



MEXICO

Beheadings, hangings plague Tijuana

A rash of decapitations and other gruesome killings have hit Tijuana since Mexican President Felipe Calderon visited the border city last week and called it a success in his drug war.



IRAN

Ready to resume nuclear talks soon

Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said on Friday that Tehran was ready to resume talks about its nuclear program with the international community within a matter of weeks.



SERBIA

Serbia grapples with surge in far-right

Attacks by right-wing extremists is pitting Serbia's pro-Western government against a movement that publicly aims to destabilize the administration.

Laptop thefts reported in Green Library

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Contributing Writer

Students may think of the Green Library as a place to socialize, a study spot, a resource center or refuge from a noisy day. However, GL has recently become a center for something unexpected—theft.

An email recently addressed to the student body brought attention to a series of crimes in and around GL involving the theft of students' belongings.

As shocking as it may seem, Claudia Zapata, the University Libraries' administrative assistant, said that "incidents like this happen all the time and students really must be more careful."

"It is important to be on the look-out for such things, since people do not limit themselves to just stealing laptops, but cell phones and other belongings as well," Zapata said.

The email disclosed that the laptops stolen have often been snatched from the owner's hands. According to Zapata, an incident just like this occurred two weeks ago.

"Two subjects came up to a girl and stole her laptop in GL's first floor," she said. "The girl even screamed."

It is her hope that the publicity of this incident will push students to be more responsible with their belongings. She stated that tighter security around GL would undoubtedly alleviate these issues, but recognizes that budget cuts constrain that from happening.

"I think there should be more security monitoring the floors and trying to make sure that they instill fear into the people who have been stealing," said Patricia Dennis, a junior majoring in English and criminal justice.

Public Safety is taking these

concerns into consideration, and has been investigating the recent spike in thefts.

According to Ricardo Torres, Public Safety's law enforcement lieutenant, the department is taking these crimes very seriously.

"We are working towards apprehending these subjects. [However], there are very few details yet on this case," Torres said.

Due to the case's active stage of investigation, the University police department cannot disclose much information. For now, all that is known is a brief description of the subjects who stole the laptop: black males wearing black shorts and T-shirts.

According to Torres, there are simple ways that a student could avoid putting themselves at risk for these types of burglaries.

"Students must take safety measures in order to minimize

walking around isolated areas; they should walk in pairs as well as make good use of their common sense," Torres said.

Along with awareness of their surroundings, Torres urges students to be cautious about the way they transport and care for their belongings. Any item can be subject to theft.

"I've been on the look-out since I received that email notification; now I even notice the warning signs on the elevators," Diego Saldana, a freshman, said.

Torres hopes that students as well as staff know that Public Safety emergency phone numbers are open and available 24 hours a day, every day of the week.

While the safety of both the students and faculties are being taken into consideration, the main targets in this string of crimes have been students.

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Sweetwater partnership strengthens

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Staff Writer

With programs expanding and student participation increasing, the partnership between the Honors College and the neighboring city of Sweetwater continues to strengthen.

The creation of a tutoring program at Sweetwater Elementary School and sponsorship for a reforestation project has been added to the list of University involvement in the nearby city. Having begun during October 2009, the partnership has been seeking to connect the University with Sweetwater to further develop the 'college town' atmosphere through the use of community service within different aspects of the community.

"The students started to email me before

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Nobel Prize winner Krugman talks economic crisis

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News Director

With a lecture titled "The Crisis: Year Three," Nobel Prize winning economist Paul Krugman braced his audience right away: "this is not going to be a happy talk."

Krugman spoke at Graham Center room 140 which had both students and faculty sitting on the floor due to being filled to capacity. His lecture focused on the economic crisis, unemployment rates and the steps that can be taken in order to restore prosperity and was sponsored by the University's Department of Economics, The School of International and Public Affairs, Phi Chi Theta, the Future Business Leaders of America, and the Shepard Broad Foundation Inc.

"We all worked strongly for this event because students and the general public need to know what's going on in our society as far as the economy," said Janine Hudgins, an economics major and president of Phi Chi Theta, who is a big fan of Krugman's columns and books.

Krugman is a professor of economics and international affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and a centenary professor at the London School of Economics. In 2008, Krugman was awarded the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics for his contributions to new trade theory and new economic geography.

"It's not every day FIU gets

a Nobel Prize laureate to come," said Matilda Nankivil, economics major. "In classes, we study from his books, so to see him in person is very exciting."

Krugman is well known for his columns which appear in The New York Times. He has written over 750 columns dealing with current economic and political issues. He has also written 20 books and has published over 200 scholarly articles in professional journals.

"In a way, this is the nightmare come true," Krugman told his audience. "If the Great Depression was the mother of all crises, this was at least the daughter-in-law."

Throughout his lecture, Krugman compared the current economic problems being faced by the United States to those of other countries past and present; particularly focusing on Japan's "Lost Decade," which dealt with the collapse of an economic bubble in which real estate and stock prices greatly inflated, only to bottom out in 2003.

"We are very much in the same situation the Japanese have been since the mid 1990s," said Krugman.

Krugman, a self described "congenital pessimist," thought the United States would do better in the economic crisis, but that the amount of confusion and disagreement has exceeded even his "pretty low expectations."

"Ten years ago it was very common for Americans to castigate Japan for its response when its real



ESRA ERDOGAN/THE BEACON

Nobel Prize winning economist Paul Krugman during a lecture held on Oct. 15 in Graham Center 140. The lecture focused on the economic crisis, unemployment rates and steps to restore prosperity.

estate bubble burst in the early '90s," said Krugman. "At this point I think we'd have to say that we have done unambiguously worse."

