Graham

Center, sponsored by the BSU Council with presentations from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority on Jan. 19 at 7 p.m.

"Dr. King was Worlds Ahead in his thinking and persevered through extremely difficult times,"

said Givens. "As we are now living in a time when so many people are struggling, this commemoration and celebration allows us to look back and see that we should have hope for a better tomorrow and as a nation work together for the good of all mankind."

## Campus problems discussed

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and helping the University," Halpin said.

Jerveris "Jey" V. Floyd, a hospitality and tourism management senator and SGC-BBC finance chair, agreed the money needs to be spent and has an idea on how it can be done.

Floyd has an original idea to invest the money into bringing hospitality professionals to give lectures that will educate the entire student body on how to utilize a major other than the one he or she will graduate with.

"I want hospitality majors and minors to be able to compete with journalism majors for an account with Grey Goose or Patron," Floyd said.

Floyd said this idea can be introduced over a campus barbeque or by starting a

club, with money from the discretionary fund, but he is still doing the groundwork for the idea.

Floyd also admitted the money can be used for a strictly student government event.

Two upcoming events were discussed: the Scoop of the Senate ice cream social to be held this month, and a Meet Your Dean type event in February. Garcia asked the senate members in attendance to form a subcommittee for the latter event, but there were no initial volunteers.

On a separate note in the meeting, Garcia announced that in a University-wide meeting a decision was made to hold joint-senate meetings with the Modesto Maidique Campus senate twice a semester, with the first held at MMC in January to set goals, and the final at

BBC to recap the semester in at an undetermined date.

Other topics included basic senate housekeeping, such as turning in a senate report every two weeks, and presenting resolutions, or proposed policies.

Suggested resolutions are to be made about current problems at BBC, such as a broken elevator, Garcia suggested.

Before the meeting concluded, Garcia gave a verbal "pop-quiz" and asked the Senators what their homework was, since she said no one was writing notes.

The senators' homework: turn in their class schedules to Larissa Adames, SGC-BBC clerk, turn in senate reports, make resolutions, contact their respective dean, and figure out how to spend the \$5,000 discretionary fund.

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## FOOTBALL

# ONE MORE YEAR

## T.Y. opts to stay at FIU for senior year

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After having two weeks to chew on the decision on whether to go pro or stay, FIU's all-time leader in all-purpose yards and Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year has reached a decision.

According to a press release sent out by the Athletic Department, junior wide receiver and return specialist T.Y. Hilton will return his senior season, instead of declaring to go to the NFL Draft.

According to Hilton, he is on pace to graduate by the end of the year.

"After discussing my options with my family and my coaches, I've come to the conclusion that it is in my best interest to return for my senior year at FIU," Hilton said. "In the past three years we've accomplished a lot as a team, including winning a Sun Belt Conference championship as well as picking up our first-ever bowl victory. I believe with the talent we have coming back we can accomplish much more in the coming season.

It is also very important for me to get my degree, which I'm on track to complete by December 2011."

Hilton also confessed that he has made a pact with head coach Mario Cristobal, which was one of the many deciding factors into Hilton's return.

"Also, last season I made a promise to Coach Cristobal that I intend to keep," Hilton said. "At this time I cannot reveal what that promise was, but when the time is right, everyone will know."

Because Hilton is a junior, there weren't many projections on where the 2010 Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year would've landed in the draft. Hilton did receive an evaluation from the NFL Draft advisory committee, which could have helped the junior's decision.

Hilton has yet to discuss where the advisory committee had him projected.

Hilton helped lead the Panthers to the most promising season in school's history. After starting the season 0-4 and going scoreless against all four BCS



KRISTI CAMARA/BEACON FILE PHOTO

T.Y. Hilton [left] considered entering the NFL Draft without playing his senior year.

opponents, Hilton picked up pace. His Panthers won the remainder seven out of their last nine games, including the school's first bowl game on Dec. 26.

During that run, Hilton managed to score 11 touchdowns in eight games, including a four-touchdown performance by Hilton in a 42-35-overtimethriller where the Panthers beat University of Louisiana-Monroe.

Hilton's contributions were countless this season.

The Panthers were facing a fourth down and 17 with under a minute remaining

in the Little Caesars Bowl, before Hilton made the play, which would now be remembered in T-shirts all over FIU shops—the hook-and-ladder. Hilton converted the hook-and-ladder to keep FIU's chances alive. The Panther wound up kicking the game-winning field goal as time expired to sink the Toledo Rockets 34-32.

Hilton finished the year off with 59 catches for 848 yards receiving with five touchdown receptions. He also ran for 282 yards and scored four times on the ground. Hilton also

accounted for two returns for a touchdown this season.

