



ARGENTINA

Former President Kirchner dies

Former President Nestor Kirchner, who steered Argentina out of crisis and political instability died suddenly of a heart attack with his wife, President Cristina Fernandez, by his side.



CHINA

Court denounces awarding of Nobel

A spokesman for the Beijing court that upheld an 11-year prison sentence for Nobel Peace Prize winner Liu Xiaobo denounced the award and brush aside international calls for his release.



VENEZUELA

Business leaders briefly kidnapped

Venezuela's government promised to investigate a violent attack on four representatives of the country's largest business chamber, a group that has been at odds with President Hugo Chavez.

Campus Palestinian group objects to League's list

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Contributing Writer

The Anti-Defamation League listed the Students for Justice in Palestine, including FIU's chapter, as one of the largest anti-Israel organizations in America. SJP members are upset over the inclusion, and leaders of SJP across the nation are looking to raise awareness about their view on the Israeli government's violation of human rights.

"We locate ourselves in a legacy of social justice movements working for a free and just world," said Mnar Muhareb, president of SJP.

The organizations on ADL's list are selected according to the popularity generated to each group, the aptitude in which they arrange events and the relationships developed with similar organizations.

Abraham H. Foxman, ADL's national director, said that there are hundreds of groups that are involved and organize various anti-Israel activities.

"These groups are not promoting peace. They are spreading propaganda to assault Israel's legitimacy," said Foxman. "We want Americans to know whom these groups are and what it is they really stand for, which is to delegitimize the Jewish state."

He went on to say that these groups use various campaigns to "demonize" Israel through the use of subjective messages that fail to take into account the intricacy between the Israeli-Palestinian conflicts.

A statement made by the ADL states that members of SJP routinely organize activities that present a biased view of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. On campuses all over the country, groups promoting Palestinian freedom have responded to these claims.

"We are united in our belief in justice, freedom and human rights for the Palestinian people," said Muhareb. "We will continue

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Organizations encourage students to vote



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Students for Environmental Action rallied on the GC Ballroom lawn before marching to the voting polls.

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In an effort to promote student participation in the midterm elections, politically driven organizations have hosted several events across the University aimed to inform voters on the candidates and issues on the ballot.

"It's really important for young people to get out and to decide who's going to run our country because it is our future," said Students for Environmental Action President, Cara Cooper at the "March for Our Future" rally on Oct. 27.

Students and SEA members gathered on the Graham Center lawn to begin a University

march to the West Dade Regional Library voting polls. The idea for the event, according to Cooper, came out of the voter registration and education campaign that SEA has been working on throughout the semester.

Cooper emphasized that the purpose of the march, although steered by environmental initiatives, was not to endorse green legislation.

"We thought it would be a great way to send a strong message that while we are a university organization that deals with the environment, this event is more about being young and having the power vote," said Cooper.

The midterm elections, which

involve several candidates on a state and local level, have propelled political organizations on campus to spread awareness to first-time voters.

"I tell students to find an issue or two that they care strongly about and do research about which candidate or party's policies are similar to yours," said Michael Santana, president of college Democrats at FIU.

A three-way debate between College Democrats, Republicans, and Independents, on Nov. 1, in GC 140, is aiming to let people know where each party stands on issues, and encourage political attentiveness.

"While the student enthusiasm is significantly down from

the last election cycle, a lot of people are aware of what's going on with the economy and there's some spotlight that people care," said Vice President of College Republicans, Luis Valdez.

Student apathy towards midterm elections can be associated towards the lack of excitement they have in comparison to presidential elections or the belief that one vote does not make a difference.

"It may seem insignificant but if 100 other students feel that way, that is 100 votes, that might be the difference in a congressional race and in many local races. I believe that a North Miami Beach Commissioner won by just 5 votes," said Santana.

Events like the debate and the march aimed to highlight issues on the ballot that could be important to students on campus. Valdez hopes that students research the issues on the ballot, because they affect each person differently.

Sasha "Bleu" Waters, Student Government Association sustainability coordinator, was amongst the marchers who promoted energy efficiency. Waters took the event as an opportunity for all of the University's environmental groups to stand as one unit, and "support youth—youth voting for our future."

Hoping that the unified efforts of university organizations make a change at FIU, Waters believes that this could promote the same

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Florida poverty rates highest since recession

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Contributing Writer

Florida had the largest increase in poverty in the United States since the recession began almost three years ago, according to a report put out by the Research Institute on Social and Economic Policy.

The report showed that out of 2.7 million Floridians, approximately one in seven were living below poverty levels. People of working age between 18 and 64 had the largest rate of increase in poverty.

"This is a clear illustration of a link between poverty and jobs," explained Emily Eisenhauer, co-author of the report and RISEP research associate. "That is, when people lose jobs, they fall into poverty, which makes any initiatives around job creation particularly important."

According to Eisenhauer, the unemployment rate is fairly stabilized, but "the number of jobs that have been created over the last couple of months is really small in comparison to the problem of over a million people in this state [being] unemployed."

In order to stimulate the economy and assist jobless citizens, Eisenhauer suggests that unemployment compensation should not be cut from people still struggling to find work.

