



INDONESIA

Volcano blast raises deaths to 122

Searing gas avalanched down an Indonesian volcano, incinerating villagers in the Mount Merapi's worst eruption in a century, raising the death toll to 122.



NIGERIA

Authorities deport 700 illegal immigrants

Immigration officials say they've deported 700 illegal immigrants from northern Nigeria to prevent them from casting votes in next year's presidential election.



ROMANIA

Holocaust-era mass grave found

A Holocaust-era mass grave containing the bodies of an estimated 100 Jews killed by Romanian troops has been discovered in a forest by researchers.

Students travel to Brazil for competition

ANALIA FIESTAS
Contributing Writer

Students from the engineering campus traveled to Brazil for almost a week to participate in an annual international air-crafting competition, entitled "SAE Brazil AeroDesign Competition," making FIU the first school in the United States to participate in such an event.

The three students involved were senior mechanical engineering majors, Miguel Jimenez, Ricardo Lugo and Carlos Rojas, who traveled to a small town called Sao Jose Dos Campos, for the competition.

"The people in Brazil were great," Lugo said. "They were happy we were there and they helped us with everything and anything we needed."

It all started as a Senior Design project, a requirement for graduation that involved the designing, building and testing of a mechanical machine throughout two semesters.

The idea of entering the competition came about when one of their professors, Dr. Tremante, mentioned he had previously participated in the competition held in Venezuela.

In February the plan took off, and the three seniors began working on the project in the Multidisciplinary Analysis, Inverse Design, Robust Optimization and Control Laboratory along with professor Dr. George S. Dulikravich, and graduate student Stephen Wood.

The competition, located near Brazil's military base and civilian airport, consisted

HEADY HILTON



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

FIU wide receiver T.Y. Hilton runs for one his four touchdowns in a 42-35 win vs. University of Louisiana-Monroe on Saturday's homecoming game where Hilton scored on two receptions, a rush and a kick return during the game.

of lifting the most possible weight on a plane with dimensional restrictions and a fixed engine.

Each team had a round to test the plane and once tested, move on to the following rounds.

The winning team was the one whose plane that held the most weight under the dimensional restriction and fixed engine.

There were ninety teams in total, with the

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Worlds Ahead in moving pictures

MELISSA CACERES
Staff Writer

While pictures may say a thousand words, the University's External Relations Division decided to define FIU on Nov. 2, using a medium that would declare more: motion pictures.

Along with President Mark Rosenberg, External Relations unveiled four short videos spotlighting various community engagement projects to support the Worlds Ahead campaign, the University's recent marketing initiative.

Shown in the Graham Center Ballrooms to over 400 University faculty, staff and students, the mini-documentaries covered the work done by University departments in helping restore the Florida Everglades, transforming public transportation in Miami, creating healthier local neighborhoods and forming a partnership with the city of Sweetwater.

"What we're going to share with you today is the tip of the iceberg," said University President Mark Rosenberg to the audience. "It's a small piece of a very large mosaic, of an institution that understands that its mission is not just to educate students but to use its creative energies to solve problems, locally and globally."

Each lasting about 10 minutes,

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Parking and Transportation moving offices to PG5

NICOLE CASTRO
Contributing Writer

Students and faculty wanting to obtain parking decals, pay any citations or file appeals will no longer report to offices located in the Blue or Gold Garage.

As of Nov. 29, the Department of Parking and Transportation will relocate to its new home in PG5 Market Station, on the 109 avenue side of the parking garage.

The shutdown of the Gold garage office on Oct. 22 initiated the department's transition to its new center of operations.

Meanwhile, the Blue garage office will continue operating until Nov. 23 in order to "market the fact that [they] are moving," according

to Bill Foster, executive director of the Department of Parking and Transportation.

"Our offices have been located in four different locations but now all parking and transportation will be under one roof," Foster said.

Even though the new office will welcome students who would like to argue a point or speak to someone about a citation, Foster highly encourages the use of the online service.

"It's a benefit for students to use [our] online services," said Foster. "We will be less convenient for people who walk in the door, but I think this will actually be more convenient because people will use the online services."

As a result, it will save students the time they would spend waiting in

long lines to fill out physical forms that can be quickly and easily done via the Internet.

"They want to have their decals in their hands," said Foster. "We are such a savvy institution with the online service – so let's do it online."

According to Foster, not only is the merging of all offices expected to facilitate students, but it will also reduce communication lapses within the department.

"It's going to be more of internal changes for us. We will be able to have better meetings with everybody instead of having to bring them in from all over, but there won't be any changes in procedures that have anything to do with students," Foster said.

The centralization of the Depart-

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Bill Foster

Executive Director, Department of Parking & Transportation

ment Parking and Transportation in PG5 has not called for hiring more staff, according to Foster, who says the department will have higher online usage and be able to divert staff that is now sitting at a counter giving decals to managing online

services.

For the next three weeks, the Department of Parking and Transportation hopes to minimize the confusion of the transfer by notifying students and faculty through advertisements and email messages.

Students ‘walk on water’ for 24th annual competition



PHOTOS BY ESRA ERDOGAN/THE BEACON



Cristina Fernandez, a junior in the accelerated master’s program in architecture, was the first to cross the 175-foot lake behind the Green Library at FIU’s 24th annual Walk on Water. With a record time of 1:13, Fernandez won \$500 for the second consecutive year in the competition for professor Jaime Canaves’ sophomore level Materials and Methods of Construction class. Students who crossed the finish line received an “A.”

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Film series to help define University

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respectively, the videos were introduced by the main department head featured within it; environment by Michael Heithaus, the director of the School of Environment, Arts and Society; medicine by Pedro Greer, the assistant dean of academic affairs for the College of Medicine; local community by Lesley Northup, dean of the Honors College and transportation by Javier Rodriguez, the executive director of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority and an FIU alumnus.

The University-wide

branding campaign, Worlds Ahead, was prepared and researched during the course of 2009 and aims to expose FIU as an institution to the community through marketing initiatives.

“This was a big step in getting the word out to the community about what FIU is doing,” said Christopher Necuze, multimedia specialist who took part in creating the video on transportation. “People respond to visuals. It’s a very convenient medium and I think it’s very transcending.”

Through a \$270,000 marketing research study that was funded by private funds from the FIU Foun-

dation, the External Relations department worked with a marketing firm called Stamats; which recommended the University increase its recognition and go ‘beyond the name’ by showcasing its strengths and what it’s all about.

