

NIGERIA

Politically inspired violence increases

Violence targeting politicians and their aides appears to be increasing in northern Nigeria as next year's elections draw closer in Africa's most populous nation.

SLOVAKIA

Armed rampage kills 7

A gunman went on a rampage in Slovakia's capital on Monday, killing seven people and wounding 15, then committed suicide, officials said.

CUBA

Castro discusses health

Fidel Castro has given new details of just how sick he was when he was forced to give up power four years ago, saying that he thought at times he could not go on.

Tech fee adds near six million to budget

RUSS QUINOA
Staff Writer

A year of the technology fee being implemented has yielded approximately six million dollars in funds to improve upon the University's technological systems.

The fee is a \$4.42 per credit hour technology fee that the University was authorized to implement in 2007, but did not do so until last year. The funds gained by the fee have been put to use by the University's Technological Services in a number of ways in accordance with state law, which says the fee must be used to benefit students and faculty.

"Approximately \$6 million was

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Gonzalez-Arias joins FIU College of Medicine

MARIELLA ROQUE
Staff Writer

Surgery has always been an interest of Dr. Sergio Gonzalez-Arias, the new medical director of neuroscience at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine and chief of the division of neurosurgery at Baptist Hospital of Miami.

A Cuban native, Gonzalez-Arias was born in Buena Vista, Marianao and left the country with his parents at the age of 11, spending the rest of his childhood in Washington Heights, a neighborhood in Manhattan. Prior to graduating, Gonzalez-Arias played the drums and saxophone in his high school band, worked as a waiter and joined an independent band named The Barons.

Following high school, Gonzalez-Arias went on to study medicine in Zaragoza, Spain for seven years; one in general surgery and the rest in neurosurgery.

"The professor [at Zaragoza] that impressed on me the most was the neurosurgeon," Gonzalez-Arias told Student Media, "the high-tech field was very attractive."

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Sergio, Gonzalez-Arias, Medical Director of Neuroscience
Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

He returned to the United States in 1977 and began private practice in 1985. Gonzalez-Arias recalled one of the best moments of his life — the first time that a patient thanked him.

"It was a 16-year-old boy who was in an accident and had a life-threatening blood clot. Very often we, as doctors, forget that a routine day for us might be the worst day of our patient's life," said Gonzalez-Arias

"As a leader in his field who has blazed a trail in the multidisciplinary approach to medicine, Dr. Gonzalez-Arias is a wonderful addition to our faculty," said Dr. John Rock, founding dean of the College of Medicine in an FIU Media Relations press release.

The neurosurgeon began working with

FIU in July, showing medical students the specialty and encouraging critical research. Gonzalez-Arias described the FIU's College of Medicine as "the most exciting structure put together" and that he was "dramatically impressed" by the students' enthusiasm toward neuroscience.

What he most enjoys as a neurosurgeon is caring for patients in the practice.

"I've never been sued in 25 years," said Gonzalez-Arias

Aside from neurosurgery, Gonzalez-Arias enjoys travelling to Napa Valley, California several times a year to work with a winemaker producing wine. He also

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Candidates turn focus to stimulating Florida economy

AP WIRE SERVICE

Two of Florida's U.S. Senate hopefuls, Gov. Charlie Crist and Congressman Kendrick Meek, on Sunday touted their plans to stimulate the lagging economy.

In an interview taped for CNN's "State of the Union," Crist said extending the \$8,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers would help boost home sales in Florida.

Crist left the Republican Party this year to run as an independent.

"I think any time you can reduce taxation in order to spur the economy forward, that's a good thing to do and that would be great to do," he said.

Speaking live on the program Sunday, South Florida Congressman Kendrick Meek said he would push for green initiatives and green jobs to stimulate economic growth in Florida.

He also favored continuing tax cuts for small businesses and the middle class, partly paid for by rolling back Bush-era tax breaks for the wealthy.

Another way to pay for those tax cuts would be moving toward more diplomatic solutions in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, said Meek, the Democratic nominee in the contest.

He and Crist will face Republican Marco Rubio in November.

"Getting our combat troops out of Iraq is going to save this country money," Meek said. "... I support making sure that they are secured and that they are safe and that we have force protection, but at the same time, we have to look at the affordability of what we are doing."

The last U.S. combat brigade was pulled out of Iraq this month.

Nearly 50,000 soldiers remain in the country even though they won't be carrying out combat missions.

Later Sunday morning on CBS' "Face the Nation," Meek said he was confident President Barack Obama would return to Florida to campaign for him, as he did before the Democratic primary.

Meek defeated billionaire Jeff Greene for the party's nomination.

Meek downplayed concerns that Crist will siphon away Democratic votes in a crucial election that will decide which party controls the Senate.

He also said Crist and Rubio would be fighting for the tea party vote, with positions "far right" of his own.

"I'm the only candidate in this race that has won by a popular vote in a contested primary," he said. "I look forward to capitalizing on that because there's vast differences between myself and the other two

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HEAT STROKE



ESRA ERDOGAN/THE BEACON

Roary makes an appearance at the fifth annual Heat Stroke Pool Party on Saturday, Aug. 28

WEIRD NEWS

Police seize cocaine embedded in bologna

A man in Holyoke, Massachusetts has been arrested after a kilogram of cocaine was discovered inside a hollowed-out chunk of bologna delivered to his home, according to MSNBC.com. Postal inspectors in Puerto Rico tipped off Holyoke police after they had been investigating similar shipments. Trained dogs confirmed the presence of the drugs in the bologna before it was delivered. After the meat was repackaged, an undercover postal inspector delivered it to a Holyoke address on Thursday. After a woman present at the home signed for the package, police executed a search warrant and arrested the 30-year-old suspect on a cocaine trafficking charge. Police say the cocaine had a street value of \$100,000. The investigation is ongoing.

