



## MEDICAL CONTROVERSY

### Doctor's research causes media uproar

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In recent months, headlines such as *Newsweek's* "The Anti-Lesbian Drug" and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered advocacy blog *Back2Stonewall's* "Homophobic Doctor Treats Pregnant Women" have suggested that Maria New, pediatric endocrinologist at the College of Medicine and Mount Sinai School of Medicine, has developed a scientific treatment aiming to prevent lesbianism in the womb.



NEW

The media frenzy began in February when Alice Dreger, a bioethicist from North-

western University, and two other colleagues scrutinized New's research into the use of a powerful steroid called dexamethasone to treat female fetuses affected by congenital adrenal hyperplasia.

The National Institute of Child Health and Development defines this disease as a group of inherited disorders of the adrenal gland in which an overproduction of male hormones occurs. CAH causes girls who are affected to have genitals that look more male than female along with a deep voice and facial hair although their internal sex organs are completely normal. Boys do not suffer from the genital defect, but tend to have early signs of puberty.

New claims that her developed use of dexamethasone, or dex, has successfully corrected genital ambiguity in CAH affected

girls. According to New's research, gender ambiguity in a CAH affected female can lead to serious risks.

A female with male genitalia who still has female internal sex organs may be raised as a boy; however, male genitalia would have to be removed to avoid complications arising in puberty, like menstruation.

If the child is reared as a girl she would have to endure complicated reconstructive surgery, which can lead to women feeling "ashamed of their genitalia [and unable] to have sexual intercourse because they have vaginal fibrosis," said New in an interview with *Student Media*.

With the treatment she has developed, New argues that children who have received

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## Hispanics focusing more on education

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Not only do Hispanics stress the importance of education more than most other Americans, but receiving a college degree is expected out of 94 percent of Hispanic students.

The results from an Associated Press and Univision poll also addressed student concerns about the pressures of graduating, the impact of cultural identity, and the pros and cons of the Arizona immigration law.

When asked why she feels Hispanics place such a high emphasis on education, Maydelin Galvez, a Cuban mathematics professor explained, "We consider ourselves a very proud race and part of being proud of who you are is becoming the best you can be, and this includes receiving a proper education."

The poll found that most parents of these young adults never had the opportunity to attend a university.

"I'm the first to graduate high school and go on to college," said Mercedes Chavez, a freshman who is half Mexican and half Puerto Rican. She is currently a biology major at Florida International University. "For my parents it's a big deal," Chavez said.

"Work smarter, not harder," is the mentality of many parents now, explained Adam Caratini, an alum who is Dominican

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## Federal loan changes to aid students



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On March 30, 2010, President Barack Obama signed a new bill which changed the way students would acquire loans for school, leaving many to wonder if the changes would benefit their financial futures.

As directed by the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, all student loans will no longer be made under the Federal Family Education Loan program, but instead will be replaced by the Direct Loan program. This change

was made because the Direct Loan program was found to be more reliable to students and also much more cost-effective for tax payers.

However, if a student has already taken out a loan under the FFEL program, the bill allows him/her to consolidate his/her loans under the Direct Loan Program from June 2010 to July 2011, as long as the borrower has not already begun payments on those loans.

According to FIU Financial Aid Office Assistant Director,

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Sophomore Victor Zambrano, a mechanical engineering major, seeks assistance in the financial aid office on Aug. 16.

## FIU chosen to compete in 2011 Solar Decathlon

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Florida International University has been chosen to compete in the 2011 Solar Decathlon, a biannual competition held by the U.S. Department of Energy.

The FIU team is one of 20 collegiate teams aiming to design, build, and operate solar-powered houses. According to the competition's guidelines, "the winner of the competition is the team that best blends affordability, consumer appeal, and design excellence with optimal energy production and maximum efficiency."

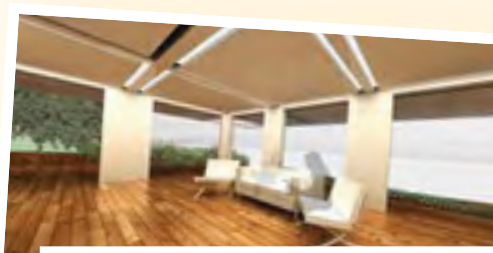
Everything in the houses will be solar-powered – from the lighting in the house, to the water used to

hydrate the plants – and must be cost efficient to any average family. The team consists of architects, landscape architects, interior designers, mechanical engineers, civil/environmental engineers, construction managers, and journalists.

"We've managed to come up with a great design and I think that puts us out there," said Mario Menendez, project architect.

FIU's submission is titled 'PerFORM[D]ance,' because of the house's ability to "dance" in response to the external conditions of its environment and the internal conditions of its use. According to

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Exterior and interior designs of Team FIU's Solar Decathlon submission, the 'PerFORM[D]ance' house.

# Hispanics juggle cultures

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and half Italian. “They want a better life for their children so they put this emphasis on school,” Caratini said.

However, the census revealed that only 13 percent of Hispanics have a bachelor’s degree or higher compared with 30 percent of overall Americans. Inhibiting factors include economic instability, household responsibilities and being granted legal status.

The poll revealed that another issue affecting immigrants living in the United States includes assimilation, the process in which an individual absorbs the customs of the dominant culture in a society.

A question is raised whether one should adapt to the dominant culture and

**People trying to understand identity is just as hard as trying to understand psychology**

Maydelin Galvez, Professor Mathematics

abandon his or her customs or maintain the national identity of their origin.

“The way I look at it, the United States is like my foster mother,” said Galvez, who was born in Cuba. She explained that even though one may love the country of their birth, an appreciation for the new customs, which have been learned from life in a new country.

Despite living in the U.S. for 25 years, Florida International University journalism professor, Lilliam Martinez-Bustos still craves Puerto Rican food and customs.

“It’s okay to feel part of this country but it’s also okay to keep your culture and your traditions and fight to protect them,” Martinez-Bustos said.

So what defines a person—where they were born or their cultural background?

“First of all identity is something that is hard to describe,” said Galvez. “People trying to understand identity is just as hard as trying to figure out psychology.”

“A lot of people stick to their own culture and that doesn’t leave much room for growth,” said Caratini.

He further explained that because he was raised in the Cuban community, he felt he had become a part of it. “I consider myself multi-racial,” he said.

Chavez does point out the importance of molding to the American culture. “When you become more Americanized, people tend to take you more serious,” she said.

This issue of blending into the American culture became extremely prevalent after Arizona Governor Jan Brewer signed SB 1070, which grants state law enforcement the right to interrogate any person he or she feels is living in the United States under illegal terms.

“This lady is a piece of crap,” said Enrique Villamor, an FIU mathematics professor who was born in Spain.

“I don’t agree,” said Lorraine Rivas, a blonde, green-eyed Cuban American student. “It’s stereotyping.” There are mixed emotions in terms of whether or not to pass this law and the issue of illegal immigration.

“It affects the quality of life,” said Galvez, “but at the same time there is the moral responsibility to address why they’ve come here.”

There are mixed emotions throughout the nation and FIU regarding the significance of the law. Some like Chavez ask, “If they’re doing something productive, why kick them out?”

While others like Gordillo explain that because of illegal immigrants, everyone thinks that all Hispanics are here illegally. “It taints other’s hard work,” she explained.

According to FOX News, a federal judge blocked some of the toughest provisions of the Arizona illegal immigration law on Wednesday, July 28th.

Brewer explained that she is willing to take this case all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary. “The fight is far from over,” she said.

This law has not only affected congress, but it has even affected the Hispanic community’s way of living. As a result of enacting this law, the percentage of English-speaking Hispanics that felt it was important to blend into society increased by 15%.

“This law is going to be overturned because it violates the constitution,” said Caratini.

# Doctor frustrated with allegations waged by concerned bioethicists

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prenatal treatment go on to lead normal lives with no cognitive impairing or medical complications “[such as] obesity, diabetes, and high blood pressure,” New said.

But, in a move that surprised New, Dreger and her colleagues suggested in the Hasting Center’s bioethicist forum that New’s focus to correct gender ambiguity with the use of dex was associated with a motive to prevent CAH affected women from being homosexual or bisexual in the future.

“I feel very bad that this woman attacks me when I really feel that I’m helping children and families,” New told *Student Media*.

Dreger disagreed.

“In fact, I don’t make my living attacking or exonerating scientists,” Dreger said in an interview with *Student Media*. “I make my living doing scholarship and following the data; that’s what scholarship is. All we’re asking for here is for Dr. New to respond to the facts before us.”

The allegations that New’s research is aiming to avert homosexuality have sparked strong opinions in the University’s gay community.

“Dr. Maria New and her colleagues are disturbed individuals. Their lack of professionalism and determination to prevent homosexuality within the womb is absurd and is breaching every kind of principle regarding human development. It’s very unfortunate how these ‘doctors’ are trying to diminish our country’s sense of diversity by creating this sort of Stepford Wife,” said Christian Rodriguez, vice president of Delta Lambda Phi, a University fraternity for gay, bisexual, and progressive men.

These kinds of accusations have infuriated New.

“Everything this gentleman says is incorrect and untrue. Unfortunately I am unable to comment any further but there is an article being published in the *American Journal of Bioethics* this September, which should explain my work,” said New in an email response.

The claims against New stemmed from papers she and her colleagues released referencing the masculine nature of women affected by CAH as “abnormal.”

Written by her long-time collaborator, psychologist Heino F. L. Meyer-Bahlburg, of Columbia University, “What Causes Low Rates of Childbearing in Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia?” states that “CAH women as a group have a lower interest than

controls in getting married and performing the traditional child-care/housewife role. As children, they show an unusually low interest in engaging in maternal play with baby dolls, and their interest in caring for infants or experiencing pregnancy appear to be relatively low in all age groups.”

Along with these low interests in traditional female roles, New claims that women with CAH have tomboyish and masculine attitudes. In the skeletal biology and medicine issue of the *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* published in April of this year, New and Saroj Nimkarn, pediatric endocrinologist of Weill Cornell Medical College, reported that it is their hope that “prenatal dexamethasone therapy will reduce the well-documented behavioral masculinization” in CAH affected girls.

