

## On-campus drug use on the rise

Drug and alcohol related arrests rise with increasing enrollment, growing police force

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While many crimes at the University have remained stagnant or their occurrences have decreased, two types of crimes are still posing a problem.

Enrollment statistics show that between 2010 and 2012 the total undergraduate enrollment went up by 14 percent. However, liquor law referrals doubled, and drug and alcohol related arrests tripled on the Modesto Maidique Campus.

Arrests and referrals at the Biscayne Bay Campus and its housing remain very low due to the relative size.

The most common drug arrest

is marijuana related to personal use, and the most common alcohol related arrest is disorderly intoxication, meaning an individual who appears to be intoxicated and causes a disturbance.

According to Chief of Police Alexander Casas, the University Police Department has increased its staff by about 18 officers to accommodate growing student population and cited this as the reason for increasing drug and alcohol arrests.

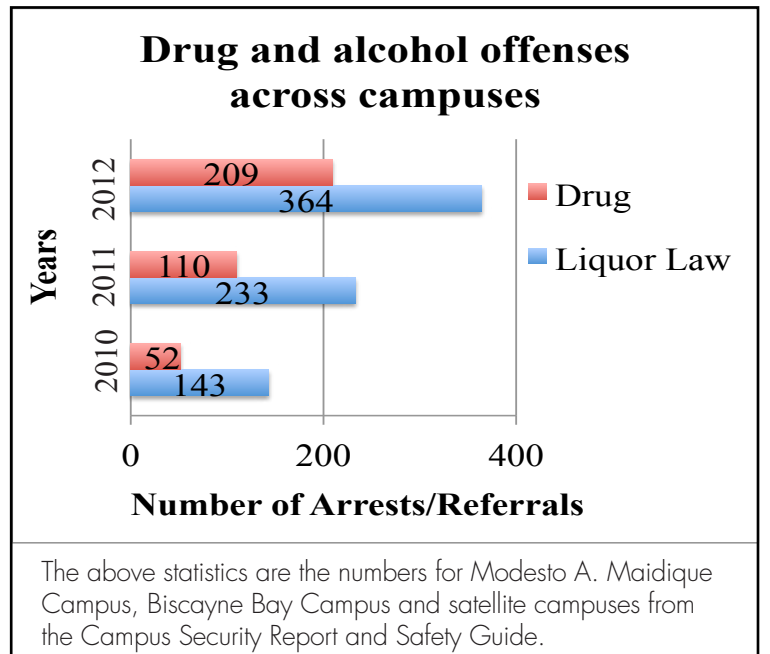
“Along with more officers, it allows us more time to be proactive in investigating narcotics cases,” wrote Casas in an email. “Our department’s philosophy is that these types of cases, if allowed to go without enforcement, could

lead to other issues for our campus community.”

Reasons for the increase also vary. All officers are trained in how to handle these cases. In the residence halls, each floor has a resident assistant that documents the incident until the police resolves the situation and makes their own report.

“I never had a drink until I was of age and I’ve never done drugs,” said Aimee Rahman, senior health major who lives in the University Apartments. “But somehow it’s become a part of the whole experience to party and drink. It’s like people think they can’t go to

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## College of Business receives grant to provide consulting services to businesses for free

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Ana Carmen Sanchez appreciates the thought of a discount, but she adores the thought of anything free. “I’ll fly to anyone who says “free,” said the freshman biology major.

The University has recently received an \$800,000 grant from the Florida Small Business Development Center Network, according to Jacqueline Sousa, special consultant to the dean of the College of Business. With this grant, the University will be able to provide the community with one-on-one consulting services to local businesses, free of charge.

The College of Business will match 50 percent of the grant, providing \$400,000 for the program, according to Sousa.

The Florida SBDC is part of a national network of centers that helps provide funds to effectively develop successful small businesses in the state.

Consultants available and interested in helping the University meet this objective will work with Panthers, venturing out into the public to work with businesses in Miami-Dade County to help them grow.

The College of Business will have consultants located in Modesto A. Maidique Campus, FIU Downtown on Brickell and Biscayne Bay Campus, Sousa said.

“If a company needs help in regards to

its cash flow management or any kind of financial problem, and doesn’t know how to do that, then a consultant from the SBDC at FIU can help them,” said Sousa.

According to Sousa, the University’s SBDC will have eight consultants at present. Each having worked either on their own or with another organization, the consultants will have expertise in different business areas.

“This just shows that FIU is committed to providing quality resources,” said Antoine Jacques, a sophomore sociology major. “It’s clear that the school will only trust experienced professionals with handling this type of responsibility.”

The new SBDC will operate as a sister

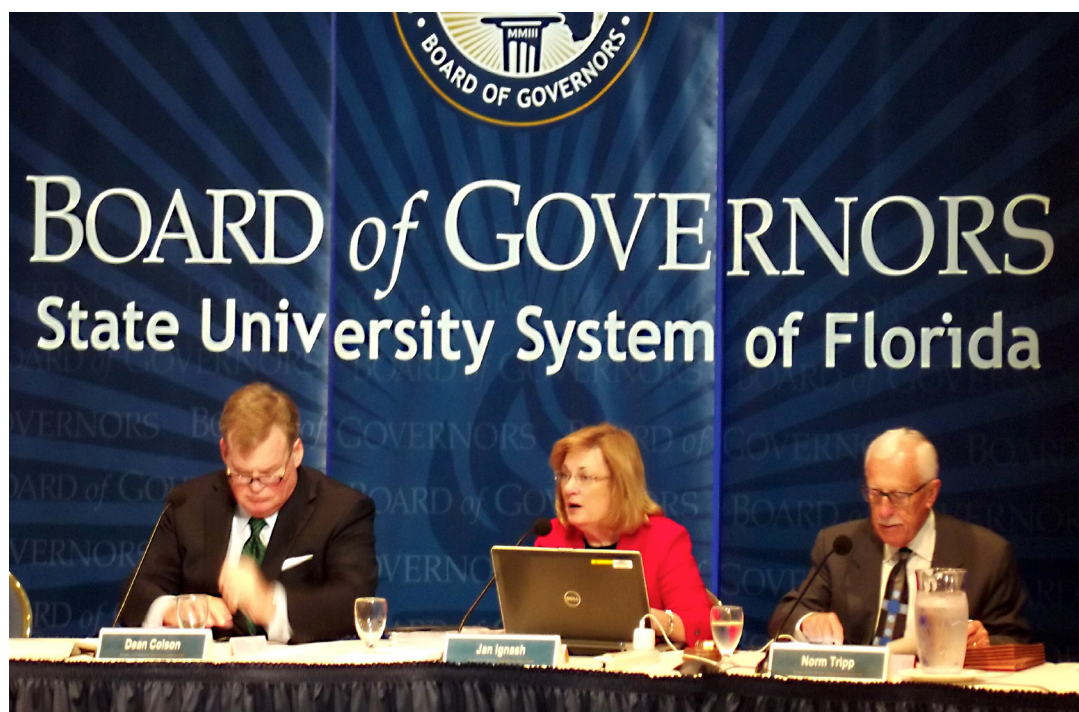
organization to the University’s already existing Eugenio Pino and Family Global Entrepreneurship Center, which hosts workshops, seminars, and other events in order to help businesses prosper both in Florida and abroad. As sister organizations, they will be able to assist one another to provide resources to local businesses.