John Lennon's toilet sells for \$14,740

A toilet that belonged to late Beatle John Lennon was sold for \$14,740 at an auction on Saturday, around 10 times its estimate, the sale organizers said. The toilet was among Beatles memorabilia sold at auction as part of the Beatle week festival in Liverpool according to MSNBC.com. The pre-auction estimate was between \$1000 and \$1600. Builder John Hancock stored it in his shed for 40 years until he died recently and the lavatory was sent for sale, British media reports said. "I think it's the most unusual item we've ever had in our auction," she told Reuters. The buyer was not identified but Trace said it was likely it was "going overseas."

– Compiled by Alexandra Camejo

Gonzalez-Arias to teach in spring

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experiments with molecular gastronomy, mixing chemistry with cooking, to create new textures like his "liquid olives" and using liquid nitrogen to make ice cream.

After living in several

parts of the world, Gonzalez-Arias said his favorite city is Miami, describing it as "the crossroads of the world" and "representing what the US has become." He is a resident of Coral Gables and told Student Media that he loves the beaches at Key

Biscayne.

"A Cuban can never get away from the beach," he joked.

Gonzalez-Arias is married and has a son, daughter and grandchildren. His daughter graduated from FIU with a bachelor's in Business Admin-

istration and now runs human resources for a major company.

"I love my life, I have been very blessed and I'll never retire," said Gonzalez-Arias.

He is planning to teach lecture classes in the upcoming Spring semester.

Student, faculty proposals welcomed

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collected during the first academic year," said Dr. Min Yao, vice president of Information Technology and chief information officer for the University.

During this same year, a total of 73 proposals worth over \$11 million were submitted and evaluated by the Technology Fee Advisory Council.

"Ultimately, 48 proposals were approved, ranging from small one time projects to major recurring initiatives," said Yao.

Since January students have had access to download free software which includes Microsoft Office and McAfee Antivirus.

"Microsoft Student Desktop Bundle gives students the access to download free software, including Microsoft Office and McAfee Antivirus for Windows and Mac," stated Yao.

With an average of \$20 per student for tech fee compared to Microsoft

Office's consumer price of \$119.99, the average savings per student is about \$100.

As part of the improvements stemming from the tech fee, students have extended access to UTS labs. These labs are equipped with workstations that allow students to access software applications, Internet and printing capabilities. The hours are now 8:00am - 11:00pm Monday through Thursday, and 8:00am - 6:00pm Friday.

Course Capturing and Distance Learning Classrooms will enable FIU to record classes and make them available to students asynchronously via their computer or MP3/iPod device.

Distance learning classes are classes that are not physically "on site" in a traditional classroom or campus.

In addition, the Distance Learning component will allow students to connect our various campuses and expand course section offerings.

Campus-wide Location Messaging

Services solutions offer students and faculty with a more reliable LMS for class support.

LMS is a communications protocol allowing the interchange of text messages between mobile telephone devices with specific relocated positions.

The LMS is a new technology that facilitates peoples' ability to exactly position friends or colleagues.

UTS is still looking for more ways to implement the funds from the tech fee. All faculty, staff and students at the University are welcome to submit proposals. In order to submit a proposal, the signature and endorsement of a Dean or Vice President is required.

Proposals submitted by students will require the signature of the Vice President of Student Affairs, Rosa Jones.

It is also strongly recommended that students submitting a tech fee proposal inform members of the Student Government Association of their proposal.

Rubio focused on government spending

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lifelong Republicans that

are in this race."

On CNN, Crist evaded the question of whether, as

an independent, he would caucus with the Democrats or with the Republicans in

the Senate.

"I think the important thing to do is, if I have the honor of winning, (is) ask tough questions," he said.

Crist also dodged questions about whether he still supported former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, who criticized Crist at a Jacksonville fundraiser last week for leaving the Republican party.

"I believe that I will win. And what really matters is not somebody from Alaska, but my fellow Floridians, and that's what I'm focused on," he said.

Rubio gave the Republican Party's weekly address.

He focused on the economy and government spending, and he said he favors extending tax cuts passed under President George W. Bush that are set to expire in January.

He also favors repealing Obama's health care law and ending what remains of the stimulus legislation.

"Today the American dream is threatened by out-of-control politicians in Washington who think that more government deficit spending is what it takes to grow our economy," Rubio said.

"That has never worked anywhere it's been tried and it won't work now," he added.

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FOOTBALL: BRAD SERINI

ANCHORING THE LINE

Serini makes most of lone scholarship offer for Golden Panthers offensive line

IGOR MELLO
Staff Writer

The player on the team with the most experience might not have even been playing football if it wasn't for Mario Cristobal and his recruiting staff. Now, he is widely considered one of the top 30 centers in the nation.

Brad Serini didn't expect to get a football scholarship, let alone a Football Bowl Subdivision scholarship.

After attending Highland High School, he signed up at Milford academy, a prep school in New York.

"I went there for a day. I had a combine and coach Cristobal like me and offered me a scholarship," said Serini. "For me it was a big deal. Not many kids get recruited for D-I football or D-I anything [coming from] where I'm from."

Since coming to FIU in 2007, Serini has started in all 36 games as a Golden Panther. Now as a senior, Serini has used his experience to become a smarter player on the field.

"I can honestly say that I know what people are doing before they do it most of the time on defense," Serini said.

Cristobal wants all of his players to gain as much from Serini as they can before he graduates.

"The stuff that try to teach off of film, he's actually seen it live. He's competed against it live. That type of experience is

invaluable," Cristobal said.

Despite being part of the dreaded 1-11 season his freshman year in 2007, Serini believes that last season was the most frustrating campaign of his career.

"Last year was probably my most frustrating year," Serini said. "We battled through injuries and...stupid things with the [Offensive line]. The chemistry wasn't there. We tried our hardest obviously, but sometimes things just doesn't work out for you,"

Since last season, Serini is a new man.

Looking for a fresh start, he has gone on a rigorous workout and diet regimen, shedding 30 pounds, dropping his weight down to 283 pounds. Serini's plan consisted of mostly running and dieting.

It took Serini a long time to reach his goal because he wanted to lose weight "the right way" without shedding critical muscle and strength. According to Cristobal, Serini is in the best shape that he has ever been at FIU.

