



## CHILE

### Chile suffers huge earthquake

A magnitude-6.1 earthquake has hit the same part of Chile that suffered a catastrophic quake in February. The new temblor has caused alarm but no reported damage or injuries.



## RUSSIA

### Police attacks leave several dead

Clashes between police and alleged militants left six more people dead Friday in Russia's volatile North Caucasus, 17 people killed and wounded more than 140 only a day ago.



## SOUTH AFRICA

### 31 injured in train crash

South African emergency officials say 31 people were injured when a passenger train crashed into a stationary goods train east of Johannesburg.

## Smoke ban plans move forward

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Staff Writer

The Smoke and Tobacco Free regulation that prohibits the use of smoking and tobacco products on all University property was approved by the University Board of Trustees during its Academic Policy and Student Affairs committee meeting on Sept. 9.

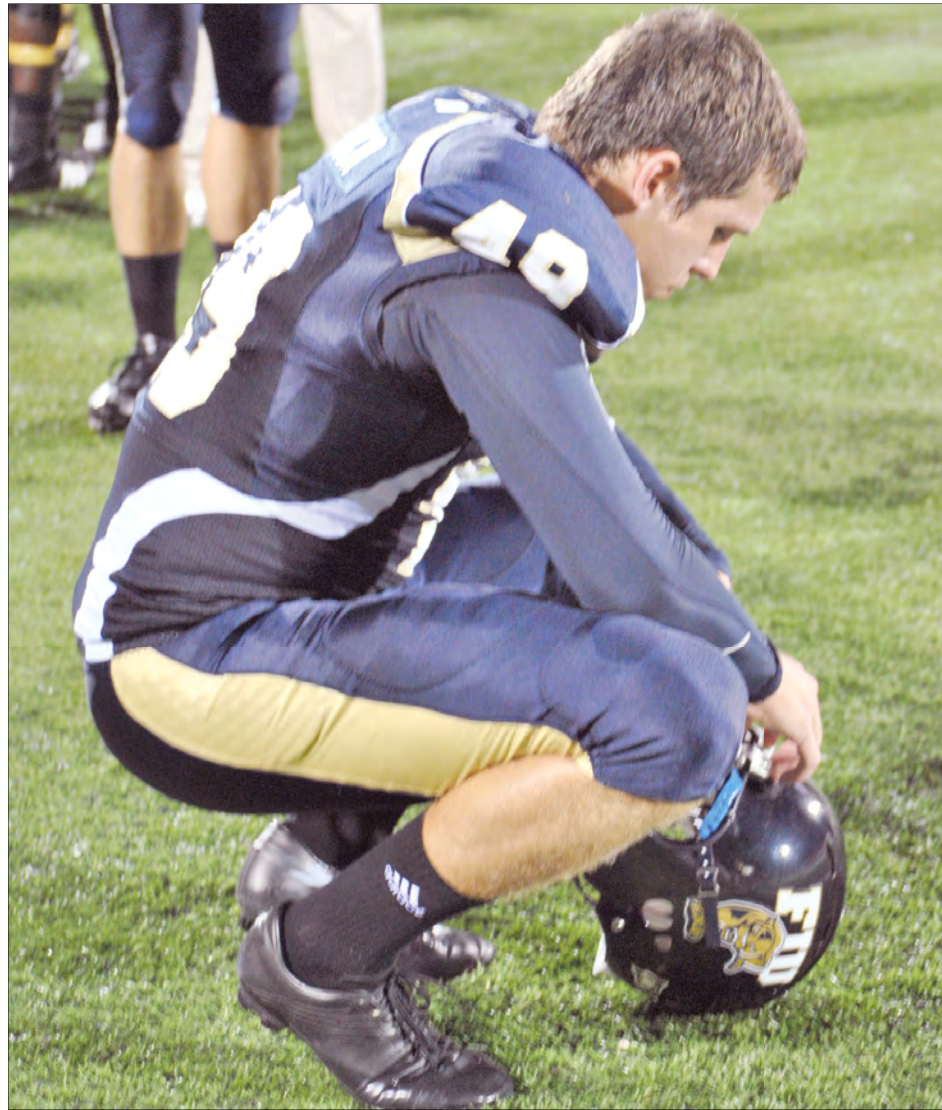
In the effort to "create a smoke and tobacco-free campus as part of a healthy campus initiative", Student Affairs Vice President Rosa Jones presented the proposed regulation to the board and laid out the current as well as future plans, that the Smoke-free Steering Committee has once they begin the implementation. If approved by the BOT during its Sept. 24 full board meeting, the ban would become effective on Jan. 1, 2011.

"As a community, FIU is dedicated to creating a healthier university," said Jones in the presentation to the board. "Making our campus smoke and tobacco free will help us make a healthier university but it will also move to align ourselves with, first of all, a growing commitment we have for environmental sustainability. I [also] think it will also align us with the American Disabilities act because of secondary smoke."

In her presentation, Jones urged the

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## PANTHERS FALL



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A somber Dylan Lynch during a 19 to 14 defeat in their home opener against Rutgers University on September 11. FIU gave up seven turnovers and over 120 yards in penalties.

**For additional coverage of the FIU vs Rutgers game, turn to page 4.**

SGC-MMC

## Executive Cabinet members summoned

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On Sep. 27, four members of the Student Government Association at Modesto A. Maidique Campus Cabinet and Executive Branch will take the floor at a senate meeting to discuss their positions and their future and current projects.

SGC-MMC Press Secretary Dean Williams stated that "pursuant to Article 3, Section 3.07 (a) of the SGC-MMC Statutes, Senate has the power to call Cabinet members to the floor for questioning."

This means that the senate summons is basically a system to question their members of their current progress.

"The summons process is an effective way for the senate to verify that the projects the members of the executive branch and cabinet are benefiting the students," said Donavon Dawson, senator for the College of Arts and Sciences.

According to Williams, SGC-MMC Director of External Relations Andrea Alhadari; SGC-MMC Controller, Maria-Rosa Blanco; SGC-MMC Chief Information Officer, Julio Yanes; and SGC-MMC Director of Campus Life, Alex Lastra, will all be summoned to the senate floor in order to discuss their progress and objectives for the fall semester.

Whenever anyone is called to stand before the senate, those individuals must be informed of this ahead of time.

Senate Speaker William-Jose Velez informed those individuals officially as of Sept. 2. According to Velez, the reason provided for the motion was to "investigate their actions and performance so far."

