



## ROMANIA

### President withdraws police protection

Romania's president has withdrawn police protection in response to an "illegal" protest by 6,000 officers facing wage cuts.



## NIGERIA

### Millions displaced by massive floods

Nigerian authorities opened the gates at two swollen dams in the country's rain-soaked north, sending a flood into a neighboring state that has displaced 2 million people, officials said Friday.



## VENEZUELA

### Chavez fights for control in congress

Elections chief says Chavez's allies win majority in Venezuelan congressional vote. Voters formed long lines at polling stations during the already controversial Sunday's balloting.

# Florida hit hardest by unemployment, students feel it most

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Contributing Writer

The State of Working Florida 2010 report, recently released by the University, shows that 80 percent of Floridians are underemployed, with another 12.3 percent unemployed.

Emily Eisenhauer, associate researcher at FIU, feels the major concern with this economic downturn is the increasing unemployment rates.

"Florida has [been] the hardest hit with a 12.3 percent unemployment rate," Eisenhauer said. "Repairing the situation will take time; Florida is missing 700,000 jobs and the numbers are only increasing."

Eisenhauer calculates it will take at least four years to return to a stable economic state.

"There is a big debate on how the economy creates jobs and growth," Eisenhauer said. "People are abdicating for the cutting of taxes and spending to get money, for the creation of jobs by private companies and for public spending to create stimulus."

According to her research, young workers, ages 16 to 24, are being affected the most with an 18 percent unemployment rate in 2009, which, according to her, is much higher than the average unemployment rate.

"The economy is in a bad state," said freshman Erin Muro. "I have learned to be frugal with my money since it is so difficult to make it and school leaves little time for work."

She also found it interesting that men, particularly in the construction business, have been affected more than women by this struggling economy. Construction workers received the greatest hit with a 40 percent unemployment rate.

According to statistics, more women work in education and health services and until 2007, many men worked in construction. Eisenhauer sees this as an opportunity to balance out the work areas.

"The more we can get people to spread out, the quicker we can get our economy back in track," Eisenhauer said.

When presented with the

## BUILDING BLOCKS



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Diane Ashouri and Domenica Lopez, both sophomores and architecture majors, work on a project for a class in the Paul Cejas Architecture building.

ongoing debate concerning whether minimum wage should be enforced or not, Eisenhauer simply states: "minimum wage is like a floor." According to her, reducing or getting rid of it would lead to underemployment.

"It would be harmful in the long term; there would be a lower quality of life for everyone," said Eisenhauer.

Professor Bruce Nissen,

director of research in the Department of Education's Center for Labor Research and Studies, seems to agree with Eisenhauer on the idea that minimum wage is a good thing and should not be abolished.

"We've got to create basic standards," Nissen said.

He believes we are in great necessity of stimulating government policies in the hopes of more

job creations because underemployment is not likely to change anytime soon.

"There is not enough expected demand and market, not to mention purchasing power," Nissen said. "There is an unbalanced economic distribution to the wealthy who ultimately do not spend it all."

**UNEMPLOYMENT, page 2**

# New 'no cost' law clinic gives students real experience

NICOLAS SARAVIA  
Staff Writer

The College of Law has been granted \$250,000 from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Investor Education Foundation, allowing the installment of an Investor Advocacy Clinic.

The clinic will give law students the opportunity to represent individuals who have suffered from misconduct or mistreatment by a broker at no cost.

The University's College of Law is one of four law schools selected for a grant total of \$1 million by the FINRA, which seeks to provide services free of cost to fill in the gaps of legal representation in areas of high demand.

The initiative was born out of the economic downturn that the nation has suffered in recent years, and is designed to provide services to undeserved modest investors that cannot afford an hourly rate.

Among the selectees for the advocacy clinic are Howard University of Washington, D.C., Pepperdine University of Malibu, California and Suffolk University

## Our nation's financial crisis has caused many individuals, often retirees, to lose their life savings. FIU is going to do its part to help these individuals.

Troy Elder, Interim Director of Clinical Education  
Media Relations

Law School of Boston.

The FINRA Investor Education Foundation is the largest foundation dedicated to investor education in the United States and has granted over \$50 million in financial education and investor protection initiatives and projects.

The schools selected were judged by commitment to clinical and investor education through creative and proactive community outreach.

The FINRA fund highlighted that it is necessary that each of these institutions maintain its clinics after the three-year grant period has expired

The supervised law students will have the opportunity to take on securities disputes and gain experiences in out-of-

court resolutions.

The program, lead by Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor Robert K. Savage, is expected to involve students in mediation and arbitration, client interviewing, legal analysis, drafting legal documents, arguing motions, professional responsibility and choice of relief. Savage has almost two decades of dedicated experience with investor issues.

According to an FINRA news release, "students who participate in these clinics will not receive compensation, but will benefit from serving the public interest, earning course credit and gaining experience representing clients in actual cases."

Aside from legal cases and seminars, students will reach out to the commu-

nity, participating in community outreach activities and public informational presentations.

The clinic is designed to give preference to elderly clients, such as retirees that have lost their savings.

Representation is available for those who do not speak English as their first language, which will remove a major barrier for some. The clinic will also give preference to clients who are elderly and living in South Florida.

The Investor Advocacy Clinic will be the sixth in-house clinic to be set up at the university's Law school, which are available each Fall and Spring semesters, including the Carlos A. Costa Immigration and Human Rights Clinic, the Community Development Clinic, the Immigrant Children's Justice Clinic, the H.E.L.P. (Health, Ethics, Law and Policy) Clinic, and the Education Advocacy Clinic.

"Our nation's financial crisis has caused many individuals, often retirees, to lose their life savings," said Troy Elder, interim director of Clinical Education to FIU Media Relations. "FIU is going to do its part to help these individuals."