From this statement, Dreger infers that New’s research with dex is not only aiming to keep people from staying gender norms, but it is “the first systematic medical effort attempting to reduce rates of homosexuality, bisexuality and low maternal interest” in the womb.

Moreover, many women and children were exposed to dex through an off-label use, meaning that the Food and Drug Administration did

not officially designate it as treatment for CAH, Dreger said. In addition, Dreger said New had trouble locating the written grant that Dreger had requested to see.

“Based on her accusation that I used dexamethasone without the permission of the FDA, I remembered vaguely, in the back of my mind that I had gotten permission and I didn’t know where that permission was written because I’ve had so many grants,” said New.

With the help of the National Institute of Health, New claims that she has successfully located the written proof stating she received FDA approval in 2004 for the prenatal use of dex. It is her hope that through this proof, she will be able to publicly declare that Dreger has falsely accused her.

“The inconvenient truth is that we’ve bothered to bring this to the public attention. We’re not making things up; we’re just showing people what’s in the literature. We’ve been at this for six months, and we haven’t found any research that we’re wrong,” said Dreger.

Dreger remains convinced that New has never acquired FDA approval for prenatal use of dex, and asserts that six groups including the American Academy of Pediatrics,

the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society, and the European Society of Endocrinology support her argument that the drug is too risky to be used on pregnant women.

“We may be positioned as radicals in this, but they’re actually in agreement with us and we have to make sure that this doesn’t happen outside of clinical trials,” Dreger said.

To clear up allegations, New said she will be publishing an article in *The American Journal of Bioethics* which will explain the science behind her objective to improve the lives of CAH affected females. In addition, New has rallied bioethicists to defend her work in the journal.

Dreger insists that organizations associated with New and her research should carefully consider the argument against her. Along with 32 professionals in bioethics and allied fields, Dreger and Dr. Ellen Feder of American University have addressed a letter raising concerns to FIU, the FDA, Mount Sinai, the OHRP, and Weill Cornell.

“Part of the reason we’re concerned with the role of FIU is because Dr. New’s position has her in charge of overseeing research and this looks like a potential violation of research ethics,” said Dreger.

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## NEWS FLASH

### FIU

#### Maidique returning to Harvard as a visiting professor.

Modesto A. Maidique, FIU president emeritus, will be returning to his Harvard roots as a visiting professor at the Harvard Business School this fall.

Maidique, who served as a professor at HBS from 1976 to 1981, will be participating in the Harvard Leadership Initiative. This initiative is considered a school mission aiming to prepare educated leaders who remain at the forefront of business building.

Maidique's work will focus on the continuation of his research on successful CEO decision-making.

"In these challenging economic times, we need strong leadership and sound decisions," Maidique said in a press release from the University's Media Relations. "Working along some of the best minds in this field at Harvard, we can further understand the difference between good and bad CEO decisions."

Linda Hill, the Wallace Brett Donham Professor of Business Administration at HBS and faculty chair of the leadership initiative, said Maidique's long and impressive record of achievement as a scholar and educational leader will add new insights and perspectives to the school.

"Leadership is at the heart of everything we do at Harvard Business School, where our mission is to educate leaders who make a difference in the world," Hill said.

Research for his extensive views into CEO decision-making comes from his work in academics as well as personal experience during his time as CEO of Collaborative Research, a genetic engineering company that is now called Genome Therapeutics.

"Preliminary research and my own 30 years of leadership experience point to 'gut feel' or intuition as being a determining factor in major CEO decisions," Maidique said.

– Compiled by Alexandra Camejo

# Loan changes to improve Pell grant

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Adelfa Ukenye, these changes "benefit the student directly because they will no longer have to pay the additional fees that come with taking a loan out from a bank."

"Given that the economy is bad, and students struggle with paying back their loans with high interest rates, this greatly helps the affordability of taking out loans for all students," said Ukenye.

She also mentioned that FIU had already switched to the Direct Loan program in the summer of 2008, long before the bill was passed. Even though FIU had previously switched to Direct Loan, students will still receive the benefits that come along with the bill.

Some changes also included an investment of \$1.5 billion

to allow for students under an Income-Based Repayment program to cap their monthly federal student payment at 15% interest. Also, beginning just after 2014, all new borrowers' cap will go further down to 10% interest.

The changes implemented in the bill have already greatly benefited the FIU student population. Randall Deane, an incoming freshman who is double-majoring in business and theatre expressed her joys about the bill and the new loan program.

"I'm excited that interest rates are going to be lower because I will get to pay less in the future and I may actually be able to pay the loans off in a reasonable time frame," Deane said.

The Financial Aid Office at FIU has been announcing these new changes via

phone calls, emails, banners, and posters throughout the campus.

Also, the Financial Aid Office will be holding their annual Finance Campaign to get FIU students informed about all the upcoming changes to financial aid and how it will affect them.

Not only did the bill change student loans, it also came with many improvements to the Pell Grant scholarship. First, the new bill will invest \$36 billion over the next ten years to allow for an increase in the maximum annual Pell Grant scholarship from \$5,550 to \$5,975 by 2017.

Also, beginning in 2013, the scholarship will be made to match the rising costs of living by comparing it to the Consumer Price index.

There was also a major investment of \$13.5 billion to

ensure that this year's scholarship winners receive the maximum amount of money that they are entitled to.

The bill included another change to the Pell Grant scholarship which allows students to receive it in the fall, spring, and summer terms. Ukenye mentioned that FIU is expecting a rise in the student population because of the amount of Pell Grant eligible students that attend FIU.

There was also a proactive section included in the bill that awarded colleges by funding innovative programs that focus on increasing financial literacy and helping students progress through school.

Because FIU switched to the stable and cost effective Direct Loan program, many students at FIU have found that it is much easier to receive and pay off loans.

# Team FIU's entry brings unique trait

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the team's web site, the "solar-powered house performs

in real time by sensing and responding to the generation and acquisition of energy."

Along with this design feature, Team FIU's building has a unique quality from others in the competition – a house that can withstand hurricane and tropical storm conditions.

Team FIU designed a porch with shutter-like blinds that cover the whole house for its own protection from tropical storms and hurricanes.

"We are striving for the highest green sustainable system possible," said Andy Madonna, project manager, in an interview with Miami Herald.

The team decided on installing stations of solar thermal systems, which have the lowest possible impact on the environment and are very comfortable for the average family to live in.

"It's a lot more challenging than the rest of the schools; it allows us to be more competitive because we can design a house that meets the tropical climate like Miami—it's a significant advantage," said Menendez.

The government is providing \$100,000 while the University has to raise and additional \$400,000.

Team FIU has public relations team members dedicated to reaching out to the community and trying to gain a sponsor, but anyone can help Team FIU by donating towards the house.

"I know personally I'm glad I'm getting this experience now, that way when I go out and get a real job, I'll be ready to go," said Ed Scymour, a public relations major.



COURTESY OF ED SEYMOUR

Team FIU members traveled to Washington, D.C. in May for the Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon Conference.

Other collegiate institutions in Florida, such as Florida State University, University of Florida, University of South Florida, and University of Central Florida are all competing together as "Team Florida".

"We wanted to do something for ourselves, FIU," said Menendez, "We have all these other universities and then in Miami, we have FIU; so I think it's a good thing."

The judges will determine the winner of the Solar Decathlon by choosing the house with the most successful energy balance in 10 categories, such as energy balance, design appeal or energy production and efficiency.

"Florida International is doing some amazing things with their home design. It is really important that they get the word out in the community to raise their funds and bring this project to life," said Richard King, director of the Solar Decathlon in an interview with the Miami Herald.

With an average family's mind set, one of the main goals is to build an affordable home. The team is being challenged with creating the house

on a \$250,000 budget.

They've planned to create an outdoor pool that interacts with the inside of the house; interior correlating with the exterior.

It works by having the water be collected and recycled from nearly anything. It could be waste water from "laundry, dishwashing and bathing," said Tyler Schwartz,

landscape architecture team leader.

The house is being built in Miami and then has to be broken down and shipped to Washington, D.C. where it will be reconstructed again in 18 weeks.

"We're one of the younger schools, and if we win, that says a lot about our program," Menendez said.

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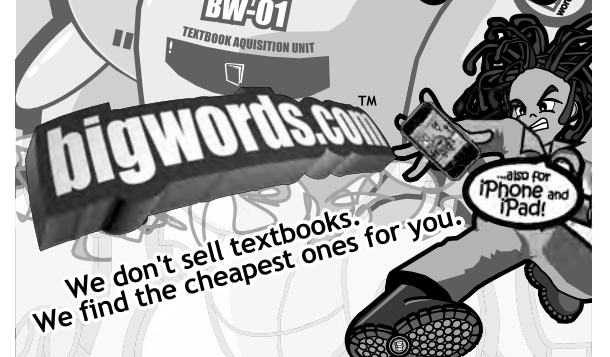
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## FOOTBALL

# THE GOLDEN DECISION

## Younger and Carroll vie for starting quarterback spot

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It is doubtful that either Wesley Carroll or Wayne Younger could have envisioned that their paths would cross at FIU just a few short years ago.

Not long ago, both were in very similar positions in very different places. Both trying to prove something.

Their differing collegiate journey has led them towards this battle to commandeer the Golden Panther offense this fall.

But despite the contrasts in how they arrived at this point, what they are in the end fighting for is something far simpler than a chance to be the signal-caller.

### FALL FROM GRACE

Things were looking bright at Mississippi State in 2007 when Carroll burst on to the scene as a highly-touted freshman and won

the starting job from the incumbent starter.

Carroll flourished in his first year, helping the Bulldogs win eight games and record their first winning season in seven years.

In 2008, the year after Carroll earned a spot on the All-SEC Freshman team when he helped guide Mississippi State to a bowl game win in his first season there, the standout out of St. Thomas Aquinas High School was the clear and undisputed starter at the beginning of the season.

Just four games into his encore performance, however, Carroll was yanked as the starter after throwing six interceptions in his first four games as the Bulldogs went 1-3 to start the year.