The College of Business will try to inform local businesses and companies as much as possible about the consulting services that are going to be available to them, Sousa said.

“The consultants reach a variety of clients because they go out into the commu-

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### IMPROVING THE SYSTEM



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The Board of Governors from the State University System of Florida came to the University to speak about bettering college courses and programs.

## Model United Nations Team competing for nation’s top rank

**NICOLE MONTERO**  
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This semester, the Model United Nations Team ranked seventh in the country above Columbia University, Yale University and Stanford University.

“Every time we go compete, people say a lot of bad things about us. They say that, because we’re a public school, that we can’t win. But we still end up winning because we look at the odds and think that we will get over those hurdles,” said Antonio Ferguson, a sophomore majoring in economics and finance.

The Model UN Team, an organi-

zation that has been around campus for over 20 years, placed first in the “Best Small Delegation” category at the 41st annual National Security Collegiate Conference in Georgetown.

“The Model United Nations is a social game for people who enjoy international relations and want to delve in and learn how the international community functions,” said Mark Hodgson, director for the Model UN Team and senior majoring in international relations and political science.

The program is both a political science course that is offered

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## WORLD NEWS

### Russian crash investigators find voice recorder

The last word the pilot of the Boeing 737 uttered was “circle.” Moments later the jetliner slammed into the ground, investigators said Wednesday, killing all 50 people on board. The Moscow-based Interstate Aviation Committee, which investigates plane crashes across the former Soviet Union, concluded a day earlier that the crew failed to land at first attempt, began to stall in a steep climb, then overcompensated - plunging the plane into a near-vertical dive.

### Rio’s Olympic waterways full of trash, sewage

Rio de Janeiro’s endless beaches and lush tropical forest will be a photographer’s dream during the 2016 Olympics. But zoom in on the likes of once-pristine Guanabara Bay, and the picture is of household trash and raw sewage. In the neon green waters around the site of the future Olympic Park, the average fecal pollution rate is 78 times that of the Brazilian government’s “satisfactory” limit - and 195 times the level considered safe in the U.S. Nearly 70 percent of Rio’s sewage goes untreated, meaning runoff from its many slums and poor neighborhoods drain into waters soon to host some of the world’s best athletes.

### Afghan election season off to a messy start

With Afghanistan’s next presidential election just five months away, authorities say they are facing a possible repeat of the abuses that have discredited the country’s efforts to build a democracy.

They say they have no idea how many voters are really on the rolls because multiple registrations have resulted in nearly twice as many registered voters as eligible ones, said Noor Mohammed Noor, spokesman for the Independent Election Commission.

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college without a good story to tell.”

The administration at Residential Life, located in Panther Hall, refused to comment without permission from their director Lynn Hendrix. Hendrix also denied request for an interview last week.

“Students live here and this is where they feel comfortable,” said Rahman. “They’re on their own for the first time and they try a drink or some weed and like it. Then they do it again and

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Chief of Police  
University Police Department

again.”

According to Chief Casas, there is no profile for the type of student likeliest to do drugs, however,

he did comment on the family’s influence, “What we do has a much greater influence on our families than what we say. What parents model has

a very significant influence on whether a student will use drugs.”

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# University invests in local businesses

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nity and make it known that this service is available to them,” said Sousa. “But the College of Business wants to make sure that it goes out to the community itself and informs companies about this opportunity.”

The College of Business is currently conducting a nationwide search for an executive director to overlook the University’s SBDC’s operations. In the meantime, Sousa said that David Klock, dean of the College of Business, and Amelia Maguire, executive

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Special Consultant  
College of Business

director of management development of the College of Business, are taking charge of SBDC’s strategic direction

and talent development. Panthers interested in getting involved may have chance to so. “We will love to have

students intern with the program,” said Maguire. “We don’t have everything pinned down yet, but we believe it’ll be a great opportunity for students to be exposed to this.”

The SBDC will be commencing its operations in January 2014, despite the fact that not all of the required personnel may be hired by that point.

“We’re pretty confident that we will be helping companies locally by then,” said Sousa.

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## CORRECTIONS

In Vol. 25, Issue 39, in the article titled “Student Government Association exploring fee for Maritime Science Technology Academy,” we misspelled Valeria Andre’s name as Valerie Andrea.

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# Panthers rank seventh in country

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during fall and spring semesters, and an extracurricular club. Every semester, students in the class travel to conferences throughout the country to compete against other universities. Their task is to mimic the process of the United Nations, a governmental organization with aims of promoting and facilitating different operations. The students must work in groups to act in the role of a specific state or country.

At the University of Pennsylvania conference on Nov. 14, the Model UN Team represented Japan. They discussed the topics given to them as if they were Japan’s delegates.

The team competed in a General Assembly, which resembles the style of the United Nations. There were different committees, one of which was the crisis committee. Here, the team is given a crisis going on in a certain country. The committee and their staff then threw new crises at the delegates and they come up with solutions.

“It’s an interactive problem-solving format, so it’s very interactive and can be very competitive and cutthroat,” said Hodgson.

The conferences are a mix of different things: debating, negotiating, public speaking, marketing and leadership.

In the past, the Model UN Team has won Outstanding Small Delegation

at Columbia, came in fourth place at Harvard, and won in both the University of Pennsylvania and at the Regional Model UN Conference.

According to Hodgson, the team continues to achieve their goal of becoming number one in the country by reading the news everyday, researching topics, attending class and participating in simulations every Saturday.

The Saturday simulations are mock conferences and competitions, where

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Director  
Model United Nations Team

the directors give the team a problem, crisis, or topic that they must debate and reach a solution interactively.

The team’s long legacy and awards history has attracted more students around the campus.

“We want to be the best and become the best. That’s why I love the Model UN Team. I want to be part of that legacy because it has already given me

so much,” said Ferguson.

The University has also shown support for the team.