“We want to create content that is permanent, that people can use over and over again and they [the videos] give us an opportunity to tell these stories in a multidimensional way,” said Deborah O’Neil, editor for FIU Magazine, who produced and wrote the video on the Everglades initiative. “We

couldn’t have 10 scientists from the Southeast Environmental Research Center standing up on stage trying to explain what they do. So it’s a way to tell a complex story in a form that you can share with everybody.”

The videos are available for viewing and sharing on the FIU channel on Youtube.com.

“Worlds Ahead is about raising the bar and doing more than what’s expected,” said Karen Cochrane, one of the directors in the External Relations team. “So we think that everyone, in all of the initiatives throughout the video, is doing just that.”

Students attend competition as part of senior design requirement

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average team consisting of ten members.

FIU’s team consisted of three students only.

“We were aware that the competition was going to be challenging, but we were determined in our goals,” explained Jimenez, who, along with Lugo and Rojas, built an RC airplane – a normal control airplane.

After two nights with nothing but ten minutes of sleep each, the team launched their plane and it flew with 4.5 kilograms, qualifying among the top 55 teams.

“We felt and feel proud of what we accomplished,” said Lugo. “We are proud of our

school and our hard work.”

After the successful flight while carrying 4.5 kilograms, the team could have gone further, however, they had another goal in mind.

According to Jimenez, their main reason for having attended the competition was to fulfill the senior design project requirement; therefore, they could not risk destroying the plane because they needed to bring it back to the University for display.

“It was a bittersweet moment because we qualified for the second round but we had to leave with doubts of how weight much the plane could actually hold,” explained Rojas.

According to the team,

“We were aware that the competition was going to be challenging, but we were determined in our goals.”

Miguel Jimenez

Mechanical Engineering Major

the main difficulties were the fact that weather conditions were very windy, making it challenging for the airplane to hold the weight and take flight while staying within the time constraint.

Economically, the trip was partially covered by money donated from the

Dean’s office of the College of Engineering and American Airlines collaborated with the ticket expenses.

“It felt gratifying to have represented FIU, an international institution, in an international and culturally diverse competition,” said Rojas.

NEWS FLASH

October jobs report: Hiring picks up

After months of painful losses, the economy added jobs last month, spurring hopes that the labor market may finally be turning around. The economy added 151,000 jobs in October, the Labor Department reported Friday, an improvement over September, when the economy lost 41,000 jobs. That was much better than the 68,000 gain that economists surveyed by CNNMoney.com were expecting, and the best overall number since May. Businesses continued to hire for the tenth month in a row. Companies added 159,000 jobs to their payrolls in October, much stronger than the 92,000 jobs economists had predicted for the sector.

NASA starts fueling Discovery

NASA gave the go-ahead to fuel Discovery ahead of its final journey, after a series of postponements for the oldest and most-traveled space shuttle. Discovery was scheduled to launch at 3:04 p.m. on Friday. However, officials were monitoring weather conditions and expressed concerns about the possibility for high crosswinds at the launch pad.

The mission to the International Space Station is now running four days late. It will be the final flight for Discovery, which faces a museum retirement as the shuttle program winds down.

Six veteran astronauts are assigned to the 11-day flight. They have been at Kennedy Space Center for the past week.

Quest for oil gets more remote – and riskier

The world’s thirst for crude is leading oil exploration companies into deeper waters and ventures fraught with environmental and political peril. Because the days when the industry could merely drill on land and wait for the oil are ending, companies feel compelled to sink wells at the bottom of deep oceans.

They could inject chemicals into the ground to force oil to the surface, deal with unsavory regimes, or operate in some of the world’s most environmentally sensitive and inaccessible spots, far from ports and decent roads. All those factors could make it difficult to move in equipment and clean up a spill.

Hurricane Tomas floods coastal cities in Haiti

Residents awoke Friday morning with Hurricane Tomas knocking hard at their doors, but an initial survey found no major damage in this low-lying city of 40,000 on the southwestern coast. Other parts of the country were not. In Leogane, the River Rouyonne burst into the city, flooding parts of it. The United Nations sent buses to try and evacuate people.

Interior minister Paul-Antoine Bien-Aime said Jeremie, at the top of the southern peninsula, was “isolated” by impassable road and the city’s mayor had to order evacuations. And Tomas, which intensified overnight into a Category 1 hurricane, was far from done with Haiti. Rain, much of it heavy, was falling across the country, raising the risk of deadly floods with each inch of rain and every passing hour.

– Compiled by Alexandra Camejo

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FOUR STAR HILTON

T.Y. dominates Warhawks in Homecoming thriller

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Staff Writer

T.Y. Hilton has been telling his teammates the entire week that this was going to be his game. The preseason All-Sun Belt receiver spent extra time this week watching film, and according to Head Coach Mario Cristobal, it paid off.

"He certainly looked like the guy we all know," said Cristobal. "He had that look in his eye today. He kept saying all week 'I got you,' to all of his teammates and to myself."

Hilton proved his teammates right.

He had a career day with four touchdowns, leading the Golden Panthers (3-5, 3-1 Sun Belt Conference) to a 42-35 double overtime homecoming win over University of Louisiana-Monroe (4-5, 3-3 SBC).

With the win, the Golden Panthers are near the top of the Sun Belt Conference in second place, just behind Troy, who FIU will play on Nov. 14.

Hilton scored a touchdown nearly in every fashion. He had two receiving, a rushing touchdown and a kickoff return for touchdowns. The junior wound up tacking up 291 all-purpose yards.

Hilton has never scored four touchdowns in his career.



KRISTI KAMARA/THE BEACON

T.Y. Hilton [center] celebrates with Brad Serini [right] and Greg Ellingson [left] after a touchdown against ULM.

"It's like watching a beautiful movie. I wish I had my popcorn on the sidelines," said senior linebacker Toronto Smith, describing Hilton's play.

After struggling to score a touchdown the previous game, it took the Golden Panthers one minute and fifty seconds to reach

the end zone on their opening drive. Quarterback Wesley Carroll hooked up with wide receiver Greg Ellingson for an 18-yard touchdown.

Just as when the Warhawks tied the game with a three yard rushing touchdown from Frank Goodin, Hilton responded.

He took the ensuing kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown.

"What a way to answer the bell, right," Cristobal said.

It was Hilton's fourth career return for a touchdown, tied for most in FIU history.

Carroll connected with Hilton late in the second half for a 20-

yard touchdown to give the Golden Panther a 21-10 lead at the half.

The Warhawks outscored FIU 18-7 in the second half to send the game in to overtime.

The Golden Panthers had the ball in field goal position at the ULM 16-yard line with 16 seconds left in regulation before Carroll was intercepted by Louisiana-Monroe linebacker Ken Dorsey.