It became clear that Carroll, who just months before was heralded for his success as a freshman, was finished as a significant player in the Mississippi

State offense and after coach Sylvester Croom was essentially forced to resign when the season was over, Carroll made the decision to make his way South Florida to play under coach Mario Cristobal at FIU.

### BAPTISM BY FIRE

While Carroll was on the rise, Wayne Younger was handed the starting job for FIU in 2007 in Cristobal's first season as head coach.

Entering the season as a redshirt freshman, Younger was called to lead a team coming off an 0-12 season and in the beginning stages of what was to be a long and rigorous rebuilding process, and in the end the walk-on quarterback struggled in 11 starts before going down with an collar bone injury against Florida Atlantic.

He failed to win a game as the starter and threw 17 interceptions.

The following season, Younger lost the quarterback battle with Paul McCall, who snapped the team's 23-game losing streak in the finale against North Texas in December of 2007, just a week after Younger's season ended against Florida.

For the past two seasons, Younger had been relegated to a limited role and has started in just one game in the past two seasons, a loss against Middle Tennessee on the road in 2009.

With McCall's senior



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Quarterback Wesley Carroll, who sat season after transferring from Mississippi State, had an impressive scrimmage on Aug. 14. Wayne Younger is battling for the job as well.

season coming to a close, Younger will now have one last chance to reclaim the starting job he once possessed.

### REDEMPTION

After having to sit out

**We threw them both into the fire, picking up where we left off in the spring...putting them in situations where they have to make decisions**

Mario Cristobal, Head Coach  
FIU Football

a year and running the scout team for the Golden Panthers during the 2009 season, Carroll will be looking to return to better days, like the ones where he helped turn St. Thomas Aquinas into a powerhouse high school program, leading the team to three state championship game appearances.

Younger, who has been billed as one of the more athletic players on the squad and has taken significant strides to improve his game, impressed coached in spring and set the foundation for what has unfolded now in the days before the beginning of the fall semester.

Picking up where they left on spring, Cristobal opened up camp saying that both quarterbacks were on equal footing and

"We threw them both into the fire, picking up where we left off in the spring...putting them in situations where they have to make a decision and they have to be accurate with the football," Cristobal said. "It's a complete test and to run this offense you have to be sharp and at the same time make instantaneous decisions."

After a week and a half of practice and a scrimmage on Aug. 14, Cris-

**QUARTERBACKS, page 6**

### BY THE NUMBERS



YOUNGER  
2009

- Rating: 61.36
- Completion %: 37.9
- Passing Yards: 257
- Touchdowns: None



CARROLL  
2008 (Miss. St)

- Rating: 85.91
- Completion %: 48.2
- Passing Yards: 560
- Touchdowns: Three

## VOLLEYBALL

# Senior Valentin embraces leadership role for rebuilding Panthers

**JOEL DELGADO**  
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If you don't know where Natalia Valentin is on the court, it won't take long for the average onlooker to find out where.

Whether it is during a practice session, taking a water break with her teammates or in the middle of a game situation, the senior setter has emerged as a leader with a strong vocal presence, constantly encouraging and pushing her teammates with an energetic attitude.

"The leadership role this year is pretty intense," Valentin said of her new role. "We have a lot of new players. They've been doing well and they want to keep this program successful, you can tell by the way they are practicing."

Valentin understood that changes would

have to be made in the way she approached this team, which consists of a number of new players that will have to learn to make the transition to the college game.

"Last year was hard on the girls and I wanted to keep their level of play high and I realize that I needed to be more supportive this year," Valentin said. "My self-control has been better this year so I've been doing that in practice. There is pressure there but we'll be fine."

Valentin knew that just about everything about the upcoming fall would be different after last season came to a close.

As players reported for camp in early August, that notion was proven to be right.

After losing All-American standout Yarimar Rosa, Olga Vergun, Isadora Rangel and a number of other players from a team

that was one win away from winning the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, an era came to a close for the Golden Panthers.

"We talked to her after last season and before camp knowing that we were going to have a lot new players," head coach Danijela Tomic said. "We were asking her to really step up even more as a leader of this team and she has done that so far. Natalia is a player that always works hard, so we didn't need to ask her to do more than what she's done in the last three years. But it was doing more things off the court and so far she's done a great job with that."

Valentin would head into the 2010 season as one of only two seniors left on the roster and a team that features six newcomers, five of which are freshmen, some of which will be called on to contribute right away.

So far, she is confident that they will be

able to do just that.

"Camp is going pretty well, better than I expected. The girls are working really hard and the enthusiasm that we have," Valentin said. "The chemistry is good and we're not just relying on one player."

A large question mark looms over whether or not this team will be able to replicate its recent success with what essentially a brand new team that will have to make do without a force like Rosa in the lineup.

The answer lies in the ability of Valentin and the other returning players on this year's squad to help the newcomers make the transition to the college game.

If the Golden Panthers are to maintain their recent success, these new players will

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VICTORIA LYNCH/BEACON FILE PHOTO

Wayne Younger was the team's starter in 2007 before eventually losing the position to Paul McCall. Head Coach Mario Cristobal is closing in on a decision.

#### FOOTBALL: GEOFF COLLINS IMPACT

## New defensive coordinator Collins having big impact

**IGOR MELLO**  
Staff Writer

Defensive coordinator Geoff Collins is bringing the "juice" to Miami, and his unit can't drink enough of it.

Not only is Collins implying a completely new defensive scheme, he is also bringing a slogan to the defense—Juice. Collins' "juice" has inspired the entire defensive unit, especially senior linebacker Toronto Smith.

"We have the biggest hypeman in the world in coach Collins, he gets us right," said Smith. "He tells us, if you don't bring the juice to the field, than stay in the locker room."

Collins is already familiar with the sunshine state, he was the linebackers coach at University of Central Florida for the last two years.

Making the trip to Miami to become a coordinator was a no-brainer for Collins.

"I'm like LeBron [James], you can't say no to South Beach," said

Collins, according to the Miami Herald.

Collins will have his hands full. He will go from having the fourth best running defense in the nation to inheriting the worst running defense in the Sun Belt conference with FIU.

Nationally, the Golden Panthers were ranked 119th in total defense in 2009.

But this isn't anything new to Collins.

**Were still  
learning the  
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Hustling over-  
comes everything.**

Toronto Smith, Linebacker  
FIU Football

In 2002, he became the defensive coordinator in Western Carolina, which had one of the worst defenses in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision.

By 2005, his unit at Western Carolina led the nation in pass defense and were ranked 18th overall in defense.

He is replacing Phil Galiano, who ran a 4-3 defense.

"He brings juice...[and] heart to our defense," said senior defensive back Anthony Gaitor, who has been studying the playbook 'night and day.'

Alongside the new "juice" he has given to these players, Collins has also implemented a new scheme for the defense. The focus of this system will be on stopping the run.

"It's a total 360 [degree] on our identity," said defensive end Tourek Williams "That's what coach Collins stresses [to] us, if we stop the run, everything else will come in to place."

The first-year coordinator at FIU will implement a, far from traditional, hybrid style of defense for the

Golden Panthers.

Expect the defense to line up in the 3-4 and 4-3 formations as well as numerous styles of nickel schemes this season.

If the defense sticks to a 3-4 formation, he expects about four to five players competing for the nose tackle job.

Collins refrained from giving out any names of those nose tackles.

Although the defense is still studying the playbook, Smith feels confident that speed will make up for any mistakes made in this defense.

"We're still learning the defense, so it's not at 100 percent. But if you play fast, have poise and you play with energy, everything is going to come together," said Smith. "Hustling overcomes everything."

According to Collins, he has no doubt that he expects this defense to have more blitz packages than normal.

The blitzes will be carefully disguised to make life harder for the opponent's quarterbacks.

"He is not going to sit there and let

opening game.

"I'm definitely not satisfied," Younger said after the scrimmage. "I still have work to do. We're going to get in there and fix what I need to fix and come back out and be ready to go."

Carroll said: "We got a lot of good work in. We are a lot further along this point than we were last season. We got a long way to go, but we're still a lot further along than we have been."

The biggest similarity between the two is not that they are fighting for the same job or that they can both scramble out of the pocket and take off with the football. In the end, both men are fighting for the same thing: a second chance.

## Tomic: "These new kids are catching up real fast"

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need to adapt into a system that has turned this program into a Sun Belt powerhouse over the past few seasons.

"They've been doing what we've asked them to do," Tomic said. "They are working very hard and there is a lot of teaching that we have to do. The new kids are catching up real fast. It's just a matter learning how to play with each other on the court."

Valentin finished ninth in the country in total assists and helped set up the most

effective offense in the Sun Belt Conference, a unit that averaged more than 14 kills per set and more than 13 assists per set on their way to 32-4 record and a perfect conference record in the regular season.

Now she looks to build on that success and end her collegiate career on a high note.

"I can't wait to start playing," Valentin said. "I'm kind of sad that it's my last year, but and I want to go out there and finish strong."



REBECCA VILLAFANE/THE BEACON

Senior setter Natalia Valentin, middle, is approaching her first season as the undisputed leader of the Golden Panthers after the departure of All-American Yarimar Rosa.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Heralded freshman Ferguson ruled ineligible this fall

**JONATHAN RAMOS**  
Sports Director

FIU men's basketball coach Isiah Thomas has had a turbulent ride thus far as team's leader in between rumors of his departure, flirtations with the New York Knicks, and a 7-25 record in his first season.

But if there is one thing that has shined optimism in his short tenure at FIU it is the

promise of his first full recruiting class, one which was set to feature Dominique Ferguson and Phil Taylor.

As it turns out, however, Thomas' and the Golden Panthers have endured another setback. Ferguson and Taylor will not be on the court this fall, according to numerous reports.

Foxsports.com reported on Aug. 18 that Ferguson will be academically ineligible for the fall term but is expected to be on

the court during the spring semester, where the team will play most of its conference schedule.

On Aug. 19, The Miami Herald not only reported Ferguson's expected setback, but also that Phil Taylor will not play this fall either.

For Taylor, who was a rivals.com three-star prospect, the issue is not an academic one, according to his high school coach at Wheeler High in Ga., Doug Lipscomb.

The details in Taylor's situation are unknown.