“We are not just an isolated club because we don’t do it on our own. We do it because all of FIU has come together to help,” said Hodgson.

The University takes part in promoting the team and funding its participation in different conferences.

For spring semester, the team hopes to expand both their club and their class programs by finding better applicants who are interested in international relations.

John Stack, advisor for the Model UN Team and dean of the School of International Public Affairs, will screen the applicant before admitting them into the program.

“It’s really hard work and it requires a lot of motivation and dedication, but it’s very rewarding. You get many abilities and you become professionals in so many different topics,” said Devondra Shaw, a freshman majoring in international relations and history.

Applications for the program can be found at [modelun.fiu.edu/application](http://modelun.fiu.edu/application).

“The program isn’t just about taking people that are good. It’s about taking people who aren’t good and making them better,” said Hodgson.

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## The representation of Latinos in the media

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Are you happy with the way Latinos are presented in the media? One of the blessings of living in a homogeneous city like Miami is the ability to undermine and weaken the effect of Hispanic stereotypes. Since Miamians constantly encounter different types of Latino identity, the mainstream media stereotypes are diffused. But why are the representations of Latinos in the media problematic?

Camilo Quinones, a senior economics major, said regarding the issue, “The stereotypes become problematic because they create the assumption that all Latinos act like clowns and that they can’t be taken seriously. Someone who lives in a very un-Hispanic part of the country could have a predetermined view on what they’re like and that could be a bad thing.”

Latina women on television are presented in a monolithic manner. They all have olive to dark skin, black hair, hot tempered, dependent on men and either virginal or overly sexualized. This is evidenced with Sofia Vergara’s character on “Modern Family” and Salma Hayek’s character on “30 Rock.”

Hispanic women can also fall into another stereotype, one of being family-oriented, religious, maternal and protective. News stories frame Latinas in archetypal ways. In one of her arti-

cles, Diego Portales University Professor Teresa Correa describes how the media depicted Elian Gonzalez’s mother while in the middle of a huge immigration case, she fell into the typical United States “archetypes of Latina immigrant — such as self-sacrificing, almost-virginal, always-religious ethnic mother who gives up her own happiness so that her child may obtain the ‘American Dream.’”

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Camilo Quinones  
*Senior Economics Major*

Michael Collado, a senior journalism major, said the following regarding the Hispanic female stereotypes presented on television: “There’s a show out now on Lifetime called Devious Maids where five Hispanic maids meet up and gossip

about their white employers. So, yeah, I feel like that might be the most offensive currently. I mean, five maids and they’re all Hispanic, and they all gossips? Thanks.”

Hispanic men in the media have been portrayed as thieves, criminals, drug dealers, sexual aggressors or as the cliché “Latin lover.” Antonio Banderas, Andy Garcia and Al Pacino (in “Scarface”) have perpetuated this stereotype in some of their films. Many of the deviants and criminals on crime dramas are depicted as Hispanic. The molds that are created to categorize Hispanics are stifling and reinforce racist notions. They put forth the idea that there is no diversity within the Hispanic community, whether it be physically, socially or economically.

Helen Marino, a junior secondary English education major said “these characteristics or aspects of the Latin cultures do not define every Latin person. Molding us into a hole where we all don’t fit doesn’t make anyone happy. This pigeonholing can lead to prejudices that aren’t entirely accurate, and are unnecessary that can make growth as a community stagnant.”

In 2003, the National Association of Hispanic Journalist released the following results: “The number of Latino-related crime and youth gang stories in 2002 was grossly excessive when compared to statistics on crimes involving Latinos. [...] Latino-related stories make up less than

1 percent of all the stories that appear on network newscasts, even though Latinos make up more than 13 percent of the U.S. population. [...] Crime, terrorism, poverty and welfare and illegal immigration accounted for 66 percent of all network stories about Latinos in 2001.”

Latinos are still vastly underrepresented on all front of American life, from political office to television characters. Between 1969 and 1978, The Annenberg School of Cultural Communicators Project which found that only 2.5 percent of primetime television characters were Hispanic. They also occupy a minority position in government — in congress, only 6.9 percent of the members are Hispanic. Thirty-three members in the House of representatives are Hispanic out of 435 total members, and only four members of the Senate are Hispanic out of a hundred total members.

In order for the media to accurately reflect the diversities of the Hispanic community, more political involvement is necessary to create urgency for Hispanic concerns and issues, such as immigration. To end these stereotypes, a concerted effort has to be made by news organizations and artists to demonstrate the complexities of Hispanic culture and end any vestiges of racism.

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## False alarms in residential dorms

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Waking up to the sound of a police siren outside Everglades Hall has now become a norm. It was around 9 p.m. on Monday when someone’s smoke alarm went off — disrupting my work due in the next couple of hours. Instead of hearing the sound of the alarm and panicking, residents have now become so used to it that the sound of the alarm is just one of the other many sounds we hear during the day.

Cooking food is one of the most difficult tasks that can be done here at the Everglades Hall without a visit from the ever-so-eager Police Department. It’s not the annoying sound of the fire alarm or the police siren that bothers the residents, but the fact that everyone’s so accustomed to hearing these supposed panic alarms that they’re afraid that this will turn out to be the story about “the boy who cried wolf.”

Expressing concern over the issue, freshman hospitality major and resident of Everglades Hall Ian Mucenic also highlighted how ineffective the exhaust fans were. According to him, he is so used to these scares that now he doesn’t bother leaving his room. “It’s not that these alarms go off sometimes, but they are a weekly thing,” he said. People usually keep their doors open while cooking

now in case they set off the alarm.

These alarms continue to beep till someone shuts them off, as we understand it. So the screeching sound of the alarm continues to echo through the hallway, disrupting activities and study sessions all over its respective floor. There is no doubt that, sometimes, these alarms have actually saved lives — like the incident that happened over a month ago when a student on the fifth floor unknowingly ate peanuts although she was allergic to them. However, the system should be monitored and perfected so that the valuable time of our police and of the students living in these dorms can be saved.

Similar incidents have been reported in the other residential dorms as well, where students abandoned everything and ran out, later realizing that it was another one of the cooking incidents. It is still unclear why the fire alarms go off while making food, but hopefully either the fire alarms or the exhaust fans will soon be fixed by the responsible departments. No one wants these episodes to occur regularly because they are frustrating for both the authorities as well as the students. This matter will hopefully be addressed soon so that the story about “the boy who cried wolf” does not actually become reality.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR: RE: A RESPONSE TO “SCHOOL SECURITY”

A quick comment on feasibility:

Your student government has a yearly budget of \$11+ million.