# WEIRD NEWS

## Segway company owner rides segway off a cliff

A British businessman who bought the Segway company less than a year ago died after riding one of the scooters off a cliff and into a river near his Yorkshire estate. Jim Heselden acquired the Segway company from its U.S. inventor Dean Kamen in December 2009.

According to the British media, Heselden, 62, plunged into the River Wharfe while riding a rugged country version of the two-wheeled transporter on Sunday, according to MSNBC. Heselden was worth around \$265 million. A Segway was recovered from the scene. "At this time we do not believe the death to be suspicious," the spokesman added.

## Alex Sink has famous, unusual ancestor

If Alex Sink makes history and becomes Florida's first female governor, she still won't be the most celebrated member of her family. Her great-granddad was Chang Bunker, one half of the original Siamese Twins, according to The Miami Herald. The identical brothers, Chang and Eng Bunker, spent their 63 years attached at the stomach.

They traveled the world as curiosities before finally settling as gentlemen farmers in the foothills of North Carolina. In 1843, Chang and Eng married two local sisters in this community 37 miles northeast of Winston-Salem. Between them, they fathered 21 children while still attached.

– Compiled by Alexandra Camejo

## CORRECTIONS

In Vol. 24 Issue 16 of The Beacon, the photo of Dr. Norman Finkelstein was not credited. The photographer was Alexia Escalante.

In the jumphead for the article titled, "Political Scientist Finkelstein discusses Gaza blockade," Finkelstein was misspelled.

The Beacon will gladly change any errors. Please call our MMC office at 305-348-2709 or BBC at 305-919-4722.

# Unemployment decrease expected

## UNEMPLOYMENT, page 1

According to Nissen, ordinary people with relatively low income are being affected the most. He suggests a greater tax on the wealthy to balance out this unequal instability, believing that there are currently not enough actions taking place to better the crisis.

Nissen also mentioned that many of President Barack Obama's policies have been turned down and this should be cause for worry about the United States' economic future.

The economic recession the United States is going through has affected all types of people including FIU

students.

As it is, many young adults cannot find jobs. What one does not always realize, however, is that even those who do have jobs are barely working enough hours to be called part time.

[Even] once at work, the hours are few so the final income is somewhat small," said Muro.

Another student, freshman Gregory Vichot, whose major is Business Management, is quite interested in current economic issues and seems to have been doing some research of his own.

"The economy is going down slowly; however, some argue that it is actually going up," said freshman

Gregory Vichot. "People are putting money they do not have into the economy hoping this will cause it to fluctuate and stabilize, but what many do not realize is that we will eventually have to pay this money back."

Vichot went on to say, "in the next five to ten years, taxes as well as prices will begin to increase and our generation's kids will have to deal with this even greater economic outpour."

While the economy has been causing a great increase in unemployment in the past three years, calculations show throughout the next four years there is an expected decrease in unemployment rates.

# Disciplines 'fused together' in course

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The course now includes strategies and tactics for the additional communications disciplines: direct marketing, events marketing, digital media, and social networking.

"The program definitely looks better on a resume, and I feel like I'm complementing my undergraduate studies with a more in depth understanding of the industry," Aballi said.

The new course does not only cover crucial elements, but tactical implementation elements, by strategically taking into consideration all of the communications disciplines available today.

"This process requires a series of strategic decision-making steps to ensure the communications campaign developed, fuses together the strategies and tactics of each discipline. It was a seamless transition and had a higher level of appreciation from our students," Figueredo said.

Fiske taught the new global

communications course and David Park, assistant professor of advertising and public relations, taught the strategic decision-making course.

All members of the graduate faculty implemented the infusion of strategic and international case studies throughout the curriculum.

"We felt that the move to our new master's in Global Strategic Communications was the best way to increase the quality and relevance of our master's program," Figueredo said.

The faculty is also working on a study abroad program from which SJMC majors can benefit.

The previous master's program in Integrated Communications focused on

combining what many considered the two most important disciplines in communications: Advertising and Public Relations.

With the new study abroad program, the faculty encourages the master's program students to participate in study abroad programs in either Spain or Germany.

Students have the option of studying at the University of Seville in Spain, the number one ranked school of Journalism and Communications in Spain, and one of the top-three in Europe.

"Given our large Hispanic student population, we felt it was important to have a program that took our students back to their country of heritage," Figueredo said.

Students will also be able to study at the Institute of Marketing Communications in Berlin. The school is ranked as the top advertising and marketing communications school in the country.

The European headquarters of global advertising and public relations agencies, located in Berlin, deals with a number of advertising and public relations agencies. It gives students a chance to hear first-hand how these agencies are managing their global clients across the many cultures you find in Europe.

"We're still looking to expand our program into one or two additional countries and are considering China, Brazil, or [one in] the Middle East," Figueredo said.

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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# STALEMATE AVERTED

## Second overtime goal secures Golden Panthers victory

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Katrina Rose picked a good time to hit on her first goal of the season.

Rose, a junior, found the net with a header with just 39 seconds to play in the second overtime of a thrilling game between FIU (5-4-1, 2-0 Sun Belt) and visiting Arkansas State (4-5-1, 0-2 SBC) on Sept. 26.

In the second overtime, it seemed that it was inevitable that the game would end in a stalemate. And then, all of a sudden freshmen Kim Lopez put it up in the air for Katrina Rose to head it in for the 1-0 game winner.

"The adrenaline on that play was crazy," said Lopez after helping set up the game-winning goal for the Golden Panthers. "I saw the ball come across and it just swerved off left and I had to get out wide to go get it and I looked up to see who was in the box and it just left my foot perfectly and luckily Katrina's head got to it."

It was the Golden Panthers' third double overtime game this season, and now has a record of two wins and one tie in those three games.

With the victory, the Golden Panthers capped off a great home weekend after wins against the University of Arkansas

Little Rock and ASU.

The game remained scoreless through both periods, with neither goalie seeing much action toward them in the first period as ASU was only able to get one shot on goal while the Golden Panthers took four shots.

