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Isiah Thomas had a busy summer building the 2009-10 roster; he hired his coaching staff to help him succeed his first season as a college coach.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A Taste of the Real Soul Monday, August 24, 10 pm. Enjoy a night of free entertainment and chicken wings until midnight, at Jazid in Miami.

CSI: Crime Scene Insects, August 25, 10 am. For \$15.30 you can enjoy the exhibit at the Miami Science Museum. The exhibit shows you the impact of bugs on a crime scene.

News Lounge, August 25, 9 p.m. Watch a duo of singers in an original performance at The News Lounge. Cost: Free.

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Future doctors to 'set high standards'

Historic donation makes med school strive higher

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The Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine has taken anything but a hiatus over the recent summer months.

Along with the commencement of classes, the college has continued making headlines due to the donations

it has received, its community outreach, its faculty and the recent ties it has made with prominent medical institutions in South Florida.

One of the most notable developments within the college has been the \$20 million donation it received from Dr. Herbert Wertheim, a philanthropist, physician and FIU benefactor.

The donation, which is the largest cash donation in FIU history, is eligible for the state of Florida's Major Gifts Challenge Grant Program – which matches the grant, making it a total of \$40 million.

As a result, the college has been named the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine to recognize the contributions his foundation, the Dr. Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Family Foundation, has made to FIU in the past.

"The [donation] is truly transformational not only for the College of Medicine but also for FIU," said Debbie

Mucarsel-Powell, associate vice president for Advancement and Alumni Affairs for the college. "It is an honor to have Dr. Wertheim's name attached to our college and to have him very involved as we continue to grow."

According to Wertheim, the commitment the college has put forth to educate physicians in South Florida was a factor that carried much weight when deciding to donate the \$20 million.

An additional \$5 million donation was also received during the summer

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The Beacon's 2009 Housing Guide Pull-out

Student organizations, clubs abound on both campuses

JULIA CARDENUTO
News Director

At FIU, there are more than 200 student organizations. Ranging from honors and academic to arts and cultural organizations, you're sure to find one to get involved and take your University experience to another level.

The Council of Student Organizations oversees and allocates funds to all the student organizations and clubs at Mardique Campus. The Student Organizations Council has the same responsibilities at the

Biscayne Bay Campus.

Their budget, which comes from SGA, is allocated to the organizations based on the clubs' participation and involvement on campus. Clubs can show involvement on campus through community service, attending athletic events, attending lectures offered by the different departments at the University and attending the councils' meetings.

Both campuses' councils operate by a point system. More points are given to the clubs that

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We rate the best cookies of FIU

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Schools look for new deans

DAVID BARRIOS
Staff Writer

Among the most pressing tasks that University President Mark Rosenberg faces is that of filling five vacant dean positions.

The School of Hospitality and Tourism Management and the Colleges of Business, Education, Law, and Architecture and the Arts all boast vacant or interim dean positions.

Open searches are currently being held to hire dean positions for four of the five vacant seats, for all the colleges except SHTM.

During last year's round of searches to fill the vacant deanships in the Colleges of Business and Education, no offer was extended by the provost for any of the candidates for the College of Education. Meanwhile, Joyce Elam, outgoing dean of the College of Business, decided to remain through the

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SGC-MC

Busy summer: new positions, programs

FRANCISCO MARADIAGA
Staff Writer

Summer saw the Student Government Council at Mardique Campus amass its efforts for the coming year.

The executive branch sought to become what SGC-MC President Anthony Rionda called "the clearing house" for student problems: a declaration of his hope to get the student body to see the Student Government

Association as their first step for all their problems.

One component of that plan is to have an interactive Web site, which was updated over the summer, but is still in the process of transforming itself into that tool.

New positions were added to the cabinet for various needs.

An attorney general position was created to help draft bills in proper language. A veterans affairs posi-

tion was also created. Both positions are paid and yet to be filled, but have generated a lot of interest, according to Chief of Staff Andrew Sanchez.

An assistant comptroller position was created during the summer to help assist with the day-to-day operations while Comptroller Cristina "Raven" Morales was taking part in a program at the University of Maryland. The position is unpaid and filled by Maria Rosa Blanco, an accounting

major. Officers of the executive branch took a hard stance on cabinet members that were not working up to standards, threatening firings. Rionda set an ultimatum: finish set projects by a certain date or be fired.

In the end, however, no one was fired, but two left cabinet. Joey Barrios, in charge of special projects, will transfer out of FIU, and Commu-

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WHAT YOU MISSED

THE BEACON RECAPS THE EVENTS OF SUMMER

University Park is now Maidique Campus

University Park Campus was renamed after President Emeritus Modesto A. Maidique. The move to rename the campus was proposed during a June 12 meeting of the University's Board of Trustees by Chairman David Parker. "The board's actions are an expression of our gratitude for his tremendous contributions to FIU and the community at large," said Parker in a press release.

New loan program now federally funded

The University has switched its loan program from the Federal Family Education Loan Program to the Federal Direct Student Loan Program. The new program is federally operated; it offers subsidized loans, unsubsidized loans, Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students loans and loan consolidation.

VP steps down after 5 years

The Vice President of Enrollment Management Corine Webb will step down next month, according to University Interim Provost Douglas Wartzok. Steve Kelly, University registrar, will stay as interim associate vice president for Enrollment Management and report directly to Wartzok. Webb has been with the University for five years.

Programs might be saved

During a June 12 meeting, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to allow the administration, until the next board meeting, to present an alternative budget that would allow the programs to survive and try to raise funds. Some of the programs and degrees that will be under evaluation on the next BOT meeting, Sept. 11, are the Recreational Sport Management, Athletic Training Education and Religious Studies. At that same meeting French Education, Mathematical Sciences and Physical Therapy were among some of the cuts made. According to Interim Provost Doug Wartzok, the elimination of the four programs would save the University \$1 million.

Esteemed staff member dies at 52

Jennifer Mwaisela-Rose, associate vice president for Risk Management and Environmental Health, died of cancer on Aug. 15. She had been with FIU for 19 years; she died at the age of 52. Mwaisela-Rose founded the Emergency Management Group and organized the emergency management system at the University.

BOT adds member

The Board of Governors has appointed former chairman of the FIU Foundation, S. Lawrence Kahn III, to the University's Board of Trustees. Kahn replaced Rosa Sugranes.