The Athletic Department could not be reached for comment, but NCAA rules do not allow school's to address eligibility issues amongst their athletes.

Ferguson, a four-star prospect who was originally committed to play for Kentucky before signing with the Golden

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## FOOTBALL

# Cristobal feels team is best in his tenure; Berry honored

**TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP Sports Writer

FIU coach Mario Cristobal insists he's never had a stronger football team since taking the Panthers' program over four seasons ago.

And that strength, he says, comes in a variety of ways.

There's the type built by countless hours inside a brand-new, 14,000-square-foot weight room that FIU insists will pay huge dividends for the team, especially since football workouts used to be held inside a former racquetball court with equipment older than some of the players.

Then there's the type that arrived without warning last spring, when running back Kendall Berry — who would have been a key for FIU this season — was stabbed to

death in an on-campus incident.

FIU plans to wear a decal on helmets to honor Berry this season, and he's still very much in the Panthers' minds.

"We feel that young man in our heart every day," Cristobal said. "Not a day goes by when we don't feel that. He's made us closer as a team and as a family."

The Panthers will need that strength, and plenty more, to make a leap in 2010.

Coming off a 3-9 season, FIU truly believes it's on the cusp of being a program that might vie for bowl eligibility and a run at the Sun Belt Conference title.

"It's so much better now than when we first got here," said senior offensive lineman Brad Serini. "The culture, everything, it's just changed into something totally different."

If the Panthers are going to compete in

the Sun Belt, the trick will be surviving the first month of the season.

FIU starts Sept. 11 at home against Rutgers, the first of four straight matchups against teams from college football's power conferences.

"As a program that's growing, without trying to posture it in any way, shape or form, you have four non-conference games and eight conference games," Cristobal said. "Those four games are all individual opportunities to put FIU against some more nationally recognized teams on a national platform to see where we stand. And then we have our conference schedule ... there's a lot to play for."

There's something else the Panthers won't talk about much — Berry.

Cristobal and the players don't want the entire focus of their season to be on

the slaying, which took place in full view of several FIU students. Yet in private moments, Berry fuels this FIU team. He was going to have a breakthrough year, teammates say, so they feel necessary to have the breakthrough for him.

"We feel his spirit and we're definitely family," Serini said.

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# Phil Taylor will also miss fall term for unknown reasons

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Panthers, has impressed teammates this summer in unofficial scrimmages. The 6-foot-8 forward told Student Media over the summer that was looking forward to

bringing his versatility to the team, and that Thomas likened his game to that of Los Angeles Lakers forward Lamar Odom.

Ferguson and Taylor were part of Thomas' first recruiting class, one in which he had a full period to seek players,

unlike his first class in 2009, which was put together in a short amount of time.

The two players joined Richaed Pack, Eric Frederick, and Dejuan Wright when they signed with FIU, giving Thomas the 17th ranked class in the nation by hoop-

scoop.com

Thomas confirmed that he would join the Knicks front office in a consultant capacity recently, only to back away from the commitment after citing potential conflict of interest issues.

## WORKING THE LINES



ESRA EDORGAN/THE BEACON

The Golden Panthers offensive line unit goes through individual drills during a training camp practice.

## RECREATION

# Recreation Center to host Madden '11 tournament

**RUSS QUINOA**  
Staff Writer

The University Recreation Center will be holding a Madden NFL 11 Tournament on Sept. 18 that is expected to have between 25-40 participants. There is an entry fee of \$15 due before the event.

There will be prizes involved, and the first place finisher will receive a copy of Electronic Arts' *Madden NFL 11* game for the PlayStation 3 console, and there will be shirts for those who finish second and third in the competition.

"The idea came together to raise funds for the [Rec Center] program as well as engage the University community and provide another activity for students to participate in," Intramural and Club sports graduate assistant Ryan Amato said.

The Recreation Center is hoping to hold similar type events in the future. Amato will look to build off the success of the last few events.

"The Recreation Leadership Team held a World Cup indoor soccer tournament in the spring for much the same purpose and was quite successful, they are hoping Madden Tournament will be just as successful, which will lead to further such events to be

announced," Amato said.

Interested individuals can receive more information by inquiring about the tournament at either the front desk of the Recreation Center or in the membership services office of the recreation center.

Students can also learn about the tournament by stopping by the Recreation Center's 5th year anniversary party being held in the Recreation Center beginning Aug. 23 through Aug. 26 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. There will be prizes, giveaways, and free food, according to the Recreation Center.

### SPORT GIFT

The Recreation Leadership Team is involved with a charity called Sport Gift. The goal is to collect used or unwanted sports equipment or uniforms which can be distributed to kids in poor countries.

There is a box located in the front of the facility and everyone is encouraged to drop their donations in this box. This drive will be ongoing throughout the fall semester, with collections being shipped at the end of each month.

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# WOW 2010

## Students return to week of events

**KATHY PAZ**  
Staff Writer

Another summer's worth of vacation has come and gone. As you muster up all strength for another year of classes, or possibly starting your first semester at FIU, remind yourself that among the

classes, parking battles, and long lines at the bookstore, you've got a bunch of activities to help you get back into the swing of things.

Week of Welcome is a series of events taking place during the first week of the new semester across the University, all

of which are free to all Golden Panthers.

Besides promoting school spirit, WOW allows students the chance to familiarize themselves with on-campus organizations and meet students.

This fall semester's Week of Welcome at the Modesto A. Maidique

Campus is taking place from Aug. 24 to Aug. 27.

Kicking things off is the Student Programming Council with a Facebook Event on Tuesday, Aug. 24, in the GC Pit. It runs from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

According to Cristina Rodriguez, SPC-MMC president, students will have the opportunity to take pictures under a blown up Facebook silhouette and either take them home or have them digitally sent to their phones.

They'll also be giving away Facebook shirts and key chains with the signa-

ture thumbs-up "like."

Later that night, SPC-MMC is also hosting a comedy show featuring Arvin Mitchell in Green Library 100.

Having emerged on the scene from the "BET" network, Mitchell is known for his impersonations, originally written material and clean style. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a show time of 6 p.m. No tickets are necessary, so remember to bring your Panther ID for admission.

Thursday will play host to the University's largest tradition, Trail of the Torch. Hosted by the Student Alumni Association, SAA, and running on its sixth year, the event commences at 7 p.m. at the Housing Quad and runs for two hours.

The procession features a candlelight march across the campus with the spirit of a giant pep rally. Be sure to come out and join your Golden Panther's football team, Dazzlers, staff, and clubs

for what is sure to be a memorable night filled with pride and unity.

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### SPC EVENTS

#### Facebook Pit Event

- Time: 11 a.m.
- When: 8/24/10
- Where: GC Forum

#### Arvin Mitchell

- Time: 6:00 p.m.
- When: 8/24/10
- Where: GL 100

#### Hypnotist Sailesh

- Time: 9:00 p.m.
- When: 8/26/10
- Where: GL 100

#### Dive in Movie

- Time: 8:00 p.m.
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Students during last year's Week of Welcome under the effects of hypnotism performed by Sailesh.



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GREEK LIFE

# Greek councils organize Welcome BBQ

**JANET CAREAGA**  
Staff Writer

Sorority and fraternity life welcomes the University community back every school year with free food and a chance to get to know what Greek life is all about at the annual Sorority and Fraternity Life Welcome BBQ, to be held tomorrow, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m.

The event is open to everyone and includes free food as well as the opportunity to socialize with many of FIU's campus leaders.

All four Greek councils will be present: Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the Multicultural Greek Council.

"Our organizations are nationally recognized for the amazing things they do on campus and for the community. Greek life is a life long commitment that when done right could provide a university premiere leadership opportunities," said Gabe Villanueva, Interfraternity Council President.

Greek life may not be for everyone, but with more than 35 Greek organizations, the University offers a reasonable amount of options. Greek life has many different aspects that can appeal to a wide variety of people.

Each Greek organization was founded on different ideals that members of these organizations dedicate themselves to live out every day. Some of these values and principles include brotherhood and sisterhood, philanthropy and community service, leadership, academics, and many more specific to each organization.

Greek organizations pride themselves in trying to break the stereotypical mold of hazing and partying.

"The barbecue gives people an opportunity to dispel any stereotypes they may have about fraternities and sororities by allowing them to meet the individual members of each organization," said Andrew Calienes, a senior fraternity member majoring in public

relations.

Pre-recruitment events are a great way to get to know individual members in each organization and ask questions without any pressure. It is more relaxed than formal recruitment or rush events and requires no commitment.

The Greek barbecue in particular is one of the few events where all four Greek councils are present. It allows

anyone interested in Greek life who is unsure which council is right for them to meet all of the different organizations the University has to offer. From there, interested individuals can pursue recruitment.

"It is insightful because it allows you to see all the organizations that you

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## MOVING IN



IGOR MELLO/THE BEACON

Imrena Dedic, junior psychology major (right), moves in to the Lakeview South dormitory on Aug. 20.

PRESS START

# New motion tech must learn from Wii shortfalls

Kick back, relax, and press start to play.

Video games have been a part of my life since I was only three years old, so you could say I was practically born with a controller in my hand. Super Mario Bros. was my first game.

Games are becoming less about sitting alone trying to slay a duck-dragon creature and more about playing with friends, especially with titles like Guitar Hero or Wii Sports being a top choice at parties.

One thing the industry has been embracing is the idea of motion controls in order to make games less sedentary. In 2006, Nintendo's Wii introduced the idea of motion control through the Wii Remote.

Four years later, Sony and Microsoft are launching their own motion devices the Move and the Kinect, respectively--in time for the holidays.

When the concept was first demonstrated, it received a generally positive reception from the gaming crowd, especially when Nintendo revealed its Legend of Zelda franchise will debut with the option of motion controls.

Running around and slashing everything in sight according to how I moved the controller? Virtual reality was finally here without the cheesy '80s movie helmet and gloves.

That wasn't the case when I picked up my console on launch day and found I didn't have that much control over the character and instead had to mindlessly shake the controller like a maraca to attack enemies.

The term "wagglefest" was quickly coined by players when several other titles on the console relied on mindless shaking for controlling the game or simply using the controller like a gun to shoot at the screen.