"T.Y. [Hilton] is a dynamic person and player that has been a difference maker in the rise of our program. T.Y. [Hilton] has set very high goals for himself and his football team, and he is committed to having the best off-season of his career and looking forward to leading FIU to its best football season ever."

Hilton, will be one of the 15 starters that are expected to return next season as the Panther will look to repeat as Sun Belt Champions.

*Decision to stay a smart one for rising standout*

With the deadline for jumping into the NFL Draft quickly creeping up on underclassmen across the nation, T.Y. Hilton had a decision to make.

### COMMENTARY

Stay or go? FIU or NFL?

Needless to say, the junior wide receiver has made a statement from this small corner of the college foot-



JOEL DELGADO

ball world with spectacular clutch plays and has become a household name for FIU fans ever since his major splash onto the FIU scene in his freshmen year.

From the first time he touched the football, returning a punt for a touchdown in the 2008 season opener on the road against Kansas, to the hook-and-ladder play that helped set up the game-winning field goal against Toledo in the Golden Panthers first bowl win, his worth on the football field has been evident to all.

Opposing coaches geared game plans towards neutralizing his ability to make things happen. Kickers and punters would pooch kicks and in some cases knock the ball safely out of bounds rather than have him potentially take one to the house.

Whenever the Panthers needed

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Golden Panthers hope to end road swing with win

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Last year FIU ended their season in the first round of the Sun Belt Conference tournament with a 71-64 loss to the Denver Pioneers. They will get their first chance at revenge Jan. 15 in Denver at 6:30 p.m.

FIU comes into the game against Denver in a much different way than they did the last time these two teams meet. Last time, it was a do-or-die game with much more pressure on both sides to win the game.

They were also riding a six-game losing streak coming into the game, and as of right now are undefeated in conference play and have won three consecutive games.

More important than all of that is the fact that there are so many new faces and new offensive and defensive threats for the Panthers than they had just last season.

"It helps us a lot. Going into the game they're probably thinking that everyone is coming back from last year or that we're not that good because they had us listed as last in the conference before the season," Eric Frederick, the team's leading scorer with 15 points per game, said. "If they underestimate us, it's going to be a problem."

This year, Denver comes in with a very talented team that does not rely on just one player to carry the load for their squad. It has been a collective effort on both the offensive and defensive end, but especially on defense,

where they currently rank second in the conference overall.

"We know that they like to play half court, we don't want to play half court with them," said Gary on their approach to the Pioneers' defensive schemes. "We want to push the ball to get them out of their system so that they don't get us out of ours."

With new scoring options to go to, such as the second-leading scorer in the Sun Belt in Frederick, it will make life much easier for the Golden Panthers all around.

Not only in scoring, but also on the boards as well, along with DeJaun Wright and Dominique Ferguson. Although Denver's leading scorer from a year ago, Nate Rohnert, is gone, the man who hurt FIU the most in the last game

with was Justin Coughlin, who returns after dropping 17 points against the Panthers in last year's tournament.

Although Coughlin is only averaging three points a game, Coach Isiah Thomas knows all too well from last year that he cannot be taken lightly with his ability to shoot from the outside. In fact, despite being the second worst scoring in the conference, Denver ranks second from beyond the arc in the Sun Belt.

"He's a good three-point shooter and a good foul shooter," Thomas remarked. "They run the Princeton offense and they have great patience in their offense. We are going to have to be smarter with our shot selection. We have to take care of the basketball and we're going to have to do a really good job on the foul line."

## With a lockout looming, FIU was the safest option

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a big play or a jump start, the number one option was always T.Y.

That's why his decision to remain at FIU and play his senior season was welcomed with a sigh of relief and jubilation from fans hoping for another season filled with T.Y. highlight-reel-worthy performances.

And the truth is the decision makes sense from a football standpoint considering the volatile climate of the NFL, which may be forced to shut down operations next season due to a lockout.

Staying at FIU and graduating while playing his senior

year would eliminate that possibility.

His decision to stay was simply the safest decision to make.

T.Y., who was projected to be a third-round projection if he had chosen to enter this year's draft, has a chance to really improve his stock and prepare for a potential career in professional football with another season of play.

He has proven that he can compete against the "big" teams from the "big" conferences with impressive speed and explosiveness.

Now he'll get to do it with more eyes watching him next season.

More people have been

exposed to T.Y.'s talents than ever before.

A bowl game on ESPN will do that and if the Panthers are able to build on their success in the upcoming season, with a majority of their starters returning this fall, there will be another chance to recapture the spotlight.