Krugman believes that in this economic slump, the U.S. has faced a problem of too much desired saving versus perceived investment

opportunities.

"In that situation, government borrowing is not actually diverting savings from the private sector, it's making use of savings that have no place to go," said Krugman. "When everyone tries to save more, we get a more depressed economy and

everyone is worse off."

Eventually this led to what Krugman jokingly describes as the "Oh my God, we're all going to die" period, when Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. collapsed and people

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New partnership projects get positive feedback

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school even began [during summer] about the volunteer positions in Sweetwater. It's been really nice to see that kind of enthusiasm," said Cecile Houry, the student enrichment coordinator for the Honors College, who has been in charge of the program since its inception.

New projects like the reforestation of the city's environment have received responses from external groups such as the Arbor Day Foundation, which will provide trees to be planted by the 30 to 40 honors students around the community on Nov. 19. The girl's athletic program at the elementary school also received funds from the Student Government Association at the University to buy more equipment such as basketballs, whistles, and jerseys.

"I'm really stunned by how it's taken off," said Lesley Northup, dean of the Honors College. "Students are getting great opportunities and making friendships through it. And it just keeps growing; one creative idea sparks another. Part of what's exciting about it is all of the creativity that's coming out of the woodwork."

She also mentioned that a number of students have been applying to the Honors College just so they can be a part of the Honors-Sweetwater project.

While honors students are continuing their tutoring lessons at the Little Abner mobile home park, they have now begun tutoring after-school care students at the Sweetwater Elementary School, with 15 tutors available Monday through Thursday every week. "The public schools have been getting a lot

of budget cuts so these are services that they would not have been able to provide otherwise," said Houry.

Since the program was established, working with the Sweetwater City Hall has given many of the honors students a chance for internships dealing concerning their major. With 10 interns currently, the Honors College is looking into recruiting four more to take over technical jobs such as web designing. A number of them are finding themselves becoming full employees to the executive offices.

Nataly Suarez, a sophomore majoring in economics, began as an intern at the mayor's office, and was then hired as a passport-processing agent.

She feels that the partnership is becoming extremely beneficial for the university as well as the city.

"Sweetwater is annexing Dolphin Mall now and with the expansion of the city and the support of the university it's going to help Sweetwater become a larger and better established city," said Suarez. "As for the university, it's going to be great for them to have the support of the city and vice versa to create better facilities and social areas around the city to make it more convenient for students."

Sweetwater Elementary students recently attended the Honors College Convocation on Sept. 30 to perform the national anthem and held banners during a student parade around the Modesto Maidique campus.

"As long as there is still a mutual benefit between the community and the students, there is no real limit to what we can do with this," said Northup.

Krugman urges advances in technology for recovery

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rushed into U.S. government debt because they "figured it was the safest thing in a very dangerous world," according to Krugman.

"Not totally safe, but U.S. government debt tends to be safest thing out there because a world in which the U.S. government collapses is a world in which survival rations and your bomb shelter are the only things that preserve its value," said Krugman.

His thoughts on how long

it will take for the U.S. to see the return of full employment yielded a simple answer: "forever."

"We are creating jobs but not fast enough to keep up with the growth in the labor force," said Krugman.

The toughest question posed by Krugman was "when would this global slump end?"

"Last time we had a global slump like this, what ended it was a war," said Krugman. "So what else could end it?"

The best hope, realistically,

is technological innovation—and the iPad doesn't quite cut it."

Krugman believes that what the world needs currently is technology that is much better than what is currently out there, forcing businesses to feel they need to change their equipment in order to take advantage of this new technology, much like what the Internet or information technology did during the 1990s.

"Until that, it's looking tough," said Krugman.

Students urged caution, Public Safety investigating

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"I mean I've always been careful with my things, but hearing about someone take laptops out of the owner's hands seems crazy. I watch my things much more closely now," said Gabriela Moreno, sophomore and architecture major.

While these incidents

have only recently been made public, several students have been conscious of these thefts for quite some time.

"I've been hearing about theft incidents for a while now, so I've learned to be cautious," said Dennis.

"Public Safety does its best to prevent theft. However, it still occurs due to little awareness and attention," said

Torres.

"Everyone can be victimized, not just in the Green Library, but in Graham Center and PG-5, and basically anywhere else; all we can do is do our best to raise our own awareness."

If you have information related to these incidents you are asked to contact the University Police at 305-348-2626.

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VOLLEYBALL: FIU 3, MTSU 1 - WKU 3, FIU 2

MIXED RESULTS

Golden Panthers defeat Blue Raiders, fall to Hilltoppers

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Staff Writer

Earlier in the week, some volleyball players were excited to have Marija Prsa play in her first match.

Senior Natalia Valentin even went on to say that Prsa was their secret weapon. Prsa played in her first game as a Golden Panther. She did not disappoint.

FIU (10-8, SBC 4-2) hosted the defending Sun Belt champions Middle Tennessee (17-5, SBC 8-1) and defeated them in 4 sets, 25-23, 22-25, 25-23, and 25-19. Sabrina Gonzalez had a career high 17 kills, breaking her old career high from only 3 weeks ago.

Prsa, a redshirt freshman who was struggling with a shoulder injury, played in her first match as a Panther and was efficient, delivering 11 kills and 17 digs. Senior setter Natalia Valentin played a tough match, adding 49 assists and 16 digs to the teams efforts.

"I was waiting for this for a year and a half and I finally stated playing," said Prsa, who spoke about her first match. "In the beginning, I was a little bit nervous, but after the first two sets, everything was fine."

The Panthers became the



Sabrina Gonzalez [right] and Ines Medved [left] go for a block vs. MTSU; The team celebrates a point.



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first team this season to beat the Blue Raiders in conference play. Valentin felt that this was a big win for the team.