Since then, many developers outside Nintendo have flooded the system's library of titles with mini-game. Unfortunately, a sizeable chunk of these games can be likened to playing Duck Hunt on the Nintendo Entertainment System while having a seizure.

So understand that with this precedent, I'm a little nervous about Kinect and Move.

Kinect for the Xbox 360 is a neat gadget. It's a camera that can measure your height, distance and track your movement and allows you to interact with a game similarly to virtual reality shown in movies; you are truly the controller. It can keep track of up to six people simultaneously.

Meanwhile, PlayStation 3's Move takes a more conservative route with a wand-like controller design. For this reason, it's been blasted by critics for being a lazy knockoff of the Wii Remote, despite a greater ability to recognize movement and depth without an add-on device.

The two devices have a steep hill to climb, not only in hoping developers can embrace their potential to produce innovative titles and not future bargain bin games, but from laziness or exhaustion as well.

Sometimes, people don't want to jump around and move to play a game, preferring to sit down and play after a long day. This is especially a problem for Kinect, which has problems working if a person is sitting while trying to play with the device.

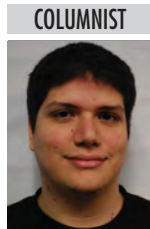
Another issue is pricing. Since the equipment is not included with the console, you'll need to drop a bit of money to be able to experience motion controls on the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3.

Kinect alone is another \$150 while Move requires components like the PlayStation Eye camera to even function, totaling to \$100.

With the two devices set to prolong a bitter console war this holiday season, the onus is on Microsoft, Sony and software developers to make their respective devices shine. The Wii already cornered the market and is highly successful, despite the plethora of mini game collections.

Their biggest challenge will be to show they can do what Wii does, but better.

*Press Start is a video game column that will run every other Monday.*



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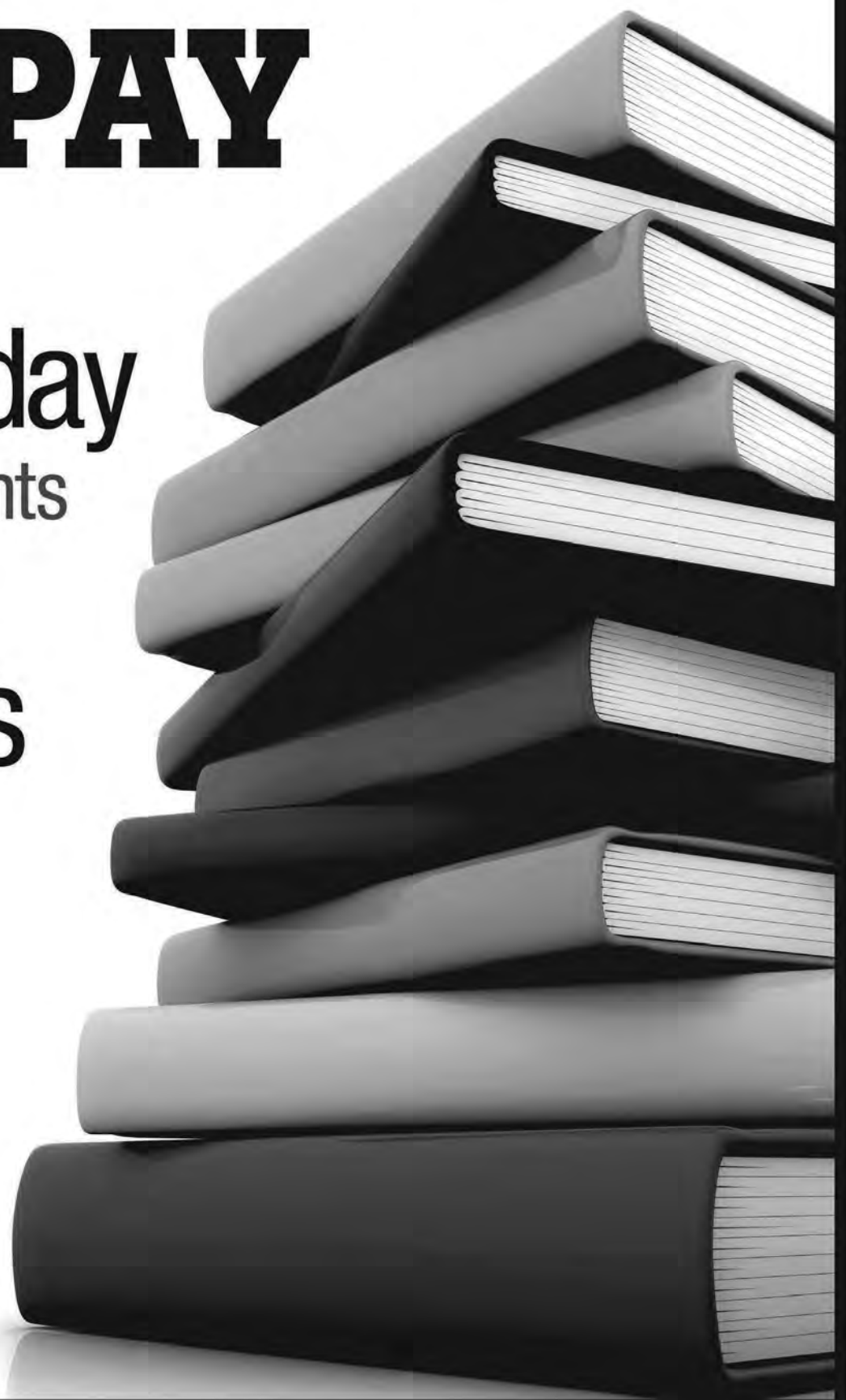


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FASHION FINDS

# Top picks for an easy, fall wardrobe

I may not be a fashion maven with unlimited access to couture like Kate Moss, or eccentric and original like Lady Gaga, but my extensive collection of fashion magazines, need to look put-together without much noticeable effort and low budget-- thanks to jobs at an upscale baby boutique in Coral Gables and being a student journalist, make me the more palpable type of style columnist.

I, like most of you, don't have thousands to spend on an insane Alexander McQueen leather jacket or Christian Louboutin pumps without getting my phone disconnected.

So, I've set out to translate what I see in the magazines and my job, and hunt for it at retailers like Forever 21 and other down and dirty shopping locations I may regret telling you about.

But for my first column, I'll just stick to three picks for school essentials for fall: cheap, easy to find and versatile.

First off: the basic black leggings. Other than a true-blue pair of jeans, there isn't anything more wearable than a pair of black leggings. You can wear them with just about any top in your wardrobe.

What I like about leggings is that they're universally flattering. Anyone can wear them with the proper top. If you've got more to love in your lower half, make sure to stick with a tunic to cover up.

And always remember to wear the proper undergarments. No one wants to see pink panties shine through. Check out the American Apparel version, \$26, for a thicker fabric.

Next up is my all-time favorite piece: the T-shirt.

There's no such thing as having too many white tees. Whenever I go to Forever 21 I can't stop myself from picking up another one. And at \$4 a pop, it doesn't hurt to restock every time.

Reason I have to grab one every time I shop at Candy Land is because they aren't built to last. After a few washes, you can expect to see your new best friend disintegrate before your eyes.

Gap's version is still affordable, \$19.50 each, and lasts longer. You won't miss out on variety either; it comes in just as many cuts and colors as its Forever 21 counterpart.

A couple of seasons ago, a classic accessory made a comeback in an unexpected, fresh way. Before, scarves were used in the winter, but thanks to stars like Jessica Alba, scarves were being worn in the warmer spring and summer months.

They were oversized, colorful and redefined the look of t-shirts and jeans.

Scarves can be found in any store and mall. Don't be ashamed to buy tons of them. They're usually cheap and you don't have to worry too much about quality because it doesn't have to battle the washing machine like a tee or leggings.

Since Miami isn't the kind of place for parkas and wool scarves, stick to scarves made from viscose or cotton.

These fabrics will prevent you from suffering a heat stroke in the record-breaking heat of August.

These three items on rotation with camp shirts, jeans and cardigans can get you through an entire semester looking pretty and chic while staying on a tight budget.

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COLUMN

ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ

# Organizations join to greet residents

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As the first week of fall approaches, Florida International University students have a variety of events they may attend in order to meet incoming and returning students and get accustomed to their new collegiate environment.

The Residence Hall Association at the University created a plan of action for students, targeting incoming freshman and those living on campus.

This year, the main focus of the Residence Hall Association is to support and collaborate with other organizations at the University. The purpose of partnering with other organizations is to engage a larger number of students.

On Aug. 26, the Residence Hall Association will host a pool party, called Dive in

Movie. This event is a collaboration with the Student Programming Council and welcomes incoming students and returning students. There will be a big screen projector by the pool playing *Iron Man 2*. Inflatables will be placed inside the pool so that students may watch the movie from there.

During the pool party, the RHA will be handing out fliers to inform students on how to become a member of the Hall Council. This is an opportunity to hand out applications to those interested in becoming more involved.

Residential Life has coordinated a Knock-Knock event where Resident Assistants go around knocking on new residents' doors helping them out in any way they can.

The Play Fair is also an event that will be occurring on this day at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center. During this event, there are

ice breakers and games that enable people to connect and meet each other. If you are new to the university, this is a great way to transition into the new environment.

On Thursday, Aug. 26 during the official Week of Welcome, the University hosts the Trail of the Torch. This is a University tradition where the torch of knowledge is passed on from student to student. The torch is set in front of the Charles Perry building and is lit by a special guest. The torch is lit 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is represented by candles.

"It's FIU's largest tradition," said Chantel Anido, overall director of Week of Welcome. "[Trail of the Torch] is basically a ceremony to recognize the start of the academic year by having a block party, shows then announcements by Order of the Torch."

The RHA supports every event occurring during Week of Welcome.

# Greeks bring Shorty's for welcome BBQ

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may not regularly see around campus or know much about and briefly learn what the organizations stand for," said Andrea Duarte, a sophomore sorority member majoring in international relations.

Although the event was held inside the GC ballrooms last year, it will be returning to its traditional grounds on the GC lawn this year.