If T.Y. had decided to depart for the greener pastures of the NFL, it would have been a big blow for this team to lose its most valuable weapon in its growing arsenal of offensive weapons.

Luckily for FIU, they don't have to worry about finding a suitable successor to fill the playmaker role until next winter.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Pioneers pose tough test; Carey making an impact

**RICO ALBARRACIN**  
Asst. Sports Director

After winning a defensive slug-fest on Jan. 8, the Panthers will look to kick-start a winning streak. FIU will be on the road at Denver. With a much needed win and an improvement on defense, the Panthers are confident that they can get better and also win.

"Our goal is to come and play. Of course we want to get better," Michelle Gonzalez said. "Get better on offense, to get better on defense. But we are also positive to get a win."

Getting better and winning games at the same time are tough things to do at the same time, especially on the road. The Panthers snapped a seven-game losing streak with a win over South Alabama, and will look to continue the defensive performance they showed while on the road.

The Denver Pioneers (11-6, 3-1 SBC) are coming off a 55-54 over Louisiana-Monroe on Jan 8, when Britteni Rice led Denver with 19 points. Rice, Briana Culberson and Kaetlyn Murdoch lead the Pioneer offense, averaging 14, 13.5, and 16 points per game.

As a team, the Pioneers shoot 45 percent from the field, with a strong presence on the outside. The Panthers may need to control the outside, as Denver is a strong passing team, out assisting their opponents by 55 assists.

"I think we can run that. I'm very positive that we can be very efficient, we can score quick," Gonzalez said. "If we play the same

game we played against South Alabama, half court basketball, strong defense then we have really good chance."

### ELISA CAREY IS BACK

After returning from a knee injury that caused her to miss the first 14 games of the season, Elisa Carey is ready to lead her team.

Although she has not gotten offensive game back fully, only averaging six points a game, her defense has not suffered. She is currently averaging 6.7 rebounds and 1.3 blocks a game. It is that defense which the Panthers feel they have been missing most of the season.

"I think she's giving us more of a post game. We just give it to her and she'll get to work," Coley said. "She's a good rebounder. She's still recovering from the knee injury but she's helping us out."

"Carey is a true post player," Gonzalez said. "When her coming back into the team, it helps with the offense, the defense, the rebounding. The scoring is better with her on the floor. Everyone is happy she's back."

## CLASSIFIEDS

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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

#### FIU vs. Denver

- Time: 3:30 p.m. EST
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- Where: Denver, Colorado

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This is a five-week program (one week in Miami, at Florida International University FIU, two weeks in Senegal and two weeks in The Gambia). This program has been designed to provide students with an introduction to West African cultures and traditions along with an exploration of the growing centrality of tourism—and particularly of "cultural and heritage tourism"—as the largest sector of the global economy. In the classroom, students will learn about West Africa's most important ethnic groups (the Wolof, Mandinka, Fulani, etc.) and will explore questions related to the politics and aesthetics of constructing difference in globalized tourism formations in West Africa, the role of corporations, nation-states, non-governmental agencies, and social movements in shaping cultural and heritage tourism, and what anthropologists have called "sites of memory."

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## SPECTACULAR, SPECTACULAR!



Students living in residence halls attended FIU Housing's annual Lakeview Carnival. Residents and their friends were invited to enjoy music, comedy, and activities like a Velcro wall and a gladiator-style bounce house. Comedian Nate Stroud (above) entertained the crowd with his stand-up routine. Students enjoyed one last carefree day before the start of the new semester.

### FISTFULS OF TECH!: CES 2011

## The Motorola Atrix: best in show

The Consumer Electronics Show lands in Las Vegas every year to both give users a glimpse in to the future of technology and give tech nerds a chance to party.

Two things dominated this year's show: 3D televisions and tablets. However, the one thing that stole the show was neither of those two things; it was the Motorola Atrix, a mobile phone with a unique feature.

The Atrix is the once troubled mobile maker's new 3G GSM phone for AT&T. It is powered by Android 2.2 and features a 4-inch screen high-resolution screen and a dual-core 1ghz processor NVIDIA Tegra 2 processor. Yes folks, that's a mobile phone that packs the processing power of most laptops.

But what makes this phone really impressive is that when docked in one of the three docking stations that Motorola makes, it offers the user a completely unique, Linux-based, desktop operating system.

In essence the phone runs two operating systems: Android for when it's

a phone, and this Linux operating system for when it's docked in either the desktop dock, the laptop dock or the home theater dock, which converts it in to a media player that outputs high-def video.

While on either of the two computing docks, this version of Linux is capable of running multiple applications, including Mozilla's Firefox and a full virtualization of the Android OS, so you never miss a call or access to your apps. Currently, Motorola didn't go in to details about any apps, though I imagine the hacker community will have fun with this.