"Unemployment compensation is one of the best stimulators, or stimulus, for the economy because with unemployment, you're taking that money — you're putting it directly into the pocket of somebody who's immediately going to go out and spend it and buy something with it," said Eisenhauer. "As opposed to something like tax cuts which, especially ones for the upper income,

[are] not clear [on] how that trickles down into the economy."

Some additional statistics from the report give details that one in five children under 18 years of age in Florida are living in poverty. Totalling 30.8 percent, this makes up the highest poverty rate of any age group in the state.

"That is one of the worrisome problems, because children in poverty are obviously not going to have the same opportunities as other children," said Eisenhauer. Living in poverty decreases the chances that children have of getting an adequate education.

Of the 50 states, Florida had the largest increase in the percentage of people living in extreme poverty between 2007 and 2009. Extreme poverty is defined as a household with an annual income of \$11,000 or less. There were 6.5 percent of

Floridians living in extreme poverty compared to the national rate of 6.3 percent.

According to the report, more women than men living in poverty in Florida, with 16 percent of women compared to 13.8 percent of men, men have had a higher unemployment rate during the recession.

African Americans have had the largest increase in poverty since 2007, followed by Hispanics. The proportion of impoverished African Americans, 26.8 percent, is more than double than the 10.5 percent of whites living in poverty.

The report outlined key statistics found by the American Community Survey and the Current Population Survey between 2007 and 2009. Both the American Community Survey and the Current Population Survey are carried out by the U.S. Census Bureau.

CORRECTIONS

In the issue dated Oct. 25, 2010, the Verbatim section contained a quote incorrectly attributed to Governor McDonnell. It was former Chairman of the Virginia Beach Republican Party, David Bartholomew.

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Summit attendance creates conflict

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to work for a just peace where Palestinians are free in their homeland and equals to Jewish Israelis.”

According to members of SJP, several Student Government leaders were sponsored by the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee to attend a summit being held in South Florida on Oct. 24 and 25.

“We requested them not to go to the summit because Israel commits human rights violations against Palestinians every year. We seek justice, not revenge,” SJP said in a written statement to Student Media.

An official statement was also released by Student Governing Council at Modesto Maidique Campus President Helena Ramirez, who said that they do not promote the views of AIPAC or any other organization unrelated to the activities of FIU.

According to SJP leaders, however, this was a false statement because AIPAC sponsored SGA’s trip, making it a clear conflict of interest as a political lobby was sponsoring students to

conferences as well as trips to Israel.

On that same statement released by SGC-MMC, Ramirez mentioned the request for the Facebook event page titled “FIU-SGA Say No to AIPAC” to be removed.

“We find it unfortunate that students and student organizations at the [MMC] have published statements in regards to our relationship with AIPAC without requesting formal consultation and discussion with their elected student leaders,” said Ramirez.

However, Maxine Hylton, director of the Graham Center said: “SJP members checked with me in regards to meeting a deadline for collection signatures for a cause, in which the student group was granted a table inside GC to do so.”

SJP leaders stated that they received support from more than 200 students to hold a protest against AIPAC.

A press conference was held on Oct. 21 where SGC-MMC Vice President Nick Autiello and Chief of Staff Alina Gonzalez addressed concerns students had regarding their scheduled

attendance at the AIPAC Summit.

“They assured students present that they would be attending the summit as individuals seeking information as opposed to student body,” said Dean Williams, former SGC-MMC press secretary. “It was also clarified at the press conference on Oct. 21, as well as in the statement issued on Oct. 20, that student activity and service fees were not used to fund attendance at the summit.”

Eventually, four out of six members of SGA who had originally planned to attend the AIPAC summit decided not to.

Student Media reached out to Gonzalez and SGC-MMC Senate Speaker Pro Tempore Hector Mujica, neither of whom attended the summit, however, they were unavailable for comments. Ramirez and Autiello still went on to attend.

According to the statement released by SGC-MMC, while student leaders represent the views of the student body, each student is entitled to freely associate as he or she wishes individually.

Guides can reduce ballot confusion

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change in the government

“We need to make movements within our campus, before we can start breaking ground outside. If we can do it here, then we can do it

anywhere,” said Waters.

According to Valdez, students who feel overwhelmed by the jargon of ballots can research Miami-Dade voting guides that can make the trip to the booths much simpler.

“I don’t care who you vote for,

just that you vote and that you are educating yourself and making sure that you’re voting for people who represent your values because we have to make sure that we are electing people who represent what we want,” said Cooper.

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FOOTBALL: FAU 21, FIU 9

FIU win streak snapped by struggling Florida Atlantic

IGOR MELLO
Staff Writer

The Shula Bowl IX trophy will stay in Boca Raton for yet another year.

For the fifth consecutive year, FIU (2-5, 2-1 Sun Belt) fell short to Florida Atlantic University (2-5, 1-3 Sun Belt) 21-9.

For the seniors, it was their last opportunity to overcome their cross-town rivals. One of the team captains, linebacker Toronto Smith, can speak on the behalf of the senior class.

"This sucks. Really bad," Smith said after finishing the game with eight tackles.