"He's lean. He's much stronger. He looks much more athletic and his football IQ has gone through the roof," Cristobal said.

Although it took a while for Serini to get in shape, he didn't lose 30 pounds without flirting with the idea of giving up during his workouts in the off-season.

Nonetheless, Serini will once again be anchoring the offensive line in 2010.

"Of course. There was always a point



DAVID LOPEZ/THE BEACON

Golden Panthers center Brad Serini directs the offensive line during a recent scrimmage. The senior has started 36 consecutive games for FIU.

like that, but you can't. It's not in my nature to do that. You got too many people following you or looking out for you," he said.

One of those people looking out for Serini is his father, Mike Serini.

"I got a lot of experience from my father, more on how to be a dirty football player from him than anything," he

said. "He grew up back in the '70s so he was one of those rough type of football players."

His father was an All-American high school football player. He played two years for the University of Kentucky before blowing out both of his knees.

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Defensive unit paces scrimmage as Lee impresses

IGOR MELLO
Staff Writer

The FIU football team held their third scrimmage of the fall on Aug. 27 and like the previous scrimmages, the defense stole the show once again.

This time, the pressure came from the front seven.

"We're definitely playing the run better.

We're allowing our linebackers to get downhill," said head coach Mario Cristobal after the scrimmage. "We're forcing our lineman to get off of double team... we're doing a lot of things up front that's aggressive in nature."

Cristobal has stressed that the defensive line is one of the keys for this team to play better than last season.

The team finished last in the sun Belt

Conference in total defense in 2009, largely due to a leaky run defense that allowed opponents to gain 5.4 yards per carry.

The team hopes a lot of that can be remedied by the presence of defensive coordinator Geoff Collins and a hybrid new scheme, in addition to improvements from young players like Tourek Williams and Jonathan Jackson along with an impact from freshman such as Jerrico Lee and Jordan White.

With that, Cristobal is pleased with the rotation he has developed up front but feels that there's still room for more depth at the line.

"We developed a pretty nice rotation," said Cristobal, who wants to eventually see that defensive line rotation grow from about eight players to nearly ten or twelve.

Lee, a defensive tackle, plays a part on that rotation and has impressed the coaching staff lately.

"He's a buzz saw," Cristobal said. "He's a 270 pound kid but he's still a freshman."

When it came to evaluating the progress of the offensive and defensive unit, Cristobal gave a slight edge to Collins' gang on defense.

"I would say they're close. Maybe by a little," said Cristobal. "You'll find out during the season exactly where those

groups are."

The scrimmage was only open to the media for the first 20 plays.

QUARTERBACK TO CENTER EXCHANGE

Center Brad Serini was shelved with an undisclosed injury and did not participate in the scrimmage.

According to Cristobal, Serini's injury is not significant at all. Cristobal felt like giving Serini a rest in order to see more from the backup centers.

"We're resting him, because he tweaked himself about four or five days ago. We need to develop our centers. Those guys are invaluable," Cristobal said. "If you can't snap the ball at all, you're going to have problems."

And that's exactly what happened.

On the fourth series, Wesley Carroll mishandled consecutive snaps from Giancarlo Revilla, which led to the defense pinning the offense down to their own one yard line. Cristobal put the fault on Carroll for mishandling the snaps.

"I like the fact that our snaps were good for the most part [but] our quarterbacks have to do a better job handling them when they are on the money like that," he said.

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DAVID LOPEZ/THE BEACON

The Golden Panthers defense is looking to rebound from an abhorrent campaign in 2009 under new defensive coordinator Geoff Collins. The defensive line will be key.



DAVID LOPEZ/THE BEACON

Serini answers questions at the team's media day event in Aug. 9. Serini describes the 2009 season as the most frustrating season for the team. FIU had a win-loss record of 3-9.

VOLLEYBALL: FLORIDA STATE INVITATIONAL

Team drops two of three at invitational; Lakovic excels

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A long and challenging preseason came to a close as the Golden Panthers kicked off their new season on the road with a three game set at the Florida State Invitational.

FIU began play with a number of different question marks, including how they would fare with a relatively new roster and the inclusion of new players to the starting lineup.

NEW MEXICO STATE 3, FIU 1 (20-25, 26-24, 25-22, 25-23)

It seemed like the Golden Panthers were on the right track after winning a competitive first set against NMSU. But FIU faltered and was unable to hang on, dropping the next three sets in the season opener on Aug. 27 at the Florida State Invitational.

The Golden Panthers were almost able to take a two-set advantage when the two teams were tied late in the second set at 24-24, but the Aggies picked up a kill and a service ace to even up the match at one set apiece.

Despite staying within striking distance in the next two sets, NMSU broke off late and delivered FIU its first loss of the season.

Freshman Una Trkulja led the Golden Panthers with 13 kills in the loss with Andrea Lakovic finishing right behind her with 11.

FIU 3, FAMU 1 (29-31, 25-18, 25-16, 25-15)

Just hours after their loss to the Aggies, the Golden Panthers bounced right back and picked up its first win of the season against Florida A&M.

After the Rattlers won the opening set in a back-and-forth battle, the Golden Panthers rolled in the next three sets on a dominant

offensive performance propelled by Trkulja who once again led FIU offensively, this time with 22 kills in the victory.

Three other Golden Panthers, including freshman Jessica Gehrke, delivered double-digit kills to help bury the Rattlers in four sets.

Defensively, senior Angelina Colon led the team with 16 digs.

FSU 3, FIU 0 (25-20, 25-10, 25-21)

The Golden Panthers were not so fortunate in the final day of the invitational when host Florida State routed FIU in a three-set sweep to send the squad back to campus with two losses in hand.

Natalia Valentin helped keep FIU competitive offensively with 31 assists, but it was not enough to keep FSU from giving FIU its second loss of the season.

The Seminoles, who were ranked No. 15 in the nation entering the season, jumped out to an early lead and never let up as they took the first two sets, including shutting down FIU with a 25-10 second set win.