HELLO MR. PRESIDENT



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IT'S OFFICIAL: President Emeritus Modesto Maidique (left) and University President Mark Rosenberg (right) at a tribute organized and attended by the University community to celebrate Maidique's 23 years of service. At the tribute, held Aug. 3, Rosenberg officially became the fifth FIU president.

New administration in Biscayne Bay Campus

Joseph J. West, former dean of the School of Hospitality Management and former Biscayne Bay Campus vice provost, announced his resignation from both positions in a University-wide e-mail sent on June 11. Since July 1, HM associate Dean Joan Remington has served as interim dean of the school. He has worked for the University since 1990. Steven Moll, associate professor and faculty chair in HM, agreed to serve as interim vice provost for BBC. He is also the director of the College of Business Administration at BBC.

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Rosenberg begins search for vacant dean positions

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2009-2010 year, pushing the search into this year.

It is unclear whether Elam stayed because the University could not find qualified candidates.

These deans would oversee their respective schools and colleges, implementing the University's academic goals.

Search committees, consisting of faculty members, students and community leaders, inspect candidates and submit their selections for Interim Provost Douglas Wartzok's final decision.

In addition, R. William Funk and Associates, a consulting firm, was hired by the University to analyze credentials and narrow the pool of candidates.

The firm specializes in consultation for higher learning institutions, with Funk being credited for conducting over 300 searches, according to the firm's Web site.

They are credited for participating in the searches that hired the current chairman of the Florida Board of Governors Frank Borgan.

According to the University, R. William Funk was paid \$50,400 for each of the four searches, with a grand total of \$201,600 being paid to the firm.

This process is similar to the process FIU undertook in looking for its fifth president.

The search firm hired for that job was Greenwood/Asher and Associates, based in Miramar, Fla.

The University claims that it was a financially beneficial decision to work with R. William Funk.

According to the University, search firms will charge one third of the hire's salary, not including expenses.

In this particular case, the expenses would have totaled \$400,000. By having one firm conduct all the searches, the University will save \$200,000.

"We usually like to start the process to have the advertisements out in the fall, meeting the candidates in later fall or early spring to make a decision to have someone that's ready for the first of July, the beginning of the fiscal year," Wartzok told Student Media.

Candidates that pique the search committee's interest are invited to the University to meet with the administration and the committee. Based on this, a final decision is made by the University provost, who also consults with the president.

No search firm or search committee has been appointed to find a dean for SHTM at this time.

However, according to Wartzok, a search committee and firm will be assembled this fall. Joan S. Remington is currently the interim dean for the school.

Currently, two candidates for the vacant position for CARTA will visit the campus during the early fall.

Valerie Morris, current dean of the School of Arts at the College of Charleston, is scheduled to visit the University from Aug. 31 to Sept. 1.

Candidate Bruce Ferguson, art curator at Arizona State University, has not set up a campus visit yet.

Funding brings Hijabi Monologues to campus

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nity Relations member Jessica Padilla left for personal reasons, according to the chief of staff.

The executive also helped create an internship program with the Department of Public Administration that will allow SGA members to take credited internships this fall.

The legislative branch passed a \$3,000 allocation to bring the Hijabi Monologues to FIU. The amount represents about 12 percent of the Activities and Service Fee funds budgeted to SGA to use on events that serve the student body.

That amount still needs the signatures of the SGC-MC president, comptroller and Vice President of Student Affairs Rosa Jones to be approved.

The senate also passed a \$300 allocation to Beta Alpha Pi to help finance a national conference trip by BETA's executive board. The amount is a reduced number from the original \$1,700 BETA asked for. The senate said the amount represented

7 percent of their discretion budget and sent it back to the Finance Committee, which is responsible for vetoing fund requests.

The legislative branch passed resolutions supporting the cheerleaders when they were cut, and supporting student Myles Davis, who passed away this summer.

The senate additionally approved five associate justices.

The judicial branch brought the outdated condition of the campus bylaws to the attention of the senate, prompting them to begin working on the document and updating it during the summer.

New committees in the senate don't have their functions defined in the SGA constitution or bylaws. Those committees took it upon themselves to define their purpose and eventually add them to the bylaws. The deadline, set by Senate Speaker Helena Ramirez, is Sept. 14.

Chief Justice Juan Gil hosted procedural workshops for the student government and vowed to hold them to

proper procedures.

The University-wide Council, made up of the governments from both campuses, came together to create a committee to study the merits of special elections, as some see them as a waste of time and money due to their low student turnout. Special elections are held on a need basis while general elections have a set date.

SGC-MC also unveiled plans to make every current student part of the Alumni Association, effectively raising the numbers of the association and extending some benefits to students.

The constitution was also tweaked during the only meeting of the summer. The references to University Park were updated to Maidique Campus, as well as eliminating the need for the UWC to meet on the last Wednesday of every month.

It was changed to any Wednesday of the month. The follow-up UWC meeting was canceled due to scheduling problems.

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Innovative program puts med students out in the field

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from the Green Family Foundation, a private, non-profit organization. This donation will be used to establish the Green Family Medicine and Society Program Endowment, which includes the NeighborhoodHELP program.

In this new program, medical students will work with their fellow peers from related fields such as nursing, public health, social work, business and law, to monitor selected families' health and well-being during the span of three years.

The students visited the areas where they will be working, which include Miami Gardens, Opa-locka and the Jewish community, on a bus tour on Aug. 13.

After the tour, they were invited to dine at The Mahogany Grille in Miami Gardens, where they met with community leaders to discuss the neighborhoods they will be working with.

On Aug. 12, the students also participated in the Miami Children's Hospital's Radio Lollipop Toy Drive and collected more than 100 toys and art supplies for their future patients.

Apart from monetary donations and community involvement, the college has also made headlines due to the Presidential Medal of Freedom that Dr. Joe Greer, chair of the college's Department of Humanities, Health and Society, was awarded by President Obama on Aug. 12.

"I am deeply humbled by this incredible honor," Greer told Student

Media. "I love medicine and what it can do for our community, particularly those in need."

Dr. Seza Gulec, a professor of surgery, radiology and nuclear medicine at the college, has also been recognized for his innovative cancer treatment, Selective Internal Radiation Therapy, which employs millions of microscopic radioactive beads known as SIR-Spheres that locate primary and metastatic liver cancer.

The college had its first orientation week Aug. 3-7, which included visits to partner institutions Jackson North Medical Center and Miami Children's Hospital and culminated with the University's first White Coat Ceremony.