The defense allowed 187 yards rushing and two touchdowns on the ground, one from Alfred Morris and another from Willie Floyd, to put the game out of reach. Morris led the Owls, rushing for 108 yards while his partner Floyd gained 93 yards on the ground.

"The defense started to get their eyes off of their

keys. They started to get misaligned," said Smith. "It's definitely a learning experience for us. We got to learn that we have to finish."

A crucial moment of the game came early in the fourth quarter where quarterback Wesley Carroll orchestrated a 14-play, 94-yard drive across the field that would have given the Golden Panthers the lead had they scored a touchdown.

Instead the Golden Panthers were stuffed on four goal-line attempts at the two-yard line.

"It's almost a walk-in if it's executed the right way," said head coach Mario Cristobal about his play calling on third and fourth down.

On third and fourth downs, Cristobal opted to take out Carroll from under center and use his wildcat formation. Although the wildcat formation has been normally used with wide receiver T.Y. Hilton as the quarterback throughout the

season, the Golden Panthers used Wayne Times to take the snaps.

On third down, Times kept the ball and was stopped for no gain. Without hesitation, the offense went for it on fourth and goal as Times elected to pass the ball from the wildcat formation to his tight end Jonathan Faucher.

"We felt good about it, it's been real good for us in practice, it's been good in games. It's a good play. We need to score," Cristobal said.

Despite not being able to execute that play in the goal line, Cristobal has no regrets with his play calling.

"I'd run the same play. There's no second-guessing. It's football," Cristobal said.

The wildcat formation went for 17 yards on six plays. Times scrambled three times for eleven yards, he handed it off to T.Y. Hilton on a sweep for

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FOOTBALL

Florida Atlantic continues to find ways to defeat FIU

Watching the Florida Atlantic Owls celebrating a Shula Bowl victory appears to be how things should be.

COMMENTARY



JOEL DELGADO

It seems like watching Howard Schnellenberger smiling and waving as he carries the trophy with his team surrounding him is simply how the football gods want it to be.

Maybe it's fate. Maybe it's destiny.

But whatever it is, it happened yet again as the Golden Panthers once again make a trek down the Turnpike both dejected and wondering what it is exactly to break out of this cure. The never-ending, reoccurring nightmare continues.

Just when it looked like the Golden Panthers put their late-game collapses behind them and were poised to take the necessary steps to finally earn a victory against their South Florida nemesis, they somehow find themselves outside of the win column against the one team that knows how to defeat them over and over again.

It didn't matter that the Golden Panthers were facing a deflated and aimless Florida Atlantic team that was on life support heading into this annual rivalry showdown after dropping five straight matches.

It didn't matter that this was a Golden Panthers team with bowl game aspirations, the

momentum of a two-game winning streak in conference play and a chance to make its case as a Sun Belt Conference contender.

The team simply came undone in the final quarter of play, allowing the Owls to run away with the game and keep the Shula Bowl Trophy in Boca Raton for yet another pain-staking year.

ANOTHER MELTDOWN

Three interceptions chucked by Wesley Carroll in the fourth quarter, questionable decisions with points on the line, fourth-down shortcomings and a failure to prevent the big play alongside a failure to create one sent the Golden Panthers to their doom.

Another so close, yet so far performance. Another disappointing drive down the Turnpike.

Allowing the Owls to deliver the fatal dagger time and time again appears to be turning into a self-fulfilling prophecy.

The Golden Panthers were able to move the ball down the field but failed to reach the Promised Land on several occasions, the final straw coming at the beginning of the fourth quarter when the offense drove down inside the five-yard line but failed to convert.

Then the floodgates broke wide open as the game unraveled and unleashed a chain of events

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Carroll struggles in loss; Hilton given Shula Bowl MVP

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six yards and also threw two incomplete passes.

“That drive was very important. I kind of blame that on me on not finishing up and giving my knees up. We work on that every day and I blame that on me,” Hilton said.

Hilton nearly got the Golden Panthers to reach the end zone line earlier in that drive with a 23-yard catch, but got tangled up at the seven yard line.

“I kind of exploded through and I saw a safety and a corner to beat and

Greg (Ellingson) picked up the safety, so I tried to get there real fast and he hit my leg and I tripped,” said Hilton.

Hilton, who normally takes the snaps in the wildcat formation, was comfortable with not getting the call at wildcat in the redzone on third and fourth down.

“Coach felt that Times could get in and I was 100 percent behind him and I felt good about it too,” Hilton said.

Hilton lead all receivers with 124 yards receiving and was honored Shula Bowl IX team M.V.P.

The individual accolades did not make Hilton happy, especially coming off a loss in a rivalry game.

“I don’t think I deserve MVP right now,” Hilton said.

Carroll had a game to forget.

The junior finished out the game completing 20 passes out of 32 attempts for 210 yards. Three out of Carroll’s last four passes late in the game went for a pick. Carroll’s offense was held without a touch-down for the first time this season.



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T.Y. Hilton [center] led FIU in receiving with 124 yards in loss to Florida Atlantic.