"I think we did a pretty good job," Valentin said. "I feel awesome, obviously. It's a great win. It's a huge win."

The Golden Panthers started the match out focused, with the concentration on defense. With the score tied at six, MTSU's Izabela Kozan went down with an ankle injury and did not return.

Defense helped FIU stave off the barrage of MTSU attacks. The Panthers looked to try to finish the first set off with great finishes by Ines Medved and Marija Prsa to push the lead to 24-21. MTU scored two points to get close, but Medved finished the set for the Panthers 25-23.

The Panthers struggled to start the second set, falling behind 2-5 with kills coming from Maria Szivos and Ashley Adams for MTSU. Una Trkulja helped

keep FIU in the set with two return kills. MTSU struggled with their serves, which allowed FIU to close the gap to 19-21. The Panthers showed resiliency to keep it close but eventually dropped the set 22-25.

The Panthers quickly forgot about dropping the second set, as they burst out to a 6-2 lead at the start of the 3rd set with kills by Medved, Prsa, and Sabrina Gonzalez. FIU kept the momentum up to make the score

18-13, as they kept the Blue Raiders on their heels. Two kills by Gonzalez finished the set 25-23 in favor of the Panthers.

FIU got off to another hot start in the fourth set, as they were able to get impressive kills from Gonzalez and Junior middle blocker Andrea Lakovic for an 8-4 lead.

After the kills, the momentum was too much for the Blue Raiders to overcome, as FIU finished the set with a score of 25-19 and the match score of 3-1.

Head coach Daniela Tomic felt good about the win.

"Our serve-receive was really good," Tomic said. "This was probably one of our best serve-receive games so far. This was an emotional win for us. Middle Tennessee always pushes us to play the best that we can."

However, Tomic also believed that the team shouldn't let the win get to their heads with Western Kentucky looming the next day.

"I told the team in the huddle celebrate until midnight," Tomic said. "After that, it's all preparation for Western Kentucky. We have another thing to prove."

Gonzalez feels this team played the way they should and looks to carry it through against

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FOOTBALL: FIU 34, NORTH TEXAS 10

Perry, running game pace team to first road victory

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The road hasn't been very kind to the Golden Panthers this season. As a matter of fact, it hasn't been nice to them in quite some time.

That all changed quickly as the Golden Panthers imposed their will in a 34-10 rout over the North Texas Mean Green in Denton, Tex., giving FIU its second consecutive victory and keeping them unbeaten in Sun Belt Conference play.

Wesley Carroll hooked up Greg Ellingson and T.Y. Hilton for scores of 50 and 43 yards in a first half where the Golden Panthers sought to control the game both in the air and through the ground and did so with great success against the hapless Mean Green.

Carroll, who finished with

288 yards and two touchdown tosses, helped lead as the FIU receiving corps constantly found ways to beat their defenders, making it easy for the signal caller to move the team down the field.

The offense came out in full force in the first half, coming out strong on the opening drive and never looking back as the Golden Panthers scored on each of their first three possessions with relative ease.

On the other side of the ball, the Golden Panthers defense suffocated a depleted Mean Green unit that has been plagued with injuries and held them to two total yards of offense at the end of the first quarter.

North Texas quarterback Chase Baine was constantly scrambling in the pocket as the Golden Panthers blitzed

their way into the backfield for the majority of the night.

Toronto Smith was a presence for the entire game, leading the FIU defense with nine tackles and two sacks in the game.

The aggressive style of play held Lance Dunbar, one of the Sun Belt's top rushers, to one of his worst performances of his collegiate career. The leading offensive threat for the Mean Green was held to a measly 26 yards on the ground while the Golden Panthers running game combined for 191 yards, led by Darriet Perry's 98 yards on the ground.

By the time the damage was done, the Golden Panthers had taken a domineering 27-3 lead at the half and spent the second half killing the clock to earn their first road win of the season.

WOMEN'S SOCCER: NORTH TEXAS 2, FIU 1

Texas topples Panthers

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The Golden Panthers came into Friday's game having not been able to beat The Mean Green since 2001. That still remains true.

After starting off the conference season with five straight wins in a row, FIU is now starting a streak they quickly want to get off of. North Texas defeated FIU 2-1 Friday night in Texas, and are now on their own five game winning streak.

The Panthers got out to quite an early lead in the game, as senior Mayara de Fonseca Bordin put in her first goal of the year off a penalty kick. Unfortunately, they did not hold that lead for long, as just four minutes later North Texas struck to even up the score. The goal came from a pass to Kelsey Hodges via Michelle Young on a breakaway.

The rest of the first half, and a majority of the second half remained scoreless as the teams battled to take the lead. In the 75th minute of action, Young got paid back for giving earlier, and took the pass from Ellen Scarfone to make it the game winner.

North Texas out shot FIU by double, 16-8. This is the seventh time this season

that the Golden Panthers were out shot and the first time since playing N.C State on Sept. 12.

Although the Panthers were able to contain The Mean Greens leading goal getter Julie Lackey, North Texas just seemed to have too many weapons. Scarfone stayed true to what she does best, getting one assist. She is second in the conference in the act of giving.

On the other hand, freshman Chelsea Levia only got one shot in on the night, and she leads FIU in shots for the year overall.

The one goal did come as some kind of accomplishment, as it is very hard to get in any kind of score against North Texas, the leader in the SBC in shutouts.

With the loss, FIU now falls to a five way tie for second place in the conference, and allowed Denver to be the first team to make the playoffs.

"We just couldn't get the gears moving tonight," Head coach Thomas Chestnutt said fuisports.com. "It was one of those days when nothing seemed to work right. North Texas stuck to their game plan and battled hard. They deserved the win."