Carroll regretted his decision late in the game.

"It was my fault, I should've thrown that ball away. I never should've put ourselves in that position," said Carroll, who threw for 227 yards, scoring three touchdowns and two interceptions.

Like the Golden Panthers, Louisiana-Monroe also had a chance to win the game in regulation. ULM quarterback Koltan Browning had the ball at FIU's 30-yard line before throwing an interception to linebacker Winston Fraser with two seconds remaining.

"We knew that we were going to be in a dogfight the entire game," said Smith.

After the Warhawks scored in their first possession of overtime to take the lead for the first time in the game, once Hilton responded.

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FOOTBALL

Golden Panthers control their own destiny in conference

One word continually popped up after what could be a season-changing double overtime win over the Warhawks: Destiny.

And the Golden Panthers are in control of their own. That is what they proved on a frigid Saturday evening that saw Mario Cristobal and his team battle for their lives.

"There was going to be a point in time where we were going to have to want a game that much more than our opponent," Cristobal said. "It was a tremendous team effort."

When they needed someone to answer the call and rise up to the occasion, T.Y. Hilton emerged and had the game of his collegiate career, amassing 292 all-purpose yards and finding the end zone four times in three different ways.

One of the most explosive receivers in the Sun Belt Confer-

ence came into the week determined, focused and ready to break out for a big game. And he delivered in an enormous way.

Whether it was his 95-yard kickoff return in response to University of Louisiana-Monroe's first score of the evening in the first quarter or his 25-yard touchdown run on a reverse to keep the Golden Panthers alive in overtime, Hilton showed why he may be the most versatile and valuable player to haunt opposing defenses and special teams units at FIU.

"The desire that we all had it just kind of came through tonight," Hilton said. "We were all focused on what we had to do and we have to prepare even more for next week. We just have to go out there and execute."

Linebacker Toronto Smith added: "It was like watching a beautiful movie; I wish we had popcorn on the sidelines. He told me all week 'This is my game, this is my game' and I told him after the game he was right."

Hilton wasn't the only one

making the big plays to help push the Golden Panthers over the top.

Smith emerged late in the game with a sack in overtime when the Warhawks were looking to send the game deeper into the night. Winston Fraser made a timely interception in the final seconds of regulation to keep ULM out of range for a potential game-winning field goal.

Darriet Perry burst through in the second overtime period with the game-winning 17-yard touchdown run.

After a sobering loss against Florida Atlantic University a week before, the Panthers could have either bounced back with intensity and determination or let the season unravel into nothingness.

The performance on the field indicates the former as the team stood their ground when it mattered most and managed to pull themselves up when it seemed like things were about to fall apart.

If there is one thing that this

victory indicates it is that through all the adversity and through all the tough times before Saturday night, the team is showing signs of maturity.

Instead of allowing one miscue to snowball into another, the team rose up managed to fight through it all.

And that is what good teams do. These are the kind of games that separate the average from the great and turn potential into positive results.

That mental toughness late in games is what will lead to victories in the future and it is what this team needs to display in the final four games of the season, beginning next week in a match that will potentially shake up the race for the Sun Belt title.

DATE WITH DESTINY

With a showdown looming on the road against the first-place Trojans, the Golden Panthers have a unique opportunity to put themselves in driver's seat.

"It's all about us, we are playing against ourselves;"

Wesley Carroll said. "We control our destiny. We feel we can stop anybody and we can move the ball on anybody. We just have to execute. We did tonight and we have to do it again next week."

The Trojans, the de facto favorites to win the conference year in and year out, have shown signs of weakness over the past two weeks with a loss to the Warhawks and struggling to put away a North Texas team in shambles.

With the way things are breaking down in the Sun Belt, there is no longer a clear-cut favorite. No one really has a distinct advantage over another. For the first time in a number of years, it truly is anyone's conference.

And FIU has now placed itself in prime position to dethrone the Trojans and catapult them to the top of the Sun Belt standings in November for the very first time.

For the first time, the Golden Panthers are no longer a slave to destiny.

It's in their hands.

COMMENTARY



JOEL DELGADO

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WOMEN'S SOCCER: DENVER 1, FIU 0

Season ends as team can't capitalize against Denver

JACKSON WOLEK
Staff Writer

FIU (11-9-1, 7-4 Sun Belt Conference) fell short of their shot at getting a conference championship this year as they lost 1-0 against No. 1 seeded Denver (19-2, 11-0 SBC) in a semi-final match in Bowling Green Kentucky on Nov. 4.

The game started out with some déjà vu in the very beginning of play.

Kim Lopez got injured and had to leave the game just three minutes into the match. In fact, Crystal McNamara got injured just two minutes into a game versus Denver less than a month ago. Lopez took a hard shot to the face, and was unable to return for the rest of the contest. She has provided the team with one goal and three assists coming into the night's game, and was thought of as a pivotal part to the team in general.

"We would have loved to have had Kim for the whole game, but we have plenty of capable players on the bench that can come in to fill her spot," Head Coach Thomas Chestnutt said. "I felt like they did. They came in and they worked hard, and they gave us a chance to win."

Seven minutes in, FIU almost took the early lead as Mayara Bordin took an attempt at the goal that was saved by Lara Campbell of Denver. Campbell was forced to make one more save coming in the 16th minute off a shot from Chelsea Leiva.

As time was winding down, Denver went to work on Melanie Raimo putting in three corners and two shots in a matter of three minutes time. The half ended 0-0, with FIU getting in two shots compared to Denver's three.

"I felt like we created some decent opportunities in the first half," said Chestnutt.

The second half brought a whole different direction than what the first half showed. The Panthers put on an offensive explosion as they put on ten shots, really making Campbell work hard to keep the game tied.

At the 50th minute, Leiva took two shots that went wide. Victoria Miliucci and Nicole DiPerna had shots blocked in what was the team's greatest chance of taking

the lead in the game. It remained tightly contested after, as the Golden Panther defense had not allowed a shot all period, and no shots on goal all game.

In the 83rd minute, that would all change as Nicholette DiGiacomo, who was the SBC co-freshman of the year along with Leiva, put a corner kick to Jessie Battelli who headed the ball in and gave the Pioneers a 1-0 lead with only seven minutes left.

Two minutes later, FIU came close to sending the game into overtime, which would have been their second overtime against Denver this year.

It was not meant to be though, as junior captain April Perry, whose late game heroics just one day ago sent FIU to this game, took a shot that went high.

