

WORLD

Kenya adopts US-style constitution

Kenya's president signed a new constitution into law Friday that institutes a U.S.-style system of checks and balances.

WORLD

Sudanese war crimes

Sudan's president defied an international arrest warrant by visiting Kenya on Friday, causing an outcry from the International Criminal Court

NATIONAL

Mexico's drug war

Two cars exploded in a northern state where officials are investigating the killing of 72 migrants, and a prosecutor investigating the massacre has disappeared.

Study abroad programs more popular than ever

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According to a recent poll by the Institute of International Education, studying abroad has increased by 8.5%, becoming a popular rite of passage for many college students.

The increase reflects data comparisons from the 2007-2008 academic year, and suggests similar numbers in the coming years with the extensive financial opportunities and overall reward of study abroad.

FIU has seen similar increases.

With a sum of over 500 students, FIU continues to influence students to pursue foreign study.

The Office of Education Abroad offers international student exchange programs as well as the shorter length University-sponsored programs in order to encourage locals to expand and get new experiences.

"[We see that] especially in Miami, many students haven't gotten out of the area; when they do international student exchange they become more self-reliant and confident. They become more aware of other cultures," said Office of Study Abroad Coordinator, Laura Marks.

Despite the rise of less traditional loca-

tions, sites in Western Europe hosted 56% of all American study abroad participants.

Along with FIU statistics, Marks informs us that Western Europe continues to be a popular region and that the "Passport to Italy" program is still the most popular choice.

However, she also notes an increase in students going to Asia to pursue their studies, which she believes is likely to be attributed to the programs associated with the FIU Business School and the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

The increase is also seen in the IIE poll, which shows students are choosing more unconventional locations for study; places such as China, India, Japan, South Africa and Argentina.

India experienced a 20% increase in Americans visiting as part of a study abroad program. China, Japan and South Africa all saw an increase of 15% or more.

"More students are eager to study in newly popular study abroad destinations such as China, India, and the Middle East. The language and cultural skills they acquire along with their academic experience will have a profound effect on their lives and careers," said Allan E. Goodman, president and CEO of the IIE in a press release. Raisa Kirton, a



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Sophomore Maria Ramirez, a business and political science major, browses through flyers about study abroad programs in the Office of Education Abroad.

recent FIU graduate who participated in the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management's study abroad program in China, was surprised by how advanced Chinese are within her field.

"I gained a lot of respect for the Chinese," said Kirton.

While the less conventional options for studying abroad have been gaining steam,

the four countries leading in hosting U.S. students are England with 33,333 students, Italy with 30,670 students, Spain with 25,212 students and France with 17,336 students.

Even though these four countries lead in hosting U.S. students, Open Doors reports that fifteen of the top 25 destinations are

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MMC TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE SCHEDULE

Date:	Moderator:	Roundtable Title:
8/31/2010	Jean Muteba Rahier Global and Sociocultural studies	Are Africans Responsible for the Transatlantic Slave Trade?
9/7/2010	Regina Bailey The Wolfsonian	TBA
9/14/2010	Deanne Butchey Business	Digital Graveyard
9/21/2010	Clifford Perry Business	Chinese Factories Now Complete to Woo Laborers
9/28/2010	Allison McComb University Grad. School	The WHAT generation? Defining your Place in History
10/5/2010	Elmo Lugo Broadcast Video Production	Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall...Do I Look Hispanic at All?
10/12/2010	Laura E. Boudon College of Med.	International Adoption and Identity
10/19/2010	Joann Brown Communication arts	TBA
10/26/2010	Carleen Vincent-Robinson Criminal Justice	Sex Trafficking: At Home and Abroad
11/2/2010	Pratricia T. Lopez-Guerrero Center for Leadership	TBA
11/9/2010	Debra J. Sheridan Media & Tech. Support Penny Butler UTS-BBC Operations	Social Media: Privacy vs. Community
11/16/2010	Laurie Shraige Women's Studies Center	Same-sex Marriage in a Global Frame
11/30/2010	Jose F. Rodriguez Honors College	Is Technology Helping or Hindering Learning?

Roundtables encourage open debate among students

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The Tuesday Times Roundtable will be returning to the Modesto Maidique Campus and for the first time ever to the Biscayne Bay Campus, after two successful semesters this previous academic year which had over 600 students, faculty and staff members in attendance.

TTR, a series of weekly discussions held every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. is based off articles from *The New York Times* and is sponsored by the Office of Global Learning Initiatives, *The New York Times* and the Student Government Association.

The roundtables are moderated by faculty members who encourage those in attendance to engage in open multi-perspective discussions on a variety of topics that deal with global issues, events and trends.

Topics from some of the past 17 Tuesday Times Roundtables include: alternative energy, the justification for war, the depiction of religion in movies and immigration in the United States.

The roundtables are part of the University's Quality Enhancement Plan, "Global Learning for Global Citizenship" and are open to all students and faculty members. A free lunch is also provided to those in attendance.

"We have all the topics and all the faculty

members ready to go at MMC," said Stephanie Doscher, associate director of the office of Global Learning Initiatives. "We built such excitement that within weeks of putting out the invitation for faculty to moderate, we had a full slate."

The excitement is part of the reason why the Tuesday Times Roundtables are expanding to the Biscayne Bay Campus, as part of a co-sponsorship with SGC-BBC, according to Doscher.

Both the MMC and BBC roundtables will be happening on the same days and times.

"We're experimenting with that this year, and if it doesn't work this year we'll change it," said Doscher.

According to Maria Cedeño, graduate assistant for the office of Global Learning Initiatives, the BBC roundtable series is sponsored by Office of Global Learning Initiatives, *The New York Times*, and the BBC Student Government Association, the BBC Campus Life and Orientation Office, the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the Office of the Vice Provost at BBC, and the FIU Libraries.

Among the topics being covered by the roundtables this year are: "The WHAT Generation? Defining your place in history," "Mirror, Mirror on the wall... do

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NEWS FLASH

LOCAL

Head of controversial Cuban radio and TV station resigns

Radio/TV Martí director Pedro Roig resigned Friday after more than seven years at the head of the often controversial U.S. government stations that broadcast to Cuba according to *The Miami Herald*. Roig wrote to his supervisors, "I hereby submit my resignation from the position of Director of the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB), effective Sept. 1, 2010 or at the Board's timely convenience." The letter was provided to *El Nuevo Herald* by Jorge de Cardenas, a public relations man and friend of Roig. According to *The Miami Herald*, other knowledgeable sources confirmed the resignation. The U.S. government's Board of Broadcasting Governors, which supervises the Office of Cuba Broadcasting, was expected to announce Roig's resignation to the Radio/TV Martí staff Friday afternoon and then later to the public.

NATION

American imprisoned in North Korea returns to U.S.

Former President Jimmy Carter assisted in the release of an American held captive for seven months in North Korea according to MSNBC. Aijalon Gomes, looking thin but joyful, was greeted and hugged by Carter, who had flown to Pyongyang to negotiate his freedom, in his hometown Friday along with his family and friends. Gomes, who had been teaching English in South Korea, was imprisoned and sentenced to eight years' hard labor for crossing into the North from China on Jan. 25 for unknown reasons. After it was reported last month that Gomes had attempted suicide, leading his family to ask for his release on humanitarian grounds. North Korea said this week it would release Gomes to Carter if the former president came to get him.

-Compiled by Alexandra Camejo

Study abroad programs help GPAs

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outside of Western Europe and nineteen 19 are countries where English is not the primary language.

Carla Uriarte enrolled in the France study abroad program in order to get a better grasp of the French language.

"When I began studying French, I knew that the only way to achieve fluency was to be surrounded by it. I couldn't just write and read in French. I needed to be

able to think in French," said Uriarte.

According to a study done by the 35 institution University System of Georgia, researchers found that students who went abroad typically achieved higher GPAs upon their return. Also, these students were more culturally and globally informed as a result to their foreign study.