FIU will be back home for their final home game on Thursday, Oct. 21 to play ULM after their game against Denver on Oct. 17.

MATCH POINT



ALEXIA ESCALANTE/THE BEACON

Megali Holt serves in a contest vs. Air Force Academy at the Panther Invitational on Oct. 15. Holt won a singles and doubles match to pace FIU.

Valentin: ‘We’re gonna win when it counts’

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WKU.

“We did what we had to do today,” Gonzalez said. “Now we know we can play like this. We should be fine.”

HILLTOPPER THRILLER

Coming off an emotional win, no team wants to have their next game be a letdown. For the Panthers, this was the exact case.

FIU (10-9, SBC 4-3) dropped a five-set thriller to WKU (19-5, SBC 8-1) with the score of 19-25, 25-23, 20-25, 27-25, 13-15.

The loss snaps the Panthers’ 13-match home win streak and also breaks the Panthers’ 10-match win streak in five-set matches.

The first set saw the Panthers come out flat, as the Hilltoppers jumped out early in the first set and never relinquished the lead to win 25-20.

WKU came out tough in the second set, yet committed three service errors to allow the Panthers to hang in the set.

Trkulja led the charge for FIU with six kills, while Medved and Gonzalez each contributed two blocks to help the Panthers win a tightly contested second set 25-23.

The third set started out strong for the Panthers, but mistakes let WKU take a lead they would never let go of, led by Lindsay Williams five kills in the set to win 25-20.

The fourth set was a see-saw battle as both teams traded points, and went into extra digits as FIU pulled a 27-25 win.

The fifth set again went down to the end, with Andrea Lakovic providing a

spark to keep FIU in the match. With a 14-13 score, both teams fought the keep play alive until a blocking error by Ines Medved gave the winning point to the Hilltoppers 15-13.

Lakovic, who had 19 kills in the match, felt that the team played their best and gave them their all.

“It was a good game,” Lakovic said. “We we’re practicing all week for Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky. I thought that we fought really hard.”

Valentin, who had a team high 53 assists, actually saw this loss as a positive.

“I don’t think that we lost it to be honest,” Valentin said. “We fought all the way and I can see the improvement from two weeks ago.”

Coach Tomic doesn’t like to lose, but felt that this is the way a team should lose, if you have to.

“It’s always hard to lose at home, with a heart-breaker like this in the fifth set.” Tomic said. “I told this team if you’re going to lose, it has to be in five sets, when the score is 15-13, 17-15, or 28-26, you have to fight until the last ball and they did.”

The Panthers will now start a five-game road trip that will begin at University of Arkansas Little Rock (2-15, SBC 0-7) and both Lakovic and Valentin feel good about their chances on the road.

“We just have to keep playing hard and keep winning so we can at least get a good seed for the tournament.” Lakovic said.

“I’m not worried about it because this team is on a mission,” Valentin said. “It started this weekend. We’re gonna win when it counts.”

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Fall exhibits an overall success

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Staff Writer

On October 13th, the Frost Art Museum opened its doors for the Target Wednesday After Hours program and unveiled the new collections that would grace its white walls throughout the fall season.

The reception drew patrons, art lovers and students alike. It was a different kind of atmosphere inside the museum that night; there was definitely more hustle and bustle and excited movement.

The event allowed guests to enter and explore the floors at a leisurely pace without a formal introduction until much later.

The third floor of the Frost is host to an exhibition by Florida artist Arnold Mesches. Every year, the

Frost hosts an exhibit dedicated to the works of Floridian artists as part of their "Florida Artist" series.

"[Mesches] is one of the most esteemed faculty members in the state," said Dr. Carol Damian, museum director.

The exhibit, "Selections from Anomie 1492-2006," uses bright colors on darker canvasses making the collection pop out. One piece in particular featured the use of religious symbols from various denominations.

Other works depicted images of military-clad young boys and a fencing team in front of a house that resembled something straight out of the Grimm Brother's "Hansel and Gretel." Mesches is well known for incorporating social and political content into his art and uses it as a tool to raise



LINDA LEE/THE BEACON

Director of The Frost Carol Damian looking at an exhibit featuring the children from the Miami Children's trust.

questions about today's moral standards in the exhibit.

Also on the third floor was Xavier Cortada's "Sequentia." To put it simply, he stole the night and is the standout of all the new collections for

fall. The room is filled with large, vivid images of molecular compounds in complex patterns. Opposite these was a massive charcoal sketch of a DNA strand that had been cut up into small, square

pieces. It hung on the back wall, still creating an image for spectators.

Guarding this piece were students in white lab coats with clipboards. Upon inquiry, it was revealed that

this was an audience interactive component of the collection.

In collaboration with the medical school, Cortada

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Fall exhibitions a good addition to Frost Museum

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will conduct an experiment of his own: an attempt to synthesize a DNA molecule from the unique, genetic makeup of guests.

He will work with Dr. Kalai Mathee, FIU Department of Molecular Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Founding Chair, to accomplish this.

To participate, visitors would approach a table and pick a random card from three face-down piles. These pamphlets corresponded to one of the four bases, adenine, cytosine, guanine and thymine.

Upon signing a waiver in the back that consented to giving one's DNA for use in the project, guests exchanged DNA for a numbered piece of the aforementioned sketch.

"La Habana Moderna" is displayed in the Wolfsonian Teaching Gallery. It was made possible through a grant by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

The room contains old photography, architectural drawings, posters, periodicals, records, and advertising.

Though the exhibition claims to showcase the characteristics of Havana before the Cuban Revolution and examine the elements



LINDA LEE/THE BEACON

Students participating in Xavier Cortada's exhibit, "Sequentia."

that helped shape its identity, the overall vibe was somewhat lacking. The message just didn't resonate.