The demos of the phone are impressive albeit a bit rough around the edges, but I think this device represents the possibility of a huge paradigm shift; we are finally seeing the phone and the computer becoming the same thing.

The Atrix is part of the first set of mobile devices that packs some significant processing power, enough to actually be able to do stuff other than just Facebook.

The power of the Tegra 2 processor, which will be powering a large number of tablets and mobile phones going forward, allows devices to perform power heavy tasks including heavy

gaming.

This device gives us a glimpse to a world where we can carry our computer in our pocket wherever we go.

A device like the Atrix, paired with Internet-based storage services can potentially be the next way we compute.

The Atrix remedies a lot of hurdles that stand between consumers and the idea that mobile computing can be serious and feature rich.

First, this device can be placed in a dock that connects to a monitor, mouse and keyboard, essentially giving the user a full-fledged desktop experience.

That experience can be carried over to Motorola's laptop attachment, which is basically, an 11-inch screen and keyboard with a rear dock for the Atrix.

It is doubtful that the Atrix will be a device that sees widespread adoption right off the bat, but it will move units because of its unique abilities and solid feature set.

Moreover, this device gives us a glimpse in to the possible future where the term "mobile computing" simply becomes "computing."

*Fistfuls of Tech! is a weekly column on technology. Look for it every Friday.*

## MLK videos shown at exhibit

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Although past students have garnered attention for their achievements, it is our current ones that embrace their influences.

Courtesy of the multi-cultural organizations, "FIU-MLK Videos" is an exhibition compiling video clips from past MLK Breakfast events.

Throughout the years, this video has captured the essence of the University as it takes part in this formal function, as well as other events.

Martin Luther King Jr. inspired not only a movement of peace but also of hope.

The exhibit will also include a showcase of some of our own student work.

High school students who now matriculate at the University will have their essays on display in the

"Wall of Hope."

These thematic works will share the stories of some of our peers who have a personal identification with this rich and momentous part of our history.

Student artwork will also be on display, particularly, "Negro National Anthem," a piece by Vanessa Serbastian.

The young artist will artistically interpret Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

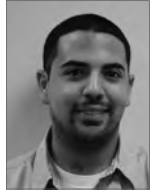
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s profound impact on history is celebrated through the series with several distinct art forms. From written works to film to paintings, "MLK: Worlds Ahead" will provide members of the Frost community with an in-depth insight into the life of a figure whose peaceful influence steered an entire generation.

## REEL TO REEL

## Facebook film an examination of wealth and fame

David Fincher's *The Social Network* shrinks away all of the coding and programming behind the creation of Facebook and gets to the heart of the ongoing social media revolution and what fuels it.

## COLUMNIST



DAVID BARRIOS

Early in the film, Mark Zuckerberg (Jesse Eisenberg), the principle founder behind Facebook is explaining his creation to his best friend and financial partner, Eduardo Savarin (Andrew Garfield).

"It's a center. That's what the Facebook is going to be all about.

People are going to log on because after all of the cake and watermelon there's actually a chance that they are going to..."

"...get laid," interjects Savarin.

"Meet a girl," concludes Zuckerberg.

It's early February in 2004 when the site is launched from a Harvard dorm room. 650 members joined within 24 hours of the sites launch. Almost seven years later, that number is just over 500 million.

The film is built primarily on the conceit that for all the wealth, fame and success Mark Zuckerberg has found as the principle creator of Face-

book, he will never know happiness.

It has drawn comparisons to Orson Welles' *Citizen Kane*, another film about the rise of a man behind a media revolution who also finds happiness to be elusive despite triumphs.

"Rosebud," a childhood relic of Charles Foster Kane, may or may not be the heart of that film; the last words of an old man reaching for prized memories.

Zuckerberg's "Rosebud," is a woman; an ex-girlfriend named Erica (Rooney Mara). The film opens with the dissolution of their relationship at a pub near Cambridge.

Mark obsesses over trying to get accepted into a Final Club, a set of exclusive group of students much akin to fraternities. Erica jokes about how she's always wanted to date a rower. Mark, lanky and withdrawn, wearing flip flops and a Gap hoodie doesn't fall into this mold. The conversation escalates into a vicious game of one-upmanship before the split.

"Dating you is like dating a Stairmaster," she tells him.

She stands from their table to leave saying that she has to study. He apologizes, pleading to her and stating that she doesn't have to go study.

When she asks why he keeps saying she

doesn't need to study, he answers, "Because you go to Boston University."