The second half did not see much change, as it remained as tight as the first one, this time Arkansas State taking three goal attempt shots to the Panthers' four.

Throughout the whole game, the Golden Panthers seemed very aggressive in trying to score so that the game could be put away, as they were called on numerous times for offside.

With 28 minutes to go in the second period, Head coach Thomas Chestnutt made a substitution of five players all at once, which ended up being good in the end as the game did end up going into double overtime.

"Your just super focused on not letting them get anything," Victoria Milliucci said.

### DEFENSE

The Golden Panthers have been extremely focused defensively, as they only allowed six shots on goal to Arkansas State, also shutting down their leader in goals, Michele Clark, to no shots at all.



KRISTI CAMARA/THE BEACON

Kim Lopez [right] helped set up the game-winning goal against Arkansas State to help the Golden Panthers to an important Sun Belt Conference victory.

The Panthers were able to finish off the weekend by outshooting both UALR and Arkansas State 29-13.

"We continue to look on our team defense and organization and getting forward," said Chestnutt when asked about his team's overall defensive effort.

"Were far from peaking right now, and

we are just fortunate that the ball went our way today, but to start complete the weekend with two wins for our first time is big," he said.

FIU will take a road trip next weekend and continue conference play as they play at Troy Friday Oct. 1 at 4 p.m. and at South Alabama on Oct. 3 at 4 p.m.

## FOOTBALL: FIU VS. MARYLAND

# Golden Panthers need to turn creative losses into victories

Creativity appears to have become a staple for Mario Cristobal and his newly-transformed offense and defense with new schemes and a more aggressive style of play on both sides of the ball.

But the most creative thing that the Golden Panthers have done during the first three games is find ways to lose despite outplaying favored opponents for the better part of each of those matchups.

Even though the Golden Panthers had an eight minute advantage over the Terps in terms of time possession and amassing 472 yards of total offense, the advantages on paper were once again not enough to put FIU in the win column.

### THE HOME RUN BALL

In the end, four big plays were what sunk the Golden Panthers at College Park this past weekend under a brutal high noon sun that made one wonder whether this game was being played in Miami or Maryland.

While the defense was effective for the most part in snuffing the running game, the unit made several costly mistakes that led to Terrapin scores of 85, 76, 68, and 56 yards in what eventually became a 42-28 loss to Maryland.

And yet, despite those home run shots by the Terrapins, FIU still remained in the game for the better part of this shooting match that featured three tie scores and lead changes throughout the first half and

in the third quarter.

Despite making a number of critical stops to give the offense an opportunity to make its way back into the game, it was those several hiccups that gave Maryland the edge on Saturday.

The fourth quarter remains the biggest obstacle for this team and while the Terrapins created enough plays to keep a highlight junkie occupied for days, the Golden Panthers struggled to execute and finish on numerous scoring opportunities late in the game.

A Wesley Carroll interception early in the fourth quarter when FIU rallied deep into Maryland territory and the inability of the offense fell four yards short of the end zone minutes later on a drive where the Golden Panthers needed a touchdown provided serious momentum killers and forced the defense.

But with three games already under their belts, the Golden Panthers are already looking ahead and moving forward with their season.

And that ability to move past this game and shrug off another painful loss on the road will give way for positive results as the season progresses.

The pieces for a victory are already in place: an aggressive defense, a pass-heavy offense, and an improved offensive line.

It has all come down to a matter of limiting the number of mistakes made on the field.

### EYE ON THE BALL

The key challenge for this team with its

Sun Belt Conference schedule looming in the not-so-distance horizon is to remain focused on the tasks that lie ahead and to not let the frustration of these early season games creep into the mental makeup of this team.

A difficult and bruising schedule has left past Golden Panther squads battered and tired in recent history with difficult road games against teams like Iowa, Kansas, Penn State, Alabama and others that may have done more harm than good in the past.

But this year there has been a noticeable change. An 0-3 record in 2010 is a demonstrably deceiving bottom line.

In total offense, FIU has amassed 1075 total yards after three games this season compared to opponents' 991.

The offensive line has shown tremendous improvement, having allowed just one sack this season. The Golden Panthers, on the other hand, have totaled nine sacks this season.

After one more non-conference game this weekend against Pittsburgh, the real season begins for FIU and it will be when the conference schedule rolls around that the progress of this team will more accurately be measured.

The Golden Panthers are close, but the need to remain focused on the task ahead is the key.

If they can do that, then maybe this team will start seeing their creativity lead them not to losses, but to a more elusive result.

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## VOLLEYBALL

## FIU shuts down North Texas to remain unbeaten in SBC play



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Andrea Lakovic [center] finished the match vs. North Texas with eight kills, helping FIU improve to 2-0 in Sun Belt Conference play.

**RICO ALBARRACIN**  
 Contributing Writer

After a win against Sun Belt Conference rival Denver on Sept. 25, the Golden Panthers finished the weekend home stand with another win after a straight-set win against North Texas (25-23, 25-16, 25-20).

FIU (8-6, 2-0 SBC) came through with a strong performance. Playing great defense and attacking with tenacity, FIU was able to force Mean Green star Amy Huddleston to commit 8 errors in the match, which Coach Danijela Tomic was impressed with.

"I'm very happy with the performance. They did what you asked them to do," Tomic said. "The game plan that we had worked and we did well taking them out of their system. We made it hard for them to run the offensive plays that they like to run."

Sabrina Gonzalez, who finished with a career high 14 kills, also felt it was a good win for the Panthers.

"I believed we played good overall today. Our defense, our passing, everything that we

needed to work on was on point today," Gonzalez said.

FIU took the first set, behind the scoring from Sabrina Gonzalez, who had 4 kills in the set. The first part of the set seemed close, with both teams focusing on defense. FIU had 15 Digs, while North Texas had 17.