"Personally, I believe these summons are in line with the promises made by the senate on terms of accountability and communication between the different branches," said Velez. "By having this direct interaction with members of the executive branch, the senate can see firsthand what we need to act on, what needs to be improved and the ways it can help, in addition to fulfilling the compromise on making sure everybody abides by their responsibilities and requirements."

According to Velez, this is the first

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## University employees to get pay raise

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Despite the recent strains on the University-wide budget, University employees will be receiving an increase in their salaries that is effective as of July 1, 2010.

According to the Office of the President, the increase will be the greater of \$2,000 or 2.5%, while also providing a 1% bonus pool in 2011-12 to "reward employee excellence."

"In recognition of the outstanding efforts of our employees to attract and welcome exceptional students, conduct groundbreaking research, inspire creativity, and make outstanding contributions through engagement with our community, we are pleased to announce that eligible employees will receive an across-the-board salary increase this year," said University President Mark Rosenberg and Provost and Executive Vice President Douglas Wartzok in a recent memorandum sent out to all faculty and staff.

After nearly two years of unchanging

*"We have to be cautious of future budget reductions and our ability to manage those with expected revenues"*

Douglas Wartzok  
Provost and Executive Vice President



salaries, the University will award increases to all eligible out-of-unit employees who meet the required performance standards for their position and who were employed as of July 1, 2009.

An e-mail from Jaffus Hardrick, vice president for the Division of Human Resources, stated that the noted salary increase and retroactive payment will be reflected in the employees' Sept. 24 pay check.

For in-unit faculty members, the salary terms are similar though the agreement has to be approved by the United Faculty of

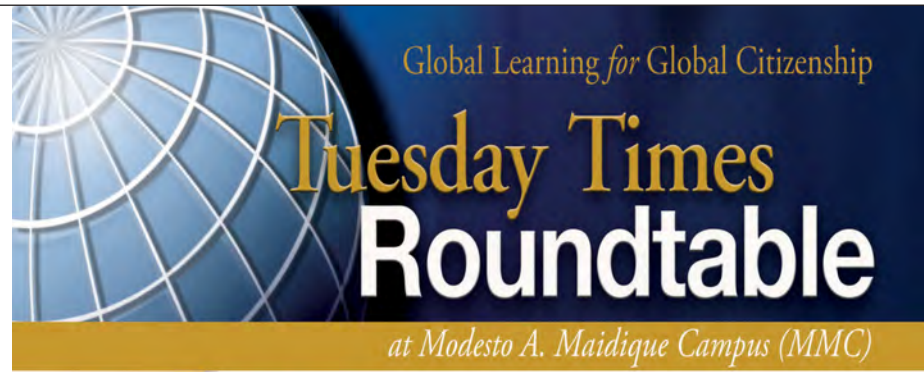
Florida and the Board of Trustees.

Once approved, the in-unit faculty salary increases will be effective Aug. 17, 2010.

While budget reduction plans included multiple contingencies, it was not until recently that things came together to the point that the University could reasonably accommodate the increases this year.

According to the provost, the University wishes that they "could do more but we have to be cautious of future budget

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# Pay increases included in previous budget plan

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reductions and our ability to manage those with expected revenues.”

“We had included contingencies in our budget to fund existing and potential contractual commitments in our budget reduction plans,” said Wartzok, when asked about how the University was able to afford the increases.

At the University level, out-of-unit employees are those individuals that serve under managerial or confidential position, like department chairs or in positions above them.

This includes other positions such as coordinators of academic advising or

directors of academic support services.

An in-unit faculty member is an employee who is not in a managerial or confidential position and is included in the United Faculty of Florida bargaining unit.

“Over these past years, the University has gone through and continues to go through tough economic times. We are appreciative of the hard work and dedication of our faculty and employees that make up this great university,” said Wartzok. “Especially in these times, when we have downsized and consolidated operations while maintaining value to our students, we needed to provide some increase to retain our employees and recognize their efforts.”

# Students rave about first ever West Africa program

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Inspiring, motivational, culturally rich and with a promising future all describe University students’ experience during the West Africa study abroad program.

Guided by Jean Rahier, associate professor of Anthropology in the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies and director of the African Diaspora Studies program, 12 students traveled to Senegal and Gambia on a five-week program in which they got a taste of West African culture, customs, and traditions.

According to Rahier, the idea for the study abroad program’s destination derived from the hopes of reaching out to students and getting them to enroll in a good cause.

Considering the differences this country has with the commodities in the United States, he felt the program challenged students in a different way.

With a small laugh, he remembered the students’ discomfort at first arriving to Africa to find that the internet connection was down, not to mention the lack of air conditioning in the majority of the rooms.

“Most people live without air conditioning and as soon as the students began to get a taste of the real Africa, they coped and well, they liked it,” Rahier said.

Rahier also recalled a very memorable night where he and the students visited the house of John Sec, a very popular recording artist in Africa.

“We went to his house and into his studio where he was recording songs for his new disc,” Rahier said. “It was a great experience and I recommend it. Africa is probably the least developed continent on the face of the Earth, but there are so many opportunities that will arrive in the next few decades. It is new and open to change and knowledge.”

Some might wonder if and why students might be interested in going to West Africa, as opposed to other study abroad programs headed to places in Europe.

According to Sara Conklin, the student lobbying coordinator for the Student Governing Council at Modesto Maidique Campus Executive Cabinet, learning of the programs destination was almost as exciting as getting there.

“It was a different, not at all disappointing, but enlightening experience” Conklin said.

While there, she was able to reach out

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Jean Rahier, Associate Professor  
Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies

and see beyond the stereotypes of Africa. She described the people and the poverty that overwhelms a good majority of them. According to Conklin, one night the study abroad group was surprised by a memorable experience.

“We unexpectedly experienced a hunting ritual called *Mandinca*; there was loud music, drums and I just loved it all,” Conklin said.

She described the trip as vibrant and incredible.

“I definitely recommend it,” Conklin said. “People should go to Africa.”

Andrea Metamores also traveled to West Africa with the program.

Metamores has never taken sociology courses since she is a biology major; however, she has always looked into going on missions and decided to try out this particular study abroad program to get a taste of what missions are truly like.

“We went on excursions, listened to lectures, visited the markets and looked at African clothing and ate at several different restaurants,” Metamores said.

According to her, the food was a bit difficult to get used to at first.

“There are so many spices; I had to drink water continually,” Metamores said.

Although students participated in several activities and visited many places, Gorée Island was the one that really caught Andrea’s attention.

Gorée Island is a historical landmark used as a tourist destination designed to showcase the horrors of the slave trade.