Drinking a Becks and blogging in the aftermath, he's soon inspired to work on Facesmash, a site where the women of Harvard are rated on their looks by users. It's popularity crashes all of the school's servers within several hours. The site also leads to notoriety, infamy among his peers and a job offer from the Winklevos Twins (both played by Arnie Hammer) to work on a site with a similar to what would eventually become Facebook.

The film is told primarily in flashback during two separate depositions in preparation for lawsuits: one being filed by Eduardo and another being filed by the twins and their fellow business partner who claim intellectual property theft by Zuckerberg.

Conflicting stories, the poisoning of friendships are recounted. Eduardo grows jealous of Sean Parker (Justin Timberlake), the creator of Napster, whose role in the company grows larger as his own role decreases.

Eisenberg plays Zuckerberg with such remoteness, more content to code than any other activity, never willing to raise his voice and with solely one goal: to be right.

Not right necessarily in the moral sense, rather, but to merely have the correct answer. He may be seeking revenge against the Winklevos' simply because they are members of a Final Club and are rowers.

He may just be envious. Or Mark may seriously believe that he heard their idea and refined it.

We'll never know because he is quite simply an enigma.

Fincher and screenwriter Aaron Sorkin understand this generation. Energy excitement and urgency abound even as the film turns darker.

Boundaries around us collapse everyday. Mark opened Facebook exclusively to Harvard students, much in the vein of the proposed "Havard Connection" by the Winklevos'. Then it extended to other universities.

High school students were eventually allowed to join in by invitation. He smashed all of that.

The other day, I check my friends requested page and discovered a new friend: Diana Barrios. She's my grandmother. She's 80. Thanks, Mark.

*Reel to reel is a weekly column on films. Look for it every Friday. Reviewers are not compensated for favorable reviews.*

## Art fair to pay homage to architects and female artists

KATHY PAZ  
Staff Writer

When the Miami International Art Fair debuted last year, it featured 80 US and international dealers and drew over 17,000 visitors. In addition, it attracted positive reviews from both the press and collectors, even being hailed by art collector, Janet Liedeker, as "a little gem."

MIA, as it is often referred to, is organized by International Fine Art Exhibitions (IFAE) and directed by curator Aldo Castillo. IFAE, with more than 20 years of experience putting together major international fine art fairs, is responsible for putting together multiple expositions throughout the year, including the Miami International Art Fair, Art Palm Beach, the American International Fine Art Fair and Naples International Art & Antique Fair.

MIA returns for its second showing on Jan. 14, though there is a preview event

for selected organizations and patrons on the Thursday right before. This winter, contemporary art fair will feature multiple forms of media including photography, installations, performances and video from areas across the US, Latin America and Europe. According to a statement on the fair's website by organizer Lee Ann Lester, "Miami International Art Fair's mission is to enrich the lives of its residents through greater understanding of art and to promote the communities leading galleries throughout the South Florida region."

One of the projects taking place during the fair is local artist and curator Gean Moreno's "Improvising Architectures." Participating in this are Christy Gast, Adler Guerrier, Nicolas Lobo, Ernesto Oroza and Viking Funeral of Miami and Graham Hudson of London, Felipe Arturo of Bogotá, and Heather Rowe and Carlos Sandoval de León, of New York.

"I'm excited to participate in a fair that is so invested in the City. And, we can even say, that it is invested in the right way – by juxtaposing Miami artists and dealers with their international counterparts in order to engage in broader dialogues. The main goal for Miami's present cultural development should be to draw links with the outside," Moreno said to the Miami International Art Fair.

Another special of the MIA is the exhibition "A Celebration of Woman Artists" which, as the title suggests, pays homage to and celebrates female artists. It will include the works of Lorna Marsh of South Africa, Maria Bonomi of Brazil, Hyung Joo Kim of Korea and Claudia Hakim of Colombia.

The Miami International Art Fair also helps fuel the art scene in South Florida. According to the fair's press release, "over 25 local galleries are participating and partnerships have been formed with

important Miami museums and emerging art organizations, such as the Miami Art Museum, the Lowe Art Museum, the Robert and Patricia Frost Museum, the Bass Museum, Auguari, The End/Spring Break." In addition, the fair seeks to incorporate educational projects in conjunction with museums and institutions. One of the aspects that makes the MIA distinctive among others is its inclusion of student exhibitions. This year, it will host works by students from FIU, Miami Dade College, and the University of Miami Art School.

The Miami International Art Fair is located at the Miami Beach Convention Center in Hall D. It is opened daily from noon until 7 p.m. with extended hours until 9 p.m. on Friday. Passes can be obtained in either single day or multi-day format. A five dollar discount is available when purchased in advanced as opposed to at the door.