Dr. Carol Damian described "Embracing Modernity: Venezuelan Geometric Abstraction" as "la pièce de résistance of the evening."

She called it "one of the most historic, beautiful exhibits that you'll ever see anywhere."

This group of works has never been seen outside of private collections. "Venezuela was very, very influential to the development of geometric modernism and geometric abstrac-

tion, and this is just a stellar selection," she added.

Among the featured artists are Carlos Cruz Diaz, Gertrude Goldschmidt, Mateo Manauere, Alejandro Otero and Jesus Rafael Soto.

On the first floor both in the long hallway and connecting room, are paintings by Honors College professor, John Bailly. His compositions in "Cinquante Fifty" explore "the random nature of information and the manner in which we process it."

Utilizing juxtapositions of diverse data and multiple historical references, his work intends for us to reflect on the manner in which we conceptualize our realities," according to the artist's description.

On the opposite side of the building rest multiple pictures of young children. Called the Miami Heart Gallery, it is sponsored by the Miami Children's Trust. The kids in these pictures are searching for homes. Dr. Damian said the museum was showcasing these as "a community service" and encouraged all to "look at the faces of these beautiful children."

All exhibitions will remain on display until January 2nd of next year with the exception of the "Florida Artist Series," which closes on December 5th.

Live and recorded performances no detriment to band

CHRIS TOWERS Production Manager

There are some musical acts that you definitely have to listen to on record before you see them live. Very broadly and generally speaking, these are the types of acts that rely heavily on dense atmospherics and lyrics.

Beach House, the second of two opening bands for Vampire Weekend's stop in Miami on Sep. 13 at the Miami Fillmore at South Beach, is one of these bands.

While Beach House's dreamy synths and textures seem like they might make for a decent listening experience in the home setting, it didn't translate live, and the packed house that night couldn't have been more out of the show.

It's the curse of the opening act, and coming out drones a'blazin isn't going to win over many fans. The opposite can be said of the headliner, Vampire Weekend, who came out

with an infectious energy that rivals the bright hooky nature of most of their songs. They're particular brand of African-inspired guitar pop plays well in a live setting as is, but their infectious energy gets the crowd going early.

Lead singer Ezra Koenig has evolved into a confident front man, leading the adoring crowd in sing along after sing along, and it helps when every person in the audience seemingly knows ever word.

The last time Vampire Weekend played at the Fillmore in June of 2007, they were among the buzziest names in music, earning them the cover of SPIN before they had even formally released an album and rave reviews from practically everyone around.

In the time since, they released their second album, *Contra*, a more textured and mature work that pushes their sound a bit further than their debut did, largely thanks to the efforts of multi-instrumentalist Rostam Batmanglij.

Batmanglij plays a dual role of adding

shimmering arpeggios and bright arrangements to Koenig's smart tunes while adding an edge that might not otherwise exist on songs like MIA-sampling *Contra* standout "Diplomat's Son", and you really gain a respect for his place in the band in a live setting.

Switching between three pre-programmed keyboards and a guitar for most of the night, he provides much of the musical firepower for the band. While drummer Chris Tomson and bassist Chris Baio come off as rather fungible both in record and on stage, Batmanglij's playing adds a depth to the band that keeps Koenig's tunes from floating off the ground altogether.

This is not to say that neither Tomson nor Baio bring anything to the table live. Baio's trebly melodic bass lines help propel the melodies forward, though he could have used a bit more punch in the mix, though that can probably be chalked up to the Fillmore's questionable acoustics.

Tomson, on the other hand, was quite easy to spot in the mix, especially on some of the band's earlier songs. While he has never quite provided the band with a sturdy back beat, in the live setting, he plays his fills and runs like vintage Tommy Lee, bashing them out like he's playing in an arena. It's a feature that helps fill in the air in the theater that otherwise might sound a bit hollow.

Vampire Weekend are not the type of band that fleshes out their music live, preferring instead to build on what works on record.

A slowed down "Taxi Cab", that worked as a mid-show tempo change, was about the only example of sonic experimentation, and even that requires a pretty broad stretch of the definition of the word.

They likely won't win over many converts live due to this, as the same criticisms of them you might have on record don't disappear in front of a crowd, but the sold out audience in attendance certainly left happy.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

MONDAY, OCT. 18

CHALLENGES OF POVERTY, HEALTH AND SUSTAINABILITY



The 2010 Geopolitical Summit will bring together leading thinkers from around the world, as well as recognizing of the College of Medicine, SEAS, and SIPA.

WHEN: 9:30 a.m.
HOW MUCH: Free (tickets should be obtained in advance)
WHERE: GC Ballrooms
www.summit.fiu.edu

STRESS FREE MEDITATION



By Preksha Meditation Club.
WHEN: 3 - 4 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 314

GRADUATE INFO SESSION

The College of Business will talk about its master's programs.

WHEN: 6 - 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: FIU Pines Center
17195 Sheridan St.

LOCKHEED MARTIN INFO SESSION



All engineering disciplines are encouraged to attend.
WHEN: 6 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: EC 2300 (Engineering Center)

INTERNSHIPS 101

Provided by Career Services.
WHEN: 3 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 230

TUESDAY, OCT. 19

TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE



Join fellow students in weekly discussions of NY Times articles. Lunch provided.

MMC - Topic: "Cultural Dilemma Dictated by Politics, Censorship, and Forbidden Art"
WHEN: 12:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 150

BBC - Topic: Plagiarism is Not a Big Deal
WHEN: 12:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: WUC 159

SPOKEN WORD

Performances of some of Miami's top poets.
WHEN: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GL 100

GEOPOLITICAL SUMMIT

"Challenges of Poverty, Health and Sustainability."