"The skeptics of study abroad have always made the argument that study abroad is a distraction from the busi-

ness of getting educated, so you can enter the economy and become a contributing member of society," said Don Rubin, professor emeritus of speech communication and language education at the University of Georgia and research director for the Georgia Learning Outcomes of Students Studying Abroad Research Initiative, or GLOSSARI, in an interview with *USA Today*.

"I think if there's one take-home message from this research as a whole it is that study abroad does not undermine educational outcomes, it doesn't undermine graduation rate, it doesn't undermine final semester GPA. It's not a distraction," Rubin told *USA Today*. "At worst, it can have relatively little impact on some students' educational careers. And at best it enhances the progress toward degree. It enhances the quality of learning as reflected in things like GPA."

Foreign study, which had previously been a large monetary pitfall, now envelops a large network of financial assistance.

According to the Office of Study Abroad, many programs allow students to pay FIU tuition rates which make it affordable to many. Aside from that, national awards have been implemented for some time in order to promote foreign study. Federal Pell Grants can be applied to study abroad as well as the commonly preferred Fulbright Scholarships.

Another alternative to cut costs is the duration of the program. Throughout the 2007-2008 academic year, 40% of the study abroad participants did mid-length programs while the majority had elected to complete short-term programs.

Conclusively, students gain experience abroad without necessarily breaking the bank.



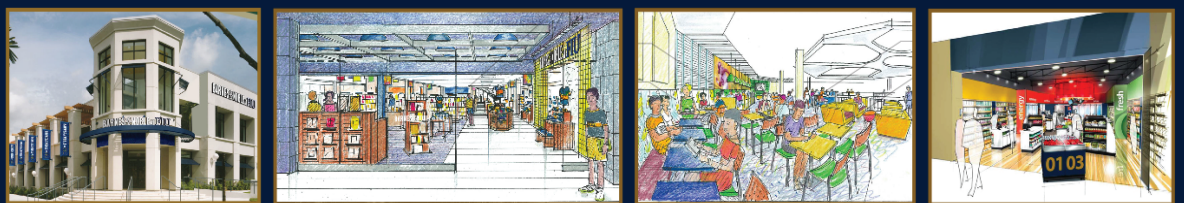
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TOP 20 STUDY ABROAD SPOTS ACCORDING TO IIE POLL

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| 1) The United Kingdom (33,333 up 2%) | 11) Japan (5,710, up 14%) |
| 2) Italy (30,670 up 10%) | 12) Argentina (4,109 up 14%) |
| 3) Spain (25,212 up 5%) | 13) Greece (3,847, up 13%) |
| 4) France (17,336, up 0.6%) | 14) South Africa (3,700, up 15%) |
| 5) China (13,165, up 19%) | 15) Czech Republic (3,417, up 9%) |
| 6) Australia (11,042, up 3%) | 16) Austria (3,356, up 19%) |
| 7) Mexico (9,928, up 5%) | 17) India (3,146 up 20%) |
| 8) Germany (8,253, up 12%) | 18) Ecuador (2,814, no change) |
| 9) Ireland (6,881, up 19%) | 19) Chile (2,739 down 3%) |
| 10) Costa Rica (6,096, up 13%) | 20) Brazil (2,723 up 8%) |

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Three new associate justices confirmed at SGA hearing

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The Student Government Association began the school year this past Monday with its first Student Government Council meeting.

A vote was called right away and the most important part of the meeting was brought to the stage: the confirmation of three new associate justices. Associate Justices are vital to the Student Government Council. Before a candidate for Associate Justice can be confirmed, he/she is given a chance to speak in front of the Graduate Senators and is then questioned by the Senators themselves.

SGA approved its new Constitution with a vote of 201 to 46 and 49 abstained votes, which now requires that

all Associate Justices sit on the bench for two years with consistency and continuity.

The first Associate Justice elected was Michael Foley, a member of both Pi Sigma Alpha and the National Political Science Honor Society. Foley was elected with a vote of 13 to 8.

Next to stand in front of the Council was Erica Estevez, a sophomore double majoring in Political Science and Criminal Justice. Erica received the Academic Excellence Scholarship in 2009, as well as a Presidential Education Award in 2009. She became an Associate Justice with a unanimous vote from the Senators.

Finally, Associate Justice Jessica Medina was brought to the stand and confirmed by the Senators. Jessica is a 4L student at the College of Law

and also served as an Executive Paralegal in a law firm.

"I am very confident in the new Associate Justices and their analytical skills," Chris Cabral, senator of the College of Arts and Sciences, said.

SGA's judicial branch has many responsibilities that the Chief and Associate Justices must adhere to. The justices must hear grievances, which can include any charges against any SGA official, group of officials, or body of government.

The Judicial branch is also in charge of overseeing petitions for legal review, which are requests for the evaluation of SGA laws to determine the constitutionality and consistency of other SGA laws. The justices must also oversee appeals from the election board or any of the governing councils.

Health education program to aid 36,000 households

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Staff Writer

Second year medical students will get first-hand experience in working with biological and social issues of Miami-Dade communities beginning Sept. 1.

The Green Family Neighborhood Health Education Program (Neighborhood-HELP) is a University-wide program aiming to educate households in all health-related needs they may have. Every medical student enrolled must participate in the 3-year program, taking preparatory classes in their first year.

"We hope that participants will have an increased understanding of their own medical condition and how to appropriately assess the healthcare system," said Luther Brewster, assistant professor of Humanities, Health and Society, in an e-mail interview.

Students are divided into four "Panther Communities" which represent different areas of Miami, these being North Miami-Dade, Miami Gardens, Opa-Locka and a section of Unincorporated Miami; a total of about 36,000 households.

"Initially I thought we would be doing normal stuff—but it's come to incorporate a lot more than that," said Trine Engebretsen, a second year medical student.

Juan Lozano, professor in the Division of Research, Data and Information at HWCOC supported Engebretsen by stating the goal that students will "learn things not experienced in class" and "have a broader perspective of

health."

The areas were chosen based on a survey conducted by the Howard Wertheim College of Medicine on Aug. 18, discerning the health problems in lower-income neighborhoods.

"One interesting thing [about the survey] is the response rate (over 70 percent) which suggests that the community was very willing to provide their information," said Lozano, "We are still in the process of analyzing the final data."

All of the households involved were referred by a community-based organization like church, school or clinic and went through a screening process to confirm a medical condition in the home and ensure the safety of the students participating. This was conducted by asking a series of questions and signing a document to confirm accurate information.

"There is minimal health risk as the students will not be performing medical procedures in the homes," Brewster said.

"We wanted to work with these communities based on knowledge, not assumptions," said Associate Professor of Human and Molecular Genetics Juan Acuña.

Acuña explained that the program was intended to study infant mortality rates. The program is part of a series of Medicine and Society courses culminating in "Community, Cultures and Health"—the hands-on course when the students begin working with the households.

"We got a lot of background on what resources are available for the household to meet health needs," Engebretsen said.

"Our expectations are that students develop relationships with these households," said Chief of Family Medicine and course director David Brown.

Each household is assigned three students; one nursing, one medical and one from social work, along with a faculty member. These students are expected to visit the same household once to twice a month until they graduate to address the health needs and educate the members of the home.

"We want to see communities with more residents empowered to address his or her own health and social needs," Brewster said, "less reliance on the hospital emergency rooms."

According to a July 2010 study conducted in California, the national average for emergency room waits is about four hours, half an hour less than California's state average.

"We understand now that the social determinants have a huge impact," Brown said.

In the three-year period students are not only expected to address medical problems but to also work with families at a biological-psycho-social level; not just treating the illness but also their overall health through managing social factors and education.

"FIU is trying to get us to focus on the patient long-term by educating them instead of simply prescribing," said Engebretsen.

GLADIATOR



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Junior Harry Duval prepares to face off during the week of welcome event at the GC lawn on Aug. 25. **Check out more week of welcome photos on page 8.**

First roundtable on Aug. 31

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I look Hispanic at all?" and "Social Media: Privacy vs. Community."