## THIS WEEKEND

## FRIDAY, JAN. 14

## THE SOCIAL NETWORK



Presented by SPC-MMC.

WHEN: 5 and 8 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: DM 100

## HOPE FOR HAITI

FIU commemorates the anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti one year later.

HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: Directly in front of The Museum on the Avenue of the Arts

## MLK: WORLDS AHEAD

FIU celebrates the 20th Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration with an explosion of events.

HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: The Frost Art Museum

## SPC WOW PIT EVENT

WHEN: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC Pit

## FIU'S FIRST EVER CULTURE FEST



Culture Fest is a celebration of art and culture at Florida International University, and will reach out not only to students but to the outside community.

WHEN: 5-9 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: FIU Avenue for the Arts (between the Graham Center building and the Wertheim Performing Arts Center)

## MLK COMMEMORATIVE BREAKFAST

WHEN: 8-10:30 a.m.  
HOW MUCH: Invitation or Tickets  
WHERE: GC Ballrooms

## MLK DAY OF SERVICE: MIAMI-DADE PARKS AND RECREATION &amp; MLK PARK AND AFRICAN CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER

Register at: <https://fiucls.wufoo.com/forms/martin-luther-king-day-of-service/>

WHEN: 8 a.m.  
WHERE: MMC GC Pit, BBC WUC Panther Square

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## SWIM MEET

Vs. Central CT State & UM  
WHEN: 11 a.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free for FIU students  
WHERE: BBC

## SATURDAY, JAN. 15

## HOPE FOR HAITI

FIU commemorates the anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti one year later.

HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: Directly in front of The Museum on the Avenue of the Arts

## FLORIDA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

There will be human-chess games and feats of strength, as well as five stages showcasing Medieval entertainment. Knights will also joust the following weekend.

WHEN: 10 a.m.  
HOW MUCH: \$20 for adults, \$7 for kids 6 to 11  
WHERE: Virginia Key Beach Park

## WHOOPI GOLDBERG

WHEN: 11 a.m.  
HOW MUCH: \$50 to \$95  
WHERE: Ziff Ballet Opera House

## SUNDAY, JAN. 16

## DRUMLINE LIVE



Brought to you by the technical adviser behind the movie Drumline, the 7 p.m. show is a real tribute to a purely American form of march music.

WHEN: 7 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: \$40 to \$65  
WHERE: Knight Concert Hall

## MLK: WORLDS AHEAD



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HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: The Frost Art Museum

## SIGMA STUDY SESSIONS

A place for students to come and complete their work or study for any upcoming tests, quizzes, etc.

WHEN: 5-7 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: Graham Center, in front of Bustelo and Burger King

## HOPE FOR HAITI



FIU commemorates the anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti one year later.

HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: Directly in front of The Museum on the Avenue of the Arts

## Smoking ban is overblown

**IVAN FLORES**  
Staff Writer

In case you forgot, or have not paid attention to the news, non-smokers can now breathe a little easier around campus while smokers shake with cravings and fiend for their longtime friend: nicotine.

You may have noticed all the signs that litter your commute around campus much like cigarette butts still do. As of Jan. 1, the University has become a smoke and tobacco-free campus. However, you will not be seeing this change.

The University's previous policy was to keep smokers at a distance from the doorways of buildings and prohibit smoking within buildings, a fair and legal policy. However, the new school-wide ban is a totalitarian and ineffective waste of time and energy.

The current policy is being enforced socially. Essentially, offended individuals must walk up to the smoker and kindly ask him or her to put out the cigarette. That is it- that is the plan to curbe the number of smokers on campus.

There is not really anything

that anyone can do to prevent you from lighting up and smoking outside or in your car. There are no fines or incentives to stop smoking, if you don't consider your health incentive enough. Legally there really isn't much that the University can do except nag smokers into quitting.

In an email sent by Vice President of Division of Student Affairs Rosa L. Jones to the student body, warnings state that violations after the initial six-month implementation period "will result in judicial conduct action following the University Student Code of Conduct."

Jones' email does not go into any further detail. It doesn't specify any punishments or fines and is simply a scare tactic aimed at the lungs of the student body. According to the Florida Clean Air Act of 1985, it is against the law to smoke in an enclosed workspace. However, that does not mean that it is illegal to smoke outside.

The majority of non-smokers who are offended by cigarette smoke will do their best to avoid it. By placing a

ban on smoking that is enacted by "social enforcement," also known as students nagging students, non-smokers will be required to walk up to smokers and ask them to put out their cigarette. Therefore, these individuals are being exposed to the hazardous effects of second-hand smoke-the exact thing that the administration is trying to avoid.