FIU started the second set with an attacking mindset, with Andrea Lakovic and Natalia Valentin playing the net and gaining 2 blocks each in the set. Gonzalez had 3 kills, while Lakovic added 4 kills of her own, keeping North Texas on the defensive the entire set.

The third set was not much different than the second, as the Panthers kept applying pressure on the Mean Green defense. At one point in the third set, while leading 16-11, Valentin set up Una Trkulja for a kill that seemed to break the will of North Texas.

Valentin, who led the team in assists and digs with 31 and 14 respectively, feels that this team has matured fast, and is ready for the challenges of the season ahead.

"I think we're connected already. You know, when you hear that last click? I feel as

though our team is like that," Valentin said. "These ladies had to learn in a couple of weeks how to play at the level of Division-I volleyball. They still need to learn a lot, but they're getting to that level."

FIU will go on the road Oct. 1-2, where they will face their toughest road test of the season as they play Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky. Tomic did not mince words when it came to preparing for these teams.

**FIU VS. NORTH TEXAS**
**FIU**

Player	Kills
Sabrina Gonzalez	14
Una Trkulja	10
Andrea Lakovic	8

**NORTH TEXAS**

Player	Kills
Amy Huddleston	9
Brittani Youman	9
Rachelle Wilson	6

**MEN'S SOCCER: FGCU 2, FIU 1**

## Panthers fall to FGCU on road

**ANDRES LEON**  
 Staff Writer

Four time Atlantic Sun-Conference defensive player of the week Adam Glick and the Florida Gulf Coast Eagles (4-2-2) walked on to the field with their heads held high after recently defeating No. 5 Ohio State.

The Golden Panthers (4-3) put forth all they could but could not close in at FGCU in a 2-1 loss on Sept. 24.

Early in the 24th minute, midfielder Josey Portillo fired a shot across goal. The ball hit the left post, falling into the backside of the net giving the Eagles the one-goal lead.

The Golden Panthers struck back with quick counter attacks, sending opportunities into the box, though all of them came up short.

Glick made four huge saves that potentially could have tied the game for the Panthers.

Later in the first half with possession dominated by the Golden Panthers midfield, one small mistaken pass sprung a swift counter attack by the Eagles, giving them a free kick

on goal.

With the shot aimed for the corner, Golden Panthers keeper Shane Lopez was able to get the threat out but Eagles midfielder Andres Navas headed the rebound in to the net at 35th minute to put a constricting 2-0 lead on the Golden Panthers.

As the pressure mounted, Golden Panthers midfielder Sebastian Frings ended the half with three of the Golden Panthers' four shots on goal but was not able to score.

During the first half, the Eagles played conservatively in an effort to not give up any easy opportunities for a goal.

As the Panthers pressed on, Mario Uribe and Michael Muhseler tried a variety of cutbacks, switches of pitch and cross patterns to open up the Eagles back four.

With only one attempt of coming close in the beginning of the 41st minute, a cross play from Uribe to Muhseler was tripped up and fouled right inside the box and the Panthers were granted a penalty kick.

Muhseler, who leads FIU in goals, buried the penalty as he did most of his shots, but that would be the only

goal for the Panthers.

The game pressed on in the second half, as the Panthers not only dominated possession but also out shot the Eagles' 7-3.

When asked about his team's performance at the end of the game, Head Coach Munga Eketebi thought his team played well enough to win.

"We tried our hardest, we made very few mistakes, we out shot them, had most of the possession and all that happened was we didn't keep marking our man as the play developed," Eketebi said. "You think the play is over and they head the rebound into the goal. We played good; they just played better."

**REGIONAL RECOGNITION**

The Golden Panthers' impressive start, one in which they won four out of their first six games, has received regional attention.

The Golden Panthers were recognized last week by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America with a No. 5 ranking in the South Region.

The Golden Panthers have not been in the NSCAA since the 2007 season.

**MIAMI HEAT**

## LeBron speaks out at media day

**TIM REYNOLDS**  
 AP Sports Writer

Since LeBron James joined the Miami Heat, he's been called a quitter, had his competitive nature questioned, heard others say he made a bad business decision.

In one breath, he says none of it matters.

Yet the NBA's reigning MVP does acknowledge this much — all the doubters are fueling him.

"I do have a lot of motivation," James said.

Music to the Heat collective ears, right there. Donning his new Heat home uniform and sitting alongside fellow star teammates Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, James spoke Monday on the eve of his first practice with his new club, and said the team "will let our game

do the talking."

James signed a \$109.8 million, six-year deal with Miami on July 9, one day after starring in an hourlong TV special to announce he was leaving Cleveland. There has been constant outcry since — Cavs owner Dan Gilbert called James a quitter, rivals questioned his competitiveness, and Dallas owner Mark Cuban said James executed "the largest public humiliation in the history of sports."

The Heat begin training camp Tuesday at Hurlburt Field, a U.S. Air Force installation in

Florida's Panhandle. On the night he signed, James predicted Miami would win multiple titles with him, Wade and Bosh leading the charge.

The Heat open training camp Tuesday at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

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## FLASH FASHION

# Leg brace no bar to good fashion

Dressing in the morning can be a painful experience. Often, we search through our wardrobes for what seems like hours trying to find something, anything to wear.



ESRA ERDOGAN

Sometimes I find myself wishing for Cher Horowitz's computerized closet from *Clueless* just so I won't have to make the decision myself.

But for senior Mariana Ochoa, pictured here, dressing could

actually be a painful experience.

Yet the sociology major did get dressed this morning and, despite the brace on her leg, she did it well. Good style is balance, color, proportion and the unexpected touch of style that makes us all unique.

Mariana experiments with all of these. The muted, natural palette she chose is very chic and very in for fall.

The neat jacket, with its sleeves cuffed, is paired with a short lace dress.

The jacket isn't too long, and the dress isn't too short, achieving good proportions. Even the length

of her necklace plays into the look by effectively balancing things.