FIU has tough climb ahead

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that resulted in a combined five turnovers by both teams, a messy end to an ugly game for the Golden Panthers

INTO A HOLE

Now the road for FIU becomes much more treacherous, much more challenging, and much more demanding.

It is very likely that this game will be one that Mario Cristobal and his men look back on when the season comes to a close. There is a strong possibility that this could end up being

the deal-breaker for the Golden Panthers, a mental setback that drains the team of life with five games remaining.

Will this be a season-altering defeat? A game that hinders the Golden Panthers beyond repair? Or will they overcome this defeat and make that run that so many believed they may have been capable of heading into this game?

There is no real answer yet. Whatever fate the Golden Panthers are destined for still rests in their own hands.

The real mystery is which Golden Panthers team will show up the rest of the season: the one that appeared to be improving by the week or the one that got manhandled by FAU.

BASKETBALL

Team hosts open preview

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With the basketball team’s season beginning on Nov. 12 with at home vs. Florida Memorial, the team took the time to tease fans on the upcoming season with an open preview on Oct. 27.

Fans that went to the U.S. Century Bank Arena had the chance to check out the team in action as well as improve-

ments done on the arena in the form of a new locker room and a place where the team can study film on plays.

Fans were also able to ask Head Coach Isiah Thomas questions in an open Q&A session on matters related to the team.

Thomas hopes the team goes farther than just winning the Sun Belt Conference.

“We have one goal, and that’s to advance in March. In

March, they pick the 64 best teams. We want to be one of those teams,” said Thomas. “So, we want to go to the dance. That’s all we want, to go to the dance. That’s the only goal we have. If we win the conference, that’s great, but at the end of the day, we want to be dancing in March.”

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Students look to avoid failing by staying dry

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Staff Writer

After the failed test launch of their first pair of “boat-shoes,” Frank Alonso and Brandon Martinez came back in full force to rebuild and re-test before the November third deadline.

The Event: Prof Jaime Canaves’ Materials and Methods Walk on Water Assignment.

The Goal: Walk three-quarters of the way across the FIU Green Library Lake without falling with only the aid of special, student built shoes in the shortest amount of time.

The Grand Prize: \$500 and ten extra points towards the next exam.

The Downside: If your shoes don’t cut it, you receive a failing grade (equivalent to one exam grade).

“We built the first shoes and um... They didn’t work. So we’re testing out the new ones now. We’ll probably have to make more revisions,” explained Martinez, a sophomore, and the one in charge of walking for the pair.

“The first ones weren’t long

enough. They were buoyant, but too buoyant. I ended up jumping in and swimming for about half an hour.”

His partner, Frank Alonso, added, “They were lighter than they were supposed to be. He fell about 4 or 5 times. And the life jacket was too small.”

The Walk on Water race is an annual assignment aimed at getting students to focus on real world issues such as functionality, creativity, aesthetics, craftsmanship and economics.

The event has been going on for nearly two decades, concocted by architecture professor Jaime Canaves.

“In previous years it was more strict, only a certain amount of particular materials could be used. This year the rules are a little more relaxed,” said Alonso.

“We do have a surprise as far as our shoes are going to look. Part of the creativity process for us involves a theme. I don’t want to give it away, but it has to do with homecoming week,” added Martinez.

Even though this is an annual event that has been taking place for the last two



ALBENA ESCALANTE/THE BEACON

Architecture students Brandon Martinez and Frank Alonso retesting their “boat shoes” for the Walk on Water event.

decades, assigned to students every year as part of Prof. Jaime Canaves’ Materials and Methods course, the shell shock never lessens. In addition to the grueling schedule architecture students are faced with, including studio classes, they still have to find the time to add this very large project to the rest of their workload.

“It was daunting,” said Martinez.

“We’ve known about it since Design 1 [an introductory architecture course] but we didn’t know what to expect, nor did we know if it would work at all. It’s not something

that takes 5 minutes. It’s something that takes a lot of time.”

“We didn’t know what exactly or how exactly we were going to go about building shoes. You need to build something that’s going to carry someone’s weight and they need to be small enough that you can walk with them

on.”

But there is always a light at the end of the tunnel; in this case it’s a five hundred dollar light.

“It is great incentive. It would definitely pay for the materials we used and much more.”

When asked what else

he would do with the money Martinez quipped, “Pay off my credit.”

So what else did the guys learn?

“It is very hard to walk on water, testing is key, and if you fall once you’re probably going to fall 3 more times, so just don’t fall.”

FASHION FINDS

Rachel Zoe leads fur’s return to the wardrobe

I love fur. Sure, PETA and other extremist animal lovers may come after me for saying that, but I do. I love it.

COLUMNIST



ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ

Sorry to all the bunnies out there.

For a while I was afraid of fur. It kind of creeped me out and when I was younger, it reminded me of those crazy older ladies in my neighborhood who would get decked out just to hit up the frozen foods aisle of Publix.

Fur used to be a common part of winter outfits, then it just disappeared into the fashion abyss and people didn’t treat it the same way. Groups like PETA scared celebrities away from wearing fur because they may get a nasty liquid dumped on them in public as part of a protest.