FIU was one of the toughest competitors for Denver, who was ranked No. 24 in the nation coming into this game. They were able to take them to overtime the first time they played them on Oct. 17 in a 1-0 loss, and only allowed one shot on goal the whole game this time around. Leiva, the team's real fire power on offense, came up with five shots on the night.

Looking onto next year, they will only be losing four players in total, and be bringing back a slew of other players. The list includes Leiva, DiPerna and Miliucci. Also, they will have the arsenal between the posts in 2009 SBC freshman of the year Kaitlyn Savage and Melanie Raimo, whose 0.99 goals against average this year was second lowest in school history.

The team has come a long way since seniors Kassandra Sorzano and Kaley Durrance played as freshmen and a year that saw them go just 3-11-3 and not make the playoffs.

This was the first time since 2004 that they had made it to the second round of the conference tournament.

"Our younger players are all coming back with this experience, and our seniors have given a lot to the program," said Chestnutt. "They gave everything they had and played hard in their last game. That's all you could ever really ask for. They can leave their career feeling good about what they have done."

Parker gets big stop after Perry picks up final score

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This time on their first offensive play.

Hilton ran a reverse 25 yards to even the game up at 35.

The offense stayed on the field and tacked on another touchdown in overtime. Running back Darriet Perry dashed 17 yards to regain the lead. Perry finished the game with 115 yards rushing on 20 carries, averaging more than four yards per touch.

FIU's defense rose to the occasion in the second stint of overtime. Smith led the way with three tackles for losses including a sack on the final drive.

According to Smith, he wanted to sit out in the final drive due to a minor neck injury and fatigue.

"That last drive in overtime, I hurt my neck a little bit and...I tried to pat my head for a substitution and thank goodness that the substitute didn't come in because that next play I got that tackle for loss and then

I got that sack," said Smith.

Smith's sack dropped the Warhawks nine yards back, pinning them down to eventually, a fourth and 12 situation where safety Ashlyn Parker stopped wide receiver Luther Ambrose four yards short to seal the win.

"After the game was over I and they stopped him short of first down, I just laid down. I was so tired," Smith said.

According to Cristobal, his team needed to have this game.

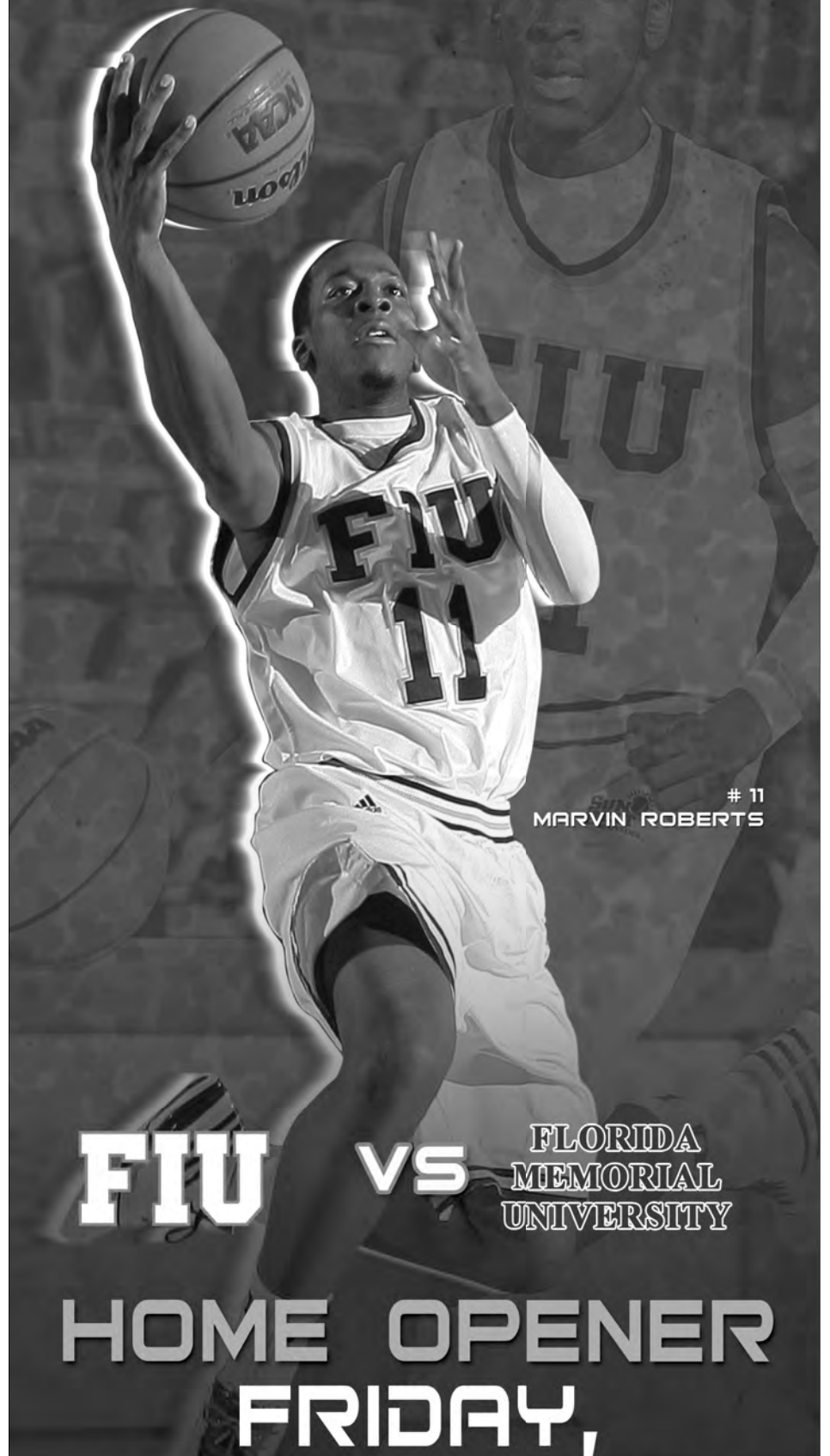
"One thing we talked about all week long is that there is going to be a point and time where we are going to have to want a game more than our opponent and we're going to have to win the second half," Cristobal said.

The win improves FIU to 3-3 all time in overtime games and gave the Golden Panthers its first win against the Warhawks in school history (2005's victory was vacated due to NCAA infractions.)