The ceremony was held on Aug. 7 in the Wertheim Center for the Performing Arts. There, the 43 incoming students were presented with their official white coats as friends, family members and faculty looked on.

"Becoming a part of the medical profession has been something I have worked for over many years and the White Coat Ceremony makes this dream real," said student Trine Engbretsen-Labbe. "This white coat is my version of the fairy tale princess dress."

Dr. Darrell G. Kirch, keynote speaker and president and CEO of the Association of American Medical Colleges, personally selected the college out of countless others across the country to deliver his keynote address.

Although classes did not officially begin until Aug. 10, students participated in an elective medical Spanish terminology course over the summer and also attended lectures about topics such as depression and endometriosis, which offered students the opportunity to learn about developments in the field and to become acquainted with fellow classmates and faculty members.

Sharing the Health and Life Sciences building temporarily, the college was still able to participate in a groundbreaking ceremony when, on July 30, founders and deans traded their jackets for hard hats to initiate the college's 18,000 square-foot Ambulatory Care Center, which will include both surgery and outpatient centers.

Clinical partnerships continued to be made when Baptist Health joined the list of institutions affiliated with the college. Other partner institutions include Jackson Health Systems, Mount Sinai Medical Center, Mercy Hospital and Leon Medical Centers.

The college was approved in 2006 by the Florida Board of Governors and the Florida Legislature and received preliminary accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education in February 2008, the first step necessary in order to become a fully accredited medical school.

The following step is to receive provisional accreditation once the LCME makes a site visit to the school in 2010. The provisional accreditation must be attained in order to receive



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WELCOME: Joshua Banner received his white coat at the White Coat Ceremony held in the Herbert Wertheim Performing Arts Center on Aug. 7, where all 43 new medical students received their white coats as part of their orientation week.

full accreditation in 2013.

A work in progress since 1996, the college has outlined long-term goals and expects to eventually build an enrollment capacity of 480 students, graduating 120 students each year.

It also plans to develop a bioscience research operation through federal and private funding and address the issue of physician shortages by assisting in the development of 500 residency positions in local hospitals.

Rock believes the inaugural 43 students will set the bar for future classes to come.

"This first class has earned a special place in our college's history," he said. "These extraordinary students will be our trailblazers, the ones who will set high standards for other students to follow and who will one day serve as an example of the new kind of doctor we are educating at FIU."

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SGC-BBC, Wellness Center sets to relocate

MAUREEN NINO
Staff Writer

Months after the fitness center moved to the first floor, its old space on the third floor will become home to two campus organizations, bringing relief to staff and students alike.

The Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus and the Health and Wellness Center will relocate to WUC 330 within the first two weeks of the Fall semester. An exact date has not yet been determined, according to Sholom Neistein, SGC-BBC president.

After half a million dollars were approved by the Student Government Association, Room 330, which was the location of the old fitness center, has been reconstructed and equipped to accommodate both organizations, according to Greg Olson, senior director of Student Affairs.

The funds for the reconstruction came from money saved from past years.

"Previous terms have been saving because it's something we've needed for some time now," said Christin "Cici" Battle, SGC-BBC vice president.

The new SGC-BBC workspace in the third floor will include individual offices for four SGC-BBC members, including Neistein, Battle, Comptroller Robert Chung and SGC-BBC Advisor Rafael Zapata, as well as separate workspace for the remaining 30 council members.

The offices of SGC-BBC are currently located in WUC 141, inside the Office of Campus Life and Orientation. SGC-BBC members share office space, a small kitchen

area, a copy room and conference room with the members of the Student Programming Council, Student Organizations Council, Panther Power, Campus Life & Orientation and peer advisers.

"SGA's move will provide more space and better facilities," Zapata said.

Although Neistein and Zapata currently have their own offices, Battle and Chung share one office. According to Battle, their current location provides very little working space and only six computers for the 30 council members, while the new office will accommodate 10 to 11 computers and more space to share.

"Council members will not get in each others' way and will be able to get their work done efficiently," Neistein said. "And now that SGA has its own space, members of the council will be able to take pride in what they do. There will be a sense of inspiration and enthusiasm with the members of the council."

The remaining organizations will stay in WUC 141, but they will benefit from SGC-BBC's relocation because there will be more office space available, according to Zapata.

For SGC-BBC members, the move was urgent.

"It was imperative to have this space for SGC-BBC members," Neistein said. "The old office did not have enough room for all of the council members."

But even in a new office, and with more work space, SGC-BBC will still share its location. The Health and Wellness Center will also relocate to Room 330.

Each organization will have its own office with its own entrance, but they will share

SUMMER SPLASH



BUBBLE BLAST: Veronica Narrero shoots Maria Jose Ortiz, freshman dietetics and nutrition major, with a water gun in the foam castle attraction, part of the Summer Splash hosted by SGC-BBC, SPC, and Black Student Union next to the Aquatics Center, Aug. 6.

one conference room. Students will be able to enter the Health and Wellness Center from the back of the WUC building, which faces the library, and enter the SGC-BBC office from the front, facing Panther Square.

"Sharing the location with the Health and Wellness Center will allow students to be more involved with both entities," Battle said.

For the past 10 years, the Wellness Center was located in a leased, privately-owned building, which was isolated from student traffic, according to Dona Walcott, assistant director of University Health Services.

"With the new location, it will be more accessible to students," said Walcott. "At least now we're located on the main part of the campus with all the other organizations."

The Wellness Center will continue to provide students with health education and activities at their new location. Students will be able to get all of the health services that are provided at the current location, such as free assessments, regular physical checkups and blood tests.

"The move will help encourage students to go and take advantage of the Health and Wellness Center," Neistein said.

Sharing the area may create better camaraderie between the two organizations, according to Zapata. Some students, however, are concerned that new students may struggle locating the new office.

"Although BBC is smaller than the

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WELCOME WEEK EVENTS

MONDAY • AUGUST 24
Welcome Back BBQ
12 - 2:30 p.m.

TUESDAY • AUGUST 25
Athletic Pep Rally with Roary
12 p.m.
Housing and Apartment Fair
12 - 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY • AUGUST 26
Gold and Blue Breakfast
9 - 11 am
Karaoke
4 p.m.

THURSDAY • AUGUST 27
Freshman Luau
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

FRIDAY • AUGUST 28
Kayaking on the Bay
12 p.m.

SATURDAY • AUGUST 29
Bay Vista Hall: Tour of Miami
12:30 p.m.