Once the celebrities, the only people who really can afford to wear fur all the time, stopped wearing it, it was pretty much done for fur. That was all until Rachel Zoe hit the scene.

If you ever watched the Rachel Zoe Project on Bravo, you’d see how the tiny stylist brought the classic staple back to modern fashion. Afraid of what extremists might do to her, she opts for faux fur.

Designers are now incorporating fur into all their winter designs. It’s popped up on bomber jackets in the past, but this season’s trends are tying them into the military style.

Retailers like Forever 21, Urban Outfitters and Nordstrom have begun carrying faux fur pieces at an affordable price. The other day I found a fur vest at Forever 21 for just under \$40.

The quality is horrible so I’d dish out an extra \$50 for the Urban Outfitters version. It looks more like the real thing and the styles aren’t so outrageous.

My favorite way to wear fur is for a night out. Get a fur shawl and throw it over a tiny black party dress and you’ll be the picture of glamour.

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Comedians take the stage for homecoming week

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Contributing Writer

Are you feeling down, overwhelmed, or stressed? You know what they say, laughter is the best medicine.

The event, held on Nov. 1, will take place at the U.S. Century Bank Arena, on the Modesto Maidique Campus. This is a well supported, and traditional event that Panther Prowl is proud to put on. This year's Panther Prowl Comedy Show will consist of a line up of three well-known comedians. These popular performers include DL Hughley, Kyle Dunnigan, and Iliza Shlesinger.

Florida International University has put on this event year after year, leading up to the Homecoming Game. The lineup is possible due to the help of SGA, The Homecoming Counsel, and Campus Life. After the review of many student surveys and preference, the Eboard and Directors join to help the selection of these comedians.

Kiara Nydam, a general member of SPC, assures that it's the student's choice, when it comes to the selection of these comics.

Last year's comedy show featured Craig Robinson, best known as Darryl from the award-winning comedy, *The Office*.

Last year's show was sold out, resulting in organizers making accommodations for 4200 people instead of last year's 3500.

Alex Parayuelos, the overall director of the homecoming Counsel, hopes to see alumni and students partic-



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ipate, expecting a bigger turnout this year.

At Monday's event, famous comedians will take the stage, first is the popular DL Hughley, best known as the star of ABC's hit series, "The Hughleys" and BET's series "S.O.B.". He has been featured in Spike Lee's, "The Original Kings Of Comedy", and was host of the 2008 BET Awards. Due to the recognition of his many numerous stand-ups, he took up television roles on "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip", and on NBC's "Scrubs", as Turk's brother. He is a popular and well-known figure in the comic world.

Following up is Kyle Dunnigan. Infamous for his appearance on *Reno 911!* as Craig, or "The Truckee River Killer". He has also been featured in *Comedy Central Presents*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, *Conan O'Brien and The Late Late Show* with Craig Ferguson. His corky musical talent is sometimes incorporated into his standup, and brings creativity to his act. This comedian is a rising artist, and, according to Parayuelos, a real crowd pleaser.

Iliza Shlesinger is best known as the title winner of *Last Comic Standing*, season six. She has also been featured on *Comedy Central's Live At Gotham*, *Showtime's Paddy Shore & Friends*, *The Soup*, and *Byron Allen's Comics Unleashed*.

Event organizers believe the comedy show is a great way to show school spirit, and support for Panther Prowl.

Stephanie Suarez, a chair on the Homecoming Council, agrees "the comedy show is an important event, leading up to the homecoming game."

It is a fun way to show pride and become more involved. Be sure to get your tickets, because it has been known to sell out.

All of these panther proud performers are available to see with a valid ticket. Tickets are free, and are required for admission. Doors open at 7 pm and the show starts at 8 pm. A total of one ticket per Panther ID is permitted and they can be picked up at Campus life located in GC 2240 starting October 12th from 10 am to 5 pm.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

MONDAY, NOV. 1

PANTHER PROWL COMEDY SHOW



Featuring D.L. Hughley, Kyle Dunnigan and Iliza Shlesinger.

WHEN: Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free. Pick up your ticket in Campus Life, GC 2240. Limit one per Panther ID.

WHERE: U.S. Century Bank Arena

HOMEcoming PEP RALLY



Show off your Panther pride!

WHEN: 12 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: GC Pit at MMC and Panther Square at BBC

TUESDAY, NOV. 2

LIP SYNC / TALENT SHOW



WHEN: 7 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free, all you need is your Panther ID.

WHERE: U.S. Century Bank Arena

TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE

Discuss New York Times articles with fellow students.

WHEN: 12:30 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free, lunch provided

WHERE: GC 150 at MMC and WUC 159

For the weekly topic, visit goglobal.fiu.edu

SUNSET YOGA

Join the Yoga Club for an hour of yoga. Bring your own mat/towel!

WHEN: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: FIU Organic Garden

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3

SPC VARIETY SHOW AT THE BAY



Featuring Jonny Zavatt, Mentalist; Team Rootberry, Extreme Entertainment and Ran'd Shine, the new face of magic!

WHEN: 7 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free. Tickets available at WUC.