“It caused a change of mind. History hit me, centralized me; I could feel my feet on the ground, it was just eye opening” she said.

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In Vol. 24, Issue 8 of The Beacon, the front page graphic containing the FIU football team’s record is incorrect. The Golden Panthers’ record for the 2009 season was 3-9, not 3-8. Also, Rutgers’ 9-4 season record was from 2009, not 2008.

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# Summons part of 'system of checks and balances'

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senate to begin open communication with the other branches of government.

"I for one am proud that we have taken the initiative to ensure students have an

SGA that is actively working," Velez said. "This is the system of checks and balances at work."

The summons process is a viable measure that ensures that cabinet members are performing at their maximum

capabilities.

"As I indicated in the confirmations of the cabinet, the confirmation process does not have to be the last time we see and talk with the members of the other branches. I look forward to the hearings so that we

can further engage with the different officials in our government," said Velez.

The summons will take place on Sept. 27 and will be led by Senate Speaker Velez and the senate.

# Some concerns expressed over implementation of smoking ban

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board to support the measure, given the negative health and environmental effects associated with tobacco use. She stated that it is a regulation that will serve to "prevent tobacco appreciation, where college students are most likely to initiate smoking to increase cessation opportunities and to reduce exposure to second hand smoke among our faculty, staff and students."

It was noted that no student or University dollars were used as funding.

"Has there been some resistance? Yes there has. Has there been some support? Absolutely," said Jones. "The reality is that it has been an educational process for students. Some of the individuals who have been originally opposed to this have been able to see that it is all about the environment of the university."

With over 365 universities across the country going smoke-free, the implementation of the smoking ban has caught on in the state of Florida with the University of Florida going completely smoke-free in July 2010 as well as University of South Florida's Health Science Center and University of Miami's Medical Campus.

Like FIU, Florida Atlantic University is planning on placing regulations in 2011 while University of Central Florida is recently taking the issue into consideration.

Jones also added that institutions such as Baptist Hospital are now smoke-free.

Student Government Association at Modesto Maidique Campus President Helena Ramirez, who was the only trustee member in the committee who voted in opposition, initiated discussion concerning the enforcement and communication to students about the ban.

"Students have continually voiced their concerns to me in regards to going smoke-free. After attending several forums and surveys posing the question as to would you support a smoke-free campus, I truly have to say that a lot of students aren't fully on board," said Ramirez to the board. "The fact of the matter is that the students haven't really had the choice as to whether they should enforce this. I don't believe that the

students are satisfied with what would be the sanctions of this process."

She continued to question the timeline that the regulation was moving on and how the policy is to be mandated amongst the students.

"I was really big on the fact that the implementation process hasn't been thoroughly presented to us to the point that I don't feel like I can vote on anything," Ramirez told Student Media.

Social enforcement, as stated by the committee in the past, is the main method that the committee plans on using.

They are also hoping to distribute business cards for non-smokers to give out to those who they feel are not following the ban.

The cards are to have the regulations on one side and resources for smokers to seek help.

Trustee Michael Adler expressed concern over the execution of the smoking regulations, stating that the initiative was not going to be an easy one to implement.

"If this process is going to start relatively soon, I think we all should know that it is not a realistic goal in terms of the application. As chairman, I was confronted with 'why are all of these cigarette butts' [here] after we have gone smoke-free," said Adler. "It creates a credibility issue and it also creates a pragmatic issue as to whether we're better off having dispensers for used cigarettes rather than having them scattered around."

Overall, the committee has claimed to base their standing on a research conducted by the American College Health Association.

In a survey conducted in 2006, the organization interviewed 179 students on their general health and behaviors, such as eating habits, exercise patterns and sexual activity.

One of the sections focused on alcohol and tobacco use.

It stated that 69.7% of the surveyed students had never smoked a cigarette, while around 30.7% range from having used a cigarette but not within the last 30 days to having used one all 30 days of the month.

In 2007, FIU created a Healthy University Task Force to advise the

University on how to address health related issues through University Health Services.

A year later, the topic of smoking came up and a steering committee was created to come up with the proper initiatives to address the use of tobacco on campus.

Dr. Richard Botelho led the committee in a campaign to eradicate smoking, which started with gaining the approval of the University Operations Committee, Executive Committee and University President Mark Rosenberg.

The committee hosted an open student forum during the middle of the 2010 spring semester to gain feedback from the community, but none followed since they instead began offering several educational sessions in which students and faculty can learn more about the prohibition and how to deal with it.

More recently, Botelho is not employed by the University due to the inability to renew his contract with the University. Mariela Gabaroni, assistant director of UHS Wellness Center, is now heading the committee.

"When you look at the research, you see that there is nothing good that comes from tobacco," said Gabaroni, "and it not only affects the person who is smoking but everyone around them."

Currently, the committee has been providing tobacco dependence groups through UHS, including consultation certified counselors and reduced cost nicotine replacement therapies are available for students, faculty and staff.

According to Jones, the University also partnered with community groups that are assisting the program, such as the Miami-Dade Health Department, the Florida Department of Health, South Florida Health Association, the American Cancer Society and the Miami Area Health Education Center.

"I am not a smoker; I have never smoked a day in my life, but I think that this is where my role as president has to come in, and say that I need to put my personal opinions aside," said Ramirez. "It wouldn't be right for me to vote on something like this without seeing the full implementation in place, voicing it to the entire student body, and hosting forums."

## NEWS FLASH

### Florida Pastor Calls Off Quran Burning

A Florida preacher said early Friday that his Quran burning plan is still canceled and that he will travel to New York to meet with the imam who plans to open an Islamic Center near the former World Trade Center.

At a press conference outside his church, Rev. Terry Jones said he will travel to New York according to The Wall Street Journal to meet on Saturday with Feisal Abdul Raif, the imam in charge of plans for the New York Islamic Center.

Mr. Jones said he wasn't sure the imam even knew he was coming.

Mr. Jones said the Quran burning scheduled for Saturday night is obviously off.

### With new CEO, Burger King gets set for a Brazilian makeover

Burger King has recently announced that Brazil's Bernardo Hees, 40, is headed to Miami to launch a new campaign in the global fast-food wars as their new CEO according to The Miami Herald.

Like most major U.S. companies, Burger King must look abroad for growth as American consumers cut back on Whoppers and other indulgences during hard economic times.

As the current CEO of Brazilian railroad giant America Latina Logistica, the Brazilian-backed hedge fund that owns a stake in the railroad and last week signed a deal to buy Miami-based Burger King Holdings for \$4 billion.