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1. FIU Music Festival featured acts like DJ Skribble, DJ Irie, DJ Zog and Kaeno. The event took place Nov. 5 between the Blue and Gold garages. **2.** D.L. Hughley performs at the annual Panther Prowl Comedy Show. **3.** Lifeshouse performs at Panthermonium. **4.** Deyan Iyanov is crowned Homecoming King for the Bscayne Bay Campus. **5.** Christopher "Spike" Salado and Cecily Arias pose with University President Mark B. Rosenberg after being named Homecoming King and Queen for the Modesto Maidique Campus. **6.** The color guard performs during half time. **7.** Members of Beta Phi Zeta perform at the Stepp Show on Oct. 28 at the Julius Littman Theatre. **8.** Wayne Times carries the ball against ULM. FIU won 42-35.

VOLLEYBALL: FIU 3, ULM 0

Panthers add another loss to Warhawk losing streak



REBECCA VILAFANE/THE BEACON

Andrea Lakovic helped dominate the Warhawks with 15 kills and a career-high hitting average of .545.

RICO ALBARRACIN
Staff Writer

There comes a time in the season when players need to get healthy, young players get playing time, and players just need rest. There is no better time than when facing one of the worst teams in the nation.

FIU (15-10, Sun Belt Conference 9-4) swept the Warhawks of the University of Louisiana-Monroe in three sets (25-19, 25-21, 25-14) to put themselves into a tie for third in the conference, which will help with seeding for the Sun Belt conference tournament. The win is also their fifth win in their last six matches.

Things did not go according to plan, as Sabrina Gonzalez did not play in the match. Gonzalez was informed that she now has a tear in her abdomen. She had been struggling with an abdominal strain for the past few weeks. Coach Danijela Tomic decided to rest her and give some playing time to some of the younger players.

Jessica Wilkie had her first start for

the Panthers as defensive specialist. She was able to get three digs.

"It felt amazing," Wilkie said. "I've working really hard and honestly, I didn't think I'd have an opportunity this year so when this opportunity came up, I was like 'I have one shot and I have to make the most of it.' It was really fun. I got a chance to play with my seniors before they leave."

The Panthers struggled in the first two sets, as ULM (0-22, 0-13 SBC) was able to stay in the sets with soft dink plays. It seemed as though the Panthers were not used to the soft style of play from the Warhawks. Despite that, the Panthers took the first two sets.

After the break, the Panthers came out in an non-traditional lineup that featured three defensive specialists in Chanel Araujo, Angelina Colon, and Wilkie. After a 7-5 advantage, it didn't take long for the Panthers to go back to their original lineup. After the change, FIU went on a 12-4 run and never looked back as they finished the set 25-14.

"I'm happy with our overall

performance," Tomic said. "I thought the third set showed how well we can play."

"We did well," Wilkie said. "Coach told us not to underestimate this team and not to think that they're just gonna let us take it. The first two sets were a bit rough, then we pulled away in the third set."

"I'm happy that we won and I'm happy with the result of 3-0," junior Andrea Lakovic said. "We did well. We started sloppy in the beginning. I guessed we underestimated them because of their record. We didn't come in mentally prepared. We have a goal. We're preparing for the tournament and we want to show the other teams that we're getting ready. We put the statement in the third set."

Jovana Bjelica posted 18 kills and Lakovic chipped in with 15 kills, as she had a career-high hitting average of .545. Bjelica recorded her second double-double of the season by also contributing 11 digs, while senior Natalia Valentin picked up her 13th double-double of the season with 42 assists and 11 digs.

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Remodel of Fillmore could hurt SoBe music scene

KATHY PAZ
Staff Writer

New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. When comparing the music scene here in Miami to some of these places, the only word that seems to fit is "lacking."

This isn't, of course, speaking in terms of local bands but rather with regards to large venues and big-name performers. Most of us have grown used to trekking up to good ol' Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach for shows.

Sure, we'll complain about it. But the bottom line is we still do it. After all, who's going to miss out on that once-every-five-year-opportunity

for something as minor as an hour drive? Recently though, the winds of change have blown through our city, and their resting place is in South Beach. The Fillmore Miami Beach at the Jackie Gleason Theater has become the recent home away from home for avid concert goers.

In the past year alone the venue has hosted a number of sold out shows, including Arctic Monkeys, Vampire Weekend, MGMT and Phoenix. These well-known bands are a rarity in South Florida, so it was a shock that it happened.

This musical high, however, may be short lived. For years now, there have been rumors

of closure, demolition or renovation circulating around the Fillmore.

There are currently large scale, multi-million dollar plans to replace the site with a hotel/convention center-like atmosphere.

According to a report by the "Miami Herald," consultant Arquitectonica calculated that a budget between \$500,000 million to \$1 billion dollars would be necessary for an "overhauled and expanded [concept of a] Miami Beach Convention Center." Among the requirements of this vision are new parking garages, a ballroom, a meeting place and the rotation of the structure to face the south side.

Live Nation, recently purchased by Ticketmaster, is the chief concert promoter and booker of the Fillmore. The company, which spent an estimated \$3.5 million dollars renovating the facility, has reported major losses in the past year and expect the same for the 2010 term.

In the numbers game, we're talking \$700 thousand. The current contract Live Nation has with the Fillmore extends until 2017 and, should a renewal be declined, the aforementioned plans will likely be put into full effect.

Residents of South Florida have expressed their disdain and outrage over these plans. Campaigns have been launched

on social networking sites like Facebook to save the site and preserve the music scene in South Beach.

Others have voiced outrage for more sentimental, nostalgic reasons. The on-site Miami Beach Auditorium held the recording for "The Jackie Gleason Show" and has hosted graduations for years. Yet despite its 60 years worth of history, the Fillmore does not qualify as a historic venue to be preserved.

William Cary, head of historic preservation for Miami Beach, told the "Miami Herald" that "substantial modifications have been made to the building since its 1950 construction" that were "too

significant to warrant historic protection."

So, what does this all mean? For concert goers, it could result in having to travel the distance for shows once more. For the growing music scene, it could result in a major loss due the venue's size and capabilities to book rising artists and bands that may not have stopped in South Florida in the past.

For residents of Miami Beach, there's the loss of an iconic site and replacement with another convention center/hotel. For the city as a whole, we're talking about a potential billion dollar plan. Who has more to lose in this has yet to be determined.

PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST



LINDA LEE/THE BEACON

The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum hosted Family Day on Oct. 30. Families were invited to browse the museum's exhibits and create their own art. Children had their faces painted, played games and participated in other free activities.

PRESS START

Parents, take responsibility

It has come to this.

Early morning on Nov. 2, the United States Supreme Court took the case of California vs. the Entertainment Merchants Association and the Entertainment Software Association, a legal dispute five years in the system.

The suit stems from California making illegal violent games in order to protect children. Industry lobbyists, however, stress that video games are protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution.