WHERE: Mary Anne Wolfe Theater - BBC

WALK ON WATER / FARMERS MARKET



Enjoy the show as architecture students attempt to cross the lake behind the Green Library. The weekly farmer's market will relocate to the back of the library.

WHEN: 12 - 3 p.m.

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: GL - by the lake

Politicians need to present solutions

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Staff Writer

With the midterm elections drawing closer, it is currently a particularly important time to gather as much information about candidates and vote. As many as 98 seats are "in play" for deciding what party will take the House of Representatives, which is currently held by the Democrats. Many claim Congress did its fair share in bringing about this recession, or at least didn't do enough to stop it. This election may prove to be integral to moving the U.S. back on the right track.

Republican David Rivera and Democrat Joe Garcia are running for the seat in South Florida, the 25th congressional district. They are accompanied by lesser known candidates Craig Porter of the Whig party, and Tea Party candidate Roly Arrojo. Yet, both the Democratic and Republican candidates seem more interested in their banter and making each other look bad than in the issues facing their district.

In recent debates, Craig Porter seemed to be the only one trying to stay on task. The candidates really need to get serious talk about the issues rather than each other so voters can make an informed decision. They have to let the people know how they are going to make a difference by engaging in serious debates and presenting new ideas while showing they are qualified for the jobs ahead of them.

With Florida's anticipated trend labeling it a republican state, frontrunner Rivera's

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economic plan involves cutting spending all around, renewing the Bush administration tax cuts, and further reducing the tax burden on small businesses.

Garcia's plan on the other hand includes renewing tax cuts for the middle class only, investing in alternative energy and education, and making it easier for small businesses to acquire loans.

While Whig party candidate Porter has not officially released an economic plan, he aims to reduce regulations on small businesses, start an Everglades restoration project, and cut government spending in all areas that aren't military to reduce the national debt.

From Garcia and Rivera, the two most likely to be elected, we are really seeing nothing exceptionally different from the average claims of those running for any office.

Many have heard about the "trickle-down effect" used to justify the Bush era tax cuts, where wealthy Americans would theoretically spend the extra money they saved from the tax breaks. The huge overspending of the stimulus plan was another attempt to boost the economy. Neither of these plans had any

enormous effect on moving us towards a recovery.

What we need are some new ideas and plans that haven't already been attempted, such as crossing party lines to make more well-rounded decisions and spending more in the public district while reducing Federal spending.

While whomever is elected to Congress in our district will only make up a small part of the whole, we need to get people in there who know the economy and will not sit ignorantly idle while wasteful spending and political agendas run rampant.

A knowledgeable seat in Congress is much more difficult to be taken advantage of by lobbyists and corporate interests.

This election cannot be about what side holds the House but about how both parties are making changes to improve the living situations of millions of Americans.

Although we aren't seeing so much in terms of new ideas in this election, maybe some kind of balance between saving and spending can be achieved to profitably lift the U.S. out of debt and create more jobs for our district.

Voters are missing key campaign info

NEDA GHOMESHI
Staff Writer

As the 2010 Midterm Election heats up, so does the arena of political advertising. The spending on this midterm election is out of control; candidates' campaign budgets for purchasing media time are beginning to skyrocket as the race to the finish line becomes more competitive across the nation.

According to a New York Times article published on October 6, 2010, "Spending on television advertisements during this election cycle are on track to hit \$3 billion by election day."

That is more than the presidential election in 2008, which reached roughly \$2.7 billion. This level of spending is unprecedented, excessive and I believe is wrong.

This dramatic increase in advertising spending is partly due to the recent decision by the Supreme Court in the Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission.

The ruling set aside corporate spending limits in elections and paved the way for a flood of corporate money into this year's campaigns.

Essentially, this means that unlimited corporate and institutional spending can go on without the identity of the funding sources revealed.

I believe the right to say and support whomever we want to represent us is fundamental; however, I also believe that we need to let voters know who is providing this support.

We need to know who is behind the advertisements in favor of one candidate versus another in order to better understand the agenda that is being pursued. Imagine a candidate being supported by a pharmaceutical company that is advocating an increase in drug benefits under Medicare.

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Without knowing the identity of the company or union behind a particular advertising campaign we will be missing an important fact - the benefit the supporter expects to receive if the candidate is

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indeed elected.

This information can help us determine if the picture being painted is accurate, semi accurate or flatly false. With no information on the identity of the financial supporters, voters, like myself, are being severely handicapped in our

analysis of each candidate.

It is no wonder then that many of the campaigns are pushing the envelope on negative advertising.

Imagine a candidate being supported by a pharmaceutical company that is advocating an increase in drug benefits under Medicare.

I am also concerned about the role of foreign companies and institutions in our elections.

Under this new ruling, a candidate can receive unlimited advertising support from a foreign institution without the scrutiny of the public or media. Imagine that.

We need some form of civility to be returned to our elections. We need some curbs on what can be spent on political campaigns and we certainly need to know on whom it is being spent on.

The Supreme Court was wrong in opening up this floodgate and it is now up to the Congress to bring back the herd.

THE BEACON | Editorial

SGA fails to take necessary action, Comptroller keeps job

The fact that Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus Comptroller Maria-Rosa Blanco continues to keep a job for which she has not been present for all semester is completely unacceptable.