I do not smoke anymore, or any less for that matter, but if I find myself in a situation where other people are smoking, I either step out of the smokers circle or put up with the smoke. Just like it is a smoker's decision to light up, it is my responsibility to decide which option is best for me.

The key to the smoking problem is personal choice and responsibility, not the implementation and failed enforcement of a totalitarian and ineffective policy.

The next time you are outside and the smoker next to you is bothering you, either take a few steps back or put up with it. It is your choice, don't let the administration make it for you.

## High student volume hinders enrollment

**MARGARET CHEBAT**  
Contributing Writer

For most students, a growing campus community is a great thing. However, during enrollment time, the demand for the same courses increases as a result of the large amount of students. Therefore, it becomes difficult to enroll in the classes that you would like to take whether it be as an elective or as a requirement for graduation. It feels as if there are not enough course sections to accommodate the growing population of students.

It is not uncommon to see students begging professors to allow them the opportunity to enroll in their classes. Students try their best to enroll in a course they would like but are often-times faced with a resounding "I cannot do anything about it, speak to the head of the department." Then, when a student finally does so, he or she comes to find that it was merely a waste of time to try to get into the class especially when "there is nothing that can be done."

In addition to the frustration of fighting for the classes that you want, there are the inconvenient appointment dates. Somehow, they are always set for the most unreasonable

of times. Many appointments are set during the middle of the day or very early in the morning. Other priorities, such as work or prior commitments, may sometimes prohibit students from logging into the system during their "enrollment appointment." One can only imagine the disappointment some individuals face after realizing that most of the classes that were sitting idly in their shopping carts for the longest period of time are no longer available only a few hours after the set appointment.

However, the frustration is not solely imposed on the students but on many professors as well. At the start of the semester, professors are forced to deal with the many students who are pushing their way into the course and are greatly inconvenienced. Because many professors cannot override a class, they must deal with the cumbersome duty of turning students away.

A better system can be constructed to allow for an easier and more efficient way of enrollment. Improving the appointment system or opening more class sections will allow for a better enrollment procedure. It would undoubtedly make this process much smoother and relieve some of the stresses that come along with it.

## Wittels also a victim in assault case

**SANAH FAROKE**  
Contributing Writer

Garrett Wittels, one of the University's top baseball players, was, according to *ESPN*, arrested in the Bahamas on Dec. 20, 2010 at the Atlantis Resort and Casino for the rape of two 17-year-old girls. He has been blamed for possibly using a date rape drug and his advantage of strength but, based upon the evidence, I believe that the girls acted voluntarily.

The teens should take full responsibility for their immature actions like the grown adults they claimed to be. They got themselves into a mature situation and now they have to respond accordingly. At this point, Wittels is just a suspect, so assuming anything is pointless. During an interview with the *Miami Herald*, Michael Wittels, Garrett Wittels' father, said, "Anyone can accuse anyone of anything at any time... He's not doing well, obviously. He's blown away. He's devastated that someone would accuse him of this."

Wittels and his two friends, also involved, were released on Dec. 23, 2010 after the court hearing with a \$10,000 bail granted by Chief Magistrate Roger Gomez. Four other male suspects are also involved in the case for the rape of the teenage

girls. One could speculate that they took turns sexually abusing the helpless teens but, according to the *Sun Sentinel*, an anonymous source said that surveillance cameras caught the interaction between the alleged rape victims and the suspects at the bar in the Atlantis Hotel. Allegedly, the teens were drinking and kissing each other before they called the suspects over to them. They got drunk and willingly followed the alleged suspects to a private party.

The legal drinking age in the Bahamas is 18 so, naturally, the charged presumed that the teenagers were both of age. The Atlantis Resort bar tender should have checked the teens' I.D. to verify their age and should take some responsibility and accept legal charges for serving alcoholic drinks to minors.

The girls were well aware of their sexual behavior and strongly pursued Wittels and his friends by getting their attention in every way possible. The teens allegedly told Wittels and his friends that they attended the University of Arkansas. This gave the suspects all the more reason to believe that the "victims" were completely liable for themselves.

Wittels' preliminary hearing is set for April 18, 2011 so, at this point, there is no

official conclusion that he raped the teens. Pete Garcia, the University's athletic director, said in an interview with *ESPN*, "We are still in the process ... and will wait for the process to be completed."

As for Wittels, I think he should still be able to play on the team, at least until the preliminary hearing occurs and he is finally sentenced. It would be unfair for him not to play baseball based on an accusation made by a furious father and two girls who desperately desire attention. To waste all that time would be a shame, especially considering that the first three games are to be televised.