### Huge Calif. gas blast, fire kill at least 4

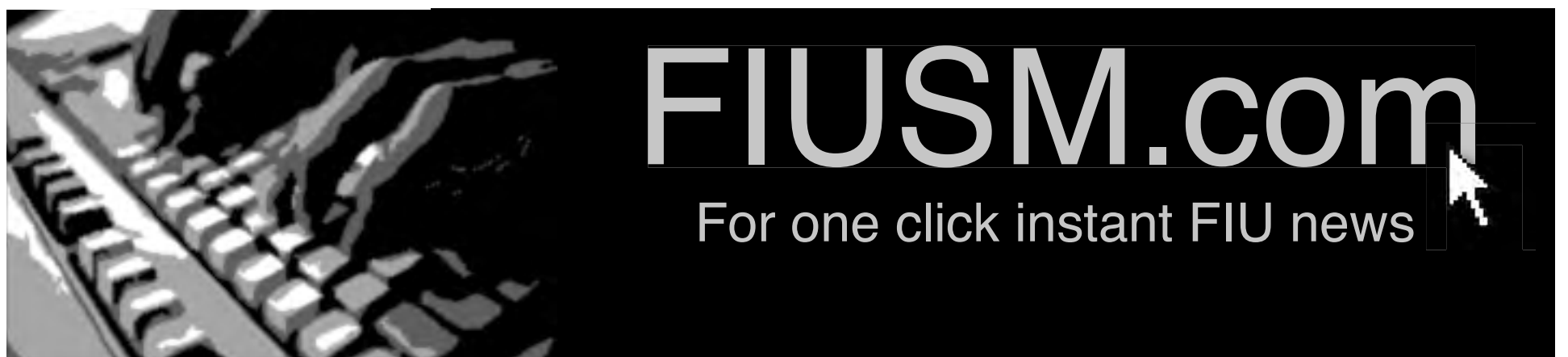
Fire crews flooded the ruins of burning homes with water early Friday after a massive explosion sent flames roaring through a neighborhood near San Francisco, killing at least four people and destroying more than 50 houses, according to MSNBC.

The death toll fluctuated as authorities began assessing the damage early Friday.

California Lieutenant Governor Abel Maldonado said at a morning press conference that four had died, but State Sen. Leland Yee said the California Emergency Management Agency told him six perished in the disaster.

Maldonado said area hospitals had taken in 52 patients as a result of the blast and ensuing fires, three with critical burns.

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FOOTBALL: RUTGERS 19, FIU 14

## A MISSED OPPORTUNITY

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Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers were one quarter away from defeating a BCS school for the first time in the school's history.

FIU (0-1) committed five turnovers as the Golden Panthers fell short 19-14 to the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers in their home opener. All of the Golden Panthers' five turnovers came in the first six possessions of the game.

"There were so many ingredients that are there for a win but too many ingredients that were there for a loss. It comes down to those mistakes. It comes down to those penalties and it comes down to those turnovers. We made them and Rutgers didn't and that's why Rutgers won the football game," said FIU Head Coach Mario Cristobal.

Wesley Carroll's debut at FIU saw its ups and downs. He started the game but on the first play of the season, Carroll threw an interception. Carroll redeemed himself by orchestrating a nine play, 96 yard drive to give FIU a 7-3 lead at the end of the first quarter. It was Wesley Carroll's first touchdown as a Golden Panther. In the second quarter, Carroll threw his second interception which led to Rutgers' touchdown, taking back the lead 10-7.

Wesley Carroll finished the game completing 12 out of 22 passes for 166 yards including two touchdowns and two interceptions.



MALHA AHMAD/THE BEACON

Offensive line coach Alex Maribal guides his line through a rough first half during the football season opener against Rutgers University on Sept. 11.

Despite Carroll's ups and downs, Wayne Younger did take part on a few snaps in the third quarter and fourth quarter for FIU, but it may have seemed as if Younger disrupted the offensive rhythm. Younger completed five out of 10 passes for only 38 yards. He also scrambled six times out of the pocket for 15 yards.

Younger came in for a total of three drives, including a couple of crucial series late in the fourth quarter. Carroll didn't see much playing time after connecting with Jeremiah Harden for a touchdown to give the

Golden Panthers the lead. "Both of those guys knew exactly what the plan was. They're going to both play throughout the course of the game and they're going to play out to what we see is going to make us most effective," said Cristobal.

According to Cristobal, he has not seen the separation between the quarterbacks that he would like to see to make a decision.

Both Carroll and Younger were not available for comment following the game.

Center Brad Serini is not worried about who he snaps the ball to at

all. He is more concerned on adjusting to both quarterbacks.

"Emotionally, I'm fine with it. It's my job to adjust. It's not my job to worry about what quarterback is in the back of the field, my job is to worry about my block form," said Serini.

Geoff Collins' new schemes nearly paid off for the Golden Panthers as they hung around with Rutgers for most of the game. The defensive scheme confused the Rutgers' offense throughout the entire game, especially in

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## Decision to pull Carroll was wrong

The Golden Panthers were 12 minutes away from picking up the biggest victory in the program's young history.

Hanging on to a 14-13 lead over Rutgers at the end of the third quarter, the record crowd of 19,872 was ready to explode. The atmosphere in 'The Cage' was almost uncontrollable as that same crowd began to believe that FIU could finally reach the promise land that has eluded this team and program since its inception.

The Golden Panthers dominated in almost every major category and had a 199-yard advantage on total offense over the Scarlet Knights.

The new-look defense under new coordinator Geoff Collins forced Rutgers to commit three turnovers in the second half, highlighted by an interception by Anthony Gaitor with seven minutes remaining and giving the trailing Panthers great field position in Rutgers territory.

They came out with a swagger not seen at FIU Stadium in a long time, shutting down the Rutgers offense completely. The running game was snuffed and the passing game was virtually nonexistent for

the Scarlet Knights.

Wesley Carroll, who struggled during the opening minutes of the game, quickly recovered and showed why he helped lead Mississippi State to a bowl game in 2007. He commanded a 96 yard drive as the Golden Panthers marched

to the end zone. He floated a beautiful pass to Jeremiah Harden in the third quarter for a touchdown to swing the momentum back toward FIU and reclaimed the lead for FIU.

Everything seemed to be going right for the Golden Panthers.

But then a change was made.

It may have been a change that cost FIU the only advantage that really matters in the end: the final score.

### THE QUESTION

The big question of the night occurred when Wesley Carroll, who began to look like the All-SEC Freshman quarterback that he was in 2007, was taken out of the game promptly after giving the Golden Panthers that 14-13 lead halfway through the third quarter.