In the third and final set, the Golden Panthers had a lead late in the stanza but were unable to hang on as the Seminoles surged ahead and finished off the Golden Panthers.

LAKOVIC NAMED TO ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Lakovic, who finished the weekend with 34 kills and a team-best five blocks, earned a spot on the Florida State Invitational All-Tournament Team for her all-around performance.

The junior middle blocker led FIU in total blocks in 2009 with 110 and also performed well on offense, tallying 243 kills last season.

Lakovic added 12 kills in the Golden Panthers lone victory of the tournament over Florida A&M.

Lineman follows footsteps of NFL veteran grandfather

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Serini has both of his grandfathers' nicknames, "Huey" and "Washy", tattooed to each inner bicep. Both tattoos are a dedication to each of their lives.

His grandfather, Huey, attended every single one of his high school games until his senior year, when he was diagnosed with cancer.

Serini hopes to one day make it to the NFL just like his other grandfather, Washington Serini, who played for the Chicago Bears and the Green Bay Packers in 1948-1952.

"I want to be like him pretty much. [I want to] be able to play for the Bears and all of that," Serini said. "That would be ideal."

According to Cristobal, Serini has one of the highest football intelligence levels on the team, but surprisingly, Serini isn't actually interested in talking about football during his free time.

"I like to not talk about football at all. Unless I'm trying to learn something, I'm trying to just talk about other things," said Serini, who is majoring in business management. "Girls, school, anything that you can think of."

And then, there is Serini's other diversions.

Serini and good portion of the Golden Panthers resort to video games as a hobby. When Serini is trying to get his mind out of football, he and the most of his teammates play Electronic Arts' *FIFA* soccer video games.

"Kids will come in the room and try to challenge us. My roommate Chris [Cawthon] is the best at it, so I try to partner up with him because I'm the worst at it. I'll admit it," said Serini, who normally plays with teammates Cawthon, Colt Anderson and Wayne Younger.

Expectations are running high for Serini. He was named to the Rimington trophy watch list for the third consecutive season.

The Rimington Trophy is awarded at the end of the year to the most outstanding center in the FBS.

Serini has also been named to a handful of All-Conference teams in his tenure at the University.

With plenty of individual accolades, however, Serini is hoping to finally grasp an important team accomplishment and help the University make a bowl game in his last season.

MEN'S SOCCER: BARRY 3, FIU 0

Team falls in exhibition to Division II opponent

ANDRES LEON
Staff Writer

The FIU Men's soccer team were humbled 3-0 by the Barry University Buccaneers in the team's lone preseason game on Aug. 28. The contest was supposed to be more competitive but due to player waivers some starters were not cleared to play in the game. This left head coach Munga Eketebi with a chance to work with his bench and different formations.

"We didn't have our key players tonight and we felt comfortable that we can hold off the other team and try out different formations for the real season," Eketebi said.

The match opened up with a shot on goal by Sebastian Frings. That wasn't the only missed opportunity for the Panthers as in the 16th minute, midfielder Diego Tamburus fired a straight shot on goal only to be saved by Bucs goal keeper Johnny Rodriguez.

The Buccaneers opened the scoring in the 23rd minute with goal from Alvaro Yusty off the bench. This goal came off the keepers finger tips only to roll into the back of net. At the start of the second half the panthers had switched up

their formation into a 4-3-2-1, only playing one man up on the ball to close up their back half. Switching to this formation opened up weak spots in FIU's midfield, however.

Off a swift counter attack, the Buccaneers scored again in the 46th minute with a goal from Joong Kim assisted by the Bucs defender Glen Thomas.

This would not be the only time Joong Kim would find the back of the net. Late in the game midfielder Godfrey Francois crossed the ball towards goal and off the keepers hands Joong Kim capitalized off the rebound with a diving header to close out the game with 3-0 victory over the Golden Panthers.

"We couldn't capitalize on scoring opportunities tonight and that's what really put us out of the game," Eketebi said. "We came up short on counter attacks and our midfield never got a chance to rebuild itself. When you lose the battle at midfield, you've already lost the match."

The Golden Panthers look to get their starters back and make a statement as they travel up to Chicago for their next two matches on Sept. 3 at University of Illinois at Chicago and on Sept. 5 against DePaul.

Cheeseborough emerges

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JOSE CHEESEBOROUGH A STARTER

According to Cristobal, a majority of the second team saw playing time during the scrimmage.

Although Jose Cheeseborough did not start with the first team during the game, Cristobal feels ready to name him part of the first team.

"We consider him a starter," Cristobal said.

Cheeseborough, a red-shirt freshman,

is 5-9, 160 pounds. He is competing with Dez Johnson, and Emmanuel Souarin, among others, for playing time.

TORONTO SMITH LEAVES PRACTICE

At the conclusion of the scrimmage senior linebacker Toronto Smith cramped up during a post-game wind sprints.

He wasn't able to walk off the field and was carted to the locker room.

His status is yet to be determined but it is believed that cramp is not significant at all, and he is expected to play a large role for FIU.

A BICYCLE COUNTRY

Theatre Festival brings play to the main stage for Fall



LINDA LEE / THE BEACON

JESSICA MENDOZA Contributing Writer

The soft ring of a trumpet, wrangling with the open wounds of Cuba, lingers in the background. The stage is dim and tainted in tones of oppressive reds. This is the opening for one of the early plays of Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Nilo Cruz.

The play, *A Bicycle Country*, is set in the early '90s in the midst of the underlying angst atop the decrepit economic state of Cuba.

The story revolves around three Cubans craving for freedom. They ironically find imprisonment in

the only way to freedom: on a raft surrounded by water. The play takes you through the harsh physical conditions of survival driven by the psychological distortion of a breaking fine line between truth and the reality set before them.

The characters allude to their past in illusions and lose themselves in deep thought as their monologues weigh in heavy stages of anxiety of Cuban life and refuge. Cruz's rendition of the Cuban language is beautiful and reminds us all of a rich culture. The music in the background helps set in the authenticity to this.