This contrast of unexpected but deliberate choices is a perfect example of the feminine-meets-masculine, a look that isn't embraced by enough girls, in my opinion.

Mariana's look is practical and elegant, but what really drew me to photograph Mariana in the first place was her will to wear whatever she wanted, no matter the circumstances.

The outcome was cool and inspiring. Have you ever seen anyone look half as good with a brace on their leg?



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A new semester is upon us and between classes, studying and jobs, we find ourselves pressed for time.

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DANIELLE HAMO

Eating a healthy, nutritious meal is not the first thing on our minds; we need something that is fast, easy and in close proximity.

Finding a nutritious meal while on the go is easier than you think, and your grades will thank you as well.

A published study from *The Journal of School Health* conducted on 4,589 students showed that students with a higher quality diet were significantly less likely to fail an assessment and had better academic performance.

Use these helpful tips to guide you while eating on the go:

### 1. PLAN AHEAD

Restaurants are responding to consumer demand by offering nutritional facts on their websites.

This information can help you select lower calorie options and leave you better prepared to order when arriving at your food destination.

Tip: a meal should be no more than 600 calories and a snack should be roughly 200 calories.

### 2. CHOOSE WHOLE GRAINS

When available, opt for whole-wheat wraps, breads, pastas and bagels over their white flour counterparts.

Whole grains contain more fiber which can help keep you fuller for longer. In addition, fiber decreases the risk for certain types of cancers.

Most Americans do not get enough fiber per day so when eating out, ask if whole-wheat products are available.

You will be surprised how many places now carry whole-grain products.

### 3. CARRY HEALTHY SNACKS

Stick healthy, non-perishable snacks in your bag before you leave home.

Energy bars, freeze-dried and dried fruits, nuts, applesauce and whole-wheat pita chips

and crackers are just some healthy snack options.

By simply grabbing apples or baby carrots in the morning, you can save time waiting in lines, save money, and avoid the between-class muffin or candy bar craving.

### 4. PORTION SIZES COUNT

When eating at a burger joint, choose a small burger and add a side salad, a fruit or a yogurt to finish off the meal.

If you must have fries, choose a small size. Also, consider the chicken breast patty and toss half the bun while loading up on the veggies such as tomatoes, lettuce and onions.

By choosing water and skipping the soda, you can save an average of 200 calories.

### 5. SATISFY THE SWEET TOOTH

Muffins and cakes can have about 500 calories or more and are high in saturated fat.

Saturated fat is the "bad fat" that can raise your cholesterol levels.

For the dessert and baked goods lovers, try splitting the cake or muffin with a friend.

Still hungry? Eat a fruit or yogurt. These are

sweet and offer antioxidants and probiotics for only 100 calories.

### 6. BETTER BREAKFAST

Skip the bagel and cream cheese which are high in fat and contain about 450 calories and choose instant oatmeal which is easy to make and contains fiber that can help lower cholesterol.

Add brown sugar and raisins for added flavor, and remember to prepare it with low fat milk.

Not an oatmeal fan? Try fresh fruit with yogurt and an orange instead.

As the semester begins, be mindful of the above tips and pointers and you will not only be off to a healthy semester, but you will get awesome grades!

*Healthy bites is a bi-weekly health column. Look for it every other Wednesday. Hamo is currently doing her dietetics internship at the recreation center of the Biscayne Bay Campus. There, she offers free nutritional counseling sessions to students.*

# Intercollegiate Equestrian Club rears head on campus

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Staff Writer

Three students with a shared love of horses and competition found a way to share those passions with other students by starting the University's Equestrian team.

It is the club's first semester at the University, but they already have 14 members and continue to grow.

The club was started by Remin Ozbay, Camila Gonzalez and Analise Dlugasch as a way to unite equestrians at the University and give those interested the ability to compete on an intercollegiate team.

Membership is open to any currently enrolled undergraduate student with time to dedicate to weekly club meetings and team practices. No prior horse riding

knowledge is required. The only other requirements are a love of horses and healthy competition.

"My favorite part of riding is the bond I get to create with these amazing animals and knowledge I have that when I get to the barn, nothing trivial in my life matters; in that moment the only thing that's important is me and my equine partner," says Ozbay, who is the club president and has been riding competitively for 10 years.

The team holds weekly meetings in the recreation center in room 102 on Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

Currently, the organization's primary focus, other than recruiting more members, is their first Intercollegiate Horse Show Association competition.

It will be on October 30th at Savannah

College of Arts and Design in Savannah, Georgia.

The equestrian team will be hosting fundraising events throughout the semester to raise funds for competition as well as the cost of equipment and lessons.

The Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's emphasis is on learning, sportsmanship and fun.

"I always felt that riding horses could be a freeing, relaxing, and rewarding experience," says senior elementary education major Jenny Kennedy. "From being in the equestrian club, I have so far gained more confidence in myself in knowing that I can accomplish challenges, gaining knowledge of horses and making new friends."

More than 8,300 students representing more than 370 colleges and universi-

ties across the United States and Canada participate in the IHSA.

The equestrian club says their approach is to teach the students to ride different types of horses in a safe, controlled atmosphere. Horse ownership is not required in order to ride and compete in the program.

The stable where the FIU team currently practices and holds lessons is the International Equestrian Center of Southwest Ranches. The IHSA offers eight levels of Hunter Seat Riding and six levels of Western Riding. They also offers scholarships.

Those interested in joining the equestrian club can visit their website at [fiuequestrian.weebly.com](http://fiuequestrian.weebly.com), where they can find the members' contact information or pass by one of their weekly meetings.

## Diversions

To solve the sudoku puzzle, every row, column and 3x3 box must contain the numbers 1-9 only once. Check your answers in Friday's issue.

Puzzle Difficulty: Evil

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

9	3	5	8	1	6	7	4	2
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Sudoku answers from 9/17/10

Keep playing every week!

## THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

#### ORGANIC FARMERS MARKET



Local produce, smoothies, food, yoga, and more!  
WHEN: 12 - 3 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC Central Fountain, along the red wall

#### YOGA

Session of Hatha Yoga with the Yoga Club.  
WHEN: 8 - 9 a.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC 305

#### INDUSTRY NIGHT WITH PROCTER & GAMBLE

Join American Marketing Association in this networking even with P&G representatives.  
WHEN: 8 - 9:30 p.m.  
CONTACT: [mike@fiuama.com](mailto:mike@fiuama.com)  
WHERE: CBC 155, College of Business Complex

#### PING PONG TOURNAMENT

Sign up and get a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to Benihana. Hosted by Engineering Student Committee.  
WHEN: 4 - 6 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: \$2-\$3  
CONTACT: [shpefiu@gmail.com](mailto:shpefiu@gmail.com)  
WHERE: FIU Engineering Center

#### LITERARY EVENT



StudentsWRITE invites you to share your literary works in this open mic event.  
WHEN: 6 - 8 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: Second floor of the FIU Bookstore

#### STONEWALL PRIDE ALLIANCE

First gathering!  
WHEN: 4 - 6 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: DM 100

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

#### SIERRA CLUB MIAMI GROUP MEET & GREET



Interested in the environment? Want to get involved? Come and see what the group is doing and how you can help!  
WHEN: 6 - 8 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC Faculty Lounge Club

#### FIU ARTS, DESIGN & CULTURE SEASON PREVIEW



Check out what the College of Architecture + The Arts has in store for the 2010-2011 season!  
WHEN: 6:30 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public  
WHERE: Frost Art Museum

#### CAREER FAIR

More than 70 employers and recruiters. Exclusively for FIU students and alumni. Business attire. Don't forget your Panther ID!  
WHEN: 3 - 7 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: U.S. Century Bank Arena, MMC

#### WERTHEIM SCHOLARS CONCERT

Presented by FIU Music.  
WHEN: 3:30 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public  
WHERE: Wertheim Performing Arts Center

#### The Arguments for Veganism: Gary Yourofsky

WHEN: 6:30 - 8 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public  
WHERE: PC 310

Want your event featured? Write to [calendar@fiusm.com](mailto:calendar@fiusm.com)!

## Politics sees Don't Ask/Tell persists

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On Sept. 21, the United States Senate missed a crucial opportunity to finally confront one the country's most peculiar, lamentable laws: the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

Not only is this a setback for gay rights activists, but its continued enforcement damages this country's strategic, ethical and constitutional integrity, and is a disservice to the many homosexuals who bravely wish to serve their country, or have been discharged while doing so.

The 2011 Defense Authorization Bill that was filibustered on Sept. 21 is part of law enacted annually to specify the budget of the Defense Department. Normally, it's a procedural matter that rarely produces any controversy.

This year, however, it also included provisions that would have opened debate on DADT, leading to a partisan split in which Democrats were in favor but Senate Republicans, led by John McCain, were opposed, the first time a budget review has been blocked since 1952.

Unsurprisingly, both sides accuse the other of posturing and playing politics. In reality, neither party has done enough to address the issue. The Democrats, regardless of their intentions, should have put DADT up for a separate, more involved debate while the Republicans are guilty of refusing to even touch the issue, conflating a debate with an automatic repeal.

The outcome represents a blow to those seeking a long-needed serious debate on the issue.

The amendment to this bill caused this deadlock was first introduced in May based on a detailed plan crafted by President Barack Obama and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, which would've authorized a repeal based on the results of an ongoing study on allowing gays to serve openly in the military.

The study, which includes a survey of

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over 400,000 servicemen, is expected to be completed by Dec. and the repeal would go into effect two months later.

In any case, evidence supporting the notion that gay servicemen negatively affect morale and fighting efficiency has yet to emerge.

The American Psychological Association, joined by five other professional medical organizations, compiled dozens of studies, including on foreign militaries, and none found any problems.

The APA also noted that the presence of openly gay people in comparable civilian

institutions, such as police and fire departments, had no ill affect either.

The same conclusions have been reached abroad. Of the 35 countries that allow homosexuals to serve openly in their military, including many NATO allies, none have reported any widespread or systemic problems in morale, fighting efficiency or unit cohesion.

Despite how entrenched the support for DADT may seem, most national polls reveal that a majority of Americans are actually in favor of doing away with the policy.

One survey by the *Washington Post* and *ABC News* found that even 66 percent of conservatives would favor a repeal of the policy. Surveys of American military personnel have produced mixed results.

Around 13,000 military personnel have been discharged from the military since the policy's enforcement in 1993. They often include well-trained and excellent soldiers, including Arabic and Farsi translators that are in short supply.

It's inconceivable that so many Americans should be denied of their well-needed services, especially while our military is dealing with some of its toughest times.

While the legislative venue seems indefinitely blocked, the judicial route remains open. On Sept. 9, a district judge ruled in a lawsuit, led by a Republican gay rights group, that DADT is unconstitutional. An injunction against it is to be enforced nationwide. Some have predicted the Supreme Court may get involved.

## O'Donnell's purity crusade misses mark

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Christine O'Donnell, Delaware's Tea Party-backed senate bid sweetheart, thinks America is perverted. Her puritanical, radical stance on sexual identity and health is incompatible with 21st century society. Not only comically illogical, but dangerously homophobic, her hyperbolic assertions about sex, masturbation and homosexuality are reflective of her total disconnect from the current culture of sex.

In 2006, O'Donnell told *Wilmington News Journal*, "People are created in God's image. Homosexuality is an identity adopted through societal factors. It's an identity disorder." This assertion is not only hateful, but completely baseless.

Her complete disregard for decades of well-documented medical and psychiatric research showcases her inability to separate her zealot like faith from politics.