"We're just trying to

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### MEN'S SOCCER

## Rodriguez leads Golden Panthers to overtime win

**ANDRES LEON**  
Staff Writer

Another overtime win for the Golden Panthers (2-1). Clutch wins have been the theme winning their second time with a golden goal over time 2-1 versus the Wisconsin Badgers.

The game-ending goal came late in the 110th minute from the local freshmen Nicolas Rodriguez with an assist by veteran Diego Tamburus.

"You know it was my first goal here at FIU, I'm sure there will be plenty more. The pass came in at the right time from Diego he was in the top corner of the box, gave me a perfect through ball and the only thing left to do was finish off the play and get the home win," said Nicolas

Rodriguez after scoring the golden goal to end the game.

Those weren't the only goals scored that night early in the 13th minute German international Michael Mühsele was fouled by Wisconsin's goalkeeper Ryan Vint inside the box.

A yellow card was given to the keeper and a penalty kick awarded to Michael Mühsele. The penalty was taken and it was a perfectly placed shot in the bottom corner.

Five minutes later the Wisconsin Badgers placed a perfect through pass to the middle of the box to forward Nicholas Aaron in the 18th minute to make it a tie game.

"I think the only mistake made on the first goal is that he put himself in a posi-

tion where the goalkeeper was able to foul him, and it's a good thing he put away the PK," said Coach Munga Eketebi.

We weren't focused after that first goal and lost track of the game our defense fell asleep and we let an easy goal through. I tell our players time and time again that we need to keep applying pressure no matter how much were up and to always keep focused," said Eketebi.

The Golden Panthers were out shot the first half 4 to 3 and quickly got their act together.

FIU out shot the Wisconsin Badgers 6 to 3 in the second half and took nearly 65% of possession. After a grueling no-score half the Panthers looked for another clutch win in overtime.

"We got the goal at perfect timing. It

was a great through ball from Tamburus. I always tell my players to play one-touch football and if necessary no more than two," Eketebi said after Friday's overtime win.

"The fewer the touches the faster the pace of the game and more you open holes in the oppositions formation and find easier ways to score goals. This time it was a first time cross and a first time finish. They got the job done," Eketebi said win.

Catch FIU next home game against Georgia State this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at FIU Soccer Stadium before they go on a rode trip for 6 away games.

The team will play Jacksonville on their turf next Saturday on Sept. 17 following Sept. 12's game against Georgia State.

# Penalties plague offense

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the second half.

Jose Cheeseborough recovered a fumble after a bad exchange from Rutgers' quarterback Tom Savage from center Howard Barieri on the first play of the second half to give FIU new life.

The turnovers kept coming as linebacker Gregory Hickman forced a fumble, recovered by another linebacker, Christopher Edwards. The fumble recovery marked Rutgers' second turnover in less than 10 minutes in the beginning of the second half.

Rutgers wide receiver Mohamed Sanu did it all for the Scarlet Knights. He accumulated all of Rutgers' touchdowns, running for one and throwing for one out of the wildcat formation. Besides the touchdown pass, Sanu rushed nine times for 45 yards and also caught four passes for 25 yards. Although both of his touchdowns came out of the wildcat formation, Cristobal felt that his defense played against the wildcat better than any team can.

"If you look at the overall performance by the defense and what they did

against the wildcat, I think you would be hard-pressed to find anyone playing that better than we did," said Cristobal.

"It was definitely a miscommunication through out the secondary and the linebackers... We just didn't communicate," said senior linebacker Toronto Smith.

Despite the quarterback shuffling, mental mistakes and special team blunders also played a factor in disrupting the Golden Panther's offense. FIU committed 14 penalties for a total 126 yards, 11 penalties more than Rutgers, including a stretch where they committed three consecutive penalties on three consecutive plays.

"It will be real hard to overcome that stuff unless we had superstars across the board. We're not there yet. We can't do that. We have to coach them better and we have to play them better," said Cristobal.

Rutgers safety Joe Lefeged had one of his best games as a collegiate for Rutgers. His two blocked punts, two fumble recoveries and an interception helped the Scarlet Knights improve to 2-0. His turnovers lead to both touchdowns.

FIU will travel to College Station to take on Texas A&M on Sept. 18.

# Team shows improvement

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get something going," Head Coach Mario Cristobal said concerning the two-quarterback system. "We had some difficulty moving the sticks sometimes and sometimes we were pretty efficient, but it was all based on what we could hit the defense with at that particular time."

Unfortunately for the Golden Panthers, the difficulty in moving the sticks proved to be costly.

Once Wayne Younger was placed in the backfield, things immediately went downhill. The rhythm that Carroll had established began to falter. The confidence began to wither away. Penalties began to pile up as the offense began to revert to its past form.

Despite a number of chances for Younger to become the hero to lift the Golden Panthers to a victory over a BCS team, those chances quickly piled up as missed opportunities until the clock ticked down to zero.

And all the while Carroll simply stood on the sidelines, watching

powerless as the game slipped away from the Golden Panthers.

It is time for FIU to commit to one quarterback and say that is guy who will be under center on Saturdays.

The blame does not all fall on one particular player or one particular decision, however. The fact that the offensive line committed a number of penalties during the final stretch of the game was also a factor.

But Carroll, who made a number of costly mistakes, gave FIU the best opportunity to score. And taking him out of the game takes that threat away the offense.

The failure for the Golden Panthers to execute just one more time after Carroll's exit cost the Golden Panthers its first win of the season and its first win over a BCS team. Once again, so close yet so far.

## SILVER LINING

There was little question about who should have won this game. On paper, the Golden Panthers showed that they were the better team Saturday

night.

They dominated the lines, controlled the ball and did most of the things that are necessary to win.

There was only one thing missing: execution when it matters the most.

That was the difference between this game being just another loss to a BCS team and a victory that electrifies a program for the rest of the season.

And after tonight's game that failure to execute may be one of the final hurdles the Golden Panthers need to overcome in order to crack that glass ceiling.

Many questions of whether or not this team had changed from last season were swiftly answered.

The Golden Panthers proved that they were not only a better team, but could be a force to be reckoned with this season in conference play and could be a handful for opposing teams in the next several weeks.

But that still doesn't take away from the fact that the Golden Panthers let this one slip away.

And that will be the thought that remains.

## MIXED RESULTS



REBECCA VILLAFANE/THE BEACON

FIU won the first two matches of the Hurricane Invitational vs. Bethune Cookman and the University of San Francisco convincingly. But University of Miami managed to avenge two losses to FIU last season with a three-set victory over the Golden Panthers on Sept. 11. Check FIUSM.com for in depth game recaps.