Rulings have been in favor of the video game industry so far in this landmark case. However, it will only take a 5-4 vote split to either grant games the same protection under the First Amendment that books, movies and songs enjoy or to bring about a level of censorship and regulation as strict as the draconian system in Australia.

In other words, every rated "M" title out there will be far more subdued than what we experience now, with stuff like Grand Theft Auto or more realistic first-person and third-person shooters taking the brunt of it.

While censorship of games is a horrible idea and spits in the face of a developer's freedom of expression, I can see the problem with keeping more violent games out of the hands of kids. In case you didn't catch it by all the signs posted at electronics retailers,

titles rated "M" by the Electronic Software Ratings Board mean the game is suitable for people ages 17 and up.

Now, I enjoy a good match of Modern Warfare or even Halo 3 as much as the next person, but I'm not exactly thrilled to hear a high-pitched 12 year old spouting every obscenity under the sun because everyone has "noob-ass skillz" compared to him. There's clearly a problem at least in regulation.

That's where the parents come in.

Parents can purchase games not appropriate for younger kids, and while sales clerks must tell them the game's not appropriate, they can't stop a parent from buying the title.

It's unfortunate that the Supreme Court has to ultimately rule on the level of expression video games can enjoy largely because parents cannot take a more active role in seeing the media their children consume, instead aiming to please them more by giving them "that new Halo on the Microsoft X-Station."

I've heard this spouted many times from unknowing parents.

While the ruling, set to be given before the Supreme Court goes on break in June 2011, is likely to favor the game industry again, parents should take more responsibility in what their child plays. A developer's free expression should not be stifled; otherwise, the Justices should consider also censoring rap music and even Grimm's fairy tales.

Press Start is a weekly column on video games. Look for it every Monday.

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WHERE: LC 110

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General meeting.
WHEN: 8 - 10 p.m.
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A lecture by Miguel Coyula professor of architecture, University of Havana.

WHEN: 7 p.m.
WHERE: GC Ballrooms East
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TUESDAY, NOV. 9

TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE



Discuss New York Times articles with fellow students. Event is free and lunch is provided. Articles can be found online at goglobal.fiu.edu.

This week's topic: MMC - Social Media: Privacy vs. Community
WHEN: 12:30 p.m.
WHERE: GC 150

BBC - Protecting the Ego with Excuses
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WHERE: WUC 159

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Lecture by Colonel Lettie Bien, Iraq War veteran and director of marketing at Investor Solutions, Inc.

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Business ethics are on the decline

GIOVANNI GONZALEZ
Staff Writer

Capitalism, love it or hate it, is a core principle of our American society. Capitalism allows anyone to do virtually anything to make a living. It is a common sight in our generation to see shoddy business practices, ranging from small businesses to large corporations and everything in between.

It seems the days of honest straightforward business transactions and customer satisfaction are fading.

The term "buyer beware" is one with special relevance in a time where websites sell services they cannot supply, and cable and telephone corporations tack on hidden fees to bills without alerting the customer.

I once came across a website offering unlimited tutoring services for a weekly fee, only to be stood up and kept waiting time and time again, with no help whatsoever, and was then refused a refund.

Often, underhanded practices, like ignoring a money back guarantee or charging more than the specified price for an item, are preferred over a quality product or business model that promotes repeat customers.

In a recovering economy, buyers must have confidence in their purchasing power and in the markets from which they purchase. This does not happen when a customer is constantly worried about being cheated or wasting money on products or services that are not up to par.

Not only will quality products and ethical business models promote repeat customers, but they will also promote more spending which will help stimulate our recuperating economy.

We need to use the creativity and skill of hard-working Americans, instead of defect-prone machines, to put out quality products. Although machines are cheaper to use, the increase in jobs and product quality may warrant slightly higher prices. We must reach an agreement where a merchant's word is worth as much as a buyer's dollar.

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One could argue that the recession we are in right now is partly related to the sneaky business practices of banks and credit card companies.

Practices such as giving loans and mortgages to clients knowing these cannot be repaid are detrimental to the function of our society.

Some businesses may see a slight decrease in profit while using more ethical practices, but the extra money they gained while being unethical was undeserved anyway.

Only when more businesses are run ethically will the buyer-seller relationship be at its

strongest and consumer confidence be at its highest.

Although it may not seem like it at times, the power resides within the purchaser.

As soon as a customer feels cheated by a service or product provider, his or her business is likely to go to a competitor.

This is the free market at its finest. The quality of all products will raise if consumers refrain from paying companies that offer cheap products or poor customer service.

Unfortunately, it is often college students who fall victim to sneaky practices, such as those of Amway Global and www.tutornext.com.

Although lack of experience can apply to anyone and the hunt for a good deal is always hard to pass up, one must always do research and find out what a company is really about before making a purchase, perhaps by consulting the Better Business Bureau.

If a deal seems too good to be true, it often is.

It is discouraging to feel cheated and betrayed by companies in the free market which you are expected to support with your hard-earned money.

Campus housing creates undue burden

YUE WANG
Contributing Writer

On Oct. 4, The Beacon announced that on-campus housing is completely full and the University is planning an expansion project.

Though it is convenient to live on campus, doing so also has many shortcomings, like expensive prices and irregular study schedules.

The room rate is increasing every term. Last fall semester, a four-bedroom single with a meal plan cost \$4,950. This fall semester, however, the rate increased by 2 percent to \$5,053.

Off-campus housing, on the other hand, is far cheaper than on-campus living. For example, the price of a guest room in the Crystal Colony, only a five-minute drive from FIU, is only \$400 per month, with all utilities included. The cost of meals off-campus is around \$250 per month.

This shows FIU's on-campus housing does not have any commercial advantage.

During such a big recession, everyone wants to save money. Once students find cheaper and more affordable housing, they will likely move off-campus.

Also, the Fresh Food Company and other food services on campus should prolong their operating hours, especially on weekends.

With most food establishments on campus opening at 10:30 a.m. and closing at 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, it is inconvenient for "morning people" like me to find breakfast early in the morning, as well as dinner late at night.

If I get back to my dorm after 7:30 p.m., I need to go to KFC or McDonald's for dinner.

These are not always good options.

I have paid a large sum of money for my meal plan and I am not willing to spend additional money for these inconveniences.

Before signing the housing

agreement, students are required to fill in a questionnaire. In the questionnaire, students are asked to state whether they are "morning people."

However, without parental

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control and sometimes without any morning classes, any "morning person" can easily become nocturnal.

In addition, the residence assistants often hold parties in the lounge.

In my opinion, workshops and events held by the

management of Campus Life should be added to the event list before they take place.