The first roundtable at MMC, titled "Are Africans Responsible for the Transatlantic Slave Trade?" will be held on Aug. 31 and moderated by Jean Muteba Rahier,

associate professor of anthropology in the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies.

The MMC roundtables will be held every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in GC 150, while the BBC roundtables will be held at the same time in the Wolfe University Center, room 159.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

HOME COOKING

Sorzano one goal short of hat trick in convincing win

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With quality passing and dominating possession, the FIU Golden Panthers (2-2, 0-0 Sun-Belt) won their home opener against the Delaware State Hornets (0-3), 4-1.

The Panther attack was

surprisingly led by two freshman. Chelsea Levia and Nicole DiPerna were the driving force of the attack, constantly supplying efficient passes towards the finishing players, Levia being one of those finishers. Chelsea finished the match with a goal, netting a redirected cross from DiPerna herself. DiPerna was a pres-

ence in midfield, muscling Delaware State plays off the ball and controlling the tempo of the play. In addition, senior Kassandra Sorzano was short of the first FIU hat trick since 2003 by one goal, netting herself two.

Linn Thune, Senior defender, talked highly of the freshman impact of

Levia and DiPerna.

"Both of them are very confident players," Thune said. "It seems like they just love the game of soccer and they get excited when they get to play."

Thune added that the team is gaining confidence and a higher morale with two consecutive wins, including a double overtime thriller at Florida Gulf Coast on Aug. 26.

In that overtime win, Levia netted herself her first FIU regular season goal. With the goal scored against Delaware State, she has scored in two consecutive games.

Chelsea radiated a smile when responding to how it feels to score at home in front of her parents for the first time as a Golden Panther.

"Every goal is for them, I tell them every time," Levia said.

Levia performed confidently, taking four shots and hitting the goal with two of them.

BIG GAME

The game was not to be undone without a stand-out performer. Kassandra Sorzano, a senior captain at midfield, was a penetrating force throughout the game. Holding possession, slowing down play, feeding her fellow teammates, Sorzano was the playmaker in the middle of the field, causing havoc in the Hornet defense. The Golden Panthers had an impressive 30 shots. There was potential to score more than four goals, however, as the team also missed on a slew of opportunities.

When asked how the team could be

more clinical in finishing, Sorzano replied "Well just working on it in practice."

FIU Head Coach Thomas Chestnutt was pleased with the team's overall effort in the win.

"It's great. To get home and have all the fans out makes the win that much more special," Chestnutt said. "The girls were pumped up about it and now we're at .500."

EMPTYING THE BENCH

Chestnutt played all six of the team's freshman in the contest, allowing his new players to get their feet wet with game action.

"You want to get people looks early in the season to see how they adjust to the college game," Chestnutt said of emptying his bench in the blowout.

The final Golden Panther goal was scored by another freshman, Kim Lopez. The goal was scored on a short corner. Lopez received a pass high in the box, allowing her to dribble her way into the Hornet defense and finished with her left foot.

The Golden Panthers, who scored just one goal in their first three games of 2010 before the breakout.

Katrina Rose, an All SBC First Team selection last season, did not play for fourth consecutive game. Chestnutt cited the reason for her absence as "getting back to full fitness."

Chestnutt expects Rose to be a 'force' when she is prepared to play, and she is not injured.



DAVID LOPEZ/THE BEACON

FIU senior Kassandra Sorzano scores a goal in the team's 4-1 victory over Delaware State on Aug. 27. The Golden Panthers have now won two consecutive games.

FOOTBALL

Wesley Carroll should be named starting quarterback

When Wesley Carroll made the decision to transfer to FIU in early 2009, it sent some serious shockwaves across the grapevine and a lot of exciting optimism for the FIU faithful.

COMMENTARY



JOEL DELGADO

And why not? The Golden Panthers just snagged a quarterback that started in the toughest conference in the country and helped mark one of the biggest turnaround seasons in recent memory for the Mississippi State Bulldogs in 2007.

Prior to that, Carroll led a St. Thomas Aquinas team to three state 3A championship games along with current FIU running back Jeremiah Harden and caught the attention of a number of prominent programs before choosing to go to MSU.

The Golden Panthers had just picked up a signal caller who has proven winning credentials and an impressive repertoire of attributes that would help him flourish in the Golden Panthers spread offense currently being organized by new offensive coordinator Scott Satterfield, who himself has been known for utilizing a pass heavy offense and developing quarterbacks with his former employers.

When you have a quarterback with valuable

experience in the SEC and helped take the floundering Bulldogs to a bowl game in his freshman season, it is difficult to justify not having him manage your offense when his only challenger is a quarterback who has a career record of 0-12 as a starter in three years.

Currently, Carroll is in the middle of a quarterback battle with senior Wayne Younger, who failed to win a game in 11 starts in 2007 during Mario Cristobal's first year as head coach at FIU.

When plan A doesn't pan out, a plan B should be firmly in place. The answer should not come in the form of a recycled Plan A. But that is not to say that Younger cannot be a valuable piece in the offensive scheme the squad utilizes this fall.

Younger is one of the more athletic players on the roster and has proven to be more effective when given a limited role in games. When Younger came in as a change-of-pace quarter-

back during a 35-28 victory last season at home against North Texas, he was effective coming in for Paul McCall and running for a game winning touchdown in the wildcat formation and keeping the opposing defense off balance.

With Carroll, the Golden Panthers have an opportunity for a fresh start and to inject some confidence with a quarterback who has bowl game experience and has proven to be a winner. The least that Cristobal can do is give the new kid on the block a chance to prove what he can do on the field.

After throwing for nearly 200 yards in the first scrimmage and completing 18 of 24 passes, the Mississippi State transfer slightly began to emerge as the frontrunner in the eyes of many. The fact that a decision has not officially been reached at this point is simply a matter of formality.

Reports have indicated that Carroll had

been impressive running the scout team and did perform fairly well during spring practice, where many got to see Carroll take the field in the blue and gold for the first time.

Putting Carroll under center would usher in the change fans are looking for and with the kind of weapons around him, such as receiver T.Y. Hilton and tight end Dudley LaPorte among others, it would be difficult for Carroll not to excel.

With FIU going up against four BCS opponents to start the season, having Carroll in the huddle gives the team a young man who not only has been in those situations before, but has found ways to win in them; something FIU has never had the privilege of having.

Cristobal will mostly be hiding his decision until the week of the season opener against Rutgers, but he has already hinted that a front-runner has emerged in the race to be the third starting quarterback in the Cristobal era.

Many are already speculating that Carroll, who has been sharing first team duties with Younger throughout training camp, is the man with the edge.

When the season opener starts and the lights of FIU Stadium are powered up with the ESPN cameras fixed on the Golden Panther offense, it should be Wesley Carroll taking the snaps against the Scarlet Knights.

With Carroll, the Golden Panthers have an opportunity for a fresh start and to inject some confidence with a quarterback who has bowl game experience and has proven to be a winner.

VOLLEYBALL

Valentin, Bjelica earn SBC preseason honors in poll

JONATHAN RAMOS
Sports Director

FIU setter Natalia Valentin is approaching this season entrenched as the team's leader, but with the graduation of former FIU great Yarimar Rosa, Valentin is in position to not only lead the team, but replace Rosa as the best player in the Sun Belt conference.

SBC head coaches agree.

As announced by the conference on Aug. 26, Valentin was named the SBC Preseason Player of the Year, becoming just the second FIU player to ever receive the honor, as Rosa earned it in 2008 and 2009. The Puerto Rico native was one of two FIU players to start all 36 games last season, while being named to the SBC Championship All-Tournament team. Valentin led the team in digs and aces in 2009 in helping FIU reach the NCAA tournament.

Valentin was also announced as a member of the All-SBC Preseason squad, where she was joined by outside hitter Jovana Bjelica. Bjelica, who won the SBC Freshman of the

Year last season, was third on the team with 344 kills in 2009.