Recently, the SGC-MMC senate conducted a trial to determine whether or not Blanco was guilty of not fulfilling duties required of her position. She was not present for her own trial.

And yet, despite unanimously finding her guilty of violating all attendance statutes, not being able to sign off on appropriations and failing to deliver reports to the finance committee, SGC-MMC still could not remove her from the position of comptroller. Instead, they are positioned to censure her on Monday.

The act of censuring is merely an on-the-record reprimand that can be issued by an authoritative body. Censuring Blanco is not only a mere slap on the wrist, but it fails to deal with the issue that has been raised.

SGC-MMC failed to make a statement and this course of action sets a bad precedent for this governing body when facing problems concerning incompetence at the executive level. It sends a message that punishment will not be exerted upon those who fail to live up to the expectations of important positions in student government.

Moreover, by not removing her from her position and replacing her with someone who is willing to learn and fulfill the position's responsibilities, SGC-MMC's financial arm will continue to be inefficient and will accomplish its tasks through various loopholes and gray areas.

During the trial, SGC-MMC Vice President Nick Autiello argued that finding someone new and training them would take too long and that by the time that occurred, Blanco would have returned. Blanco's return to the University is irrelevant. She is guilty of her charges and should be removed. Just because she'll be back soon doesn't dismiss her absence for an entire semester.

During the meeting, Autiello stated removing her would have reflected poorly upon the governing body, making it appear that SGC-MMC does not care about online students.

This would not be the case since the majority of her credits are being taken at Queens College in New York, with only one online FIU class.

Furthermore, if SGC-MMC were really concerned about how online students are represented, they would actually represent them. Currently, there are no provisions for online students in Student Government.

Ultimately, the fact that Blanco will return to Miami and the University in December does not excuse the fact that she has been absent the entire fall semester. This should not be the reason used to argue that she should stay in her position, and to say that it would be a lengthy process to find and train someone new is a lazy excuse.

The comptroller oversees millions of dollars worth of student funds, which requires a certain proximity to students.

In the summer, the executive branch was aware Blanco had accepted a fall internship in New York and should have either appointed a deputy comptroller or nominated someone else for the position. Instead they continue to defend her with rhetoric, rightfully so considering she is not even here to defend herself.

The senate was correct to impeach Blanco. For months now, students have in effect been without a comptroller. By going no further than a censure, the senate might as well have done nothing at all.

VERBATIM

The well-being of our customers is our highest priority and we are looking into this matter.

CVS response to an employee refusing inhaler to customer experiencing an asthma attack because she was short \$1.50

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

DomRep on watch for cholera from Haiti

A deadly cholera outbreak in Haiti is worrying tourism officials in neighboring Dominican Republic and promoting glittery seaside resorts to beef up sanitation measures, officials said on Oct. 28.



VENEZUELA

Business leaders briefly kidnapped

Venezuelans' government promised to investigate a violent attack on four representatives of the country's largest business chamber, a group that has often been at odds with President Hugo Chavez.



U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Judge dismisses case against ATF agent

William Clark, a federal agent accused of killing Marcus Sukow, walked out of court a free man after a judge threw out the case on a technicality: proper procedure wasn't followed in identifying Sukow's body.

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANGEMENT

New dean will start in Spring 2010

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After over a year of searching for a new dean, the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management finally found one this October.

Mike Hampton will start his term as dean at the start of spring semester in January. He served as dean of hospitality management at Lynn University in Boca Raton since 2005.

Hampton beat out several other candidates including hospitality's Interim Dean Joan Remington, who was the University's associate dean of the school of hospitality before Joseph West resigned from his tenure as dean in 2009.

No stranger to the education world, Hampton's degrees include a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Florida State University, a Masters of Science in Hospitality Management from the University and an Educational Doctorate in adult education and human resources development also from the University.

Hampton was a faculty member of the University's school of hospitality management for 12 years. He was an adjunct professor from 1984 through 1987 and full-time faculty member from 1993 to 2000.

Hampton has accolades and awards from numerous hospitality associations including: Educational Institute of the American Hotel & Lodging Association, North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers and Hospitality Sales & Marketing Association International.

Solid work experience is another of Hampton's strengths.

In 1986 he founded HSA International, a global provider of training, educational and consulting services for the hospitality industry where he still serves as chief executive officer.

He worked in the hospitality industry for

DIVINE STEPPIN'



SEAN ZAMUDIO/THE BEACON

Phi Beta Sigma performing at this year's Homecoming stepshow with a "Captain Planet" theme. The show, titled "The Mighty Divine Nine," was presented by the Student Programming Council and held at the Julius Littman Theater on Oct. 28.

over 20 years. He began as a desk clerk for a Holiday Inn while working on his undergraduate degree from FSU.

"I started as a desk clerk and worked my way up to be a senior executive for Host Mark out of Colorado," Hampton said in an interview with The Beacon. "You have to work your way up."

At Lynn University where Hampton served as dean for five years, his accomplishments included developing the college's strategic plan that included creating specializations. They created a master of business administration in sports management, for example.