The average, quality metal detector costs roughly \$4- to \$5 thousand.

Generally, surpluses do occur, in which case your student government could begin a program regarding campus safety and educating students on how to handle an active shooter alert.

Investing in safety techniques is virtually free. Simply talk to the police department/campus police and have them hold presentations.

Being a commuter school, you have plenty of visitors every day, to a library or otherwise.

With no regard to the crazy acts of violence, metal detectors are about as common when walking into a building as you hitting traffic at anytime of the day.

Late to class? Leave earlier. Insanity is defined as... well, I’m sure Bryan Morera (the author of the last Letter to the Editor) knows, as he’s a poli-sci major.

My school has weekly issues with crime.

Metal detectors don’t stop crimes, but they add a sense of security. At the end of the day, I’m pretty sure Bryan would rather have the ability to send a Letter to the Editor than deal with a

crisis that might determine life or death.

Maybe that’s just me.

Seriously, though, look into preventative techniques and training for campus — it’s something to consider.

SGA will back you up if you structure your idea.

And even if you disagree with the metal detector argument/cameras, or come up with something more cost-effective.

It could save lives.

I conclude with two quotations from one of our founding fathers, Benjamin Franklin:

“Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain — and most fools do.”

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

-Nick Pappe, senior, music and psychology double major

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## Shalom FIU reaches out to educate students on Israel

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Although not widely known for its Israeli population, the University has an organization called Shalom FIU that has been around for about seven years, representing a very significant place in our world.

Shalom FIU is the the University's first social, cultural and political student organization dedicated to supporting the Pro-Israel movement on FIU's campus. The eBoard consists of seven dedicated students who help plan the events. However, many more people attend the actual events, and everyone is always welcome.

One of the unique aspects of Shalom FIU is that it not just a "Jewish" organization. Fay Goldstein is a senior majoring in international relations with a minor in politics and a minor in art, and also the president of Shalom FIU.

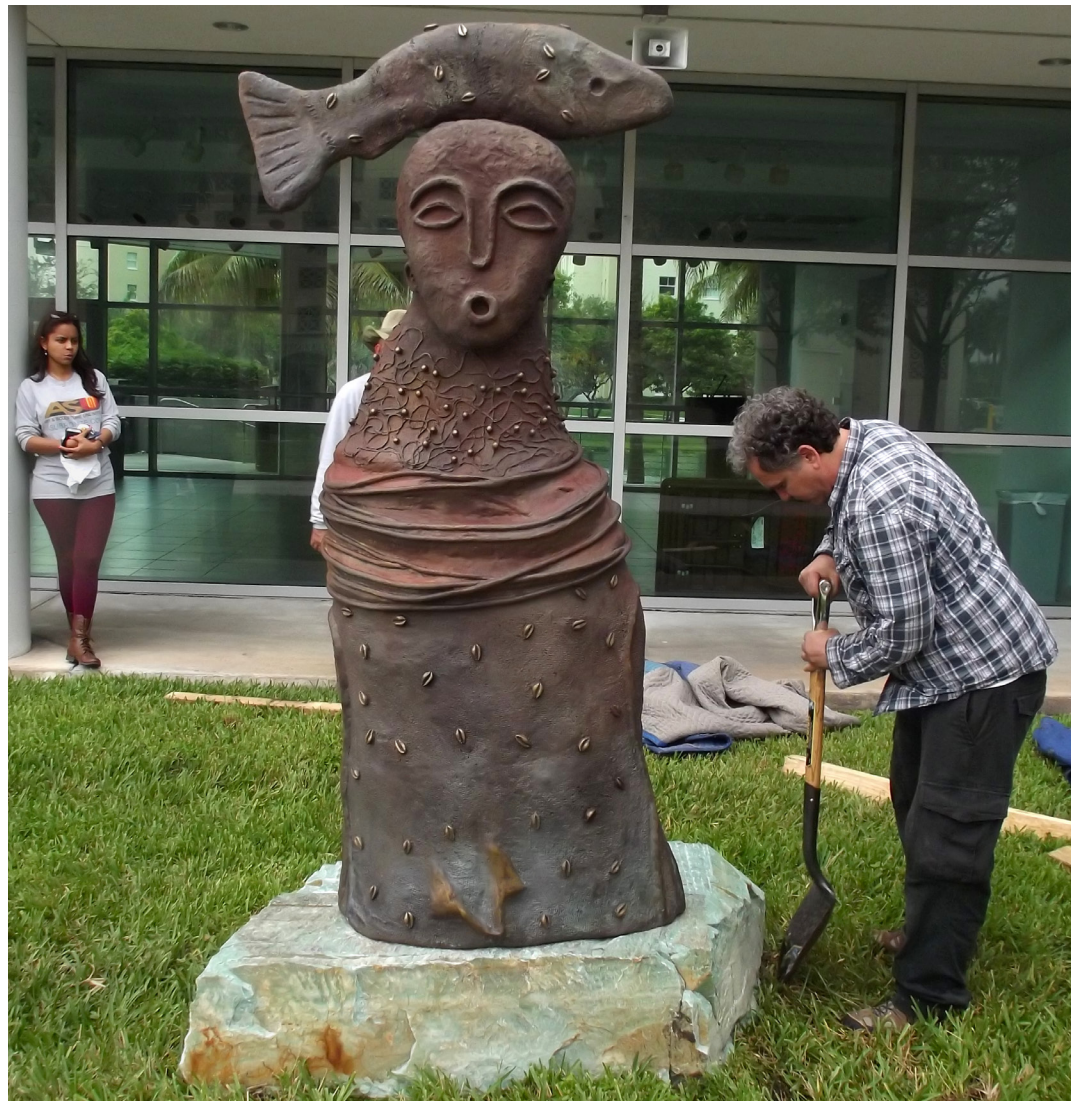
Goldstein explains that "Shalom FIU was started by a Christian girl and a Jewish friend to advance FIU student's understanding of Israel, its history, politics and culture and our eBoard continues to be made up of students from various religions and backgrounds. Our events are open to any FIU student interested in learning about Israel, and

we have had students of all races and religions participate in our events."

Goldstein also says that Shalom FIU is "a pro-Israel, pro-peace, non-partisan, non-denominational, social organization which focuses on spreading a pro-Israel message and helping to aid in building up the American-Israeli relationship. We aim to educate the student population about the current situation in the Middle East and Israel. We believe that Israel, a U.S. ally and a beacon of democracy in the Middle East, has a right to defense and statehood."