In the 2010 SBC Preseason Poll, Middle Tennessee was selected to finish at the top the East Division with 66 points on six first place votes, while FIU was picked to finish second with 63 points and five first place votes. The Golden Panthers also received national recognition with three votes in the AVCA Division I Coaches Top 25 Preseason Poll.

The rest of the East Division is comprised of WKU with 51 points and one first place vote, Troy with 28 points, and Florida Atlantic and South Alabama with 22 points apiece.

Denver got 68 points and eight first place votes to stand atop the West Division and Arkansas State grabbed 57 points and four first place votes for second place followed by UALR (47 points), North Texas (43 points), Louisiana (24 points) and ULM (13 points).

Denver's Kacie Wikierak was named the SBC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year.

The team declined comment.



REBECCA VILLAFANE/THE BEACON

Outside hitter Natalia Valentin was the Golden Panthers their third consecutive preseason SBC player of the year award. FIU is expected to finish second in the East Division.

FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Freshman White cleared

IGOR MELLO
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The Golden Panthers may be getting a big addition to their defensive line. But before he can contribute, he must get smaller.

Jordan White, a 6-foot-3, 350-pound giant, participated in Thursday's practice for the first time this season. The freshman only had upper pads on and didn't take part in full contact drills. He missed training camp due to academic issues.

White was originally recruited at 330 pounds. He will have to shed some weight if he wants to see any time on the field.

"We're not hoping, we are making sure he loses a bunch of weight and becomes functional," said head coach Mario Cristobal. "A man that size has to lose a certain amount of weight and be able to move the weight that he has to be functional."

Cristobal isn't even ready to determine on White's

contribution to the team this season.

"He hasn't even been in full gear yet. Until he is in full gear, we won't be able to even predict that," said Cristobal.

RUNNING BACK CAROUSEL

Cristobal would love to have one running back taking over a game, but he isn't seeing that so far.

"We just need a couple of guys that can really rise up as home run hitters," said Cristobal. "You'd love a guy that for three quarters he can wear the defense down and can take it over in the fourth quarter."

Although he would like to see one of his backs to become that "home run hitter," Cristobal is still comfortable with five of his running backs to make a contribution. Robert Boswell, Jeremiah Harden, Darrian Mallary, Darriet Perry, Khendrick Rhodes are the five expected to contribute.

"They add a dimension to the offense that we really

haven't had in a while," said Cristobal.

Cristobal feels even comfortable with a big back like Brandon Bennett, who is listed at 205 pounds to contribute to the offense.

INJURY

Senior running back Trenard Turner did not participate in practice and could miss some time due to an injured shoulder.

"That shoulders been hurting him. We're just waiting to see what the test shows," said Cristobal.

As of now, Turner's status is unknown.

Kevin Van Kirk's recovery timetable still has not been announced yet. What Cristobal does know though, is that it all depends on his rehab.

"It's a matter of how he rehabs and how fast he can get back. Only time will tell," said Cristobal.

According to Cristobal, it depends on how deep in to the season they are regarding a decision on possibly red-shirting the sophomore right guard.

FLORIDA MARLINS

Morrison shares with dad

MIKE FITZPATRICK
AP Sports Writer

Logan Morrison's father remembers exactly what he said when the doctor told him he had inoperable lung cancer.

"Am I going to be around long enough to see my son get his first big league hit?"

Oh, he's seen that and much, much more.

Morrison and his dad, both choking back tears, sat side by side in the Florida Marlins' dugout Wednesday trying to describe their emotions during a cherished reunion at Citi Field.

Words, in this case, could never be enough.

Not for a proud father who traveled 29 hours on a train to see his son play big league ballgames in person for the first time.

Not for a boy who knows all too well it could be their last chance to celebrate his birthday together.

Tom Morrison, 51, was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer in April and spent much of the summer fighting for his life in a hospital. Meanwhile, his son Logan earned a call-up to the majors July 27 and a spot in left field with the Marlins.

"That was killing me, not being able to see him play," the elder Morrison said.

Tom Morrison, finally well enough to travel, got the chance to do just that Tuesday night following the long train ride from his Louisiana home.

He saw his son go 1 for 5 and score a run in a 6-5 loss to the New York Mets.

"It was an awesome feeling, for him to see

that in person," Logan Morrison said.

Doctor's orders prevent Tom Morrison from flying, but that didn't stop him from making it to the Big Apple this week.

And after all the radiation and chemotherapy he's been through, sitting in the left-field stands watching his boy play was quite a treat.

"It's probably the best recreation I have," Tom Morrison said, smiling. "I made him wave at me."

Logan Morrison was in the lineup again Wednesday on his 23rd birthday. His dad was back at the ballpark, too, purple-tinted sunglasses sitting upside down on the bill of a black Marlins cap, with about 20 other family members and friends in attendance.

A birthday cake awaited after the game.

"Baseball has kind of brought the family together," Logan Morrison said.

Morrison is hitting .307 with no homers and seven RBIs, and nobody is happier for him than his father.

"Anytime he's in the stands I kick it up a little bit. He's the reason I'm here," Morrison said.

After the game, the Morrison clan met up in a corridor before heading out for a postgame dinner.

"It's kind of surreal. The kid's living his dream," Tom Morrison said before the game. "He's a good kid. He deserves it."

Logan Morrison said it's not hard to concentrate on the field, but he often thinks of his dad during batting practice and when he's away from the ballpark.

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FRESHMAN SURVIVAL GUIDE



Textbooks for Cheap

JANET CAREAGA
Staff Writer

The start of a new semester is about new professors to either like or dislike, new schedules, and new lessons and experiences. It also means needing new textbooks and spending more money than desired on a couple hundred pages of text.

The most convenient place to get textbooks is on campus at the Barnes & Nobles bookstore. It is also the quickest place to get them, with the exception of the long lines the week before and first week of classes. The biggest problem students have with purchasing from the bookstore is the outrageous prices on new and even used books.

"Even though it is more expensive, I buy my books at the bookstore because it's convenient and I have to use my book advance there," said sophomore Robert Harnouss, majoring in business management.

"The university bookstore is a huge rip-off," said senior Lorenzo Ferguson.

"A book may be over a hundred dollars at the bookstore and you can find the same book somewhere else for like 40 dollars. It's not worth paying bookstore prices when you only use the book for one semester," said Ferguson, an international relations major.

Booksmart, located across the street from FIU, is a good place to find used textbooks. The textbook prices range anywhere from a few dollars cheaper than FIU bookstore prices to 50 dollars less per book.

Websites like Amazon.com and Half.com offer textbooks at much lower prices since often times the book is being sold by other students who are trying to make a better profit from selling online rather than selling back to the bookstore.

When choosing to purchase textbooks online it is important to buy them before the semester actually begins or as soon as possible. One reason is because it is the best time to get the lowest price because the cheapest ones still have not been sold. The other is that purchasing online

can take a few days for the package to arrive in the mail or even weeks, which can cause students to fall behind with assigned work or readings and many professors are not lenient when it comes to not having the book within a certain time frame.

For those who don't mind not having a hard copy in front of them, digital textbooks are also a more reasonably priced alternative. E-Textbooks usually sell for half the retail price and allow students access to the full text online for a certain period of time, usually the length of a semester.

CourseSmart.com, for example, offers a variety of textbooks that students can highlight and take notes electronically. There is also the option of printing some of the pages but there is a limit. Additional advantages of online textbooks are that they reduce clutter and they can be accessed anywhere there is internet access and on any computer.

Digital textbooks may not be for everyone so another option is textbook rentals. Once the semester is

over, most students have no interest in keeping their textbooks so renting them is a more budget friendly alternative to purchasing.

Considered the Netflix of textbooks, Chegg.com allows students to rent the textbooks they need and send them back when they are done using them. With Chegg, multiple textbooks can be rented at what would be the cost of just one textbook at the university bookstore. The books they send are in great condition and they even plant a tree for every textbook rented.