All events are free to students with Panther ID, and will take place in Panther Square, unless otherwise noted.

Food, housing fair comes to campus

Dining coupons, off-campus apartment options offered

HALI NEAL
Contributing Writer

The semester has officially begun, and along with meeting new professors and classmates, students will get a taste of the eating and housing options around campus - all for free.

The Office of Campus Life and Orientation will host the second annual Local Food/Apartment Housing Fair on Aug. 25 in the Wolfe University Center's Panther Square from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"This event is an opportunity for students to learn about local restaurants and housing," said Natalie Cohen, marketing specialist for Campus Life and Orientation.

The fair will be open to everyone, but students will need their Panther ID's to get free food samples offered by local restaurants.

Restaurants scheduled to give away menu samples include Friday's, North Miami Beach Alehouse, Chipotle, Lime, Pizza Fusion, Boston Market, Piccadilly, Miami Prime and Paquito's, all of which are within one mile

of the Biscayne Bay Campus, with the exception of Paquito's, a chain restaurant that serves Mexican food, which is 1.9 miles from campus.

Piccadilly Cafeteria, also a chain restaurant, serves comfort, home-style food such as chicken fried steak, rotisserie chicken and southern fried fish.

Miami Prime is a locally owned bar and grill that offers soups, salads,

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Natalie Cohen, Marketing Specialist
Campus Life

pizza, pasta, burgers and a raw bar.

Along with free samples, the restaurants will also distribute coupons and fliers. The event will be on a first-come, first-served basis, so students are encouraged to be on time if they want to get a taste of the samples.

apartment complexes, whose services are being donated to the event.

For more information, visit <http://classifieds.fiu.edu>.

New offices more spacious

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Modesto Maidique Campus, it can still be intimidating for a first-year student, who may not feel so comfortable walking around the school," said Stephanie Valencia, a senior fine arts major.

But the staff believes students should be able to get acquainted with the campus, and learn where the different offices are located.

"It's up to the individual students to be resourceful and to know where the offices are to assist them," said Craig Cunningham, director of the Office of Campus Life & Orientation.

SGC-BBC members are already developing strategies to inform students about their new location and future projects.

"I was a little concerned about visibility, but now we're hanging big signs and putting little panther paws to lead to the new office," Battle said.

To create more student traffic by the new office, SGC-BBC will host an open house Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students will get a tour of the office and free refreshments.

"I don't see SGA as being isolated," said Cunningham. "By moving to the third floor, they are creating more visibility to other organizations which are located there."

The Office of Parking and Transportation, and the Counseling and Psychological Services Center are currently located on the third floor.

"The new space will show we're here to serve the students," Battle said. "I'm really excited."

Campus Life promises week of activities

ERIKA PEREZ
Copy Editor

It's time for students to say goodbye to the summer, but a week of events should help make the transition to a new semester a little more enjoyable.

The Office of Campus Life and Orientation will host a series of activities from Aug. 23 to Aug. 29 to welcome new and returning students back to school.

"It's a way to kick off the Fall semester, and a great way for students to participate in one of the many events that Campus Life & Orientation puts on," said Natalie Cohen, marketing specialist for Campus Life. "It's a social way for students to interact with one another."

Welcome Week began Aug. 23 with a Freshman Convocation at the Modesto Maidique Campus' U.S. Century Bank Arena.

treated to ice cream and giveaways.

Today, there will be a caricature artist in the Wolfe University Center's Panther Square at 11:30 a.m., where students can get their portraits drawn for free.

At noon, there will be a Welcome Back BBQ, as well as arts and crafts activities, including picture frame decorating.

"I pretty much love food," said freshman Nathan D'adesky. "It's a way to meet people, so that's pretty good."

On Aug. 25, there will be a pep rally in Panther Square at noon.

Along with Roary the Panther, who will be greeting students around campus, the FIU Dazzlers and some athletes will also be present to autograph posters.

Students will have a chance to start off the day with a Gold Breakfast on Aug. 26, beginning at 9 a.m. in Panther Square. Pancakes, bacon, bagels, coffee and other items will be served, and at 4:30 p.m.,

signature events of the week, according to Cohen, and will feature a buffet of sweet and sour chicken, fried rice and pineapple upside down cake.

On Aug. 28, there will be board games from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. in Panther Square. In addition to games, students will also be able to kayak on the bay for free.

Those interested should be at the bay by noon. There will be approximately five to seven kayaks available on a first come, first served basis, and each can seat up to two students.

The welcoming events, which are free to all students who have their Panther ID's, are not just limited to the regular school week.

On Saturday, Aug. 29, students can take a tour of Miami at 1:30 p.m. After the tour, students can go on a Dance Cruise at Bayside at 7 p.m.

"I feel it's good to know BBC and its events to meet people and the staff that potentially are going to be a big impact on whatever major one chooses," said D'adesky. "The fact that there is going to be a dance at Bayside is like the cherry on top of the whole week!"

Welcome Week events are primarily funded by Activities and Service fees. Departments, such as the Student Alumni Association and the Office of the Vice Provost, are co-sponsoring the Freshman Luau.

For more information, contact Campus Life at 305-919-5804.

Additional reporting by Joshimar Garcia.

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Nathan D'adesky, freshman
Undecided major