In order to educate students on Israel and the Jewish religion, Shalom FIU hosts various types of weekly events. From speakers to politicians, picnics to lectures and fundraisers to mixers, the organization really makes an effort to include students into their educational festivities — to spread the pro-Israel message. "Our forums, activities and events are all not only fun, but are awesome learning experiences for anybody who has any interest at all in Israel or the Middle East, regardless of their prior knowledge. Our events are varied in their type, but all relate back to connecting students with the different sides of Israel," Goldstein said.

## AFRO-CUBAN AT FIU



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Cuban artist, Manuel Mendive's sculpture was unveiled as part of his exhibit currently being featured at the Frost Museum which focuses on Afro-Cuban culture.

Shalom FIU is significant to the University for several reasons. It educates students on aspects and ideas of Israel that they may not be aware of and never know if they didn't attend

a Shalom FIU event. It also gives them a clear view on any misconceptions of issues they may have had. "Shalom FIU has become a family and a community of students, where our events allow

students to have a great time with new friends while at the same time learning and gaining invaluable experience," Goldstein said.

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## Little Daylight attempts to 'Tunnel' its way to the top

COLUMNIST

IN HIS WORDS

JONATHAN BERNAUCHE

Brooklyn synth-pop trio Little Daylight has released their most recent EP "Tunnel Vision" on Capitol Records.

Little Daylight consists of band members Nikki Taylor, Eric Zeiler

and Matthew Lewkowicz. The group is expressly known for its use of synthesizers and the manipulation of Nikki's voice.

Little Daylight's overall sound and lyrical content, while enjoyable, can be

considered mainstream.

The group's sound is also similar to CHVRCHES and Nikki & The Dove instrumentally and more so vocally, but still manages to find a way to separate themselves.

Percussion is one of Little Daylight's strongest characteristics noted in their songs — drums stand out from start to finish.

The lyrics aren't anything new to synth pop but, vocalist Nikki Taylor does well at keeping the mood upbeat throughout Tunnel Vision and making the songs feel fresh.

The EP starts off strong with "Overdose," a catchy song led by the drums more than the synths, and is one of the best on "Tunnel Vision." Half way through listening to "Treelines," the third track in "Tunnel Vision," the band gives the listener a nice break from the fast tempo with a pleasant drone lead.

Halfway through the same track, it picks up and moves along to a more dramatic pace where things get much heavier on the fourth track, "Restart." Little Daylight shows off some guitar riffs that are loud and get right in your ear, but to the point where it overpowers the Nikki's voice at times.

The EP finishes with "Name In Lights," one of the more mellow tracks you'll find which makes the listener can't help but feel satisfied.

"Tunnel Vision" is a short five-track, 17-minute long EP. Despite its brevity, Little Daylight does justice to the synth pop genre.

Little Daylight could easily fit in with mainstream artists with "Tunnel Vision" — not going about being groundbreaking. Regardless, it's still a good listen.

I give it a three out of five.

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## Macy's parade float flaps, flack from animal activists

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Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is awash in animal-related protests over its floats, with controversies involving the unlikely pairing of rocker Joan Jett and Shamu the killer whale.

Activists plan to line the route of next week's parade to protest a SeaWorld float over accusations in a new documentary that the

theme parks treat whales badly. And ranchers succeeded in getting Jett pulled off the South Dakota tourism float after they questioned why the vegetarian and animal-rights ally was representing their beef-loving state.

The float flaps threaten to shake Macy's traditional position of staying out of politics and soaring silently above the fray, like the massive balloons of Snoopy, Kermit the Frog and SpongeBob

SquarePants.

"The parade has never taken on, promoted or otherwise engaged in social commentary, political debate or other forms of advocacy," Cincinnati-based Macy's Inc. said in a statement this week.

It was in that spirit that parade executive producer Amy Kule said Tuesday that the SeaWorld float is staying.

"There is no controversy," she said. "Our goal is to entertain, and

that is their goal, as well."

The SeaWorld float, which depicts rolling waves, tropical fish, penguins and Shamu, comes months after the release of the documentary "Blackfish," which contends that SeaWorld's poor treatment of its killer whales contributed to the aggression of a whale involved in a trainer's death.

SeaWorld says the accusations have "absolutely no basis" and that "the men and women who

care for these animals at SeaWorld are dedicated in every respect to their health and well-being."

Activists, including members of the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, say they plan to stage a protest somewhere along the route during next week's parade. And the group says it has sent Macy's more than 80,000 emails from animal lovers demanding that the store drop the float.



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## Panther forward dunks over setbacks

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Two season-ending injuries and the wrath of the NCAA couldn't stop FIU's newest Panther from playing on the hard court.

Since his Cardinal days at the University of Louisville, Rakeem Buckles has endured some of the toughest times of his life. During the 2010-11 season, he suffered a concussion and tore his anterior cruciate ligament, just to name a few injuries.

But for the 6-7 redshirt senior and Miami native, the setbacks have taught him a lesson.

"It taught me patience more than anything," Buckles said. "A lot of people want the instant gratification, like 'I want everything right now' and it just showed me that it's a road map that everybody has to take. This is my road."

Buckle's college career never included FIU. Miami, Florida and Florida State recruited him, before Buckles decided to commit to Louisville during his junior year of high school—earlier than the average athlete committing their senior year.

The Cardinals' coaching staff included two assistants who knew Buckles fairly well: Mark Lieberman, who coached Buckles at Monsignor Pace High School; and Richard Pitino, who recruited Buckles.

Buckles saw Pitino and Lieberman as other father figures in his life.

"Any problems I ever had, I went to him and my high school coach," Buckles said. "Every move they make, every move I make, I have them on my mind. If I make this move, can it affect them? And vice versa."

Those injuries at Louisville limited

Buckles' playing time and as he was recovering to get back on the court with his teammates, Pitino was already making plans for a new milestone in his career.

When FIU hired Pitino as head coach, the thought of following his mentor wasn't an option at first, but as Buckles weighed his pros and cons, it was clear that a new life chapter would begin.

"I started thinking, 'I have one year of basketball left, do I play at a top conference and split time with two or three other guys? Or do I go down to FIU and play in a lower level conference get some minutes for my future?'" Buckles said.

When Pitino's first year at FIU began, Buckles' didn't. Due to NCAA transfer rules between two different Division I schools, he was forced to sit out his first year and watch from the bench. Another setback holding him back from his return.

Last spring as Buckles' two-year hiatus came to an end there came more bad news: Pitino chose to continue his coaching career at the University of Minnesota after only one year at FIU.

"Initially I was a little upset but when I really thought about it, I put myself in his shoes," Buckles said. "His dream is to become an elite coach at a elite school, and Minnesota is a big opportunity. So I really thought about that. That's an amazing opportunity for him."