In 2000, O'Donnell again voiced her disgust with the gays when she appeared on *Hannity & Colmes*, to comment on The New York Gay Pride Parade. "They're getting away with nudity! They're getting away with lasciviousness! They're getting away with perversion!" Far more perverted is her egregious hijacking of the media for personal promotion. Her attacks on the "homosexual lifestyle" only further ostracize homosexuals from the inclusion of total rights.

In regards to condom usage, O'Donnell is decidedly against it. O'Donnell was quoted on the *Phil Donahue Show* in 2002 saying condoms were "anti-human." Furthermore, she is a fan of perpetuating the abstinence only fear mongering that condoms don't protect against HIV and AIDS.

"Condoms will not protect you from AIDS. So to just throw a bunch of condoms over to Africa and say, 'Here, we're helping you with AIDS,' is just going to further the spread of AIDS over there," said O'Donnell. Taking the antiquated position of ignoring sex, its prevalence and all its complexities is wildly unrealistic. O'Donnell should know contributing to the prevention of advancements in sexual education and health is truly a sin.

In 1996, O'Donnell, as president of Savors Alliance for Lifting the Truth, went on a campaign to encourage congress to promote morals and chastity for college age youth. MTV aired a commercial in 2006 where O'Donnell and club members denounced masturbation as morally revolting. "The reason that you don't tell them that masturbation is the answer to AIDS and all these other problems that come with sex outside of marriage is again because it is not addressing the issue." Newsflash, O'Donnell: AIDS and "other problems" do not disappear with marriage.

What is particularly troublesome about her message is that O'Donnell would actually focus energy and money on such an inane, irrelevant issue when there are so many pertinent sexual issues that demand attention. "The Bible says that lust in your heart is committing adultery, so you can't masturbate without lust!"

Far more important than an issue of "lust in your heart" is the fact that, according to the Guttmacher Institute, of the 19 million new cases of STIs each year, approximately half of them are in the 15-24 year old age group. Lamenting on a frivolous issue simply because it generates media attention is certainly commonplace. But, the sexual health of the nation is far too important to overshadow with silly arguments about the lack of pitfalls of sex with oneself.

O'Donnell's statement, "We need to address sexuality in young people," is spot-on.

With that intense and eager passion, she could contribute pragmatic, effective solutions. Unfortunately, in her crusade for purity, she has been completely blinded by the actual problems plaguing America's sexual health.

## Space mission cuts cripple discovery

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Space truly is the final, infinite frontier. Not only is it in our own human nature to wonder about the possibilities of deep space, but to search it out as well.

For this reason, it is inhuman to stop our efforts to go further, faster and for longer periods of time.

It seems we are moving in the wrong direction where space travel is concerned, leaving China and Russia to lead the way. Thus far, the International Space Station has not contributed to scientific space knowledge the way manned missions did before.

Once, former President George H.W. Bush's science adviser was asked about the benefits of doing experiments in microgravity. His reply was, "Microgravity is of micro importance."

The last time a man set foot on the moon was on Dec. 11, 1972 on Apollo 17. This was the sixth and final moon landing, and the

only one to have a trained scientist onboard, Harrison Schmitt.

With the help of Schmitt, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration learned more about the moon than all five prior landings combined.

After the final moon landing mission, however, NASA's manned spaceflight program received a slash to their budget due to waning public interest and the astronomical costs of keeping the Apollo program afloat.

Since then, moon landings have been an improbability because of the rising costs of doing business.

Almost 40 years later, it seems landing on the moon is possible again. Our nation's gross domestic product has more than doubled since the 1970's and technological advancements have made rockets and space-ships more affordable.

Yet in Feb. 2010, President Barack Obama slashed the NASA Constellation program's budget, making manned spaceflight an impossibility.

The money that NASA has

left to contribute to space exploration is being spent on the ISS, and piggy backing American astronauts on Russian and Chinese space crafts to the ISS.

NASA is anticipated to have to spend an additional half a billion dollars over the next year to account for piggy backing costs.

The United States won the space race when President Kennedy practically forced Americans to the moon. We won't be winning the Mars race without a manned space program.

If cost is the issue, practice makes perfect. The U.S. should keep sending spacecraft to the moon while developing faster and more cost-effective ways of doing it.

We can even consider building a moon base. If we can build a space station in the zero gravity of space, we can build a base on the moon, which has about 17 percent of Earth's gravity.

With recent probe missions bringing evidence hinting at microbial life on Mars, there is

no better way to find out for sure than to go and find it.

The moon also has unknown quantities of water and other natural resources. There are so many scientific possibilities that are achievable in the near future and we have the means to attain them.

While it seems the only reason we went to the moon in the first place was to beat the Russians, there is no better reason to continue space exploration than to satiate the innate human desire to know more.

Additionally, investing in manned space flight pushes technological innovation. But it shouldn't be about the money or about one-upping our neighbors. It should be about the progress of the human race and attaining the wealth of knowledge space has to offer.

Ultimately, reaching the stars is an inevitability. Someone will go farther than the moon in time and Americans should lead the way. We have the drive and we have the minds, but it seems we just don't have the money.

### PUBLIC REASON

A radio show gathering opinions and promoting discussion every Tuesday and Thursday at 1 p.m. on Radiate FM, 95.3 in Miami, 88.1 in Homestead, 96.9 in North Miami and streaming live on FIUSM.com.

### VERBATIM

*"American scientific companies are cross-breeding humans and animals and coming up with mice with fully functioning human brains."*

Christine O'Donnell, U.S. Senate Nominee, Delaware

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## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

### Dominican, Haitian killed in dispute

A Dominican foreman fatally shot a Haitian worker during an argument over pay, touching off racial clashes on Sept. 26 at a construction site that killed a Dominican worker and injured another, police said.



## JAMAICA

### Buju Banton's drug trial the talk of Jamaica

The U.S. drug trial of reggae star Buju Banton is the talk of Jamaica, where islanders are debating his guilt or innocence on street corners, in offices, in letters to the editor and on social networking websites.