## RECREATION CENTER

# Facility expansion planned

RUSS QUINOA  
Staff Writer

The Recreation Center is making a push to expand in the near future. The Rec Center wants to double the size of the facility with a two-phase process.

The cost of each phase is estimated to be between \$10 million to \$12 million. The original facility, built in 2005, cost \$8 million.

"There's no money, which is the driving factor right now. So there haven't been any dates established," said Robert Frye, director of recreation services. "The release of these photos is to show only a vision these aren't official plans."

Frye talked to faculty and staff, who are reportedly anxious to have racquetball and squash court in the facility.

"A lot of people have been

excited to an outdoor pool," Frye said. "There's going to be more fitness space, another basketball gymnasium and increased locker room space."

Frye went to RDG Planning and Design, an Iowa based architecture firm, to come up with some designs after initial studies on the building.

After taking some input from staff and focus groups, the group came up with a vision to present to the "faculty and staff and to the students in order to get people thinking about what an expansion of this facility would look like."

Funding for the project will come from Capital Improvement Trust Funding. Frye doesn't know where they are in the order at this time.

"I do know there's already CITF money committed to Graham Center ballroom

expansion," Frye said. "We are hoping that in the next three years, we will be next in line and we can get some confirmation."

Used for the construction, renovation and improvement of student-related facilities, CITF is funded by student fees that are collected as part of the tuition, and bonded proceeds are distribution approximately every three years.

The main motivation in pushing for expansion is the limitations of a small recreation center compared to other universities.

This is primarily due to increased student enrollment.

"If you come after 5 p.m., you would see that it would be very busy and very packed," Frye said. "You will see people waiting for equipment; you will see the basketball courts are jam-packed. This would alleviate much of the traffic."

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# OPENING WEEKEND



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Football Season kicked off with a series of events celebrating the University.

Students rallied in front of the Pike house Thursday night to support the football team. They honored the college tradition of smashing a car decorated in the competition's colors.

Friday was the 45th birthday celebration of the University. SGA sponsored the event which included cake and free giveaways for students.

Before the season opener, a large flag was unfurled to commemorate the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Over 19,000 people came out to support the Panthers.



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## Research skewed by gender preference

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Dr. Maria New's treatment of female fetuses with dexamethasone to potentially prevent homosexuality or bisexuality is highly unethical. Her determination of what is appropriate "feminine" and "masculine" behavior is arbitrary and lacks medical basis.

As reported by Alexandra Camejo in *The Beacon*, "Colleagues criticized New's research in the use of a powerful steroid called dexamethasone to treat female fetuses affected by congenital adrenal hyperplasia. CAH causes girls who are affected to have genitals that look more male than female along with a deep voice and facial hair although their internal sex organs are completely normal."

Though Dr. New has discussed her treatment of CAH, she has not addressed Dreger's and other bioethicists' concerns about her plan to lower or prevent homosexuality and bisexuality. New has published her findings of correlations between hormone levels in female fetuses and future homosexuality, bisexuality, and "masculinized behavior."

The treatment of homosexuality as a disease is an antiquated and absurd perspective that the medical community moved on from many years ago.

Dr. New's treatment of homosexuality and bisexuality as something to be cured is incompatible with the American Psychi-

atric Association's stance that homosexuality is not something that can or should be attempted to be cured.

Furthermore, Dr. New is choosing to perpetuate the negative environment that non-heterosexuals endure. Enforcing that there is something hormonal that must be tweaked perpetuates a myth that there is something inherently wrong with being non-heterosexual.

Dr. New's interest extends to homogenizing female infants so that they adhere to her highly subjective idea of gender roles. As reported by *Newsweek*, "New and a colleague suggest that women having little interest in babies and men, and being drawn to traditionally male occupations and games, is 'abnormal.'"

Moreover, they argue, that abnormality might be prevented with prenatal dexamethasone. New's discussion of "masculinized behavior" raises glaring red flags for the reason for her treatments.

New's subjective views on homosexuality are further confirmed in a response she gave during a discussion of prenatal dexamethasone treatments. Dan Savage writes, "In the Q&A period, during a discussion of prenatal dexamethasone treatments, an audience member asked New, 'Isn't there a benefit to the female babies in terms of reducing the androgen effects on the brain?'"

New answered, "You know, when the babies who have been treated with dexa-

**Enforcing that there is something hormonal that must be tweaked perpetuates a myth that there is something inherently wrong with being non-heterosexual.**

methasone prenatally get to an age in which they are sexually active, I'll be able to answer that question."

New's problematic response is twofold. Her lack of knowledge of the potentially negative long-term effects is illustrated. Secondly, the response is more homophobic than medically inclined. If the patients treated with dexamethasone choose partners of the opposite sex, then the treatment would be deemed beneficial.

According to Camejo, New will be "publishing an article in *The American Journal of Bioethics* which will explain the science behind her objective to improve the lives of CAH affected females."

I will be anxiously awaiting this response, that is, if Dr. New truly addresses dexamethasone treatments beyond the scope of CAH and into matters of gender and orientation.

## Che ignorantly and mistakenly idolized

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We use our clothing as a form of expression. Maybe you want to announce that you smoke pot by wearing a T-shirt with a marijuana leaf printed on it or that you enjoy the burning sensation felt from a shot of whisky by wearing a black hoodie with a Jack Daniel's logo—like I do.

As bad as some of this outerwear may seem, at least the individuals who sport this kind of attire know exactly what message they are sending, because nothing is worse than wearing Che Guevara's murderous gaze on a red T-shirt, not knowing what he represents.

The problem isn't wearing this man's face. One of the perks of living in America is that we have freedom of speech. The problem is the ignorance of those who purchase Che paraphernalia and think that they support his ideas, when they definitely aren't.

When an FIU student, who was wearing Che's face on a black T-shirt, was asked what the meaning behind the man with the lice infested beard was, he

said to me, "He fought for what he believed in." When asked to elaborate on his statement, he said one word, "Freedom."

Interestingly enough, this "freedom fighter" is part of the reason why Cuba has no freedom and citizens of the distraught country are forced to steal, result to prostitution for a dollar and eat their specialty, breaded rags for dinner—yes, breaded rags.

During the Cuban Revolution, Mr. Guevara and his team of rats found success in overthrowing the Batista government. Che Guevara not only fought for what he believed, but mass murdered for it.