Just as Buckles joined Pitino at Louisville, following his coach to Minnesota became option number one—until the NCAA decided to deny his waiver. "I was hurt," Buckles said. "I thought I wasn't going to be able to play college basketball anymore because they didn't have a scholarship here [FIU]."



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Senior forward Rakeem Buckles (left) has had many obstacles in his playing career thus far however, even with all the setbacks Buckles continues to play at a high level.

Rather than stop playing altogether, Buckles sat down with new head coach Anthony Evans and officially became a Panther.

According to Evans, Buckles seems to have established himself in a new setting, despite having missed out on basketball so long.

"I'm very impressed with Rakeem," Evans said. "With everything he's gone through, he still has a true passion for the game. He's been one of our top players every game that we've played and I think as

long as he continues to do that, he's going to be fine."

Some people may have given up after facing the turmoil of injuries and constant moves in such a short period of time, but for Buckles, it's the lesson that he learned that only life can teach.

"It was one of the hardest things I've been through in my life," Buckles said. "Now looking back at it, I'm glad it happened. It was a blessing in disguise."

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## Panthers offense stagnant due to inconsistencies

COLUMNIST



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Last week, the FIU football team achieved a massive feat.

Strange, right?

The Panthers eclipsed the century mark in total season scoring.

As it stands now, the Panthers have scored a whopping 101 points through 10 games for an average of 10.1 points per game.

Those numbers will make the average football fan cringe.

But, theoretically, it could be worse. And this is why: Miami University, not the 'Canes, but the RedHawks, have only scored 97 points through 10 games.

It hurts to say but the Panthers (1-9) can't even be the best at having the worst offense. They somehow managed to muster up four more points than the RedHawks (0-10).

But, I guess just being in the conversation as one of the worst offenses in college football is bad enough. The Panthers are definitely in the thick of things when it comes to that. Here's a quick rundown on some basic FIU offensive stats and where they stack up against the 125 other

FBS teams: 145.7 passing yards per game (116th), 77.7 rushing yards per game (119th), 10.1 points per game (125th), 223.4 total yards per game (125th).

That, in a nutshell, explains the horrendous year the Panthers are

having. Their offense cannot seem to get going at all. The only teams in which they have produced offensively against are just as bad as they are.

The Panthers scored 24 points in a one-point win against the University of Southern Mississippi on Oct.



JASEN DELGADO/THE BEACON

Freshman tight end Jonnu Smith and the rest of the FIU offensive have struggled all season long which has led to them being at the bottom of C-USA.

5, but the Golden Eagles are 0-10 and even that win is tainted because if it weren't for a blocked field goal to end the game it might be FIU with the goose egg on the win column late into the season.

The following week, the Panthers continued their torrid hot-streak as they scored 24 points again. This time it was against the University of Alabama at Birmingham on Oct. 12. Problem with that is UAB is 2-8 and would be dead last in the East division of Conference USA if it weren't for, wait for it, FIU and Southern Miss reserving the bottom of the barrel.

The Panthers' trouble on the offensive side stretches all across the board. Redshirt junior quarterback Jake Medlock has struggled with injuries and has only managed to complete a pedestrian 49.3 percent of his passes. And sadly, his highlight play of the season thus far was a 70-yard punt and not a 70-yard throw. Backup quarterback E.J. Hilliard has shown improvements at times when behind center, but is still too inconsistent to make an impact. Hilliard has completed 59.8 percent of his throws this season. Both signal callers have thrown more interceptions than touchdowns – Medlock four touchdowns to six interceptions

and Hilliard two touchdowns to three interceptions – which is unacceptable from any standpoint.

The running backs must account for some of the blame, too. Silas Spearman III dominated for the Panthers against Southern Miss to the tune of 136 yards and two touchdowns on 29 carries, but aside from that game he has registered just 156 yards on 84 carries.

Lamarq Caldwell, FIU's most consistent back of the season, is coming off his best game of the year as he tallied 95 yards on 20 carries in a 33-10 loss against the University of Texas at El Paso. Caldwell, though, has a knack for being phased out of games. Too often he has games where he only carries the ball too little, so far this season he has games of four, five and nine carries. Now that's not all on him, he doesn't call the plays, but he needs to be more consistent and the ball will come his way.

The picture is not pretty when it comes to the Panthers offense, and inconsistencies are at the center of it all. As the inconsistency continues, so will the losing.

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# High powered Marshall set for last home game

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The Thundering Herd of Marshall University average 42.8 points per game

this season. That is over four times the Panthers' 10.1 average points per game.

The average point spread for the game tomorrow, when the Panthers host Marshall—as of Nov. 20—is at 32.5 points



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Quarterback E.J. Hilliard (above) has been sharing the first team snaps over the past week with Jake Medlock. Head Coach Ron Turner would not, as of Nov. 20, name a set starter.

in favor of the Thundering Herd.

"They are all good, all of them are good," Head Coach Ron Turner said. "They definitely have the ability to put points on the board as they have in most of their games and it starts with their quarterback. He has a lot of weapons around him as well."

In a game where 31 players will be returning to their home state to play a football game, Head Coach Doc Holliday of the Thundering Herd spoke on how he will handle those who wish to see their families.

"I can't take these kids home to where they grew up and not let their families see them," Holliday said. "We'll have a room where they can visit with their families. Then they have to focus to get ready to go play."

Two of those players are key offensive weapons: quarterback Rakeem Cato and wide receiver Tommy Shuler. Both are juniors and played their high school football at Miami Central High School.

Cato has had 31 career starts throughout his years at Marshall and is having one of his best seasons statistically this year. He is responsible for 32 of 55 total touchdowns including 28 in the air. He has thrown for 2,801 yards and run for 238 yards to date on the season. The reigning Conference USA Most Valuable Player of the Year, Cato, has found Shuler for eight touchdowns this season so far.

Shuler has 798 yards on 74 receptions this season so far. He leads the Thundering Herd in receiving yards, but John Mackey Award Finalist in tight end, Gator Hoskins, surpasses his eight touchdowns by one. Hoskins is from Gainesville, Fla. Shuler's 74 receptions is the most by 45 grabs. Wide receiver Devon Smith is second with 29 and Hoskins is third with 28.

"Any time you play a quarterback like Cato, with a high powered and high scoring offense like they have, you always have to watch extra film," senior defensive tackle Greg Hickman said. "We have to take it to the max but realize that everyone

at this level of division-1A football is a good player. Cato is a pretty special player however."