"You really don't need to keep textbooks when the semester is over, so the good thing about Chegg is you can just send them back without paying shipping. It's easy," said Monique Grzanek, a sophomore majoring in international relations.

There are many options when it comes to purchasing textbooks and it is important to shop around to save a couple bucks-- sometimes hundreds. The key is always to research before buying to know where to get the best deal.



Dorm Life

CHRIS TOWERS
Production Manager

So you've been in the dorms for about a 10 days at this point.

You know your roommates pretty well at this point, and you've probably met a few of your floor-mates already.

You might spend at least one night this week staying up until 5 in the morning having a strangely intimate conversation with a person you've only known for 3 days, and there's at least a 40% change you won't say more than 10 words to this person again for the rest of your college career.

Your freshman year living in the dorms will be one of the most unique times in your life. Having lived on campus for three years before moving off campus last year, I can attest to the fact that your first year living amongst your peers will be responsible for some of the greatest times of your life, as well as some of the most retrospectively strange.

The reason for this is because, no offense, but 18 year olds who have moved away from their homes for the first time aren't exactly overflowing with common sense.

It may sound like a critique, but really, it's a great thing to experience, and I would recommend it to everyone. It was a good choice. You're with like-minded people who are there to learn and experience the same things you are, and that's a wonderfully liberating thing to experience.

But you have to be careful to not let it be too liberating. I'm guessing in your first and second weekends on campus since you moved in, you've seen more than your share of partied out people, and with classes starting to hit their stride after introductory lessons, you'll see quite a few people who are far too stressed out from exams and papers to even function.

Don't be either of those people. Please. You don't want to be like me and forget that, ultimately, you aren't here just for fun, and you are paying for this. As a freshman, I lived in Panther Hall, and I had a great time, but it was a blur. By the time the year ended, I had enough "DRs" on my transcript to be mistaken for a doctor. I finished nine credits over a full year. And I'm paying for it now with an extra year of college at my own expense.

Don't follow that lead. But don't kill yourself. It's already too late, but you'll probably find 15 credits wasn't such a good idea during your first semester on campus. You're not going to want to focus on class with everything going on around you.

Take advantage of being on campus, and do as much as you can around school. Whether you actually want to join an organization or just get free t-shirts, you'll find you will develop a much greater affinity for this school if you are open minded and look for fun.

In keeping an open mind, you'll find that you'll make plenty of mistakes, both in what you do and in who you associate with, but that's all part of the experience.

You often hear older people say, "College is the best time of your life."

I'm not exactly sure I buy this line of thinking; how sad would it be to peak at 18?

But there's something unique about the multitude of opportunities laid out before you as a freshman in college, and it's not something you'll experience often.

Take advantage of this time.



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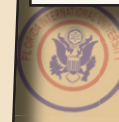
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Sports Guide

JOEL DELGADO
Asst. Sports Director

With fall semester now in full swing, a long summer devoid of athletics has come to an end and a number of teams return to action this fall with plenty of storylines that will be intriguing to follow in the coming months.

With Mario Cristobal entering his fourth season as head coach, expectations are high for a football team that kicks off its season at home for the first time since its inaugural season against Rutgers on Sept. 11.

Wesley Carroll and Wayne Younger are currently competing for the starting quarterback position, looking to succeed Paul McCall as the lead signal caller on game days.

After a disappointing 3-9 season in 2009, the team is hoping to turn the tide and make a run in the Sun Belt Conference, looking to earn bowl eligibility for the first time in the program's young history.

Meanwhile, FIU volleyball will look to repeat last season's success with a relatively new lineup in place after losing record-setting standout Yarimar Rosa and other key role players at the end of last season.

But with one of the strongest recruiting classes in the history of the program, the Golden Panthers are hoping to pick up where they left off after making a second round appearance in the 2009 NCAA Tournament.

Later this fall, the second year of the Isiah Thomas era begins after a turbulent summer filled with rumors almost ended up with the NBA Hall of Fame player taking a second job with the New York Knicks. With an impressive recruiting class making its way on campus, the Golden Panthers are hoping to improve on their seven-win rebuilding season last year.

One of the more interesting storylines of the fall will be tracking whether FIU will be able to manufacture a turnaround season despite losing recruits Dominique Ferguson and Phil Taylor for the first part of the season.

While women's soccer will be looking to build off a Sun Belt championship season, the men's soccer team will be looking to return to past success after a string of disappointing seasons in recent years.

All students are allowed free access to every athletic event on campus with their Panther ID.

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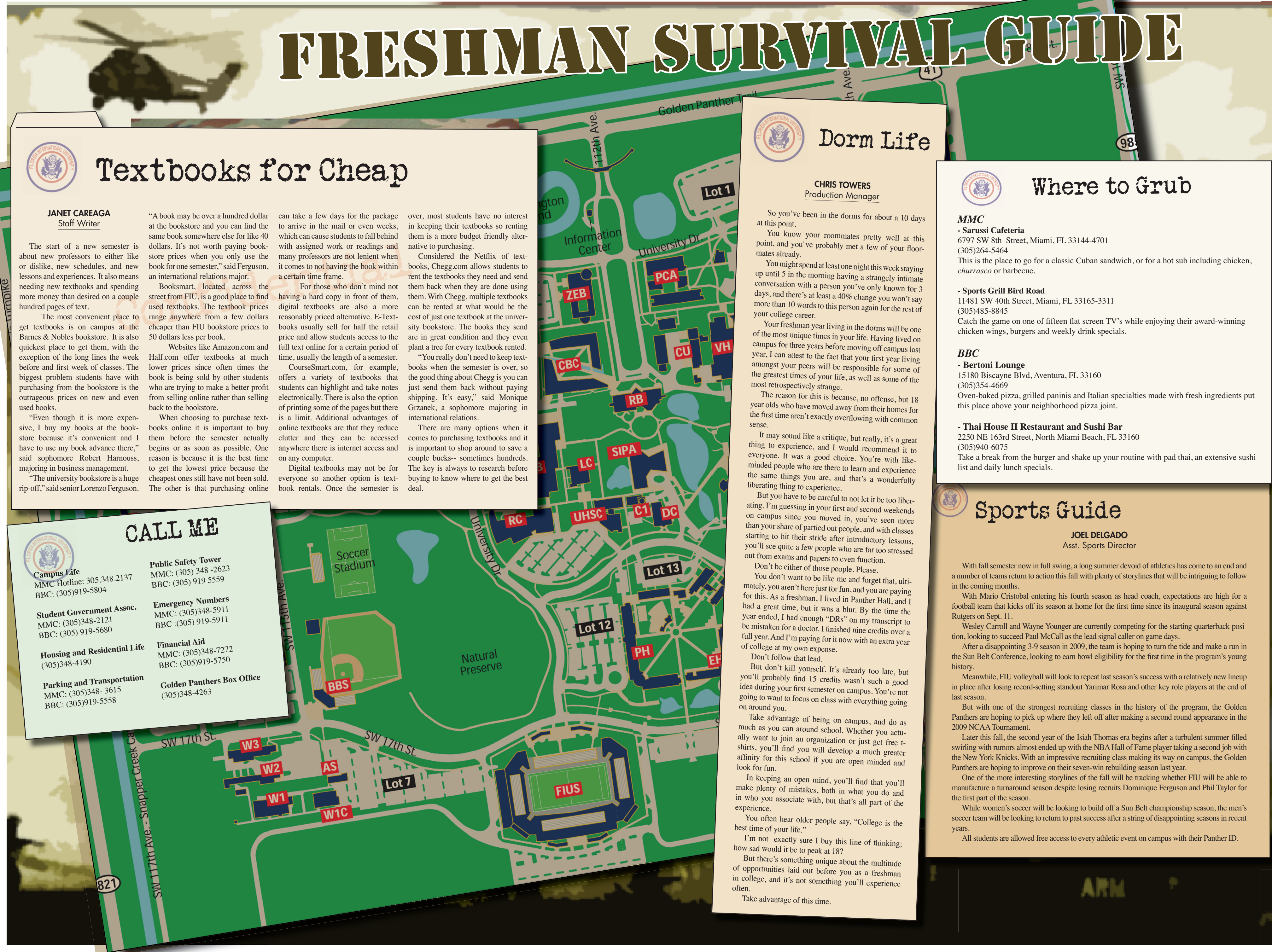
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Week of Welcome kicked off the fall semester with loads of activities for new students, welcoming them to a revamped campus. Events on both campuses [right; top MMC, Bottom BBC] included FIU's oldest tradition, Trail of the Torch, led by FIU baseball player Garrett Wittles [top left]; a Freshmen Luau at BBC [top right] and a comedy show featuring Arvin Mitchell [Bottom].