While the summer heat will likely still be in full effect, having the event outside is

more favorable because it allows conversations to run more smoothly. Last year attendees complained of the high noise level not allowing them to hear other people.

One thing that will be the same is the food in the form of barbecue provided by Shorty's BBQ.

"My favorite part of the barbecue is seeing people that aren't expecting to necessarily be into Greek life and end up enjoying it and wanting to join," Villanueva said. "A lot of people who go to the barbecues end up going

for the food or just to go with friends and end up interested themselves."

Whatever their reason for attending, anyone and everyone is welcome.

The Greek councils recommend attending and taking advantage of the event for the opportunity to speak to many members of different organizations to decide whether Greek life is the right choice.

More information on Greek life can be found on the office of sorority and fraternity life's website, [www.fiu.edu/~greeks](http://www.fiu.edu/~greeks).

# Comedian and hypnotist welcome students

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There will be food, giveaways, entertainment, and the first 250 SAA members who show up with a valid membership card will receive a Trail of the Torch shirt.

Immediately following the ceremony, SPC will be hosting the return of hypnotist Sailesh in GL 100, Rodriguez's pick for the can't-be-missed event.

"He came last year and was so popular that we're bringing him back," she adds.

With over one million hits on YouTube and praises from MTV Europe and the Bamboozle Festival, Sailesh combines the art of hypnosis with comedy. Be on the lookout

for the themed yo-yos being given away. Same policy regarding admission applies.

Closing off the week of free festivities is SPC's Friday movie night. Make your way to the Housing Quad Pool for the "Dive In" featured flick, *"Iron Man 2"*.

The film starts at 8:00 p.m., but try to arrive around half an hour to ensure you have the best seat in the house. Splash around in the water, or lay back on the grass; the choice is yours. Enjoy a night of action and waves with your fellow Panthers all while munching on some complimentary popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cones.

Want to keep track of everything SPC has to offer during Week of Welcome? Information can be found on the club's web site [www.fiu.edu/~spc](http://www.fiu.edu/~spc), Facebook or Twitter (FIUSPC). Text FIUSPC to 41411 for special text message alerts, and be on the lookout for street team members promoting events around campus.

"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 Rodriguez.



MITCHELL

## WEEK OF WELCOME

### MONDAY, AUG. 23

**ASK ME TABLES**



Find out about anything you need to know about FIU  
WHEN: 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: All over MMC and BBC campus.

**Market Station Grand Opening**

WHEN: 6 p.m.-8p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: Parking Garage 5

**WELCOME BACK NIGHT**



WHEN: 8 p.m.- 10:30 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: Barnes & Noble in GC

**FIU FASHION SHOW**



Students work the runway in a fashion show.  
WHEN: 12:00 pm  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC Concourse

### TUESDAY, AUG. 24

**ASK ME TABLES**

Find out about anything you need to know about FIU  
WHEN: 8 a.m.- 8 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: All over MMC and BBC campus.

**RELATIONSHIP SUMMIT**

WHEN: 2 p.m.- 5 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC 243

**GREEK BBQ**



Meet the four Greek councils and learn about Rush Week.  
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC Ballroom Lawn

**Jamba-cise?**

Work out with Jamba Juice  
WHEN: 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC Ballroom Lawn

**FACEBOOK PIT EVENT**

Come and receive free Facebook themed keychains and giveaways.  
WHEN: 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC Pit

**ARVIN MITCHELL**



Check out a comedy show with Arvin Mitchell  
WHEN: 6 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free with Panther ID  
WHERE: GL 100

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25

**PANTHER CLASH**



Show your Panther pride at this outdoor event!  
WHEN: 12 p.m.- 2p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free

**FREE POOL**

Play billiards for free in the game room.  
WHEN: 12 p.m.- 2 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC 155

**STAY. EAT. ROCK!**

Karaoke and Concert event  
WHEN: 7 p.m.- 11 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: Chili's Too

**LASER TAG**



WHEN: 2 p.m.- 5 p.m.  
HOW MUCH: Free  
WHERE: GC Ballroom lawns

**A BETTER YOU**

Health/Safety/ Wellness Fair  
WHEN: 3 p.m.- 5 p.m.  
WHERE: Betty Chapman Plaza

**CHILI'S DINNER DEALS**

Enjoy food from FIU's Chili's Too  
WHEN: 7 p.m.- 9 p.m.  
WHERE: Chili's Too



## Student Media is here to help you

Student media organizations are more than just a campus tradition or an extracurricular activity for aspiring journalists, they are an institution.

EDITOR IN CHIEF



**JORGE VALENS**  
FIU Student Media is a place that fosters young talent, giving them the forum to make a name for themselves and practical experience that will give a student a major leg-up in a turbulent job market.

What makes our particular operation interesting is that we can serve the student on three different types of media: radio, print, and online.

Whether you are reading a story in The

Beacon, watching a video on FIUSM.com, or tuning in to a specialty Hip-Hop show on Radiate FM, you are enjoying a product of students who work hard to inform and entertain you.

So if I could ask one thing from you, the student, it would be to take advantage of us. Pick up our paper or log on to the website and stay informed about things that are going on.

Knowing what goes on around campus is important.

Maybe an interesting professor profile gets you to take a new class? Or reading about a club or organization will get you more involved on campus? You never know.

Ultimately, Student Media is here for you. Thanks and have a great semester.

### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## Opinion's new direction

When I applied for the position of Opinion Editor, I wanted to create a section that readers found engaging, bringing new ideas and information to them. I also wanted Opinion to expand to our campus radio, Radiate FM.



CHRIS DIAZ

Public Reason, Opinion's radio show, debuted in May (check) and has continued to gather people with different opinions and create discussions.

Opinion, whether it be in print or via radio waves, centers around the concept that different perspectives should be shared because doing so contributes to the health of society and individuals. We live in a time where Congress becomes increasingly polarized, and I believe this is reflective of how we are as a people.

The birth of the Tea Party exemplifies what happens when people remain insular and surround themselves only with like minded individuals.

But this isn't limited to energized political groups; people who have little to no interest in politics are also susceptible.

Those of us at FIU are no exception, what with the liberal bubble that college students tend to be absorbed into. By entrenching ourselves in our own particular worldviews and opinions, we slow progress and disallow the best ideas to take root.

By introducing different perspectives, my hope is that people will critically think and question their own opinions and worldviews. This may or may not cause a change in a reader's opinion, but at the very least it should provide him/her with a better understanding of both his/her opinion and those in opposition.

As a reader, you are always welcome to introduce your own opinion. By submitting a Letter to the Editor, you can write in agreement or disagreement with a particular article. You can also write on an entirely different subject. Either way, your opinion will always be welcome in this section.

### THE BEACON | Editorial

## Thomas' wandering eye hinders program's growth

The rebuilding of the University's basketball program can't begin until the Isiah Thomas era ends.

Earlier in the summer, rumors started to surface in the press that FIU men's basketball coach Isiah Thomas was set to leave the position to take a job with his former employer, the New York Knicks, after only a year with FIU.

It was then announced that Thomas would accept a job as a consultant for the Knicks while keeping his job with the Golden Panthers. Five days later, it was confirmed that Thomas wouldn't take the job to avoid any conflict of interest issues. He also would have had the chance to talk to and advise high school players while under contract with an NBA team, a potential violation of NBA rules that forbid league personnel from having contact with players who have not formally entered the draft.

"I'm committed to growing something here, and strongly believe that over time, we'll put a team on the floor that everyone at FIU can be proud of," Thomas said to CBSSports.com after signing with FIU.

After a little over a year in the position, Thomas has done little to improve the team's reputation or their performance on the court, but he has lured a few high-profile recruits.

It is clear to The Beacon Editorial Board that Thomas sees coaching at FIU as a mere stepping stone for a possible return into the NBA. And any potential short term progress is not worth it.

"I've always said that if there's a GM position that should ever open that I would be interested in going back to the NBA as a GM for the right spot and the right opportunity," Thomas told ESPN.com.

He's likely not here for the long haul. The University and Athletic Director, Pete Garcia, have allowed Thomas to bring the troubled, sub-par program attention for all the wrong reasons.

The FIU name has been on ESPN in terms of basketball more since Isiah's hiring of 2009 than in the history of the program, but at the cost of much scorn from the national media. Such as Garcia's reluctance to play North Carolina in the Coaches vs. Cancer tournament last season, even when the contest was a non-conference game for charity, and Thomas' name being thrown around as a candidate for a GM position with the Los Angeles Clippers and the coaching position at DePaul University.

Bringing in a Hall of Fame basketball coach is supposed to bring national prestige to FIU while also building a better team. It can also raise the profile of the program and get students interested in attending our school.

Thomas' actions leave the editorial board wondering not if, but when he'll leave FIU and whether Garcia will be prepared to fill the void in time. If he leaves in the next one to two years, he takes his good recruits with him, or they may transfer, and any progress made up until that point would be lost.

If Thomas is distracted by other jobs and finding a way back in to the NBA, then Garcia should replace him as soon as possible. Waiting for Thomas to make his way out of South Florida simply postpones the basketball program's ability to rebuild in the long term.

Thomas is contracted to FIU for five years, which he can apparently break whenever he wishes. In that case, it may be a good idea to replace him with someone dedicated to rebuilding the team for the long haul.

Ultimately, Garcia should not allow Isiah's indiscretions, and should make a decision: either cut him loose or reign him in.

## 9/12 "school" forces agenda on kids

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When a child in Georgetown, Kentucky is asked "What did you learn in school today?", the response may be something along the lines of "I learned how we must save America from neo-liberal ideologies."

A select group of students and

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their teachers use a church basement in Georgetown as a classroom to learn about "real" American values.

According to an AP News article, the Kentucky 9/12 Project lesson plan doesn't merely deal with "reading, writing, and arithmetic." Instead, they deal with subjects such as "Recognize Men Don't Create Rights - Only God," and "Understanding

Falsehoods of Separation of Church and State."

The official website states that their lessons are based on the 9 Principles and 12 Values as listed by the Glenn Beck radio program. An article in the *Georgetown News-Graphic* notes that, while they are not directly affiliated with The Tea Party, KY912 shares many common views.