Those who worked for Batista or even supported him were executed without any type of trial, and Christians were imprisoned simply because they believed in something that he didn't. Innocent lives, including the lives of children, were brutally taken, and on his hands lay their blood.

The photograph of Che's iconic stare, taken by Alberto Korda, may very well be one of the most produced pictures in the world, causing his face to be printed on coffee mugs, bathing

suits, posters, and so much more. Ironically, he was clearly against capitalism, and a true supporter would never dream of purchasing his face.

He also believed in a classless society, which may be appealing for some. In which case, Cuba, where Che's classless idealisms are very much alive and running,

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can feel like "home sweet home".

Che Guevara, at least in his earlier days, was racist against black people. It's truly mind boggling when people such as Jay-Z and Mike Tyson promote rebellion in the country that

brought them success, simply by wearing, or in Mike's case, tattooing Che's face.

Che has been quoted saying that black people were lazy and that they spent all of their money on alcohol. Apparently, Smirnoff didn't get the memo that drinking alcohol was a "bad" thing, because they used his face as a way to advertise their mediocre vodka.

Even if we take the fact that he was racist out of the equation, it's nothing but ironic that celebrities, those who are famous for their talent like Jay-Z, believe that he is the perfect person to idolize, when Che would have despised their very music and individuality...whoops.

At the very least, if you wear his face, be prepared to explain why you idolize him and why you are contributing to the murder of his dream, simply by accessorizing with him, listening to contemporary music, being a Christian and/or by not living in a communist country.

He was killed without a trial and his afterlife is a contradiction to the life he lived, but maybe it is Karma doing its well-done job.

## THE BEACON | Editorial Smoking Ban slithers ahead with inept implementation

University smokers are being incrementally marginalized by the University's administration in the name of an improved public image.

Controversial laws and rules are rarely proposed and passed in one fell swoop. It's much easier to pass something without support if you do it step by step.

Just one year ago, people were permitted to smoke on campus as long as they were 20 feet away from any building.

At the end of the 2009, the University's Operations and Executive committees, with the approval of University President Mark Rosenberg, approved a University-wide ban on smoking that was to be enforced socially.

At the time, *The Beacon* took a stand against this ban as being purely symbolic and unnecessary in the Nov. 2009 editorial. Given that the previous law had been largely disregarded, simply enforcing it would have accomplished the goals of the ban.

During the Sept. 7 Board of Trustees meeting, a regulation was approved that says little more than the previous ban; simply allowing for exceptions to the ban in designated areas as part of a University research or education program.

The resolution passed with all but Student Government at Modesto Maidique Campus President Helena Ramirez voting in favor of it. While emphasizing that everything is in the planning stages, the possibility for fines and penalties seems realistic should the social enforcement policy fail. For *The Beacon*, it is not a matter of if, but when the social enforcement policy will fail.

Any rule without some sort of penalty to act as a deterrent relies on an altruistic view that people will do what is right because it is what is right. The dozens of cars parked illegally around the edges of the Graham Center parking lot are proof enough that even with penalties, students will break rules at their convenience.

To expect them to follow a rule that has no penalty is unrealistic and idealistic. Therefore, it is not unreasonable to assume that there will be real penalties for smokers on campus.

Beyond the dubious way in which this rule is being implemented, *The Beacon* has to once again question the wisdom of this ban at its core and the data that is being used to back it up.

In the BOT meeting, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Rosa Jones, who initiated the resolution, cited a study of 179 University students' health and characteristics. In this survey, the American College Health Association found that 4.2% of all students characterize themselves as "everyday smokers."

An argument was made that the ban is justifiable because it only affects a small portion of the University while benefiting the entire student body's health and well-being.

Beyond the obvious issues with justifying the restriction of a group's rights because they are a minority, we question the accuracy of a survey of 179 students being used to represent a student body of over 40,000. The University's student body, faculty and staff is routinely celebrated for its diversity.

This survey and the usage of the survey to justify this ban ignores this diversity in order to fulfill a longtime goal of a small group.

At the BOT meeting, Ramirez asked for details on how the University plans on implementing the smoking ban but only received the same vague phase descriptions and no specifics. It was finally revealed that no such details actually exist, as Smoke and Tobacco-Free Steering Committee decided to wait until after the BOT decided to approve the smoking ban to figure out these details.

*The Beacon*, ultimately, questions the capability and plans of those responsible in crafting this phased solution. The process in which this policy has been passed sets an ugly precedent for student's rights in future policy decisions.

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# Students say ‘no’ to new shrubs in landscape survey

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a few that marked the ‘others’ option, 33.8 percent agreed with the removal of the shrubs, while 48.8 percent disagreed and the remaining neutral on the topic. The comments of the survey-takers expressed passionate feelings about what the landscape means for BBC.

Although there were those who declared the shrubs need to go because they are artificial and tacky, most comments were in favor of keeping the BBC landmark.

And some comments compared them

to the iconic Marty’s cube at the Modesto Maidique Campus in front of the Deuxieme Maison building.

Some of the suggestions for the shrubs removal focused on the simple layout of the letters, maintaining that “You can barely tell it spells out FIU unless you are flying over it,” or “The location of the ‘I’ makes it look like a continuation of the ‘F,’ hence signifying a bad word.”

Still, it was generally agreed that the removal of the shrubs would be deemed a travesty since they have made it through hurricanes and are a part of the campus

history.

The history of how the shrubs actually came to be isn’t clear, as no one seemingly knows the answer, though it was guessed that they are over 15 years old.

“Facilities has no record of admonishing the shrubs to be put in. It could have been someone who sort of had their own initiative and put it in. Who knows?” Castellanos said.

The survey also revealed a landscape-related complaint.

A few commentators expressed their disapproval of the leaf blowers that are

used to clear the walkway, mentioning that they are not environmentally friendly.

One comment read: “Please stop the use of leaf blowers. Do you see grown men on campus with these machines making a lot noise, and getting nothing done? Blowing dirt around, that’s all. If the path needs clearing, assign brooms for this task.” Whatever decision Facilities Management makes, repairs have already commenced on the inside to prepare the roof for the new design. Information on what exactly the new design will entail is unknown at this time.

# SFNS students receive reductions: paycuts, fewer staff

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Delboni said all journalism students are invited to apply to the news service, but the plan now is to treat it like an exclusive club for students that are both ready and up for the challenges of a news reporter; thus, creating a cycle of reporters that are capable, motivated and dependable.

“I had 60 students when we started,” said Delboni. “Some of them had never written an article or come to a meeting, but they had

press credentials. We want to be able to count on students.”