Julio is reduced to a wheelchair

after a stroke. Ines is the nurse hired to care for him. And Pepe is Julio's friend. After months of struggling with the realities of Cuba and the failing economy, all three are in a state of desperation.

It is the lead female character Ines who breaks her silence and yearns for a better life in a drunken state. She falls in love with Julio and drives him to grant her a raft - an escape. All three decide to embark on a journey to the land of endless opportunities.

Playing Julio is Michael Fernandez. His performance was phenomenal. The veins on his forehead pumping as he struggled with

the wheelchair gave the audience chills and captivated the aggressive machismo embedded in his character.

His role served useful in capturing a metaphorical fear of fleeing that the Cuban people have long struggled with in contemplating refuge.

His intensity reverberated through the air as the audience breathed in his performance as a man in need of freedom from the two wheels that weigh him down.

John Guzman's performance as Pepe was uplifting and charismatic. He illuminated the stage with a kind of kindred spirit that still

floats around Miami. The chemistry between Julio and Pepe was palpable and really delightful.

However, the plot is driven by Ines, played by Victoria Collado, whose performance did not resonate amongst her exceptional castmates.

Rather, her accent was heavy with Miami-like dialect. The very raw and poetic words written for the role were stale and whatever profound substance of what Cuban women have burning inside felt superficial.

Despite that, her performance did not overshadow the roles of the

A BICYCLE COUNTRY

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- When: Aug 26-28, Sept 2-4
- Where: Wertheim Performing Arts Center- Main Stage

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Stars and trophies illuminate television's grand spectacle

KATHY PAZ
Staff Writer

The stars dotted the skies over Los Angeles and on the red carpet for the Emmy Awards on Aug. 29.

Broadcasted by NBC and hosted in the famous Nokia Theater by comedian Jimmy Fallon, the red carpet paved the way for the 62nd Primetime Emmy Awards.

Presented by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, this prestigious award show kicks off the fall television season while paying homage and honor to the teams behind evening programming.

Fox's breakout series "Glee" led the pack with 19 nominations and AMC's "Mad Men" followed closely in second place with 17.

The glitz and glamour of both old and new Hollywood graced the screen, celebrating a night of the creative process.

And, of course, there was plenty forced laughter; this is, after all, an award show.

The evening opened up with a parody of "Glee," featuring both part of the cast and numerous other familiar faces, including Tina Fey, Jon Hamm and Joel McHale, to the tune of Bruce Springsteen's "Born to

Run."

Fallon was at his finest here, enthusiastic and energetic, something that would dwindle and ultimately falter into complete annoyance by the end of the night.

This year's presentation of awards was divided by show genre and introduced by quick "Year In" montages.

The first awards of the program were secured by "Modern Family" with Eric Stonestreet for Best Supporting Actor and Christopher Lloyd accepting Writing in a Comedy Series for the team.

Other big winners were Jane Lynch for Best Supporting Actress ("Glee"), Betty White and Neil Patrick Harris for Guest Actress/Actor ("Saturday Night Live" and "Glee"), Edie Falco ("Nurse Jackie") and Ryan Murphy for Directing ("Glee").

A highlight of the night was fan favorite Jim Parsons receiving his first Emmy as Outstanding Actor in a Comedy Series, for "The Big Bang Theory".

Another transition process aside from the videos mentioned above was Jimmy Fallon on an acoustic guitar forcefully delivering a few notes about the upcoming category.

By the time the much anticipated Drama

presentations rolled around, half the viewers probably wanted to smash Fallon's acoustic guitar.

AMC's "Breaking Bad" triumphed in the category with Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul winning for Actor and Supporting Actor, respectively.

Half way throughout the award presentation, following victories by "Mad Men" (Writing, Matthew Weiner and Erin Levy), "The Good Wife" (Supporting Actress, Archie Panjabi) and "Dexter" (Directing, Steve Shill), Fallon carried out a musical tribute to completed shows "24," "Law and Order" and "Lost."

This, along with every other musical theme employed by the show, highlight just how much NBC was riding and cashing in on "Glee's" coattails.

Closing out Drama was Kyra Sedgwick's first Emmy, Outstanding Actress for her work in "The Closer" after four years of consecutive nomination in the category.

Ricky Gervais was a riot while presenting awards to variety shows.

George Clooney was honored at the Emmys for his work, dedication and passion to raising awareness and funds for causes such as "America: A Tribute to Heroes," "Tsunami Aid: A Concert of Hope" and Hope for Haiti Now.

Becoming the fourth recipient of the Bob Hope Humanitarian Award, Clooney was as charming as ever, appearing humble and speaking in an inspiring manner.

Among the points stressed in his speech, he urged viewers to remember.

"When a disaster happens, everybody wants to help... The hard part is seven months later. Five years later when we're on to a new story..."

So here's hoping that some very bright person, right here in the room or at home watching can help find a way to keep the spotlight burning on these heartbreaking situations that continue to be heartbreaking long after the cameras go away. That'd be an impressive accomplishment."

Closing up the show with the biggest of awards of the night were newcomer "Modern Family" for Outstanding Comedy Series and favorite "Mad Men" taking the prize of Outstanding Drama series for the third consecutive year.

The fall season is soon to be underway, and expectations are high.

In his acceptance speech, David Strathairn said, "We are teachers. We have the opportunity to teach the world."

If television follows this message in the right manner, the futures of the networks have nothing to fear.

Male leads shine in 'Country'

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male leads. My praise goes to Collado for approaching an uncomfortable love scene with ease and making it really lovely to witness.

Besides the distracting transitions between scenes, the set was simple and modern; the air was damp and smoky; the progression of the plot was cohesive.

The singular moments of vulnerability from the monologues by Pepe and Julio reopened a gash left somewhat unhealed that may resonate with Cuban refugees.

Despite the fact that the age of the characters could be left up in the air due to the lack of proper makeup and attire, the talent of Guzman and Fernandez complemented the characters and the overall theme.