Granted, all teachers have a right their individual views on government, patriotism, and the like. But, those who aspire to be teachers are constantly reminded, especially in diversity training, that are to remain objective and keep their personal opinions away from their lesson plans.

Contrary to this principle, KY912 openly flaunts their influence under they highly subjective points of view of Beck and the Tea Party. They completely ignore the need for neutrality in education.

Furthermore, after looking at these 9 Values, all of them are based on the personal statements of only two figures in American history, namely George Wash-

ington and Thomas Jefferson.

Although both of them had a large hand in shaping America, they are only two men and two points of view. A true understanding of American values should include references from various individuals from various periods of time who have helped shape America, as these core values have changed in interpretation over time.

For example, one of the principles states that "The family is sacred. My spouse and I are the ultimate authority, not the government," citing a quote by Thomas Jefferson for support.

However, according to ChildWelfare.gov, 510,000 children entered the federal foster care system in 2006 due to unstable households and in 2007 an estimated 1,760 children died from maltreatment, showing that in some cases the government does need to intervene. But, KY912 will not include this information because the true goal of this project is to push their personal agenda on the minds of unsuspecting children.

Also, both Beck and The Tea

Party are by no means the sole authority on American values. Neither of them have created original viewpoints that are regarded as universal fact.

Instead, they take statements from various political figures and the Constitution out of context and twist them to fit into their political ideologies.

They also respond to opposing viewpoints with appeals to emotion and hysteria instead of gathering evidence to support their claims. Such behavior shows that their ideas are not a solid basis for educating children in the ways of American citizenship.

I am highly disappointed in the organizers of KY912 and their supporters. It is unfair for them to use these children, who are not equipped to form their own opinions and can be easily squelched if they attempt to debate against them.

It is an attempt to brainwash youth into sharing their views. Instead, KY912 should stick to sharing their views in the streets and away from the teacher's desk.

### PUBLIC REASON

A radio show gathering opinions and promoting discussion every Tuesday and Thursday at 12 p.m. on Radiate FM, 95.3 in Miami, 88.1 in Homestead, 96.9 in North Miami and streaming live on FIUSM.com.

### VERBATIM

*"Proposition 8 fails to advance any rational basis in singling out gay men and lesbians for denial of a marriage license."*

Federal Judge Vaughn R. Walker's ruling to overturn California's Proposition 8

### EDITORIAL POLICY

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Got a problem with parking? Want to give kudos to faculty? Or do you just have something to say about FIU? Send your thoughts in to [opinion@fiusm.com](mailto:opinion@fiusm.com) or drop by our offices at either GC 240 or WUC 124. With your letter, be sure to include your name, major and year.

# Criminalizing prostitution good for publicity, bad for justice

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On July 23rd, salacious images of nearly nude women being prosecuted for offering sex for exorbitant sums of money were conjured up as Miami newspapers and blogs were splashed with sensational headlines detailing the bust of a large prostitution ring.

The operators and several sex workers of “Miami Companions” have been charged with conspiring to coerce prostitution and money laundering.

Because the city of Miami is in a precarious economical situation, it is necessary and poignant to examine what our tax dollars have achieved in this bust. The investigation and arrests did not stimulate the economy in any way, our community is no more functional, and our

streets are no safer.

Copious amounts of media attention have been generated, but dialogue on the illegality of prostitution has not arisen.

The ramifications that occur when sex work is prohibited are vividly clear; a legal system that persecutes sex workers largely contributes to the ostracism of prostitutes and only adds to the rampant abuses that this work often possesses.

The treatment of sex workers as criminals only drives the culture of prostitution to a dangerous underground that lacks any regulation, disease prevention, and ethics.

In addition to abuses of adult sex workers, the rate of children trafficked into prostitution offers another compelling case for legalization. According to ECPAT USA (End Child Prostitution, Child

Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes) “the average age of entry into street prostitution is between 12 and 14 years old.”

The perpetuation of a legal system whose focus is on prohibiting prostitution diverts police attention away from these far more pressing matters.

Legalizing and regulating the practice of adults exchanging sex for money would illuminate the underground subculture and make trafficked children far more visible.

Furthermore, sex workers would be far more likely to report instances of both juvenile and adult trafficking if they did not fear legal action for their own choice of occupation.

The comparisons between Amsterdam’s progressive and tolerant approach and America’s system of shaming and arresting are

alarming. The Netherlands government offers a logical and pragmatic approach that helps to protect sex workers from exploitation and abuse. Because it is a legal occupation, there is an integrity to uphold the laws and comply with licensures and health codes.

According to Amsterdam Info, a tourism website, window prostitutes have been allowed to legally ply their trade since October 2000. Today, prostitutes in the Netherlands are also taxpayers. Unfortunately, discrimination is still very much part and parcel in this trade as many prostitutes report that some banks even refuse to grant mortgages.

However, being a legal profession, the government ensures that all prostitutes are able to access medical care and work in better conditions by regulating and moni-

toring working practices and standards. The conscious legal and social tolerance of prostitution is unprecedented and an admirable model of allegiance to upholding human rights.

The American model of prosecution and imprisonment of sex workers illustrates the total disconnect the legal system has to sex workers. If there is a concern, albeit a patriarchal and sexist one, for poverty-stricken women turning to sex work as their last resort, inflicting an arrest record on them with such stigmatized charges is not exactly a resume builder.

Should the United States continue with its current model of prosecuting sex workers, it will stand as a model of intolerance and useless spending on a profession that withstands regardless of the legal climate.

## SOCIAL COMMENTARY

# Virginity overrated by unrealistic expectations

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Most college students can agree that their first time in the sack, or if you’re like me, in the back seat of a broken down car, isn’t all that great.

Maybe it’s because people refer to it as “losing your virginity” that we have a miscon-

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ception of it being something special.

I refer to it as “getting rid of your virginity”, because that’s what is really happening during that first sexual encounter. The sooner you rid yourself from it, the sooner your future encounters can be considered something special.

Our society has a love-hate relationship with double standards, especially when it comes to purity. It seems as though many people, especially women, place their virginity on a silver platter, handing it to someone that they feel is their “one and only” while most men dispose of it as quickly as possible.

These garbage men have the right idea, and if women want to contribute to this already changing “man’s world”, the same world that they helped build, they must start to think like one by not giving their virginity a special meaning. The fact is your “one and only” is yourself. At the end of the day, you’re going to live with yourself forever, not the person you first “gave” yourself to.

Many moons ago, men and women married at very young ages, while recent times show that people are getting married much later in life. This means that the older generations could “keep it in their pants” until marriage because they got hitched younger than the current generation.

They were still ridding themselves of their innocence around the same age as our current generation does. Perhaps, it’s the higher level of education that some of us seek that keep us from marrying so young, and the very reason why it is acceptable to get rid of your virginity before marriage.

Don’t let the older generation’s stories fool you into believing that you have to wait until marriage to perform an “act of love,” when they themselves didn’t have to wait long. They just needed a piece of paper to tell them that it was okay to express themselves sexually.

The only way to get good at something is if you practice, so if marriage is the “green light” to get rid of your virginity, then the honeymoon won’t be all that great.

Actually, it’s going to be an awkward, possibly painful and boring disaster on a white turned red rose petaled bed, so the first time should not be on a wedding day. Sexual problems happen to be one of the many leading causes of divorce in America.

Although, one may argue that you have the rest of your lives to show each other a good time and become better sexually, a good sexual relationship will help build the foundation that may elongate a marriage, so you might as well become sexually acquainted with each other way before the “I do’s”.

Chances are, you’re going to get divorced anyway, but at least one of the leading causes of divorce can be scratched off as a reason for your failed marriage. Pre-marital sex is also the only way to “test drive” before a purchase, and it’s also fabulous way to find out if your potential ex-husband or ex-wife is selfish or not.

Only you can determine the right time to become sexually active, due to the fact that everyone matures at different times of their lives.

There are many sexually transmitted diseases, so it’s vital that the sexually active couple use protection and get tested. They must also always use contraceptive measures if they can’t be congratulated in the chance that a baby is conceived.

You’re always going to have some sort of attachment to your first partner, so it’s advisable to note that you shouldn’t be in love, maybe just in lust. Like what Sheryl Crow says, “The first cut is the deepest”, so not being in love with your first sexual partner makes things that much easier to move on to the next one.

# State legislature has not learned from Gulf disaster

**MICHAEL FOLEY**  
Contributing Writer

It’s surprising, perhaps even staggering, that in the tumultuous post-British Petroleum oil spill, the advancement for more oil drilling off of our coasts has gained steam in the Florida Legislature.

While others states in prime oil reserves quash plans for oil drilling, Florida looks towards bringing that evil closer to home. We need to change our perspective, and look at this issue with greater scrutiny. Florida should handle this issue with more circumspect and realize its inherent consequences.

Offshore drilling can be beneficial to some individuals and the state, but the risks far outweigh the benefits.

What was once an absurd idea has become the favorable view shared by many in Florida. Proponents for offshore drilling were born in the midst of the astonishing gas prices that this state and nation faced some five years ago. The idea reached new heights this past March when President Obama advocated opening over 167 million acres of water to big oil companies, twenty-five million acres of which will be in the Gulf.

Then on April 28, only eight days after the infamous BP oil spill, the Florida House of Representatives overwhelmingly gave the approval to allow negotiations to happen between the state and oil companies. The signing of such a deal would reverse the nineteen-year-old ban on drilling in this state’s waters.

To make matters worse, in late July the Florida legislature rejected putting a proposed constitutional ban on oil drilling on the August 24th ballot.

The Republican-led Florida Legislature rejected Charlie Crist’s proposition for allowing Florida residents to vote on the controversial issue. Therefore, it seems quite obvious that Florida is blazing a trail towards offshore oil drilling. Florida should consider a number of possible factors before brazenly consenting to offshore drilling.

First and foremost, offshore oil drilling doesn’t remove our dependency on foreign oil like many proponents believe. We still rely on foreign oil even in the wake of various states approving the measure. It could take ten years before the oil drilled is of any use to consumers, and even if this oil was used in the form of petroleum, it would

only affect the gas prices of this nation by some five cents.