WHEN: 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Wolfe University Center. For more info, visit summit.fiu.edu

AMERNET STRING QUARTET IN CONCERT



Hosted by FIU Music. Part of French Music Festival.

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$10 students; \$15 faculty/staff/seniors; \$25 general admission
WHERE: WPAC Concert Hall

Postwar Japan and Germany in the Context of the EU External Relations Lecture.

WHEN: 1 - 2:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GL 220

Haunted tours on campus

JESSICA MENDOZA Staff Writer

University legend has it that a friendly ghost roams the halls of Green Library making its presence known minutes before the library closes. An icy hand that touches your neck, a tug on your hair, a swift brush of your ear; these are some of the various experiences students have reported along with sightings for many years.

This is the 4th ghost tour set up by the association that has grown tremendously since its start in 2006. With the growing interest in the paranormal and over 200 students in attendance last year, this spooky adventure has expanded into a 2-day event that features a Haunted Campus Ghost Tour and a fun-filled night that's meant to leave you with nightmares and bring you to the "Brink of Insanity."

The 'Asylum' themed tour will host five different stations around the school with five tales that the association hopes will make you cringe.

Students will travel the eerie, dark hallways and walk through the ice-cold buildings of the Modesto Maidique Campus learning something new about each common place.

Student Alumni Association's Brink of Insanity: Haunted Campus Tour will also offer stories that the Alumni Association hopes give you chills and a different perspective of the University's history. The tour will be guided in small groups led by costumed 'doctors' and 'actors' who will care for the tour's patients and visitors.

The night will begin with music and food with a DJ playing before and after the tour. A small party is sure to follow with fun treats after the ghostly journey. The first 150 patients who attend will receive free food and give-a-ways. This fun Halloween treat is free and open to the public. All costumes are allowed.

Biscayne Bay Campus won't be missing any of the haunted fun. This will also mark the 1st annual Ghost Tour for North Campus students as well. The tour will begin in Bay Vista and continue throughout the school.

The BBC's Ghost Tour will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 26th, 2010 from 7pm to 9pm. The FIU SAA will be serving free pizza and Bobo's Ice to students.

The South Campus Haunted Ghost Tour will start at the Housing Quad on Tuesday, October 19th and run through Wednesday, October 20th. Visiting hours will be from 8:00- 9:30pm.

Homosexual does not mean feminine

PAOLO RAMOS
Contributing Writer

On the popular television show *Glee*, the character Kurt Hummel has an eccentric taste in fashion, speaks with a feminine tone and regularly sings show tunes. Kurt is also gay. To most people, he fits the exact mold of the typical gay man.

In today's society, being gay essentially strips a man of his masculinity, causing a profound disrespect for gay men for not being "man enough." What they don't understand is that being gay is separate from other aspects of a person, just as it is for straight men.

Although it is unacceptable to state that someone is more likely to commit crime just because he is black, or that another is less likely to get a job just because she is a woman, it is apparently acceptable to be discharged from the military or denied a teaching position for being gay. Even a right as fundamental as marriage is all but a possibility to the gay community in the majority of the United States.

Stereotyping, as history has shown, hinders and rejects progress and infringes upon the rights laid out in the Constitution. Politics aside, it is damaging to a person's psyche by further limiting their potential happiness.

It seems like the civil rights movements of minorities such as blacks and women never happened or the very least failed to impress upon society the values of true liberty and

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equality.

Many immigrants still flock to the U.S. with the promise of freedom of expression and unlimited opportunity. However, it begs the question to determine how many still have this view when the U.S. denies rights to its own citizens. The right to equality seems to be exclusive as ever, remaining within the realms of dreams rather than possibilities for the gay population of America.

The gay stereotype in the media is usually a man who exhibits various feminine characteristics, be it dressing in bright colors, talking with a lisp or regularly uttering the phrase "Oh my gawd." This is the image that floats to the surface when many think of the gay man, and many expect these characteristics when they encounter them in real life.

In a society with faint traces of misogynistic tendencies, femininity is regarded as a weakness, especially when it is attributed to a man. Thus, many perceive gay men as unmanly, weak. This is the root of the discrimination of gays: incredulity of a person hovering between the two spheres of masculinity and femininity.

In other words, a gay man is a freak of

nature, an anomaly that invites its ridicule. This is the cause of the suicide of 18-year-old Tyler Clementi, the shooting of 15-year-old-Lawrence King, and the murder of 21-year-old-Matthew Shepard: lives taken too early because of society's inability to address the issue of what it means to be a gay added to the struggle of growing up and finding an identity.

Society often fails to acknowledge that a person's sexuality is completely separate from every other aspect of themselves. Just as straight men can become football players, wrestlers, and soldiers, all inherently masculine occupations, so can gay men. They can and they do.

Gay men aren't just the "queens" or "flamers" as portrayed in the media, but people as regular as those that everyone regularly interacts with. They are classmates, teachers, cousins, brothers, sons and every other type of man conceivable before being gay.

Independent of personal values or preferences, gay men are a part of everybody's lives, and should be respected and valued just as any other human being deserves.

South Florida should be the next state

FEDERICO LASTRA
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Furious at state leaders for collecting their money and not taking into account their needs on how it should be spent, in 2008 North Lauderdale commissioners passed a resolution to split Florida into two separate states, Southern Florida and Northern Florida.

Southern Florida would encompass Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, which represent the 4 counties, out of the 67 counties in the state, where 80 percent of the state's tax revenue comes from.

If Florida were a corporation, especially now in this economic climate, we would have shut down North Florida and down-sized to just South Florida a very long time ago.

It's precisely this that motivated Commissioner Rich Moyle, to say "It's based out of frustration with the state Legislature ignoring the cities in South Florida...they don't really care too much what happens with South Florida."