Director Marina Pareja did a less-than-favorable justice to the simplicity of the true message Cruz was aiming for with his play.

I'd recommend watching the play just to view great talent and a nice message that trails at the very cusp of great chemistry.

A Bicycle Country runs again from Sept. 2 through Sept. 5 in room 150 of Deuxieme Maison.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A good pick for picky eaters

I'm back and my appetite is bigger than ever!

COLUMNIST

JASMYN ELLIOTT

During my hiatus, I have had a chance to eat at many more places, try my hand at some recipes, and search the web for more savory sites, all of which I'm more than ready to share with you.

Speaking of which, surfing the web for the next great meal is a hobby of mine.

So, I've decided to come back to "Food for Thought" after a much-too-long hiatus with a new website that is perfect for even the most finicky foodie.

Yummly.com is a recipe search engine that seeks out delicious dishes including your favorite foods and excluding the ones you can't even bear to glance at.

After creating a free account, Yummly will first ask you to list your preference of the five main flavors

of salty, sweet, savory, sour and bitter along with a list of your favorite and most-hated foods, flavors, and cuisines. Love Asian food?

Obsessed with apples? Think chili peppers are the devil?

Let them know.

They will also ask for your cooking skill level, preferences for dietary and allergic needs and your budget.

Once they have that information, every recipe they recommend will be tailor-made to your preferences, including the ingredients you love and eliminating the foods you love to hate. If the smell of lemons makes you sing, best believe that several of the recipes listed will include your citrus-y comrade. However, if onions make you cringe, not one recipe will list even a teaspoon of them among its ingredients.

Yummly is also a great networking tool. The site gives its members the option to become "Tastebuds" with others that share a love of fresh fish or a loathing for

garlic.

Its members may also submit recipes of their own for Yummly members to enjoy.

Just think: your recipe for French toast could be the answer to a breakfast fiend's prayers.

However, what if you simply need a quick recipe for a friend who's coming to town that loves asparagus, hates carrots, and is a vegetarian with a gluten allergy?

Yummly has a tool for that called the FoodFinder where you can quickly type in your needs and a host of recipes will become available to you.

With over 400,000 recipes and counting in their archives, you would be hard-pressed to have an unsuccessful search.

So, don't worry if you must stick to the strictest of diet--there's still hope. Yummly is here to help.

It's a fantastic resource for casual cooks and serious chefs alike looking to streamline their search for the next great meal.



COURTESY OF AP IMAGES

Jimmy Fallon performs the opening number during the 62nd Primetime Emmy Awards Sunday, Aug. 29, 2010, in Los Angeles.

CALENDAR!

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 1

FIU BIGGEST LOSER Registration

WHEN: 9:00 a.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Rec Center 101

RECREATION EXPO WITH TONY HORTON

HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: WUC at BBC
WHEN: 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

MEET AND GREET

Black Law Student Assoc.
WHEN: 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Law Building

TOBACCO DEPENDENCE GROUP SESSION

WHEN: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: UHS Wellness Center

FACULTY EXHIBITION

WHEN: 6:00 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Frost Art Museum

THURSDAY, SEP. 2

GROUP FITNESS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Registration begins!
WHEN: All day
HOW MUCH: \$5-\$8
WHERE: RC 225

FIU BIGGEST LOSER Registration

WHEN: 9:00 a.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Rec Center 101

DISNEY INSTITUTE ON MIAMI

WHEN: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
WHERE: CBC Ocean Bank Auditorium 155

FIU THEATRE A BICYCLE COUNTRY

WHEN: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$10
WHERE: Wertheim PAC

FACULTY EXHIBITION

WHEN: ALL DAY
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Frost Art Museum

Dove Center a haven for hate

BRANDON THOMPSON
Contributing Writer

Bringing a new meaning to the phrase “a wolf in sheep’s clothing,” The Dove World Outreach Center in Gainesville, Florida seems to thrive off of its controversial slogans and slander. Hiding under the title of “church”, this center does not display the values that a church would normally teach its members like unconditional love, kindness and obedience.

Their most recent act of controversy was the announcement that on September 11, in honor of 9/11 victims, they will be burning copies of the Qu’ran at their center and encourage others to do the same. The Qu’ran is the holy book in Islamic religion; it is equivalent to the Bible in Christianity.

Rev. Terry Jones, the head of the Dove Outreach Center has preached to his congregation that the Islamic religion “is of the Devil”, and by burning the Qu’ran they are ridding the world of “darkness”.

Though many religions beliefs may not be the same, this does not give anyone the right to burn the others holy literature. The Nazi’s burned non-German and Jewish literature to express their superiority over other religions and suppress all other non-Germans. That is exactly what this center is trying to do, but instead to those who follow Islam.

By burning the Qu’ran, Dove World Outreach Center is trying to spark fear into those who follow the Islamic faith and convert them to Christianity. When asked about this event Rev. Jones replied, “The goal of these and other protests are to give Muslims an opportunity to convert”. This is hypocritical for a so-called Christian “church”, because the Bible teaches that we are to love our neighbors like we love ourselves (Matthew 22:39).

Another incident that the center was involved with was the posting of the sign, “Islam is of the Devil” on their front lawn in July 2009. They also produced t-shirts printed with the same slogan, which are still for sale. Taking freedom of speech too far and turning it into hate speech is what this center is doing. It seems provoking those around to riot and protest is what brings satisfaction to this congregation. Someone actually tore down the sign, but the church quickly reposted it.

I am of Christian faith as well, but I do not believe what this center is trying to do is right. Nowhere in the Bible does it state that if we don’t agree with another religion or practice to hate them, post hateful signs and burn their literature.

The Bible teaches Christians that we should do unto others, as we would have them do unto ourselves (Luke 6:31). If another religion stated they would like to burn the Bible I’m sure that there would be a world-wide protest in efforts to stop this event.

The Dove World Christian Center should remove their label as a church, and replace it with hate center.