Hickman, a leader on the defensive side of the ball for the Panthers, said containment is the key for Hoskins and Cato. FIU's redshirt junior safety Justin Halley also commented on the issue of keeping the pair of players contained.

"He [Cato] definitely has all the tools and a strong arm, he showed that when he had a few good passes on us in the bowl game," Halley said. "We need to contain that in this game. Their whole offense is explosive but if we can contain them, slow it down, and get off the field on third down than we might have a chance."

The quarterback position for the Panthers is something that has gone back and forth between Jake Medlock and E.J. Hilliard. This week in practice the two have been sharing first team reps and Hilliard spoke on it.

"We are both out here for the same purpose and have the same goal, which is to win," Hilliard said. "If he is playing and I am not, my job is to help him from the sideline and vice versa because if he can see something from the sideline that I can't he will let me know."

This will also be the last home game for the Panthers as they will close out the season in Boca Raton against Florida Atlantic University.

13 players on the Panthers roster will end their collegiate careers this season including defensive linemen Hickman and Isame Faciane, linebacker Markeith Russell and wide receivers Rocky Vann and Jarius Williams.

Some other names that will be called during the Senior Night celebration are cornerback Sam Miller, tight ends Cory White and Zach Schaubhut, and safeties Mitch Wozniak and Terrance Taylor.

Kickoff is set for 6pm.

Quotes from the Marshall Football head coach are via the Marshall University Athletic Department.

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## FIU tennis excelling under the radar in 2013

COLUMNIST



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With the little success that FIU football is seeing with only one win this season, where can fans of FIU turn their attention to?

Of course there is the promise of men's basketball coming off an 18-14 record last year nearly reaching the NCAA tournament now under new Head Coach Anthony Evans and senior Tymell Murphy; who came off a stellar season last year averaging 14.6 points and 6.8 rebounds and being named First Team. However, the team is facing a postseason ban after the APR scandal that was enforced earlier this year.

There is also women's basketball with the nation's leading scorer last year in Jerica Coley as she is in her senior season looking

to build off a 19-13 season last year that propelled the Panthers to the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

With that being said, another team that fans should feel optimistic about is the women's tennis team.

While fall rightfully so is normally thought of as football season, during that time, FIU tennis has been making their mark as they have shown signs in the three tournaments for their fall season.

In the competition the Panthers played in the fall, included the Milwaukee Tennis Classic which the Panthers were invited in order to be a tuneup for the other teams. The Panthers picked up 11 singles victories and five doubles victories. Freshman Nina Nagode went 3-0 in singles and was named the singles champion in the tournament.

The ITA regional

tournament saw senior Giulietta Boha reach the singles final round but did not play in the final match due to time constraints and travel reasons.

In the FIU invitational, sophomore Aleksandra Trifunovic and freshman Kamila Pavelkova both claimed the singles championship and as a team in the tournament FIU went a combined 13-5 in singles matches and 7-2 in doubles matches. Also the duo of Trifunovic and Nagode reached the doubles final round against the tandem of sophomores Carlotta Orlando and Tina Mohorcic.

In the fall, Trifunovic finished 4-0 in singles. Last season was a tough season for the freshman as Trifunovic had to adjust to tennis on the college level.

Nagode went 6-3 in singles for fall. Pavelkova for the fall finished undefeated in singles by going 5-0. From two freshmen,

that is a combined 11-3 in doubles.

As a team FIU finished 29-11 in singles matches combining all three tournaments and also went 12-6 in doubles in the fall tournaments.

So far I have mentioned the emergence of two freshmen in Nagode and Pavelkova, and the improvement of Trifunovic. I still haven't gotten to Orlando, who was FIU's lone consistent bright spot last season finishing 10-5 in singles at the number one position. The sophomore has continued the success from last year going 4-3 in singles, but has shown improvement in doubles from a season ago. After having to adjust to playing in doubles, Orlando also went 4-3 in doubles this fall, an improvement from a 5-10 output in last spring.

A big boost and nice surprise has been Boha. The senior's coming off an

up and down season last year and after speaking to her after the ITA Regionals, the senior is determined to make noise in her final season. In her freshman season, Boha was a key contributor in leading the Panthers to winning the Sun Belt Conference tournament. This fall, Boha went 8-2 in singles, claiming the singles bracket championship in the ITA Regionals. Boha also finished 3-2 in doubles.

This team should be optimistic considering how last season was. Under a new head coach, battling injuries and playing short-handed towards the end of the season, the Panthers went 3-16. Along with the inconsistency, many players were playing out of position including Orlando, who Head Coach Katarina Petrovic mentioned to me before that she doesn't consider Orlando a true number one singles player.

The Panthers were unable to get the doubles point in all but five of their matches last season becoming an Achilles heel for them, and so far in the fall they have taken care of business on that end.

The lack of depth, and consistent production other than Orlando is showing with the emergence of the freshmen, and Boha. It seems that Petrovic is starting to put her imprint on the program as Petrovic was key in helping make South Carolina, the school she was at before FIU a consistently top program and consistently recruiting talented players.

I'm not saying this team is a championship team yet, but in a school where winning teams are limited, and from how last season turned and how fall has been for the FIU tennis team, brighter days seem to be ahead for them.

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## New addition to Red Robin Menu

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Among the graduates of the FIU's Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Tirza Diaz de Villegas will bring the perfect savory sauce to the dinner table at Red Robin.

As the winner of this year's Savory Scholar Sauce Contest at the New York City Wine and Food Festival Burger Bash, Villegas received a \$5,000 scholarship and her signature "Tirza's Tangy Cilantro and Garlic Sauce" will be featured on Red Robin's menu nationwide.

For Villegas, cooking runs in the family. She has been making food since she first cooked a whole chicken at eight years of age.

"My grandmother, Isabel Barbakos, taught me everything I know," wrote Villegas in an email. "Seeing how everyone enjoyed her food encouraged me to continue learning. Till this day, I continue to learn from her."

Born in Miami to a Black, Cuban father and a Honduran mother, Villegas has two brothers and two sisters to look after. By looking after her siblings, her passion for cooking and for children was born.

"Being raised by a working grandmother and a widowed mother, I had to feed my younger siblings, so I started inventing meals with

whatever was in the fridge," wrote Villegas. "It was like the show 'Chopped' on Food Network; I had to work with what I had."

After receiving an associates of arts in education and working for several years in the restaurant business, Villegas pursued her dream of becoming a true entrepreneur in the industry.

Although going through pre-requisites, changing her major and giving birth to her third child affected her time at school, Villegas asserts that the professors at Chaplin continued to push her to be successful and were always understanding of her situation.

"Never be afraid to ask for help from professors or peers. They are in the hospitality business and are very hospitable," Villegas wrote.