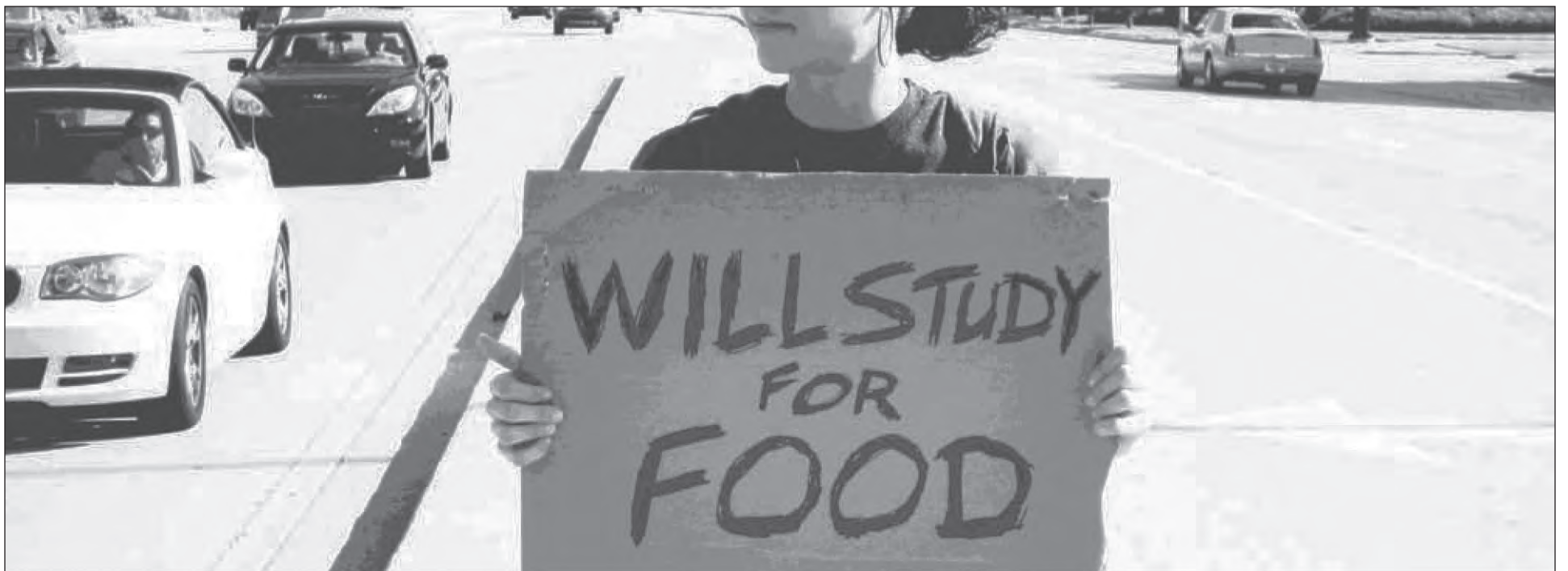
The convocation is the official ceremony where incoming freshmen are welcomed to the school by University President Mark B. Rosenberg, Douglas L. Wartzok, interim provost and executive vice president, as well as faculty members and staff.

After the ceremony, students were

students will have a second opportunity to have coffee at the Late Day Latte event. There will also be karaoke in Panther Square beginning at 4 p.m.

On Aug. 27, there will be a Freshman Luau at 11:30 a.m. in Panther Square.

The Hawaiian-themed luau is one of the



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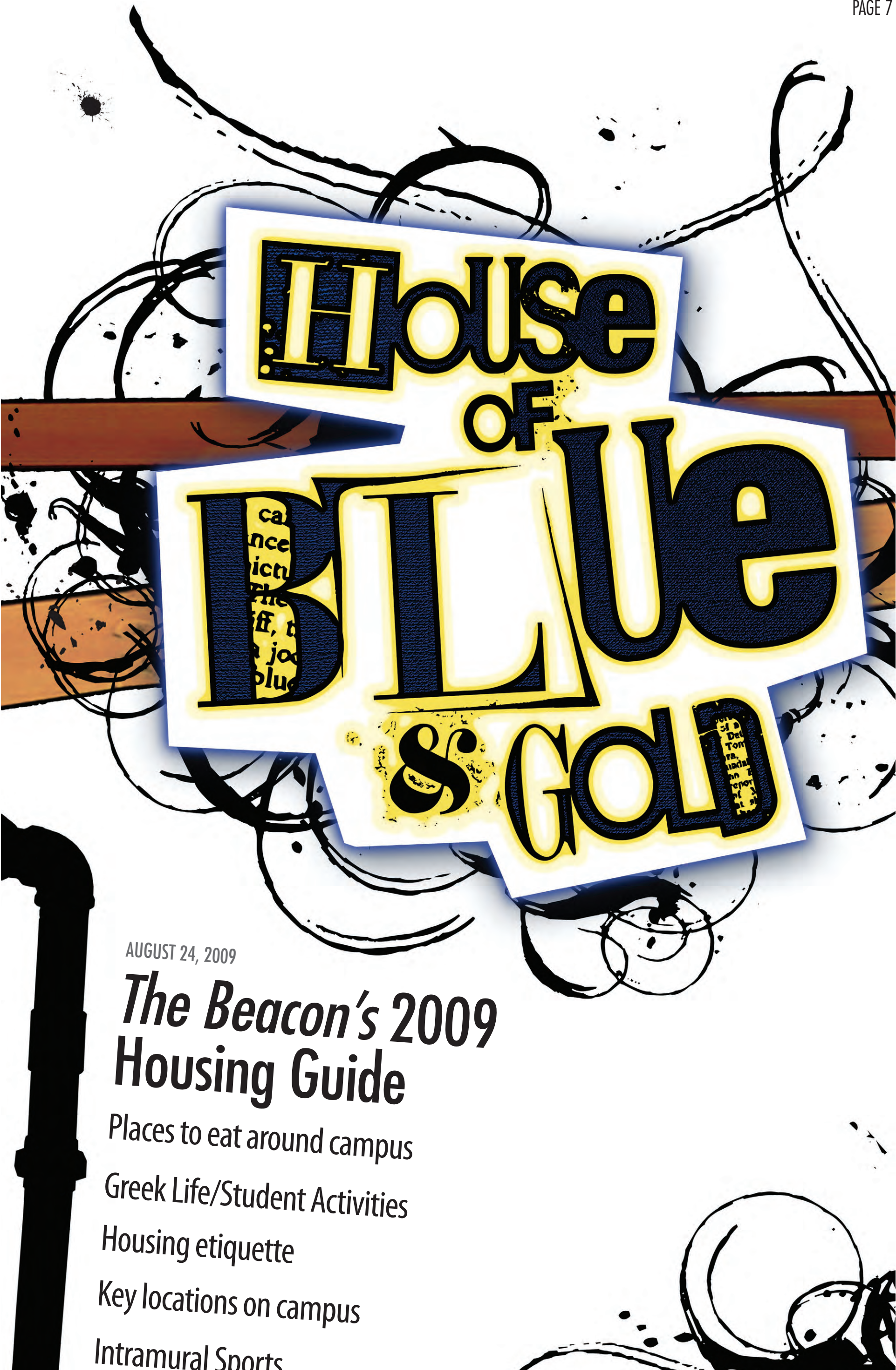
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STUDENT NEWS

OFF-CAMPUS DINING

Nearby locales offer several options for every palate, budget

Although the Graham Center offers its share of dining options, there comes a time when a student needs to go off campus to break up the dining monotony. Fortunately, FIU is located near some fantastic eateries that contain something for everyone's palate and budget. Here are a few restaurants that stand out:

COMMENTARY



JASMYN ELLIOT

pork, and shrimp being among them). Most entrées come with a choice of sides; I recommend the rice with black beans and fried sweet plantains. The meals may be a bit tougher on your wallet (\$15-\$20), but the amount of food received is well worth it.