"Week of Welcome serves as an appetizer, so to speak, for all of the amazing events we have planned for our students this year. It's a perfect opportunity to get to know us and kick-off your semester with some free, fun entertainment," said Cristina Rodriguez,

Spirit Week introduces students to Greek life

JANET CAREAGA
Staff Writer

Continuing with the momentum from Week of Welcome, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. (NPHC) is looking to demonstrate their pride to the University community with their own spirit week.

NPHC Spirit Week's purpose is to reach out to the university community and interact with students on a one-to-one basis. Many students may not know a lot about NPHC or their organizations but their spirit week aims to change that.

NPHC is the governing body of the nine largest historically African American Greek fraternities and sororities. Eight of nine are represented right here at the University.

"The council is more than just a 'step team'

and we are very committed to the community service projects we put on and participate in," said senior Azee Johnson, NPHC president.

With so many different events they are looking to provide something for everyone and are expecting a big turnout this year.

The activities begin Monday with NPHC Colors Day and each organization will have a performance that represents them. The opening ceremony at 12 p.m. in the GC pit is where the council will be having a short informative presentation on their mission and goals as well as the philanthropic initiative they began in January, "Hope For Haiti: Doing Our Part."

"I'm really looking forward to making a difference in not just Haiti, but in our own local community and the council is determined to make that happen this year," Johnson said.

In addition to service, these organizations are known for stepping and strolling, and Tuesday's event, Blast from the Past, will cover why they perform and where those traditions come from. There will be a question and answer portion and questions can be asked anonymously. The event will be held at 8 p.m. in GC 140.

On Wednesday the council will breakaway from the seriousness of informational presentations with Nerd Day. One thing all NPHC organizations have in common is a commitment to scholarship. In honor of that, they will be dressed as nerds all day and well into the evening for a nerd themed step show on the PC steps at 9 p.m.

"It is a good atmosphere at their events and it is entertaining," said junior Kani Howard, who is not Greek but has many friends in different NPHC organizations. "You can see the connec-

tion between the different organizations and it is interesting to see the brotherly and sisterly bond between them," she said. Thursday, the council will have people seeing double with Twin Day.

Every organization will be matching like twins. In the evening, the University community is invited to their Divine Gala, where they will recognize exemplary members of the council as well as other FIU talent. Entrance to the gala, which is at the Biscayne Bay Campus at 8 p.m., will be a pair of shoes that will be collected and donated to Haiti.

The week will conclude with a spirit day pool party in the housing quad at 5 p.m. co-hosted with the Black Student Union and the Caribbean Student Association, a day of service on Saturday, and a church service in Coral Gables Sunday.

PRESS START

Major new game releases storm consoles this September

With the first week of school now a memory and the days of summer waning, September brings the true start of fall, slightly cooler weather, and plenty of new games.



COLUMNIST

MONTELEGRE

Sept. 1 brings *Metroid Other M*, a project between Nintendo and Team NINJA of *Ninja Gaiden* fame to stores.

Beginning where *Super Metroid* for the Super Nintendo left off, series heroine Samus Aran explains a bit of her past story in the military while exploring the Bottle Ship for a

distress signal called "Baby's Cry."

The game combines 2D platforming game play the series is known for and 3D first-person shooting aiming, throwing back to the *Metroid Prime* games on the Gamecube and Wii.

Xbox 360 owners will get the opportunity with Bungie's *Halo Reach*, releasing on Sept. 14.

Serving as a direct prequel to 2001's *Halo: Combat Evolved*, the game sets up the war between Humans and an evil collective of alien races called the Covenant. Humans are quickly losing the battle as most of the interstellar colonies have been eradicated, the Earth-like colony of Reach being one of the last major strongholds

for humans.

For both PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 owners, Sept. 28 brings the return of zombie massacring goodness in Capcom's *Dead Rising 2*.

Now in the Las Vegas-esque city of Fortune City, new series hero Chuck Greene has to find medicine called "Zombrex" to save his young daughter after she was bitten by one of the zombies. However, the entire city has been overrun by zombies of obese tourists and Elvis Presley impersonators, among others.

New to the game is a mechanic to combine weapons to form even more brutal weapons to tear into the undead.

For example, take a motorcycle and attach two chain saws to it, a combination possible in the game. Have fun driving that bad boy into a mob of zombies.

Press Start is a video game column that runs every Monday. The columnist receives no payment or gifts for favorable reviews.

FASHION FINDS

Rompers: adult onesie or cool option to beat the heat

I've always been really torn about rompers.

They are a strange cross between overalls and adult onesies.

They popped up in Europe a couple of summers ago and have slowly sneaked into the American market: first as pant jumpsuits, Saturday Night Fever style, and then the summer-friendly short style.

It took me two years to finally fall into the rompers trap. Once I bought one, it took me two months to finally wear it. I'm still on the fence about how they look on me, but I can't resist their practicality.

What I like about rompers is the fact that they are so easy to wear. It works the same way a dress does: one-piece; up and go.

It's the perfect travel outfit because it's light and easy to pack into a weekend bag or carry-on.

Treat rompers the same way you do shorts. For thicker legs, choose a style a tad bit longer and looser on the leg. This will give you some wiggle room and the wide leg opening gives the illusion of a slimmer thigh, something that is always welcome in my wardrobe.

If you have skinnier legs, you can go shorter and a bit tighter. Not too tight

because then you land on skimpy pajama territory. Stay away from sateen or chiffon fabrics because that makes it look like lingerie as well.

To balance proportions, try a romper that has long sleeves or a loose top part. Rompers have a tendency to ride up so if you have more fabric on the top you can adjust the bottom better.

I don't have skinny legs so they tend to ride up on me and it can get pretty annoying going to the bathroom.

Rompers are revealing so if you aren't comfortable with that, throw on a boyfriend cardigan to keep some mystery.

And always wear them with sandals. It just doesn't look right when worn with closed-toe shoes. It cuts off your legs in an awkward place and makes you look stumpy.

Wedges work nicely with rompers because of the slimming effect. Keep in mind that rompers are the kind of outfits that only really looks good on taller girls. It's one of those unfair items magazines shove down our throat.

When fall hits, rompers won't be worn as much, so take advantage of the Miami weather and wear them through September.


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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Abstinence still holds major value

MELANIE M. MARTINEZ
Special to the Beacon

I'm writing in response to an article printed in the Aug. 23 issue of *The Beacon* titled 'Virginity overrated by unrealistic expectations' by Taina Fernandez.

I wholeheartedly disagree with the author's point of view that sex is just a "test drive" for a marriage and that "chances are, you're going to get divorced anyway". It's stories like this that really make me wonder if there's any hope left in the world for people like me—or if there's any hope left for the world period.

Humans are social beings, a fact proven time and time again by numerous studies in sociology and sociobiology and the simple fact is "many moons ago," two people didn't need the same amount of time to truly get to know each other as they do now with technology as a middleman.

Back then, people knew the people they were sleeping with instead of just believing everything written up about them on their Facebook profile. If anything, we need more time now than we did then to really get to know someone to that same level of intimacy.

Without love, sex is nothing more than a messy exchange of body fluids that houseflies can accomplish. "Casual sex" in particular is not only a fallacy, but an oxymoron as well. Sex has been proven to create a real chemical bond between people that's harder to override than the mere, "He was just some guy."