Margate Commissioner Art Bross feels the same way, "We're sick and tired of it, of Tallahassee sending down unfunded mandates without sending the money and on top of it, then telling us we can't collect the money from our residents."

South Florida is being hit hard by this financial crisis. Miami-Dade County alone has had to raise its property taxes by a mind-blowing 14 percent that is almost equal to our 13.2 percent unemployment rate.

It seems that people who own their homes are supposed to magically come up with more money, because what they already pay is being spent far away from where they live.

Our money is keeping their schools open, while our schools in our communities raise tuition, cut programs and fire teachers.

Even closer to home, for example, the University probably would have not needed to raise our tuition or cut any of our programs had our money stayed here where we need it

most.

We could have been able to mandate and develop our own programs to put South Floridians back to work, improved our beaches and even used the funding to counter act the repercussions of the Gulf oil spill that ruined our tourism revenue this year.

The resolution also calls for "its citizens to sever the ties that said citizens have with the State of Florida and formulate and establish their own state of the Federal Union of the United States."

Of course not everyone feels that way, especially the ones who want to fund their small town mentalities on the backs of progressive south Floridians.

When Republican Governor Charlie Crist first heard of this he chuckled, much like the giant did when he first saw Jack, who finally stole the goose that laid the golden egg. To the rest of the state South Florida is the Golden Egg.

Liberally progressive South Florida is not able to stop laws like Amendment 2.

All people would have the right to marry if South Florida were its own state, but North Florida still chooses to hold onto its conservatively supported blatant discrimination by denying tax paying citizens the same civil rights as everyone else.

South Florida, if it were its own state, would have been able to lead by example and show the nation how we truly believe and support equality for all regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation.

If South Florida were its own state we definitely would be able to act like the much more liberal southern state that we are without their northern conservative financially dependent small-town mentality holding us back politically and financially.

It's almost 2011 and nothing has changed. In fact we are worse off than we were before.

It's time to revisit the idea of seceding and placing our priorities first.

THE BEACON | Editorial

Comptroller issue showcases SGA's lack of responsibility

After dawdling for three months, the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus senate has finally made the move to impeach Maria-Rosa Blanco, SGC-MMC comptroller.

The Beacon agrees with this decision, but the ones that hired Blanco and kept her for so long reflects poorly on both the executive and legislative branches.

Blanco has been in New York so far for the entire fall semester for an internship with Johnson & Johnson, leaving her absent from all of the meetings she is required to attend as comptroller. She has neither lost nor resigned from her position.

Because of this, Blanco was included in the senate's summoning of four members of the executive branch which took place late September.

Helena Ramirez, SGC-MMC president, has defended Blanco throughout the summons process and continues to do so.

"Because Maria is reviewing quarterly reports, it is redundant for her to attend so many meetings when at the end of the day she will have nothing to report," Ramirez said regarding Blanco's absence.

During the Oct. 11 senate meeting, when Ramirez was presented with the question of whether she would object to the firing of a senator who was absent, she brought up the times William-Jose Velez, SGC-MMC senate speaker, and Hector Mujica, SGC-MMC speaker pro-tempore were absent during the summer.

Instead of giving out statements like these, Ramirez should decide to either remove Blanco or appoint a deputy comptroller for the duration of the semester.

Blanco's absence has led to overall SGA rules being skipped or even ignored.

As comptroller Blanco serves as SGC-MMC's chief financial officer and, as such, her signature is required on all SGC-MMC appropriations over \$3,000. Ramirez's signature is also required.

However, the Graduate Student Funding Committee recently allocated \$4,400 to the Academy for Arts and Teachings with neither Blanco nor Ramirez's signatures. Without those signatures the money may become void and have to be refunded to SGA.

This also shows a clear lack of accountability of the legislature and executive. All of the above situations could have been easily avoided if Ramirez simply removed and replaced Blanco once she realized her comptroller would not be in the same state as her for the better part of a semester.

This leads us to question why Ramirez even hired Blanco.

Being responsible for positions being delinquent of their duties extends to the entire council.

Ramirez told *The Beacon* that Blanco is not being paid. Because she holds a paid position within SGC-MMC she is also an employee of the state of Florida and state law requires that all state employees be paid.

This means the executive branch, and Ramirez as the leader of the executive, is in direct violation of state law.

Although we agree with the senate on their decision to impeach Blanco, we also think it took them too long to get to this point.

The date of the impeachment hearing will not be set until the next SGC-MMC senate meeting, and at that point there will only be seven weeks left in the semester, essentially leaving a vital position within SGC-MMC empty.

VERBATIM

I literally fail to understand how any decent, moral, self-respecting human being can oppose efforts to curb the horrific and cruel practice of puppy mills.

Victoria Stilwell
host of Animal Planet's "It's Me or the Dog"

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ECUADOR

Gold mine collapse

Gold mine traps four miners 490 feet underground after a tunnel collapsed at the fifth level of a mine operated by an Ecuadorean company called Minesadco on Oct. 15 near the city of Portovelo.



MEXICO

Marine and gunmen killed

One Mexican marine and three suspected drug cartel gunmen were killed as the gunmen opened fire and threw grenades at a marine patrol in a roadblocks in the northeastern city of Monterrey.



SURINAME

Murder trial postponed for president

Elected president Desi Bouterse's murder trial in the December 1982 slaying of 15 opponents to his military dictatorship resumed on Oct. 15 but was postponed again after no defense witnesses appeared to testify.

Geopolitical summit to discuss BP oil spill

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Contributing Writer

The University will host its second Geopolitical Summit with a session held at the Biscayne Bay Campus celebrating the impact the University has on the larger geopolitical scale, according to James Forqurean, professor of biological sciences.