PEARLS OF WISDOM INSPIRED BY CAPTAIN J. JINGO

Xenophobia: the new American ideal

The Statue of Liberty should be torn down. Its an outdated relic whose message and symbol is antiquated and plain un-American. “Give me your tired, your poor...” is an absolutely ridiculous invitation.



CHRIS DIAZ

Why would we want lazy, idle folk to enter our country? Representative McConnel and other like-minded Republicans are right: citizenship shouldn’t be imparted via birth if the parents are illegals. That is, a child born here in the U.S. by an illegal immigrant shouldn’t automatically become a U.S. citizen.

Illegal immigrants are a plague on society. They serve no purpose other than to take good jobs from hard-working Americans. Times are especially tough right now, and we can ill afford these aliens taking our country from us.

As voters in Arizona have expressed, we are losing our country with every child born to an illegal who becomes a citizen. Given enough time, they will take over government!

Government is far too large and dangerous now; I can’t begin to imagine what it’ll be like when people of different creeds and ethnicities fill the halls.

Now I know this may come across as racist. It is not racist to be xenophobic.

In fact, it is my duty as an American, as a patriot, to defend this country from invaders. Illegals bring with them drugs and crime. Illegals prevent hard-working Americans from gaining employment and feeding their kids. It is definitely not the fault of the companies who knowingly hiring illegals. It is the fault of aliens.

Words are not enough though. Actions

We are all afraid, at least real Americans are. If you aren’t afraid then something is wrong with you. There is no limit to how much we should fear.

must be taken. I propose that in addition to tearing down the Statue of Liberty, we invest in defensive countermeasures. Fellow patriot Rand Paul had it right when he suggested larger walls along the border and electrified fencing. We can’t have Canadians coming into this country willy-nilly.

To those who say taller walls and elec-

trified fencing won’t solve our immigration problem: you are right. That is why I propose we order helicopters to patrol the borders, 24/7, which is another great idea by Rand Paul.

To those who think these measures are extreme, I say you aren’t afraid enough. We are all afraid, at least real Americans are. If you aren’t afraid then something is wrong with you. There is no limit to how much we should fear. And we need to take this fear, sew it into our daily lives, and if nothing else take it to the polls.

There is no middle ground. This, my fellow patriots, is the new Alamo. President Barack Hussein Obama and other socialists want to offer illegals citizenship if they agree to pay back taxes and spend hours doing community service. Did George Washington back down to the Brits? No. Did Truman succumb to the Japanese? No, he introduced them to Little Boy and Fat Man.

Make no mistake, this fear we cling to puts us at war. Marg Baker understands this. As a Republican candidate she said that we can “ship [illegal immigrants] to the middle of the country and put up high walls and leave them there.”

Bravo Marg Baker, bravo Mitch McConnel and bravo Rand Paul. You are all patriots and I salute you.

Pearls of Wisdom by J. Jingo is a satirical series.

Degree seekers need a reality check

ROMNEY MANASSA
Staff Writer

As we begin yet another school year in the midst of a recession, many students, particularly incoming freshmen, may remind themselves why they are at FIU in the first place: to avoid the fate of millions of jobless Americans, many of them blue-collar workers lacking degrees.

Indeed, the prevailing trend in our society has long been to obtain a stable, knowledge-based career as provided by a degree awarding university.

A survey of 17-year-olds in 2003 found that 69% aspired to join a four-year university, doubling the percentage level from 20 years ago.

But is getting a degree really all that it is cracked up to be?

At first glance, there are many positives to back it up. Most people who were laid off during this recession were those lacking degrees, as has been in the case in every past recession.

Wages for graduates also tend to be higher, and have grown much faster than those

of laborers without degrees. With the decline of blue-collar industries like manufacturing, most of the decent employment opportunities that remain require some sort of degree.

On the other hand, degree-awarding universities are not the surefire path to success and stability that they’re often touted to be. Inevitably, many students don’t finish school, and more than half take longer than the standard 4 years to obtain their degree.

The average university student graduates with \$23,000 of debt, \$10,000 more than it was a decade ago. Students seeking professional degrees, such as in law or medicine, can expect debt in the range of \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Many majors are also oversaturated or have limited applications, leaving fresh graduates without use for their hard-earned and expensive degree.

So, do the benefits of obtaining a degree outweigh the growing costs and risks? Ultimately, that assessment falls on the individual student.

Degrees may not be the guarantee to wealth and stability

that we, our parents and society as a whole have touted, but they’re certainly not all overpriced scams or useless pieces of paper that growing body of critics would believe.

The fact is that we students usually don’t make as much an effort to be informed as we should. We remain entrenched with the grade school mentality of getting the good grades and getting out. We go into school set on a dream occupation, and obtaining it quickly, without looking into the viability of the career, what it really entails and the risks involved.

Every degree has its applications, assuming one is well aware of the possible limitations and risks. A degree is only as useless as what you actually had in mind for it.

If you’re going into underwater basket weaving with the intention of making a lot of money, don’t count on it. But if it’s what you want to do, than who’s to say it’s a failure? It’s simply a matter of knowing what you’re getting into.

That leads to another important point. Critics presume that degree-seeking, as an expen-

sive and often longer-running pursuit, is by that very nature alone a poor choice.

Indeed, many students take longer than they had planned to get their degree, and many more rack up years of debt afterward, only to be stuck with a job they didn’t want (or wasn’t even there to begin with).

But what outsider critics don’t consider is how many students found all these troubles to be well worth it?

Sometimes it costs extra time and money to get a feel for what you want to do. And we’re quick to forget that school isn’t just about getting a piece of paper by a certain deadline, it’s about discovery and exploration, and like any experience it should be left to the individual’s discretion.

Ultimately, seeking a degree is like any other grand adventure, such as starting a business. It’s going to have its winners and losers, its exploiters and beneficiaries and its pros and cons.

We students simply need to keep on top of what we plan to do and, most importantly, for whom.

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VERBATIM

“We can follow what happened back in the 40s or 50s—I was just a little girl in Miami—and they built camps for the people that snuck into the country.”