REY'S PIZZA
296 S.W. 107TH AVE
305-225-9393

Pizza has long been a part of the typical college student's diet. But, if you're looking to break away from run-of-the-mill chain pizzerias, Rey's Pizza should fit the bill. In addition to offering standard toppings such as pepperoni and extra cheese, Rey's manages to leave their mark via Spanish sausage, shrimp, and even banana as options. A couple of Italian dishes are on the menu too.

They also feature a sandwich menu with lighter lunch options. The sodas and juices on the beverage menu sit comfortably next to non-traditional drink options, such as their mamey-flavored milkshake. Despite their lack of pizza delivery, Rey's Pizza proves itself to be worth the short drive or walk.

ALMAZAR
11200 S.W. 8TH ST
MIAMI, FL 33199

If you're craving something on the more exotic side of the food chain, then Almazar is your place. This restaurant serves Middle Eastern and Greek cuisine in a refreshingly casual environment. Favorites such as *kebabs*, *baklava* and *falafel* are standards.

If you want a more traditional lunch with a Mediterranean twist, try one of their many sandwiches that use authentic elements such as hummus and *shawarma*.

A feast can be had for well under \$10, so your wallet won't take too hard of a hit for this culinary getaway. And don't be surprised if you see many of your fellow Panthers there, as it has become a popular lunch crowd favorite. Additionally, FIU students and faculty get a 10 percent discount if they show a Panther ID.

CUBAN LITE
11200 S.W. 8TH ST
305-225-2999

Naturally, this guide couldn't be written without highlighting one of the many spots to score some Cuban fare. The venue attempts to make these dishes for the health-conscious who still has a soft spot for *abuela's* cooking.

The restaurant came into being when its founder, Thais Carreno, searched for a way to eat her favorite dishes while losing weight.

This cafeteria-style eatery has an ever-changing menu, but that just adds to the excitement. Among the current highlights is the *picadillo*, which features ground turkey in place of the traditional beef. In addition to being affordable, Cuban Lite serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, so you'll be able to satiate your craving day or night. Bonus: Cuban Lite could arrange to prepare and deliver your meal to your dorm, so you won't have to sacrifice food for an all-nighter.

BENNY'S SEAFOOD
2500 S.W. 107TH AVE
MIAMI, FL 33165

Featured on the Food Network hit show "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives," Benny's specializes in Puerto Rican fare. Although they claim to specialize in all things surf (the fried snapper being a personal favorite of mine), a fair amount of turf is available in the form of beef, chicken and pork dishes cooked in a variety of delectable styles.

For an authentic Puerto Rican experience, Benny's serves *mofongo*, a traditional dish made up of fried mashed plantains, served plain or with your choice of meat (chicken,

KEEP IT FRESH

The Fresh Food Company: putting an affordable stop to bad food choices



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Do you find yourself awake at some point between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m., live on campus, and most importantly need food? If you answered "yes" to any one of those, there is an on-campus resource that will satisfy your hunger and provide a place to socialize – and they even do the dishes.

The Fresh Food Company is FIU's primary source of grub on the Modesto Maidique Campus. It offers instantly available meal choices, mixed with the style of a hibachi restaurant where they make the food right in front of your eyes and an all-you-can-eat buffet. The restaurant is divided into sections, including a grill, rotisserie, salad bar, pizza/pasta station, sandwich station and dessert bar.

Until recently Fresh Food only offered meals for students without special dietary needs. They did not have vegan or vegetarian options for students. Luckily for those who choose to refrain from eating animal products, there are now always these alternative options.

This past spring, it was brought to the attention of the Fresh Food staff that they did not offer Passover-friendly meals. They now offer eight days of yeast, corn and rice-free meal

Fresh Food Meal Options

All Access 7 (\$1550):

Unlimited meals at The Fresh Food Company.

Weekly 14 (\$1350):

14 meals per week; restarts on Mondays.

120 Meals (\$870):

120 meals per semester, meals reset every semester.

MealPass 20 (\$155):

20 passes are granted and once 3 meal passes are left, 20 meals will automatically be added.

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday: 7a.m.–9 p.m.

Friday: 7a.m.–7p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 10:30 a.m.–7 p.m.

options.

Some of the features of Fresh Food Company are the order-your-own-omelette station in the morning, the-make-your-own waffle station, which is open all day, and the sandwich station where you can order your favorite sandwich for lunch or dinner.

Although the menu is always changing, they frequently host what are known as "monotony breakers." These are basically themed events where they switch up the food for a day. For example, during the Super Bowl, they decorated the entire place and had meals from both teams' home cities. They also had movie night, chocolate lovers' day and Mediterranean day, just to name a few.

You don't need a meal plan to dine at Fresh Food, but there are definitely

some benefits to getting one. For example, it's easy to use so there is no need to carry money with you: all you need is your Panther ID. Not only do you not have to carry cash, but getting a meal plan can also save you up to 45 percent on the regular admission price. Depending on the plan you choose, it can also be used at the other dining options around campus.

One of the benefits to Fresh Food other than preventing starvation is that it's a natural social spot. You can have breakfast, lunch, dinner and my favorite Sunday brunch with all of your friends. Even if you didn't organize a big meal with people, chances are, there is someone you know inside.

Hungry for more information? Stop by GC 114, right next to the Fresh Food Company, for more info.



The Cookie Mongers

The Beacon rates the campus' best cookies



1 Breezeway Cookies
Known lovingly as "crack" cookies, they are inexpensive, crispy outside and soft inside. They are like cigarettes in prison.



2 Subway Cookies
Pretty good, sometimes warm and it's nice that they give you two. Plus they get rid of the lunch meat taste.



3 Fresh Food Cookies
Hit or miss. Sometimes they are great and sometimes they suck. But hey, you can have as many as you like.



4 GC Bookstore Cookies
Delicious, but they are not covered by Bright Futures and we are not taking out any more loans.

GREEK LIFE

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RUSH

Fraternalities, sororities let students be part of close-knit communities

AMANDA BATCHELOR
Staff Writer

For incoming freshmen or first-time housing students, getting involved on campus can be something extremely convenient and rewarding.