This event titled "The Politics of the Spill: The Role of Science, Policy and Ethics in Shaping Environmental Policy Decisions" event will bring together the world's leading thinkers in international relations, political science, health and environment issues, according to University President Mark Rosenberg.

The forum will take place Oct. 19 at the Wolfe University Center moderated by Michael Heithaus, director of School of Environment, Arts and Society.

It will include a guest appearance by Bruce Babbitt, former U.S. Secretary of the Interior, and a panel of three professors, including professor Forqurean, Heidi Scott, English professor, and Laura Ogden,

professor of global and sociocultural studies.

"Our new president, Mark Rosenberg, initiated the summit to highlight current topics about our environment," Forqurean said.

Rosenberg will be making opening remarks at the summit.

"I think it's a good idea that student's become involved and, by informing them of some of our most pressing issues of our society and economy, they will become more engaged," said Vanessa Sandrino, a junior human resources major.

Babbitt will speak on the current oil spill by BP and how it affects the Gulf Coast.

He has initiated work on the Everglades and has also brought environmental resource management to the forefront in Arizona by initiating the most comprehensive regulatory water system in the nation, according to the University's summit website.

"I'm going to talk about how capitalism can be helpful to the environment and its studies," said Scott. "I will be listening with interest as [Babbitt] explains his experiences with

BAY VISTA BOLLYWOOD



DANTE WILLIAMS/THE BEACON

Residents of Bay Vista Housing having a laugh as they learn dance routines on the Oct. 14 Bollywood night. Bollywood dance is a mixture of numerous dancing styles like Indian folk, belly-dancing and kathak used in Indian films.

political and environmental policy."

In addition, the School of International and Public Affairs, who initiated the first Geopolitical Summit in 2009, will be joined by the newly-formed School of Environment, Arts and Society and our Herbert Wert-

heim College of Medicine, which just welcomed its second class, to discuss current issues in poverty, health and sustainability in the community.

"I think it's useful, as a rare opportunity for both students and our faculty in our community to learn and know

about pressing issues in our world, from leaders in different fields," said Neptune Srmial, professor of earth science and environment.

For more information, visit the Geopolitical summit's website at <http://summit.fiu.edu/index.html>.

New club aims to spread awareness of University budgets cuts, tuition hikes

LAUREN KHALAF
Contributing Writer

The Student Liberation Movement club has been in the works since last spring, but the movement is just starting this semester.

The club started when a handful of students began meeting and discussing educational issues that universities around the world face. The club aims to provide accountability to the voices of the students.

"At the end of the day we are the ones giving money to the school, we are the school," Alvarado said. "We want a place to be able to speak and express our grievances."

The main focus has been to create awareness about budget cuts and tuition hikes at the University. SLM has organized around the Student Movement in Puerto Rico, and various issues occurring in this country and abroad.

Discussion topics will range from tuition hikes and domestic and international social movements to homophobia sexism and racism. SLM meetings may consist of discussions, film screenings and/or guest speakers.

There is no hierarchy in SLM because

the members are there to help each other as a group.

"The club meetings are organized and we take notes but at the same time everyone is friendly towards each other and we know that a good environment in club meetings is important," said Alvarado.

The meeting on Oct. 13 addressed tuition hikes and the affect the economy is having on students.

Three new faces showed up after seeing the Oct. 7 National Day of Action to Defend Public Education flyer, which began in California as a national movement to defend educational rights.

Universities, including FIU, noticed this day around the country in hopes to help make American History.

"We want to make sure the human relationship is strong. How can we make a difference if we can't relate to each other?" said Lis-Marie Alvarado, secretary of SLM and senior sociology and woman studies major. "Our main goal is to work from our role as students but at the same time we are part of different realities."

There are issues that go beyond politics and religion, according to Alvarado. By joining SLM, students can organize and work together to face educational issues

constantly being brought up.

Alvarado mentioned the ignorance of the student body and how students find out about issues after they have already been created.

"If people don't know that they can do something, things will never change. The club wants to push students to think collectively and provide solutions, to empower people," said Alvarado.

While there are several ways to participate in community service, this club offers a service to help understand student issues. Attraction from students has come from those already involved and students whose majors are sociology, philosophy and economics.

The more students interested the broader the topics addressed, according to Alvarado.

Alvarado aims to attract more students interested in defending educational rights. SLM plans to grow and to coordinate different actions and events on the Biscayne Bay Campus, but students from the other campuses can join the club.

SLM meetings are held on Wednesdays at 2:30 pm in WUC 159.

For more information contact SLM members at slmfu@gmail.com.

TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE

Plagiarism isn't a big deal to Fish

CHRISTOPHER TURPIN
Contributing Writer

This week's TTR will discuss the controversial topic of plagiarism, moderated by Interim Vice Provost Steven Moll.

The topic selected by Moll derives from a recent blog post in *The New York Times* by University law professor Stanley Fish, entitled "Plagiarism Is Not a Big Moral Deal," stirred up some controversy.

"I disagree with Dr. Fish and his stance on plagiarism," said Moll, arguing for the moral and ethical competency of the University. "It's like a stop sign and you can clearly see that no one is there for miles. So would you come to a complete stop or would you roll through?"

Moll is no stranger to plagiarism as he once caught a student plagiarizing his girlfriend's work. According to Moll, he believes plagiarism has increased with the boom of technology and developments like Google.

Before you copy and paste your next paper, just know that such websites as Turnitin.com, used by Moll, are helping Universities catch students trying to pull a fast one.

"At the core of all of this is ethics," said Moll.

The TTR discussion will take place in room 159 of the Wolfe University Center on Oct. 19 at 12:30 p.m.