In fact, studies show it's that very lack of commitment that carries itself over to life after the marriage and causes such high divorce rates. That, along with financial problems, is

much higher on the list of divorce causes than just being 'sexually incompatible' according to a Citibank nationwide survey.

So I honestly believe there's nothing wrong with being a virgin until you're married. Nothing wrong with knowing that the world is bigger—much bigger—than just me and him and that yes, ladies, a third party piece of paper will improve your chances of

If we keep being force-fed the nonstop "sex is nothing" chatter fed to us by every form of media conceivable, no duh we're going to have crappy marriages.

him sticking around and give you both time to work out your problems.

Furthermore, dozens of further studies have shown that couples who live together before marriage have up to a 50 percent higher risk of divorce than couples who don't. That's a whopping 75 percent chance of divorce for couples who are intimate enough to the point of cohabitation before marriage. Seriously, did the author look at any sources other than Wikipedia and the latest episode of

True Blood?

But despite the unsupported claims and the fallacies of her argument, there are just two facts both the author and I agree on: "At the end of the day, you're going to live with yourself forever." Exactly, so why should we give up something that's rightfully ours to have and distribute as we please?

And, if you want to get technical, the author is right in her claim that virginity is an ideal. Yet, ideals are the core foundations that have shaped this country, shaped the world as we know it. If politicians argued on cold hard reality, they'd be exposed for the sleazy bastards they are within the first round of polls.

If we keep being force-fed the nonstop 'sex is nothing, sex is okay, everyone's doing it' chatter fed to us by every form of media conceivable, no [duh] we're going to have crappy marriages without a shred of attachment to hold them. No duh there's going to be a 50+ percent rate of divorce in America. We are what we shove down our throats.

Last semester we were assigned to write a paper on a belief that we held that was contrary to what society believed. I wrote about my belief in chastity and patience and love which I hold quite strongly.

When I got the paper back, I received a lowly mark and when I approached the professor about it, I was condescendingly informed that chastity is, in fact, a widely held belief.

Thank you, Taina, for proving him wrong. *Melanie M. Martinez is a sophomore majoring in International Business and English*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Capable governor candidates ignored

ANDREW MEYER
Special to The Beacon

In America, the race for president of the country is so consuming we tend to overlook our other elections, even the race for governor.

As governors are presidents of the states, they deserve quite a bit more attention. A disparaging Facebook message concerning one "frontrunner" for Governor of Florida motivated me to do a bit of research.

It turns out there are some amazing candidates for governor in Florida!

With the help of private investors, Michael E. Arth turned an infamous crack town in DeLand, Florida into a vibrant historical district by buying crack houses and renovating them. Calling the war on drugs "a war on the poor that ultimately harms everyone,"

Arth offers a plan to cut down on the spiraling cost of prisons: building cost effective shelters for the homeless.

Arth's "Village for the Homeless" would relieve the swollen prison population and add millions back to Florida's budget by providing cheap housing for the homeless, many of whom end up in prison without anywhere else to sleep.

Farid Khavari is an economist with plans to revitalize Florida's economy. Similar to the Bank of North Dakota which has created thousands of jobs, Khavari proposes creating a Bank of the State of Florida.

Managed properly, a state bank could make billions providing credit and low-interest mortgages to Floridians while taking business from predatory Wall Street banks and credit card companies.

Farid also claims that green-

lighting certification for solar technologies will create thousands of jobs and lower electric costs across Florida. Khavari has invested in solar technology, and may personally benefit from this policy, but so would the rest of Florida.

Solar power is clean, cheap power, and removing bureaucratic barriers will certainly create jobs, though perhaps not the 100,000 claimed by Khavari.

Here's the biggest problem – Arth and Khavari are nearly invisible to the public.

Both Arth and Khavari wanted to run as Democrats, but were pushed out by the party establishment.

The Republican Party operates in the same way. They bankroll and anoint the "frontrunners" – typically party insiders with corruption charges and/or unsavory corporate connections –

while good candidates are pushed to independent status and ignored by the media.

If we want our public billions to benefit the public and not "special interests," then we need to vote for politicians with great plans rather than the lesser of two evils.

We can fight the party politics forever, arguing which football team is better, the Republicans or Democrats.

But the truth is both parties have the same owners. Arth and Khavari may not win in 2010, but until we start analyzing the potential of our political candidates they way we analyze our football teams, there won't be any winners except the league owners.

So get off the couch America. Get out the vote.

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THE BEACON | Editorial

Maidique's absenteeism too costly for University

While President Emeritus Modesto Maidique, the longest serving president at the University, will be conducting research on business-level decision making at Harvard as a visiting professor, he will still be collecting a sizeable paycheck from FIU; nearly \$500,000.

"In these challenging economic times, we need strong leadership and sound decisions," Maidique said in a prepared statement to *The Miami Herald*. "Working along some of the best minds in this field at Harvard, we can further understand the difference between good and bad CEO decisions."

Perhaps Maidique should conduct some research on whether or not this move is a good business decision for the University.

As part of his retention package with the University, Maidique is set to receive \$478,000 annually until 2015. Regarding his salary at Harvard, the school declined to comment.

Maidique's departure from the University was not without its share of controversy, particularly regarding both the renaming of University Park campus and a bonus awarded to him by the Board of Trustees during the summer of 2009.

Of the \$100,000 promised to Maidique, \$50,000 was donated to the then newly created College of Medicine. The remainder will be paid whenever the University can allocate the funding.

Currently, Maidique is the executive director of the University's Center for Leadership at the College of Business.

The Center for Leadership itself has been a point of mystery to *The Beacon*, as we struggle to understand its role in the College of Business and in the University's research arm.

The center's website describes itself as "committed to becoming the premier center for global leadership research, development, and training in the nation."

It further adds that one of its missions is to "engage in cutting-edge research in the area of leadership development."

What is leadership development and why isn't it mentioned anywhere in the center's mission statement? Moreover, how does Maidique, post-presidency, fit in to this center and the University's overall strategy?

The Beacon believes that Maidique's role has not been clearly defined. Despite this he has accepted a new role at another institution.

Faculty Senate Chair Thomas Breslin stated in March 2009 that the BOT may revisit Maidique's contract if the economic crisis worsens.

Since then, the economy has worsened to the point that FIU lost over a dozen programs in the past year. On top of that, classroom sizes have increased as tuition for students has spiked.

The Beacon understands the major contributions made to by Maidique during his 23-year term as president. He was instrumental in the growth of the University, including both a College of Medicine and Law.

Maidique's contributions have garnered him respect and a solid reputation in the local and national community.

With both in hand, he could serve as a valuable asset to the University both in fund raising circles and even in government, representing the University's interests in legislature.

It is not fair to the University to foot the bill for his generous golden parachute while he is helping another university 1200 miles away, particularly one that the University cannot afford.

VERBATIM

"I'm giving up an opportunity to say what research and evidence you have. You've offered none, other than yelling."

Anderson Cooper in an interview with Rep. Ghoumert over his fear of Terror Babies.

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Tony Horton will speak about his 11 laws of fitness

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Horton in Miami and ready to bring it," said Fernanda Bressan, outreach director of Get Moving Catalog. "Tony is an iconic figure in the battle to improve America's health, and we're glad to be able to bring him to Miami to both help raise awareness and offer people a chance to meet and workout with him."

Horton said he designed the P90X workout for regular gym users not getting results. Horton wanted to give people a

trainer at home they can use.

"I tried the program and it was effective," said freshman prelaw philosophy Michael Vasquez. "I am excited to see him in person; he has a very high energy level."

"I have always wanted to try P90X," said Bernard Vasquez, a senior and nursing major. "I have heard great things about this workout."

The six-day P90X workout uses 12 different exercises such as yoga, kenpo, plyometrics, and cardio.

What makes P90X different from other workouts is that it provides a technique called muscle confusion. The regimen introduces new routines, preventing the body from adapting to exercises over time.

"Choosing to exercise five to seven days a week and eating healthier will traumatically change your life to be infinitely better," Horton said.