Journalism junior Amelia Gonzalez said reducing the student’s pay will actually produce quality work because it will determine who is really motivated and dedicated to writing quality work.

“The news service is an option, you participate, but it is not a requirement; so if you are writing, it’s because you really want to do it, not because you want more money,” said Gonzalez. One thing program direc-

tors stress is that students must not lose sight of the opportunity to get real experience and build reporting skills while working with three major local newspapers.

Journalism alum Christin Erazo, who graduated last fall and stayed on with the program until the end of this summer said you can’t put a price on being a part of the news service.

“It made me braver as a reporter, I took more risks” said Erazo responding on her growth as a writer with the news service. “It helped me cover different topics and build my

range as a writer and become more comfortable as a reporter.”

Erazo said being linked to the news service has made job hunting easier in the nine months since graduation.

“Getting paid \$25 may seem like less of an incentive to join the news service, but it’s an asset for students that can’t get an internship,” said Erazo. “It’s a great opportunity for students to get real reporting experience, write for three major papers, work with editors, and to build their name.”

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## FLORIDA

### Man wanted by FBI arrested

A man wanted by the FBI in Baltimore on charges of wire fraud and money-laundering, is being held in a Florida jail for allegedly running a stop sign in Davie.



## CUBA

### Castro says he was misinterpreted

Fidel Castro said his comments about the Cuban economic model no longer working were misinterpreted; he meant “the opposite.”



## PUERTO RICO

### Leader of independence party dies

Juan Mari Bras, a statesman of Puerto Rico’s independence movement who gave up U.S. citizenship in an act that inspired hundreds activists, died on Sept. 10.



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A recent survey asked the BBC community whether or not they approved of the removal of the “FIU” shrubs located on the hill between Academic One and the BBC Library.

## ‘Quick and dirty’ shrubs survey

BECCA GRIESEMER  
Staff Writer

Plans to possibly remove the shrubs that spell “FIU,” on the hill along the walkway from ACI to the library, have sparked a debate among the Biscayne Bay Campus community. A recent survey administered by Julissa Castellanos, director of operations for the Office of the Vice Provost at BBC, asked, “Do you agree with the removal of the FIU shrub as part of the landscape renovation project?”

It included the statement that the new design will have native and popular landscape plants. With the flower colors being the same as the school colors, blue and gold.

Facilities Management is running the entire project due to the overall repair needs in the area, such as roof leaks.

Castellanos said that the plans to renovate the green roof has posed an opportunity to simultaneously revamp the landscape, both with anticipated completion dates of May 2011.

Facilities Management was ambivalent as to whether to remove or integrate the shrubs into the design. This propelled Castellanos to initiate the survey. “I thought it would be good to get a sense of the campus community and how they felt about the shrubs, because I had a feeling that some people would be very attached to it,” Castellanos said. Castellanos also mentioned that a “quick and dirty survey” was conducted, and the results came in slightly more in favor of keeping the shrubs. She believes Facilities Management will heed the survey’s results, and integrate the shrubs. Out of 86 staff, faculty, students, and

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## SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION

## S. Fla. News Service experiences changes

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In January 2009, the School of Journalism and Mass Communications partnered with *The Miami Herald*, *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* and *The Palm Beach Post*’s print and online news service giving students the opportunity to write articles that will be published in one or more of these publications.

This semester student reporters for the South Florida News Service will get to experience the challenges industry journalists face on a daily basis. They will see less staff in the newsroom, experience pay cuts and undergo new changes that promote growth.

At one point, there were 60 student reporters for the news service, which is now

down to 15 this semester; a 75 percent reduction from the first semester when the program was implemented. More cuts are expected to be made. Additionally, student pay for each article has been reduced from \$50 an article to \$25.

Allan Richards, associate dean of the SJMC, said the cut in pay and staff comes as the program’s directors tackle the challenge of operating for the past 20 months on less and less money while trying to sustain residual funds. “We have less money available to pay students so we are trying to conserve money while we look for additional funding,” Richards said.

In 2009, SJMC received a \$30,000 grant from the McCormick Foundation and an additional \$10,000 from each newspaper,

which the school uses to pay the students and news director, Chris Delboni. However, Delboni said the program is about helping students become good journalists, not about the money.

“It’s not about \$50 or \$100; it should be about a genuine interest to become a great journalist,” said Delboni in response to the pay cut the students will take. “The \$25 is an expense that validates your work.”

Another change is that the program is no longer embedded in a class. When the program started in 2009, SFNS was integrated into the curriculum of two senior classes: Feature Writing and Online News Reporting. That is no longer the case.

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## TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE

## Next up: “Gay, Whatever Dude.”

RICHARD PADEEN  
Contributing Writer

The June 4 *New York Times* opinion page covered a recent Gallup Poll that had been overshadowed in the news in the wake of the Gulf Oil Crisis. According to the article, “the percentage of ‘gay and lesbian relations’ as morally acceptable has now crossed the 50 percent mark.”

This week’s Tuesday Times Roundtable titled “Gay, Whatever Dude” will cover the recent article posted in the *Times* for the third installment at Biscayne Bay Campus, after debuting the first week of the fall semester.

Once an exclusive event for the Modesto Maidique Campus, the discussion has now made its way to BBC, where each week a series of guest moderators along with students voice their opinions and outlooks about current event topics taken from Op-Ed pieces of the *Times*. They will engage in an open roundtable style of discussion at no cost and with a free lunch included.

According to the article, the sudden increase in acceptance may be due to more men identifying themselves as gay, bisexual, or even “mostly straight,” making discrimination more difficult among heterosexual men. There are also more openly gay celebrities and athletes in the media today, reflecting a more gay and lesbian friendly attitude.

Other points in the poll include a percentage of those for gay men serving in the military, and how inclined individuals would be to the plights of the LGBT community if they knew someone who was openly gay or a lesbian.

Associate Director of Campus Life Vicky Owles said she is interested in facilitating a discussion among students and hearing their opinions, particularly of the younger generations, and will be probing ideas in the discussion such as: Miami’s take on the national trend, whether or not it’s in keeping, and who exactly had the Gallup Poll surveyed, to come up with their results. The rest is up in the air as students input their two cents and the discussion snowballs into a firestorm rife with opinion and debate.

“[The roundtable] would seem like something interesting to do during my break,” said Adriana Gamboa, a senior journalism major.

Maria Rodriguez, a senior journalism major, said she would be interested in returning to future meetings depending on how the first one goes.

Students can attend TTR on Sept. 14, in WUC 159 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Refreshments and a light lunch will be served to those in attendance. So be sure to be show up, grab a bite, and participate.