Last fall semester, the housing office checked my dorm every month and made sure that everything was clean and tidy.

Before I moved out, the residence assistant checked my room very carefully with a checklist, to ensure I returned everything as I found it.

It is disappointing that there was no questionnaire asking me whether I was living happily on campus or whether I was satisfied with the on-campus housing services.

The housing office should create a survey before implementing the expansion program. Student evaluations should be considered in order to improve on-campus housing.

Digits do not always communicate everything and students' opinions should be heard. After all, we are the ones living here.

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Onus on newly elected leaders to put education first

The outcome of the recent midterm elections saw Florida with two new representatives in Senator Marco Rubio and Governor Rick Scott. Whether you voted for them or not, they are in a position to make the lives of students and faculty better or worse. This is particularly true when it comes to higher education.

We are at a time where the University has seen several tuition hikes. The 8 percent tuition increase mandated by the legislature is largely due to a State University System that has seen over \$500 million in state budget reductions since 2007-2008.

Programs are having their curriculum shortened or removed altogether.

"We are operating with a budget that is \$60 million less in appropriations than what we were receiving in 2007 and 2008," University President Mark B. Rosenberg said during a budget forum on June 2. "The reality is, you've felt that, and we've had some unfortunate losses."

This leaves Rubio and Scott in a position to have a strong, positive impact on higher education. Increasing the funding to Florida colleges and universities should be at the top of their agenda.

Scott's educational plan, which he unveiled earlier in his campaign, states that he wants to increase funding for higher education, according to The Miami Herald. Rubio's platform, however, does not give specific details on what his plans are for higher education, according to his website.

The Beacon believes they should focus this funding on two key areas, the first of which is student services.

Currently the University has over 42,000 students, which is an increase of over 4,000 from last year. A draft of its five-year strategic plan states the University will expect a 25 percent increase in tuition, which will force the University to rethink all aspects of its operations, including the way it serves students.

As of now, the ratio of students to advisers is around 800-to-1. The current plan, according to a July 2010 report by The Beacon, is to reduce the ratio to 300-to-1.

Having access to an adviser that is better able to advise you on degree path is critical in reducing the amount of wasted semesters spent taking unnecessary classes or missing out on scholarship opportunities.

Financial aid is an important and effective way to get education to those seeking it. Thus, funding an increase in the amount of people granted financial aid will be a great boon. In addition, President Barack Obama's existing Federal Direct Student Loan Program should be kept intact. This helps cut on the costs of financial aid and offset the cost of increasing the number of recipients.

However, a larger and costly concern for the University looking forward is expansion, both in the amount of faculty and in facilities.

This large increase in enrollment only exacerbates the need for more faculty, as classrooms are already filled to capacity and seeing students beg professors for overrides at the beginning of each semester has become a common sight.

The University will be looking to expand in the coming years and that requires support from Tallahassee and Washington, D.C. With registered students increasing annually, the University will soon grow too big for its own good and a new building will not suffice.

This University needs to expand its borders, possibly dipping in to the local community in order to accommodate more students.

In this case, higher education takes precedence over party affiliation and politics. By making colleges and universities a priority, the state and the nation can reap the benefits of a sharp, educated workforce ready to fill vacant jobs and, more importantly, create new ones.

VERBATIM

Congratulations to the Drug Cartels and Moral Crusaders who've won a great victory in California! The Criminal Justice system can continue to tax citizens to incarcerate them for engaging in a harmless private activity thanks to the loss of Prop. 19.

Judge Andrew Napolitano

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Fievre, Tom Lodge will speak with fans after their speeches

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mental consulting in the area of wet lands and wildlife. New environmental laws had caused confusion for land developers, so it was easy to find work, he said.

During this time, Lodge wrote his book.

In 1998, he was invited to teach South Florida Ecology at the University, where the first edition had been used as a text book for four years. Since he was already thinking about writing a second edition, he

accepted the offer.

"I did it to see how the book was used, and how it could be improved because I never expected it to be used as a textbook," Lodge said. He has taught five semesters at FIU.

"I'm aware that I taught a pretty hard course," Lodge said. "One engineering student who was taking this as a requirement outside of his field said it was the hardest course he'd ever taken."

For Lodge, the experience was not so hard.

"I found it easy to teach from my own book because the syllabus was essentially already developed," Lodge said.

The doctor found that students generally make use of conceptual diagrams better than they do from concepts stated in words, so in the second edition he developed "Synthesis," a chapter that consisted of putting the concepts together in diagrams.

Lodge and Fievre both said they will stick around to speak with readers after their speeches on Nov. 21 at noon: Lodge

will be in room 7128, Fievre in Pavilion A.

Other confirmed authors affiliated with the University are: English professors Donna Weir-Soley, Les Standiford, John Dufresne, Heather Russel, and Master of Fine Arts alumni Patricia Engel and Preston Allen.

Fairgoers can donate new or gently used books which will form a spiral of books until the fair's end, when the books will be donated to local jails in an attempt to have more books than prisoners inside.

Biran spoke on his country's ongoing effort in Haiti

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dently getting involved in rescue efforts due to bureaucratic messes,

Having set up the first field hospital in the aftermath of the 7.0 magnitude earthquake, Biran enlightened the audience on the work ethic of the Israeli rescue efforts.

"The way we work is that we do not leave until we have results, good or bad," Biran said.

Biran presented a clip with both video

and picture documentation of the doctors and rescue workers while either performing procedures at the field hospital, or working through debris in an effort to pull out the buried.

The lead rescue worker prepared the clip.

As rescue operations came to a close, the Israeli field hospital performed 370 lifesaving surgeries and 16 emergency baby deliveries.

However, the end of rescue operations

does not signify an end to Israel's mission in Haiti. Biran explained Israel's ongoing effort in Haiti, and described Israel's plan to commence construction of an Intensive Care Unit/Trauma Center in Petit Goave, located in the outskirts of Port-au-Prince, within the next two months.

Israel will fully stock and fund the medical unit with all necessary equipment, supplies, and initial medical staff which will be brought in from Israel.

The intent is to train a local medical

staff and hand over the keys to the Haitian people within three months of its opening.

When asked of Israel's plan to further the Haitian nation, Biran responded by saying Israel alone cannot make a huge difference, and thus why they are putting their efforts towards where it can have the biggest impact.

The international community needs to come together in their efforts for Haiti for vast improvement to be made, according to Biran.

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ECUADOR

President vetoes restoring death penalty

President Alvaro Colom has vetoed legislation that would have reinstated capital punishment while giving the president the power to commute death penalty sentences.