It is an utter shame that Wittels has to undergo such hassle if he is innocent, as well as an utter shame if he is proven guilty, taking into consideration his athletic, academic and criminal records. If Wittels is declared guilty, there will be no justice in its entirety if the two teens are not reprimanded in some way as well. The fault is, in part, of the two teen girls for their lack of judgment and responsibility. They provided the illusion of being older college students that was fraudulent. The suspects are subjected to wrestle with the allegations made against them until a decision is made. Hopefully we still abide by being "innocent until proven guilty."

### PERSPECTIVES

#### Should Garret Wittels be eligible to play despite the charges?



"I think he should be able to play because it's not proven and [the crime] wasn't in the United States. It's something that's not valid until it's proven. I think he should play for now."

-Lorie Mendez, Junior, Social Work



"I think so. It's a very long process with the courts, and he might end up being found innocent and be punished for nothing. Until it is proven otherwise, he should be allowed to pursue his passion."

-Jeremy Salloum, Junior, History.



"I believe so, until anything is proven. Right now, we don't know whether what he was charged with is true. Everyone is innocent until proven guilty."

Yanel de los Santos, Junior, Biology

-Compiled by Jasmyn Elliott

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## CUBA

### Meeting on immigration amid disagreements

Senior U.S. and Cuban diplomats met in Havana on Jan. 12 to discuss immigration issues in an encounter that was expected to turn to more contentious matters.



## MEXICO

### Poet and activist for women found slain

Three teenage suspects are in custody over the slaying of activist and poet, Susana Chavez, 36, after her body was found strangled and partly severed after a night of partying with the three teens.



## VENEZUELA

### Catholic leaders warn of 'totalitarian' gov't

Roman Catholic leaders are calling for Hugo Chavez to give up special lawmaking powers granted to him by his congressional allies after condemning a package of laws approved by the National Assembly.

SGC-BBC

# Council explores how to use fund

BECCA GRIESEMER  
 Staff Writer

The first senate meeting of the Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus for Spring 2011 contained a plea for senators to make spring an efficient semester.

Anaisabel Garcia, SGC-BBC speaker of the senate, said she was speaking to the senators from the heart to take action because elections will begin in March and run through April.

After the senators were instructed to submit their

respective class schedules for reference, the first topic of the 16-minute meeting was the Senate's discretionary fund.

The discretionary fund of \$5,000 from the 2010-2011 Student Government budget has yet to be touched. Garcia said the money must be spent in order to receive at least that amount in next year's budget, even if the fund is spent on student government promotional items or an event.

Denise Halpin, SGC-BBC vice president, said the discretionary fund is

money the senate can use in whichever way it sees fit. First, an amount and idea must be presented, voted on, and accepted within the Senate.

Halpin gave an example of the senator of the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management proposing a student government sponsored Meet Your Dean event as an appropriate way to spend the money.

"The discretionary fund is an asset in helping the Senate carry out their goals

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## MOMENT OF SILENCE



DANTE WILLIAMS/THE BEACON

In honor of the one year anniversary of the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Port-au-Prince, Haiti on Jan. 12, students, staff, and faculty prayed and held a moment of silence.

Global Learning for Global Citizenship

## Tuesday Times Roundtable

at Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC)

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## FOODGASM

# Home fries made at home

Some foods have very apt names like meatballs or oranges, but every once in a while you think about a name for something and it becomes ironic to you. For me, this came about when I thought, "Am I the only one who makes home potatoes or home fries (used interchangeably) at home?" After this column I hope that will not be the case.

When I started experimenting with food I created my own dishes incorporating leftovers from the fridge with whatever else I could find. Left over steak got chopped for cheesesteaks, sausage thrown into pasta sauce, etc. Having leftover boiled potatoes was common in my house, so I decided to cut them up and throw them in a pan to get a crispy crust.

Home potatoes are now my favorite breakfast item to make. I enjoy the crisp texture as well as the flavor. They make a great compliment to eggs, toast, and

a glass of orange juice, or even all by themselves.

Home fries can be made a variety of ways. The potatoes used to make them can be raw, or pre-cooked, skin on or off, and can be cut in different ways.

Also various types of potatoes can be used for the dish such as white, red, or sweet potatoes.

An assortment of ingredients can be added to the potatoes as well. This dish is really open to interpretation and creativity. The basic requirements are the potatoes are cut and cooked to a crisp. Other than that there can be limitless differentiations.

I came up with my own home potato recipe using ingredients I liked and commonly had available. I use any type of potato I have at the time, but preferably russet or red potatoes.

Foodgasm is a bi-weekly cooking column run on Fridays. Kravets is a hospitality major. Recipe and instruction available on [fiusm.com](http://fiusm.com)

### COLUMNIST



GENE KRAVETS