His last semester as dean at Lynn will involve tying up loose ends for the school's 2020 strategic plan which charged colleges to find ways to differentiate themselves.

"We are getting those things at least on a point where I can step away," Hampton said.

Remington, who will continue as dean until Hampton begins in January, did her part to keep up the hospitality program's presence at Biscayne Bay Campus by setting up lectures and events. South Florida Business Journal recognized her as a "Power Leader in Tourism

and Hospitality".

Remington was not available for comment but her assistant Dawn Minisall, program assistant at HTM, offered insight on Remington's reaction to Hampton's placement.

"She's fine with it," she said during a phone interview. "She really respects [Hampton]."

Hampton's action plan for his first semester of as dean of HTM will mirror University President Mark Rosenberg's style of leadership.

He plans to hold sit down meetings with everyone from key players to students to develop a "very clear direction."

"I'm very proud of what we accomplished at Lynn in such a short time," Hampton said. "It was really a team effort. I believe everyone can contribute and have something valuable to say."

However, he chose the University as the place to continue his career.

"FIU has more capacity to grow and do more dynamic things than Lynn. [This] University's school of hospitality management is very highly regarded worldwide and there's huge potential for growth and expansion to prominence in the international arena."

TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE

Students' impact on sweatshops discussed at this week's roundtable

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Contributing Writer

This week's discussion will explore a sweatshop's initiative to bring equal rights to workers, especially in the garment industry, which universities around the country are pitching in to set a trend for sweatshops internationally.

Bronwen Bares, assistant director of the Center for Leadership and Service and the Women's Center at the Biscayne Bay Campus, will host the roundtable topic for this week. Bares will focus on the impact university students can have on global issues.

The *New York Times* article Bares chose, "Factory Defies Sweatshop Label, but Can It Thrive?" was published July 2010 and was written by Steven Greenhouse.

The article discussed one factory's initiative to improve working conditions and fair labor after numerous appeals from university authorities and staff.

"This is a great example of how the voices of college students can be heard if they choose to use them," Bares said. "Students who feel passionately about global issues and issues of human rights can take action that can lead to positive change on a global scale."

Located in the Dominican Republic, the Alta Gracia factory is owned by Knights Apparel, a privately held company in Spartanburg, S.C.

According to the Collegiate Licensing Company, Knights Apparel is the leading supplier of college-logo apparel to American universities.

The factory is an experiment that Joseph Bozich, CEO of Knights Apparel, put together in response to demands from student activists to stop using poverty-wages in sweatshops. The Alta Gracia factory has pledged to pay a living wage to its workers.

Knights Apparel products will have a higher cost but they will be priced so the retailer or the consumer won't spend too much in order to support these efforts.

By the end of the fall semester, Barnes & Noble plans to have Alta Gracia's T-shirts and sweats at bookstores on 180 campuses and 350 by the Winter.

While Follett, the other giant college bookstore operator, plans to sell the T-shirts on 85 campuses this fall.

This TTR is anticipated to motivate students bring awareness about an issue to their community to create positive change, according to Bares.

Students can get involved in organizations on or off campus to address issues they are passionate about.

"It takes passion, dedication, leadership, and energy, but it is possible for anyone willing to accomplish these goals," said Bares.

Students, faculty and staff are invited join the TTR on Nov. 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the Wolfe University Center, room 159, where free lunch will be provided.

HOMECOMING 2010

Homecoming event to debut Wed. night

CAROL KAMINSKAS
Contributing Writer

Entertainers with a variety of talents are on deck to perform at the first annual Variety show.

The Student Programming Council at Biscayne Bay Campus will be presenting its first annual Variety Show as a part of their week of events for this year's Homecoming.

The show will be held on Nov. 3 in the Wolfe University Center Theatre at 7 pm.

There will be performances by Jonny Zavant, mentalist, Team Rootberry, extreme entertainment,

and Ran'd Shine, magician.

Jonny Zavant is the star of "The Jonny Z Show". He travels across the country entertaining at different universities. One of his talents he displays is hypnotism, and letting people realize their full mental potential. He can memorize a deck of cards in seconds and "shuffle" them back to you. Jonny shoots happy faces with a paint gun, while blindfolded.

Team Rootberry has traveled around the world performing extreme entertainment. They swallow swords. Rootberry can juggle almost any item, including items set on fire and swords.

They perform lots of stunts, many including balance. This team's show has been a hit every place they have been.

Ran'd Shine is not only just a magician, but an educator. Through his magic, he wants people to think about how it is being done. He has performed at many venues, including the famous Magic Castle. Shine is frequently a part of Monday Night Magic, New York's longest running off Broadway magic show.

SPC will be teasing the show several hours before it begins. The teaser will be from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

The performers of the show will be showcasing their talents to help get students pumped up for the event.

Before the show, SPC will be holding a student and staff mixer located in WUC. It will be cocktail party themed and is set to begin at 5:30 pm. There is no dress code for this event. It is an opportunity for students and staff to come together outside of the classroom setting, according to Dil.

For more information on the Variety show, contact SPC-BBC. Their office is in WUC 141 and their phone number is (305)919-5280.