Oil drilling does produce others products such as plastics, asphalt, and kerosene. However, these products make up less than five percent of total oil consumption in the US.

Secondly, there can be many causes of oil spills. Metal fatigue, equipment failure, human error, towline failure, and bad weather can all account for oil rig failures. Granted, these failures are of relatively rare, but it takes only one mishap to cause a massive loss of life and damage to the environment.

Lastly, the royalties Florida would receive from the oil companies is a far cry from the profits that tourism brings in. With tourism bringing in over \$57 billion annually, drilling oil offshore puts Florida’s largest economic sector at risk for the potential benefit of \$2 billion from oil companies.

Just one incidence of an oil spill can cause rippling effects to tourism and diminish Florida’s world-renown beaches. They also assert that accidents like the one recently experienced in the Gulf is a fluke, an unparalleled event of calamity. Florida would be “tripping over the dime to pick up the nickel” if it allowed the oil industry to

**Just one incidence of an oil spill can cause rippling effects to tourism and diminish Florida’s world-renown beaches.**

ruin the very sector this state survives upon. No regulation on oil drilling will suffice.

The Florida Legislature believes there are benefits to offshore drilling. However, these benefits put at great peril the state’s citizenry, environment, and tourism. If the Obama administration is sincerely concerned with alternative energy, there is no reason for opening our coastlines to drilling. If erected, oil rigs will only benefit the entrepreneurs while placing this state in greater risk than the fruit it can bring.

# Bus schedule expanded to meet the needs of students

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around the standard \$2 rate.

The only pass that is different is the 30 ride pass for \$54.00, which if calculated saves students \$6.00 for 15 rides roundtrip to and from MMC and BBC.

Many students and staff were unsatisfied with the old routes, which ran a second bus 15 minutes after the first, with intervals lasting as long as an hour.

Most students who had to commute from the Biscayne Bay Campus to the Modesto Maidique Campus were either left behind or

fighting for a seat on the crowded bus.

"We had historically seen that during peak times that they would run full and leave a few people left behind," Foster said.

Martha Lopez, senior broadcast journalism major, said to Student Media that she has had problems with buses running late.

She hopes the new schedule improves the campus-to-campus commute and fixes the overcrowding issue she would see on the buses.

"Hopefully [the new schedule] helps students," Lopez said.

Ramirez discussed with Student Media her involvement with the schedule expansion as part of the student government association.

"I had heard several complaints from students not choosing classes, missing classes or deciding not to attend an event because it was on the campus at which they didn't regularly attend," Ramirez said.

The new idea of implementing an expanded bus schedule came this past spring 2010 semester when the department of Parking and Transportation realized that the needs of students weren't being met as well as they would

have liked them to.

"There was not really a desire to expand the schedule necessarily, but it was to try to meet the need a little bit better," Foster said.

The new bus schedule is meant to benefit the student body through its cost effectiveness, the timely manner in which the students will have to arrive on time to classes as well as being more involved in school activities at both campuses.

Battle who reviewed the bus schedule after Ramirez initially met with Foster, stated that

with the help of the department of Parking and Transportation "students from both campuses will hopefully have a more positive experience."

All parties agreed this will hopefully benefit the students who commute by car.

"The bus service is something that's critical to keeping the two campuses linked and we'll continue to do the best we can to meet that need," Foster said.

*Additional reporting by Philippe Buteau*

# Peterson steps down as associate dean of Arts & Sciences

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mental Studies.

Peterson can list many other accomplishments in her time as associate dean.

She credits this to working in a "collective enterprise" of faculty that focused on providing core curriculum courses for students in all majors.

Peterson was an also an activist for Arts and Sciences majors specifically; today, a few are offered fully on BBC.

"I am proud to have been part of a faculty community that valued teaching and research across disciplinary lines," Peterson said.

The long-time administrator said the CAS is "embarking on a new definition" for itself for BBC focused around the School of Environment and Society.

"I have great hopes that will give us a new, more coherent definition and sense of ourselves so that we can begin to grow and develop around a theme that everyone can at least somewhat contribute to," Peterson said.

Ken Furton, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, met Peterson in 2001 when he came to the dean's office as assistant dean.

He said in an interview with Student Media that Peterson has specifically attributed to the

campus in two main ways: firstly, her "essential involvement" in helping women's studies to flourish, saying that "her focus on it will leave a lasting mark."

Secondly, he points to her work in bringing Marine Science to BBC.

The Marine Science building opened in 2006.

"The School of Environment and Society was built on the foundation she laid," Furton said. "The way I see it, the new school will be a longstanding theme for her."

"Stepping down now is giving me a sense of sort of a new life," Peterson said. "It's going back to some things, it's giving me time

to do some new things I haven't done in terms of research and teaching in a long time, so that I can focus on those things."

She said she's ready to forget about all of the sort of day-to-day problem-solving and other people problems and start focusing more directly on things that she wants to do with her academic career.

Peterson assured the group that she'll come back to the University to teach after her sabbatical.

She has had two new courses submitted and approved that she'll teach: Biography as History, and History of Feminist Thought.

University President Mark B. Rosenberg, like the rest of Peterson's peers, will feel her

absence.

"Peterson has been a thoughtful guiding light for hundreds of faculty and thousands of students at our Biscayne Bay Campus," Rosenberg said in a statement emailed to Student Media.

Peterson recalled what she's loved most about her time as associate dean.

"Working with both students and faculty on this campus, where there's a real sense of community [and] people working together to build something together," Peterson said. "That's been very gratifying."

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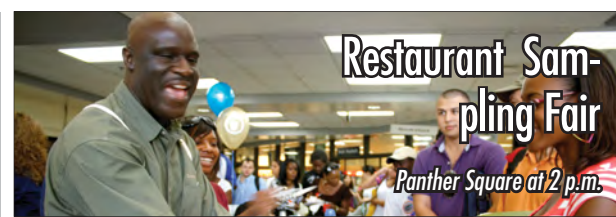


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## Campus growth seen over 20 years

### After two decades, Joyce Peterson steps down from her position



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Joyce Peterson, former associate dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, was a part of BBC for over 20 years before deciding to step down as an administrator on Aug. 12.

**BECCA GRIESEMER**  
Staff Writer

Joyce Peterson can remember when Biscayne Bay Campus seemed to have more crustacean-clawed creatures than students.

"I don't know if lately you've noticed a few times when you drive into campus that there have been crabs crossing the roads," Peterson reminisced in an interview with Student Media. "Well, back in the old days there used to be lots and lots of them and sometimes you could hear them scratching outside your doors in those trailers."

The associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences announced that this summer was her last in her decades-long administrative position

and her final day was Aug. 12.

When Peterson began teaching as an assistant professor of history in 1978, BBC was only a year old. In the early days, the campus consisted of only the Trade Center Building, now the Hospitality Building, and trailers along a walkway that served as the professor's offices. There was no separate library, only a roomful of books in the Trade Center Building.

But modest hopes existed for the presence of arts and sciences on campus. The initial plan was to incorporate only introductory science courses without research labs, and to offer only social science degrees. The construction of Academic One, BBC's first academic building helped. More ambitious ideas for CAS

began to grow once professors were situated in the new, concrete building.

Peterson explained that originally the humanities degree was exclusive to BBC. Today most degrees exist on both campuses. Therefore CAS doesn't have any degrees exclusive to BBC. However, more and more of Marine Biology is moving to BBC, as is the focus on marine science in general.

"The thing we've done most recently is to develop this emphasis on coastal environment, so that there's now a certificate students can earn on coastal environment, and that's become more of a focus also," Peterson said referring to her involvement in developing the Certificate in Coastal Environ-

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#### PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

## Golden Panther Express now has twice as many trips

**SANDY ZAPATA**  
Staff Writer

Students and staff frustrated with the Golden Panther Express can breathe easier: starting today, the University's inter-campus transit system has expanded its schedule.

Through the joint efforts of both Helena Ramirez and Christin 'Cici' Battle, Student Government Council presidents at Modesto Maidique Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus, respectively, a meeting was set up with William Foster, executive director of the Department of Parking and Transportation, to discuss the buses and the problem of students' needs not being met. The three organizations agreed to expand the bus schedule to a 46-trip bus schedule as opposed to the 24-trip schedule that was

previously implemented.

This amounts to 23 trips a day from MMC to BBC and 23 the other way. The previous schedule was 12 trips a day from campus to campus.

Foster clarifies that although there are more bus routes, the need for more buses and drivers is not needed, therefore the cost of this expanding bus system remains the same. A roundtrip ticket from one campus to the other is \$4.

There are several other options students can choose from if they decide to take the Golden Panther Express.

GPE 1 is a one-way ticket from one campus to the other for \$2.00, the three other options that are available are based

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The Golden Panther Express will now have 46 trips from campus to campus up from the previous 24 trips.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

## Goal for section: maintain standards, build on them

For newcomers, welcome to Biscayne Bay Campus. For those returning, welcome back. My name is Philippe Buteau, but call me Phil.

After a whole semester at BBC and one going back and forth between both campuses, I have to say I prefer the quieter and more laid-back feeling I get from BBC.

I am also *The Beacon's* main student representative to BBC.



PHILIPPE BUTEAU

office, send me an email or stop me in the hallways and let me know what's up. Whether they

So whatever concerns you may have regarding the campus, or the University as a whole, don't hesitate to stop by the BBC

be serious issues, campus events, new developments or a person you feel deserves a spotlight.

Returning Beacon readers will notice that *At The Bay* is now on the back page of the newspaper. This was done in an attempt to attract more readers, but being in that prime piece of newspaper space alone will not accomplish that goal.

To bring in readers there has

to be compelling content in the section as well. This is the goal of any and all section editors, and I am no different.

I will take and combine what I've learned from the previous BBC Managing Editors, Jasmyn Elliott and Pamela Duque, and the former Student Media News Director, now Editor-in-Chief of *The Beacon*, Jorge Valens, to maintain the standards that

have been set for *At the Bay* and hopefully build it into one of the premier sections in *The Beacon*.

I will make sure the next BBC Managing Editor has big shoes to "Phil."

Sorry, I couldn't help myself.

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