For those struggling to adapt to college life, a fraternity or sorority could be just the ticket to feeling like you're part of a community.

Every year, the first week of school features young women tabling for sorority recruitment. Then the fraternity men continue to table for a few weeks for their respective rush weeks.

Rush Week is the time period during which Greek organizations seek out and recruit new members of

their organizations. It's called Rush Week because it really is a "rush" to get to the end of it.

For sorority rush you are running from room to room in the Graham Center in an organized fashion. For the fraternity rush week the potential new members go to the different parties hosted by the fraternity men, such as barbecues and dance parties.

You really have to pick and choose which ones you go to so timing them all can be difficult.

Sorority rush week is from Aug. 31 to Sept. 5. There is a \$30 non-refundable fee for students who wish to participate in rush events.

Fraternity rush week is from Sept. 14 to Sept. 18. Those weeks are only for the organizations that are under

the Panhellenic Council for sororities and the Interfraternity Council for the fraternities. There are also the Multicultural Greek Council organizations to choose from.

Joining a Greek organization gives you the opportunity to hone your leadership skills.

As a member of any of these organizations there will be many opportunities for you to hold a position, whether it be the president, social chair or even an extremely active member.

These all give you an opportunity to learn lifelong skills, and maybe even help you lead a more fulfilling college career.

"To be Greek is to make a difference in the lives of the people in the FIU community and also the community at large. If I hadn't gone Greek I wouldn't have had the opportunities for leadership that I've gotten. I wouldn't have had the networking opportunities either," said Anthony

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CSO

Students can start their own organizations

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are more involved on campus and therefore, more funds are allocated to them.

Some of the famous clubs in BBC, according to Georges, are the On Point Poetry, which is a spoken poetry club that holds events on and off campus and encourages poetry readings and creation. The BBC Science Club is also an important organization.

At MC, some of the most active clubs are the Honors Society Club, Panther Promotions, Students for Environmental Action and Anything Goes Anime.

If these clubs don't quite fit into your views and interests, you can always start a new club and/or organization yourself.

In order to do so, in MC, you will need at least 10 active members that have half of their credits taken in MC or the Engineering Center.

The organization must have a president, treasurer and CSO representative. A full-time professor and/or faculty member should act as the advisor for the club and must be stationed at MC or the Engineering Center. Finally, the club must have a constitution and/or bylaws.

In BBC, the club needs at least five members that will constitute the e-board and a faculty member or professor that is based at BBC and will act as advisor for the club. All new clubs receive \$150 from CSO at MC and \$200 from SOC at BBC.

The registration deadline for new organizations is Aug. 26.

The registration forms and more information can be found at the CSO and SOC Web site or their office in GC 2240 at MC or WUC 141 in BBC.

For the complete story and more info, visit fism.com.

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Asian Food

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Lung Gong Chinese Restaurant
 Hours: Mon-Thurs, Sunday 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, Saturday 11:30 AM-11 p.m.
 Phone Number: (305) 553-4644

BBC
Wong's Chinese Restaurant
 Hours: Daily from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
 Phone Number: (305) 891-4313

Latin Food

MMC
Latin American
 La Carreta Cuban Cuisine
 Hours: Sun-Thurs 7 a.m.-1 a.m.; Fri-Sat 7 a.m.-3 a.m.
 Phone Number: (305) 553-8383

Casa Pazo
 Hours of Operation: Sun-Thurs 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fri-Sat 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
 Phone Number: (305) 554-7633

Italian Food

MMC
Leo's Pizza
 Delivery Hours: Mon-Thurs after 5 p.m.; Fri-Sun: after 12 p.m.
 Phone Number: (305) 661-4281

BBC
Pizza Fusion
 Hours of Operation: Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, Saturday 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 Phone Number: (305) 405-6700

11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
 Phone Number: (305) 223-1177

Important Numbers

Health Center (Appointments)	Financial Aid	Services
MMC: 305-348-2401	MMC: 305-348-7272	MMC: 305-348-2815
BBC: 305-919-5620	BBC: 305-919-5750	BBC: 305-919-5741
SGA Office	The Beacon	Housing
MMC: 305-348-2121	MMC: 305-348-2709	MMC: 305-348-4190
BBC: 305-919-5680	BBC: 305-919-4722	BBC: 305-919-5587
Victim Advocacy Center (24 hours)	Ombudsman Larry Lunsford	Public Safety
305-348-3000	305-348-2797	MMC: 305-348-5991
	Technology	BBC: 305-919-5911

QUICK TIPS FOR DORM LIFE

- When out of clothes use Febreze
- Bring your pillow from home
- Hide an extra toilet paper roll under your bed
- Shampoo can be used as soap
- Find secret study spots
- Get one all-purpose cleaner, it's more cost effective
- One pack of Ramen noodles goes a long way
- Your living room is not your bedroom
- Use your computer to watch TV
- Deodorant is your friend

Need to know: the rules of living in the University's residence halls

JORGE VALENS
 Asst. News Director

sity's policies applying to the general student body as well.

As a new housing student, your first few weeks can be pretty hectic. As you try to acclimate to life in college, meet new people, unpack and get to classes it can be easy to forget Residential Life's most important rules. Campus Life provides all students with a handbook each year.

Throughout its various sections students will find valuable information about everything on campus as well as provide them with campus tools, such as a list of important numbers, and a calendar.

The handbook also contains Residential Life's rules and regulations.

Many of these policies and procedures apply to housing students specifically, though housing still abides by all of the Univer-

When moving in, you will be held responsible for any damages to your room as a result of putting up decorations or furniture. Hanging picture frames or posters with tacks and nails will result in you having to pay to repair the holes.

The handbook says that the use of cinder blocks to hold up any type of furniture is not allowed. So if you have purchased any cinder blocks to enhance the stability or aesthetics of your dorm's furniture, I suggest you return them to Bed, Bath & Beyond and get your money back.

Residential Life also has strict rules regarding overnight guests in the dorms.

If you would like to have a friend, family member or significant other stay in your dorm, they must fill out and submit a guest registration

REMEMBER...

- Housing check
- Don't smoke
- No holes in the walls
- Don't drink underage
- Register your guests

form to the front desk before their stay.

Housing students should also keep in mind that they are responsible for the actions and conduct of their guest(s). So if your visitor enjoys melting objects with a lighter and starts a fire in your dorm room, you will be held responsible.