Even after she suffered a hip injury a week before the contest deadline, Villegas drove from Kendall to FIU's Biscayne Bay Campus in the pouring rain to arrive at the Chaplin school 10 minutes before the deadline at 4 p.m. After becoming a finalist, Villegas went to New York to compete in front of celebrity chefs from Red Robin, Heinz and Katie Lee, a food and lifestyle expert and author.

"The entire experience still feels surreal... It was somewhat intimidating. The audience were the judges themselves," wrote Villegas.

Using an old family recipe that

she tweaked with yogurt, Villegas made a healthy and tangy sauce that isn't expensive to produce on a mass scale, and requires low labor hours to make.

Of the 100 other sauces submitted in the contest, Villegas created a unique combination of mayonnaise, lemon, garlic, onion, Greek yogurt and cilantro; it was selected as the favourite steak fry dipping sauce by the attendees.

In a press release, Denny Marie Post, Red Robin's senior vice president and chief menu and marketing officer, argued that as a member of the gourmet burger authority she knows "a great accompaniment to a burger is crispy steak fries and a craveable dipping sauce."

"I love seeing other people enjoying my creations... Dry food is boring; I wouldn't say sauce is my specialty, but I'd rather eat everything with a sauce," wrote Villegas, who also noted that she wasn't sure she'd win the competition.

"I would say [the experience] taught me to believe in myself no matter who or what obstacles get in my way," Villegas continued.

Currently on maternity leave from her bartending job for Bacardi in Miami International Airport, Villegas said that being a woman in the business can be a challenge, but winning the contest helped reassure her.

"It seems that there are more male

## HUG IT OUT



MARIA LORENZINO/THE BEACON

Rogihanre Avin, junior studying English, gets a big hug from Roary after he gave out free pizza to students during Panther Power Packed Friday.

chefs in this industry, but women are a force to be reckoned with," wrote Villegas.

Villegas hopes to one day open her own restaurant-lounge and become the next Top Chef, along with completing her bachelors. She believes it is her destiny to stay in the

field of culinary arts and restaurant management.

"Never give up and always stay positive," Villegas wrote. "If you don't give it a try, you will never know what the results may be!"

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## Few support delaying changes in flood insurance

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Efforts to delay implementation of changes in the federal flood insurance program have run into roadblocks on both sides of Capitol Hill.

The leaders of the House Financial Services Committee say they are standing behind last year's bipartisan legislation to put the flood insurance program on sounder financial footing even as the implementation of the law has sparked a chorus of complaints from constituents fearing spikes in premiums and plummeting home values.

In the Senate, attempts to call a quick floor vote on legislation to delay the changes in the program—designed to force higher premiums on properties especially at risk of flooding—appear to face opposition from both Democrats and Republicans.

Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., wants to add the measure to an unrelated defense policy bill, but Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is restricting the ability of senators to offer unrelated amendments. Meanwhile, Republicans are unlikely to allow a vote that could give Landrieu, who faces a tough re-election bid next year, the chance to claim polit-

ical credit.

The curbs on taxpayer-subsidized flood insurance rates are a case study in what happens when Washington takes away a government-sponsored benefit that helps a relatively small group of people.

About 1.1 million homeowners — or 1 in 5 in the program — have received taxpayer-subsidized rates and the government has financed about 60 percent of losses on their properties. Most people can retain the subsidies but can't pass them along to people buying their home, a restriction that's especially burdensome to lower-income older homeowners seeking to sell their houses.

The changes also promise to make it unaffordable for people in chronic flood zones to keep their homes, and they have put a damper on home sales in areas where benefits extended to current homeowners can't be passed along to prospective buyers.

The quandary is especially felt by conservative Republicans torn between their philosophy of limited government and helping constituents facing sharply higher flood insurance premiums. Lawmakers trying to delay the law's implementation cite horror stories of people slapped with unaffordable premium increases on modestly priced homes.

Supporters of the law say it's mostly operating as intended, which is to hit at-risk homeowners with actuarially sound rate increases.

"What we're trying to do is separate fact from fiction here. And we're hearing a lot of rumors. And some of those rumors ... it turns out are not as represented," said Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Texas, who chaired a hearing Tuesday of the Financial Services Committee's housing and insurance subcommittee. "We do know that there are some people out there who are going to experience higher premiums. But, you know, that was the purpose."

Last year's legislation promises premium increases to 1.1 million homeowners who've received subsidized, below-risk coverage and could sock even more homeowners whose homes met older building standards or were deemed at lower risk under previous flood maps. Under the old rules, they could retain their old rates since they followed the rules when they bought or built their homes, but they will soon lose those grandfathered rates under the new law.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, which administers the program, has delayed implementation of the new grandfathering rules and has re-evaluated its policies to

give homeowners the benefit of the doubt in instances in which older, locally built levees have protected neighborhoods for decades but don't meet federal standards.

The changes in the program are most acutely felt in places like the Gulf Coast, the New Jersey shore and Florida.

"There are challenges to implementing the law when premiums may exceed \$10,000 or in more high-risk areas where homes are not easily elevated or bought out," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. He noted that in the Gulf region, many middle-class workers need insurance to live near their jobs in industries like fishing, trade and oil exploration.

Some conservative Republicans are adopting a "tough-love" approach to implementing the law.

"The fundamental question posed by the flood insurance reform bill is one of fairness. Is it fair for everyone to subsidize the insurance of a few?" asked Rep. Lynn Westmoreland, R-Ga. "The answer is simple.

Taxpayers should not continue to subsidize the flood insurance of those who live in flood-prone areas. It's not fair."

The much-criticized program has long offered below-cost rates for homeowners in flood zones and has racked up about \$25 billion in red ink since its creation in 1968. It has been criticized for repeatedly paying off homeowners whose houses get flooded every few years.

The flood insurance program collects \$3.5 billion in premiums each year, but FEMA says \$1.5 billion more is required from subsidized policyholders to put it on sound financial footing as required by last year's changes.

Financial Services Chairman Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, didn't attend Tuesday's hearing, but a committee statement noted the "importance of implementing the ... Flood Insurance Reform Act in order to protect taxpayers from having to continue bailing out" the flood insurance program.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 23

#### SOUTH FLORIDA BREW FEST

WHEN: 12 p.m.-5 p.m.

HOW MUCH: FREE

WHERE: BBC Kovens Center

NOTE: Must be 21 or older with a valid ID

#### FIU GOLDEN PANTHERS VS MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

WHEN: 6 p.m.

HOW MUCH: FREE

WHERE: MMC FIU Stadium

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