*Marg Baker, Florida State House Senate Candidate
Advocating internment camps for illegal immigrants*

SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

HTM students get Carnival Student Center

LEONARDO OBREGÓN
Contributing Writer

A donation by Carnival Cruise Lines will help give the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management facilities worthy of its national recognition.

The renovation, totaling \$1.6 million, was made possible by a \$900,000 gift from Carnival Cruise Lines and \$700,000 in matching state fund.

Joan Remington, interim dean of HTM shared her anticipation for the building renovation in an interview with Student Media.

"I wish it were finished," Remington said. "I'm really excited about the new building."

Ground broke on construction for what will be called the Carnival Student Center in April, and Remington is looking forward to moving into the 2,600 square-foot addition. "It's going to be a place for students and faculty to congregate, work together and meet new people," Remington said.

Existing academic and student services offices were gutted to make room for new refurbished student common areas, lounges and offices. The expansion includes large glass windows overlooking the bay. The new student common area will include couches, bar counter tops and work desks to get together for group projects and prepare before classes.

Along with new facilities is new technology. Widescreen televisions in the lounge area will feature "digital signage" which breaks up the TV signal into different segments allowing students to watch different channels like CNN, ESPN and the Food Network.

But what is brand new to University campuses is Microsoft's Surface technology. The multi-touch, multi-user table is, "basically like a four-by-three foot wide iPhone" said Dale Gomez, coordinator of Computer Systems Control and webmaster of HTM.

According to Microsoft's website, the technology is already being used by private companies in finance, health and hospitality sectors and in some universities.

The giant touch screen will allow multiple students to browse the Internet, look up job openings, research companies' information and even find them through Google maps.

Student advising will also be enhanced, as the near full catalog of graduate hospitality classes are already video recorded, snippets of these and other courses with additional information will be available at students' finger tips. Remington suggested it would help facilitate better student satis-

faction and advising outcomes without necessarily increasing the number of advisors.

Gomez explained some ways Microsoft Surface is already in use in the hospitality industry offering



ILLUSTRATIONS COURTESY OF DALE GOMEZ

The School of Hospitality and Tourism Management's Carnival Student Center is being built near the HM Field and will have refurbished student common areas, lounges, offices, and large glass windows overlooking Biscayne Bay.



orders and pay the bill right into the table they're being served on.

In addition to these renovations, the school plans to update its fine dining room in the next year. By expanding two floors of the HTM building out to the bay water enhancing and beautifying the facility.

Gomez shared Remington's excitement about the new technology coming to the Carnival Student Center and its potential.

"It's great," Gomez said. "It will put our hospitality students one step ahead of the rest."

high-end digital hotel concierge services and imagined another way it may one day be implemented in a waiter-free restaurant where guests can browse menus, place

INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Traveling dinner party: two courses in two cities, desert on campus

GENESIS VIERA
Contributing Writer

The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship is sending out an invitation to all University students to attend their annual Welcoming Traveling Dinner Party.

This moving event is taking place for the second time on Sep. 3, in three different locations. "A traveling dinner is when you go to different homes for different parts of a dinner. One house for appetizer, one for main course and one for desert," said Didier Georges, vice president of IVCF and senior business management major.

The dinner party will start at 7 p.m. at a former members home in North Miami, followed by the main course at another former members in Aven-

tura, then making its way on campus where desserts will be served.

"The event will go on till the party stops," said Beatrice Jourdain, president of IVCF and senior biology major. Jourdain highly encourages students curious in Christianity to take a step forward and become part of a demanding Christian fellowship this year.

"This event is a great opportunity for new students to meet current members face to face to get to know the fellowship and what it really is about," Georges said.

IVCF does not require any student attending this event to join the program. "Those who will attend the Traveling Dinner will enjoy a night full of great food, games, peers and most importantly getting to know Jesus," Georges said.

IVCF is an inter-denomination, non-religious, diverse Christian organization: growing in love for Jesus, Gods people and Gods purpose for the world. As a fellowship for students the IVCF is openly willing to let in anyone who is interested in becoming a part of an organization such as this.

Georges tells almost every student he meets that IVCF is all about forwarding Gods kingdom on campus by his power and for his glory. And every student wants to be a part of something, and whether they are Christian or not, IVCF provides a community where they can be themselves and feel wanted and a part of something.

In Jourdain's point of view "IVCF is about showing the love of Christ, not judgment. It is about a relationship with Christ, not religion. We are

a fun loving community with support, honesty and most importantly Jesus."

IVCF's Facebook page reads; "If you are a Christian college student, you may be searching for a witnessing community on your campus where your faith can deepen and bear fruit among like-minded friends. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship exists on hundreds of campuses to transform students and faculty, renew the campus, and develops world changers. Many students are part of authentic Christian communities where they witness to Gods transformative work in their lives, and in turn become agents of Gods transformation on their campuses and in the world."

"The IVCF has been around for five years and growing, and the fellowship will be delighted to see a

great number of students attending this year's Traveling dinner," Georges said. The group usually meets off campus for Bible studies three times a week. IVCF also has made it a tradition to attend camp and take trips yearly. Organizations like IVCF encourage all students to join the club to help spread the word of Jesus.

"The traveling dinner party is not only about eating exquisite food and sharing conversation with peers, but also meeting life-long friends that will make you a better person for a better tomorrow," Georges said.

For further information as far as addresses details contact Jourdain, at bjour001@fiu.edu, or Georges dgeor002@fiu.edu. IVCF also invites students to join their Facebook group "Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship FIU-BBC."

COMING UP ON CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 1

REC Expo featuring Tony Horton
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Fitness Center/ Pool



THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 2

Volunteer Fair 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Panther Square
Late Day Latte 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 3

Multifaith Fair 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 5

Labor Day
School Closed



TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 6

Panther Power Bonanza
Noon to 2 p.m.

Tuesday Times
Roundtables 12:30 to 2 p.m.
WUC 159

SPC Fall Fest 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. WUC Ballrooms