## CUBA

### Church announces release of Cuba prisoners

The Roman Catholic Church announced the names of three more Cuban political prisoners who will be released from jail, as the government makes good on a promise to free dissidents arrested in a 2003 sweep.

## SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

# Global communications program doubles in size

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Before making the announcement of the new Global Strategic Communications program in the fall of 2008, only 85 students were enrolled in masters program offered by the School Journalism and Mass Communication.

Today there are 216 students, including a significant increase in international students from 26 countries, according to Fernando Figueredo, associate professor and SJMC's advertising and public relations chair.

The SJMC masters program in Integrated communications was changed to a master's in GSC and the program launched fall 2009.

"Communicating in today's much more complex world, however, requires setting up strategies and tactics beyond these two disciplines as well as reaching out to global clients," Figueredo said.

The new program has expanded the focus on global communications as well as strategic decision-making.

"I think it has the potential of providing us with the tools we need to be well-rounded professional communicators, regardless of the field we decide to pursue," said Alina Aballi, GSC graduate student.

As far as the new program, Rosana Fiske, associate professor of advertising and public relation, added a new course that teaches the compound elements of running a communications campaign at the global level.

"We also infused each course in the program with international case studies in communications," Figueredo said.

According to Figueredo, SJMC revamped one of their existing courses, Advanced Advertising and PR Seminar, PUR 6935, to cover the process of integrating strategically the various disciplines for communicating with clients: advertising, public relations, direct marketing, social media and events marketing.

Before the change in course structure, the course focused only on integrating advertising and public relations strategies.

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## SGC-BBC

# Council supports Dream Act

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"I'm tired of living in a constant state of alarm and I don't want to get deported. This is my home now," Leonardo Orjuela said.

Orjuela is a 23-year-old Venezuelan who graduated from high school in 2006. He has been living in the U.S. for 11 years and applied to the University but was not accepted due to his legal status; in addition, the cost of out-of-state tuition is prohibitive. He makes a living doing odd jobs.

"All I'm asking for is an opportunity to get a degree because I want a better future for me and my family," Orjuela said.

The Dream Act, a bipartisan legislation that, if it had passed, would allow undocumented minors access to higher education, opportunities to enroll in the military and a pathway to citizenship, was blocked by senate Republicans on Sept. 22 by a vote of 55-43.

Although it was aimed at helping minors, the act written so that others don't end up in Orjuela's same position.

This act was the the first time education reform is being strongly backed by the Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and President Barack Obama. It was also strongly backed by the Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus.

SGC-BBC held a press conference on Sept. 20 to show their support of the Dream Act.

Christin 'Cici' Battle, SGC-BBC president, said the council was pushing local state senators to approve the legislation by collecting statements from University administrators in order to show the University supported a "yes" vote.

"We want equal opportunities for all," Battle said. "If these folks are not given the chance to get a degree, how are they supposed to live a quality life? How are they expected to provide for their families?"

According to the Office of Enrollment, there are currently 5,942 students whose birthplace is not the U.S., all of whom are paying out-of-state tuition. Out of these, only 3,193 students have a valid visa. Eighty-

six percent percent of these students are paying four times the in-state tuition and are Dream Act eligible.

Senator George LeMieux from Florida is one of the biggest opposers of this legislation.

"While I am sympathetic to the students impacted by current law, I cannot support consideration of the Dream Act until we have taken substantial and effective measures to secure our borders," Lemieux said in an interview with *The South Florida Sun-Sentinel*.

Obama agreed. "Creating an educated workforce will stimulate our economy, increase productivity, and help the U.S. compete in the global economy," Obama said in his address to Congress.

StudentGovernmentAssociation welcomes students to support them in the run to get the Dream Act approved by calling their local senators at 1-888-254-5087 and requesting a "yes" vote on the Dream Act. They can also text the word "DREAM" to 69866 or go to dreamact.com and sign the national petition.

## HEARST LECTURER



LIANAMAR DÁVILA SANABRIA/THE BEACON

Donald Browne, president of Telemundo Communications Group, spoke to students, staff and faculty on the future of global communications in the Mary Ann Wolfe theater on Sept. 22.

## ON THE PROWL

# Stuck in the friend zone?

"I love you... like a brother." This is arguably the single most insulting phrase a guy could hear from a girl he's crushing on.

You've made a pal out of a guy or girl who is cute, smart and fun to be with. Then you start to realize your secretly infatuated with them. The only problem is that they're happy with you as a platonic pal and now it's too late.

Banishing someone to the friend zone is usually unintentional by both parties. Other times this happens when one party strings the other along until it is finally convenient for them to date.

While you can start as friends and gradually develop feelings for someone, men shouldn't take too long to make a move. Women need the feeling to be right, this is what we call "chemistry."

Women need to feel that "chemistry" from a prospective partner to consider having a physical relationship with them. For my generation, if you lose this from the start,

you become "mayor of the friend zone."

Once you start hearing things like: "Thanks for listening, you're such a great friend," "Why can't I meet more guys like you?" or "I heart you," you should begin to panic.

Verbalize your intentions or prepare an exit strategy sans heartbreak. "Nice guys" end up here because they don't speak up. Before you do, realize that 99 percent of the time if you are in the friend zone, there's no getting out.

Preserve the friendship and learn through her. See if any of her friends are potential girlfriends and move onto a more productive territory.

Ladies, why *aren't* we dating our best friends if these are the men that are there for us in our time of need?

We know he's a great guy and would treat us like a princess, but we can't find it in ourselves to feel anything more for him than platonic love. I call bull. Don't shut the window of romantic opportunity, ladies.

*On the Prowl* is a bi-weekly column run on Wednesdays. For questions or comments email [lianamar.davila@fiusm.com](mailto:lianamar.davila@fiusm.com).

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