College students normally have a heavy workload whether it is with school, work or both.

Those who fall under that category should find time out of their day to do some form of exercise.

"College students should do at least 20 minutes a day of hardcore exercise," Horton said. "It allows the brain to function better and not only make you look better, but feel better."

The BBC Rec Expo is available for all students to come and join except the exclusive workout with Horton.

Students must register first online at bbcrc.fiu.edu/recexpo to participate.

First discussion to focus on 'unintended consequences'

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professor in SJMC, will be moderating the initial roundtable discussion topic is "Unintended Consequences."

Veraldi, in an interview with Student Media, mentioned the designer of the Range Rover sport-utility vehicle, Charles S. King.

King designed the Range Rover to be the pinnacle of performance from an engineering perspective, but "watched in dismay as his creation became an international symbol of gas-guzzling conspicuous consumption," according to an article in The New York Times.

More information on the topic wasn't given as Veraldi said she would open the

roundtable with the story of King in an effort to spark the debate. Veraldi did not mention a full plan for the roundtable.

If you have any ideas for a topic you would like discussed, or if you are interested in becoming a moderator, you can contact Maria C. Ceden, graduate assistant for OGLI, at mcedeno@fiu.edu.

The discussion series is designed to provide students with an opportunity to interact with professors and administrators outside of the classroom, in a more informal setting, according to the same flyer.

Additionally, the series will introduce the opportunity to explore topics of international importance during a time of undeniable globalization.

UPCOMING TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLES

OMG, IDK Who's Reading my Texts

- Time: 12:30 p.m.
- When: 09/07/10
- Where: WUC 159

Gay, Whatever Dude!

- Time: 12:30 p.m.
- When: 09/21/10
- Where: WUC 159

Can Saving our Oceans, Save the Planet?

- Time: 12:30 p.m.
- When: 09/14/10
- Where: WUC 159

To Be Announced

- Time: 12:30 p.m.
- When: 09/28/10
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LOCAL

\$100 million to South Florida schools
Florida won \$700 million on Aug. 24 in the U.S. Dept. of Education's Race to the Top competition. Over \$100 million is expected to flow into South Florida's schools.

NATIONAL

U.S. deportation policies
More lenient policies are expected to ease U.S. deportation proceedings for foreign nationals facing removal to their home countries by immigration authorities.

WORLD

Haitian presidential elections
The final list of candidates for Haiti's Nov. 28 presidential election consists of 19 people, down from 34. Wyclef Jean and others were excluded due to legal requirements.

Over 550 students at annual Freshman Luau

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The faraway lands of the Polynesian Islands paid a visit to the Biscayne Bay Campus on August 26th during the 11th Annual Freshmen Luau as a part of the Week of Welcome festivities with a promise of tropical themed foods and activities to make revelers want to lei their heads.

The afternoon featured Polynesian dancers engaging students in learning to dance, a caricature artist offering free portraits, a themed picture stations, arts and crafts stations, games and giveaways.

"I'm enjoying myself, this is really good and I'm really looking forward to all the events at the BBC campus," said Leanne D'Souza, a freshman studying hospitality management.

The event was kicked off with an introduction from the Senior Director Gregory Olson, who oversees the Wolfe University Center.

"Today everybody is Hawaiian," Olson said.

Interim Vice Provost Steven Moll, who is the nominal head of BBC, delivered a brief speech welcoming the freshman and upperclassmen alike to what he said was the "finest institution in the Universe - FIU!"

He urged students to get involved on campus and in cultural and sports activities as well. He said doesn't want MMC and BBC to be seen as two separate campuses, rather as one university serving the greater population of South Florida.

"Please, please get involved in school, the university is not just a commuter place. You need to get to know your classmates and professors. Be involved in all of the school activities. It will make the experience that much more enjoyable," Moll said.

BBC's higher involvement in the WOW celebrations was evident by the 125 extra students that attended the Blue and Gold Breakfast on Tuesday morning in comparison to last year, which was the record according to Moll.

"We just keep breaking records and that's just marvelous," Moll said.

The rest of the Luau was marvelous according to attendee Georgena Riveire, a freshman and accounting major.

"The food is great and the lines are fast, so everything is nice. I'm looking forward to the [SPC] Comedy Show and the Movie Nights," said Georgena Riviere, a freshmen studying accounting.

Iron Man masks were given out by SPC-BBC in preparation for the day's movie at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

One of the main things that always attract lots of college students is the free food. Panther Dining Services provided the hawaiian-themed menu with dishes such as hawaiian aloha chicken, mai-rai orange beef, ambrosia fruit salad and coconut rice.

"I like the free food and I've also gotten to meet people, so I think it has been really good," said Suyapa Boliere, a freshman studying biology.



LIANAMAR DAVILA SANABRIA/THE BEACON

Polynesian dancers performed for the students, faculty and staff in attendance during the 11th annual Freshman Luau on Aug. 26 held in Panther Square.

The other popular thing among students was the Free Caricature Stand by Al-Rod Studio which had the second longest line throughout the afternoon. Students also participated in game show question competitions and balloon stuffing games.

The event was presented by the BBC

Campus Life and Orientation, Student Alumni Association, Office of the Vice Provost – BBC, Undergraduate Studies and the Wolfe University Center.

Visit FIUSM.com for footage of the Luau.

RECREATION CENTER

P90X creator will be centerpiece of Rec Center Expo

JOANNA SANCHEZ
Contributing Writer

Students becoming acclimated to a new school agenda and bad exercise habits can rejoice: Tony Horton, creator of the P90X workout program, will speak on Sept. 1 to Biscayne Bay Campus students and staff in an effort to get them pumped with his 11 Laws of Fitness.

Horton's 11 laws of fitness consist of: variety, consistency, intensity, purpose, reality, sports, the plan, sleep and stress, loving it, flexibility and food supplements.

"This is a philosophy I use in my own life," Horton said in an interview with Student Media. "These laws will help

anyone lead a healthy life."

Horton was invited to the University by Beach Body, a company that is designed by fitness professionals on fitness, nutrition, diet, exercise, and weight loss programs.

Horton said his objective is to spread the word about health and fitness.

"This will give students the information they don't have and motivate them to make a shift from unhealthy to healthy,"

Horton said.

According to Warren Shaw, assistant director of the Recreation Center, wooing Horton to BBC inspired overwhelming interest in faculty and students.

"This is something our department and campus can be really proud of to bring someone of that magnitude," Shaw said. "We have never done anything this big."

Extreme Fitness Results and Get Moving Catalog wanted to bring Horton down to Miami as well as the University, therefore, when discussed there was a mutual agreement that this is what they wanted and they decided to work together.

"We are excited about having Tony

BBC RECREATION EXPO WITH TONY HORTON

Panel

- Time: 10:30 a.m.
- When: 09/01/10
- Where: WUC Theater

Keynote Speech

- Time: 12:45 p.m.
- When: 09/01/10
- Where: WUC Theater

Workout

- Time: 02:15 p.m.
- When: 09/01/10
- Where: WUC Ballroom

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TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE

Student demand brings discussion series to campus

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The Tuesday Times Roundtables will be debuting to Biscayne Bay Campus, starting Aug. 31 with "Unintended Consequences."

After over 600 students,

faculty, and staff members attended 17 roundtable discussions at the Modesto Maidique Campus during the 2009-2010 school year, according to Global Learning for Global Citizenship, and thanks to popular demand from the student body, according to a flyer for Global Learning for

Global Citizenship's Tuesday Times Roundtables the informal weekly discussion series will also have a regular home at BBC this year.

The roundtables will meet on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in room 159 of the Wolfe University Center.

The roundtable series is due to the collaboration of the Office of Global Learning Initiatives (OGLI), The New York Times, the Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus, Campus Life, the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the Office of the Vice

Provost and the FIU Library.

The roundtables are open to the entire University family, free of charge.

There will be food and refreshments provided to all attendees.

Lorna Veraldi, associate

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