GUATEMALA

3 tried for illegally approving Cubans

Juan Aguinaga, ex-deputy foreign relations minister, and two notaries have been ordered to stand trial for their alleged role in illegally naturalizing 200 Cuban migrants.

University alumna will contribute to book fair

BECCA GRIESEMER
Staff Writer

Although confirmed authors for the Miami Book Fair International include household names such as former president George Bush, tennis player Venus Williams, singer songwriter Patti Smith, and even a live broadcast of a Jay-Z telecast, some University affiliates can proudly drop their own names.

At least eight confirmed authors for the 27th annual event are either past or current professors, graduate students, or alumni of the University. During the fair's final three days, chaotic traffic jams will be replaced with enthusiastic book lovers, authors, and vendors on closed streets in downtown Miami.

This year, Mexico's literature and culture will be highlighted to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Mexico's independence and the 100th anniversary of the Mexican revolution.

Michele Jessica Fievre, 29, a graduate student of the University's Creative Writing Program, spoke at the fair seven years ago with "jitters," a trembling voice and unsteady legs.

Fievre will return this year to speak about her story "The Rainbow's End" in the anthology "Haiti Noir," though, according to her, she'll do so more confidently and less concerned about her strong Haitian accent.

"This piece was written before the Jan. 12 earthquake, so the places I mentioned in the story are presented the way they'll always be carved in my mind: intact, permanent," she said.

PSYCHIC WONDER



SEAN ZAMUDIO/THE BEACON

Jonny Zavant (left), a psychic and mentalist, does a mesmerizing trick as a participant from the audience stands in awe, during the Student Programming Council's Variety Show at the Wolfe University Center Theater on Nov. 3.

Another project of hers, a fantasy novel set in Haiti in 2004, was temporarily 'put on the shelves' after the earthquake.

"I lost interest in the book," Fievre said. "The pain I witnessed as a volunteer translator in Haiti was so raw that fantastic fiction felt totally out of place."

She has since revisited the book with a new appreciation, and is simultaneously working on a nonfiction book which will be her thesis.

"I love the faculty members of the Creative Writing program," Fievre said.

She added that everything she learned about the rules of non-fiction, plot, attention to detail, and discipline, she learned through her University professors. Fievre urges students to go to the fair because it's an inexpensive way to meet interesting people, learn valuable information, and meet famous authors.

MBFI will convene Nov. 14-21, 2010 at Miami Dade College's Wolfson Campus, 300 NE Second Ave.

Weekend author sessions require online free ticket reservations at www.miamibookfair.com.

Another author will be former Univer-

sity professor Tom Lodge, 66, who got his doctorate in biology at the University of Miami before writing a book that would, to his surprise, become a course text at the University, "The Everglades Handbook: Understanding the Ecosystem."

The first-time MBFI speaker intends to speak about how he worked with the late Marjory Stoneman Douglas, the woman famously credited for starting the movement to save the Everglades.

Lodge likes to speak in public, and is excited to reach another audience; however, he's not sure what that will be, other than one that appreciates books more than just his topic.

"It seems all the talks I give are like preaching to the choir, talking to groups of people already interested in the Everglades and in how to interact with the Everglades' restoration," Lodge said.

Lodge will also talk about how the book came about.

Work in the academic sector was in "pretty bad shape" in '74 when he graduated, so he made his living doing environ-

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Israel's response to Haiti's quake recounted

JONATHAN SZYDLO
Contributing Writer

Israeli Ambassador Danny Biran delivered an informative and emotionally charged lecture on Israel's ongoing mission in Haiti.

The presentation titled, "Mission to Haiti: Israel's Relief Efforts After the Earthquake," was at the Biscayne Bay Campus's Mary Anne Wolfe Theater on Nov. 4.

University President Mark Rosenberg gave opening remarks describing the 1947

deciding vote of Emile Saint-Lot, United Nations ambassador to Haiti and member of the UN's Security Council, on the UN's recognition of an independent state of Israel, therefore, putting into perspective the relationship between Haiti and Israel.

In attendance for the evening were dignitaries from both the Haitian and Israeli Consulate Generals, Ambassador Paul A. Trivelli from the U.S. Southern Command, along with members of the over twenty different commu-

nities and groups who co-sponsored the evening's events.

Biran took the stage and without hesitation stated his lecture's purpose.

"I am here to tell the story of these guys, the doctors and soldiers," Biran said.

He gave an eye-witness account of the steps that the Israeli delegation had to take in order to have the most effective on-ground rescue and relief efforts possible, an argument which eventually granted Israel access to Port-au-Prince. The clog up caused at

Toussaint Louverture International Airport due to the overwhelming response from the international community had to be cleverly circumvented.

This allowed two rented El Al jets, which were en route before Israel was granted clearance to land, to arrive with the delegation of 229 doctors, soldiers and rescue workers, along with the necessary supplies to set up a field hospital.

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TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE

Overcoming excuses is this week's topic

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"Some Protect the Ego by Working on Their Excuses Early," a *New York Times* article published last year inspired this week's roundtable, which the moderator hopes will provide a desire for students and faculty to analyze themselves.

"I think we are all one of those people. All of us have that innate response to protect ourselves from the hard truth," said Maureen Walter, professor of biological sciences.

Walter has had the January 2009 *New York Times* article by Benedict Carey on her website for her students since it was published. As a long-time subscriber to the *Times*, she was thrilled when the University began offering newspapers, paid for by student activity and services fees.

"I give my students a lot of tools to lead them to success. This article is another tool that students can use to put themselves under a magnifying glass and have the opportunity to have a do-good talk. Students can pause and look at what they're considering and take a step back and say, 'This is realistic, and I can do this,'" Walter said.

In the article it says people do not consciously make up excuses, but create scenarios to offer protection in case they don't succeed.

"You need to consider how much you're putting on your plate, what your motivation is, what your goals are," Walter said. "And this is just one way to prevent yourself from not achieving what you want to achieve with the degree of success you should have."

Walter believes those who succeed without a clear vision of why they're succeeding will expect to succeed without knowing how to do the work that earned them the success in the first place.

She supported this with a quote from psychologist Steven Berglas used in the *Times* article: "With success, expectations go up, and the behavior gets more extreme."

Walter hopes this article and the discussion will inspire students to analyze some of the things they do and to avoid creating those scenarios in which there is a higher potential for failure.

"I truly believe every student can succeed, it just depends on if they're willing to do the amount of work required and if they have the time," Walter said. "Being unrealistic with how much you can handle with school, work and relationships is already creating an excuse."

TTR is held every week in Wolfe University Center, room 159, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.