Smoking is prohibited in the dorms just as it is prohibited throughout campus. Residential Life adheres to University guidelines on drug possession as well.

Drug use and possession is strictly prohibited. Alcohol use and possession is only allowed in housing if you are 21 or over.

Dorm life do's and don'ts

RACHAEL CONGDON
 Asst. Life Editor

We have all run into issues with living with our roommates, whether they be people in your family, or in the case of this article: dorm-mates. Here are some tips to ensure that you and your roommates get along.

DO: *Compromise for cleanliness.*

I know that when living with my roommates we all have around the same level of messy/clean balance. I try to take my advice, and even though I like things spotless I decided not to care as much and let it go. Do try to compromise with your roommates by either upping or lowering your standards.

DO: *Get offended.*

Don't take it personally if your roommate asks you to pull your weight; splitting up tasks, such as cleaning the kitchen or sweeping the bathroom, is often the best way to deal with the cleanliness issue.

DO: *Meet and greet your roommate(s).*

A meeting with your new roommates when you first move in is a great way to break the

DORM ETIQUETTE QUICK-CHECK

It's the little things!

- Remember to say hi
- Don't steal the shower
- Split up dorm chores
- Try to be flexible
- Socialize together
- Buy toilet paper
- Set quiet hours
- Be respectful of common areas

ice if you don't already know them. Even if you do know them it's always good to start off with giving each other your schedules.

In this meeting, voice any concerns about your need for sleep. If you know you have an early class at the same time as another roommate, work out who gets the shower first and make sure that everyone is comfortable with the outcome

DO: *Be selfish.*

Running into the bathroom and slamming the door, cackling that you got the shower first will be a surefire way to get on your roommates' bad side. Be considerate of your sleeping roommates when you're having late-night guests.

DO: *Dinner (or lunch or breakfast).*

Eat with your roommate at the cafeteria, in your dorm, anywhere you want, use meals

as opportunities to get to bond with your roommates.

DON'T: *Pilfer food from the fridge (or silverware).*

Ask permission before using anything—a spoon, milk, snacks—belonging to your roommates. This is important to remember and it is best to create an agreement regarding food and other items beforehand, early on in the semester.

For things like toilet paper, paper towels and other items your roomies will probably use everyday, make sure you come to a consensus regarding paying for these items. If all roommates are going to share, roommates need to pitch in.

DO: *Be flexible.*

I find that when dealing with roommates, flexibility is your biggest asset. Tension shouldn't turn into World War III, with some flexibility and lots of communication, your dorm experience can be great.

Keeping yourself and valuables safe while living on campus

As school kicks back into gear for another Fall semester, campus safety should stay on the forefront for students—especially those living in the dorms.

Lieutenant Ricardo Torres, who has been with the University Police Department for 18 years, believes that it is the

things that people tend to ignore that could really jeopardize public safety.

Being safe on campus is extremely important for incoming freshmen, as it is probably the first time they will be living on their own. He offers these pieces of advice for safe living.

- Don't prop open room doors, or emergency exits, as this could potentially give intruders access to your dorm room
- Don't leave your things unattended
- Don't study outside the library into the wee hours of the morning
- Don't leave valuables in your car
- Use the buddy system when walking around campus, especially at night
- Utilize the Panther Tram, don't just think "it's a short walk I'll be fine."
- Get an officer escort if the Panther Tram is unavailable and you can't find a buddy
- Students, faculty and staff should be aware and alert while on campus and not let distractions get the best of them
- Always be aware of your surroundings
- Keep track of your electronic devices' serial numbers to better track them
- If you see something that could be construed as suspicious, report it to campus safety, do not try to be a hero

In case of emergency while on campus, the FIU police can be reached at

- Compiled By: Mikiala C. Tennie

FIU ESCAPE PLAN

How to get to places via public transit. Fares are \$2, and transfers are \$5.50.

FROM MMC

GET TO: SOUTH BEACH
 ROUTES: 11, 103, S (1 transfer each way)
 Catch the 11 at the MMC terminal and take it to downtown, SE 1 St. and SE 3 Ave (in front of a Pollo Tropical). Catch the 103 and take it 5th St. and Ocean Drive. To return, take the S from 6th St. and Alton Road to the Downtown Bus Terminal, then take the 11 back to MMC.

GET TO: THE MALLS (Both of them)
 ROUTES: 71
 Catch the 71 toward Dolphin Mall at the MMC terminal and take it to both International Mall and subsequently Dolphin Mall. To return, catch the 71 back to MMC from either mall.

GET TO: BAYSIDE MARKETPLACE
 ROUTES: 11, 51 (1 transfer each way)
 Access downtown and arena. Catch the 11 from the MMC terminal to SW 107th Ave and West Flagler St. Catch the 51 to Omni and exit downtown at Biscayne Blvd. and NE 4th St. On the weekends, take the 11 to SE 1st St. and SE 3rd Ave, then walk North on Biscayne Blvd. to Bayside.

FROM BBC

GET TO: AVENTURA MALL
 ROUTES: 83, 3 (1 transfer each way)
 Catch the 83 going to Miami Lakes at the BBC terminal and take it to NE 163rd St and NE 16th Ave. Catch the 3 heading to Aventura Mall. To return, take the 3 from the Aventura Mall bus stop and connect to the 83 heading back to the Biscayne Bay Campus.

GET TO: SUNNY ISLES BEACH
 ROUTES: 83, 105 (1 transfer each way)
 Catch the 83 going to Miami Lakes at the BBC terminal and take it to NE 163rd St and NE 23rd Ave. Catch the 105 heading to Aventura Mall. Arrive at 163rd St and Collins Avenue. To return, take the 105 back to NE 163rd, and connect to the 83 to the Biscayne Bay Campus.

GET TO: 163rd ST MALL
 ROUTES: 83
 Take the 83 going to Miami Lakes at the BBC terminal and take it to NE 165th St and NE 12th Ave. To return, take the 83 going the other way and take it back to BBC.

MAIN COURSES CONT.

Places to be: campus spots to keep in mind

DAVID BARRIOS
Staff Writer

Congratulations to incoming freshmen and new housing residents. Now that you've moved in and gotten used to your dorm, the question that lies is simple: Where do I go now?

Here is a list of 10 important places on Maidique Campus that you'll be spending a lot of time at or that you should know about:

Green Library: The tallest structure on campus, housing one of the largest libraries in the state, the Steven and Dorothea Green Library is host to hundreds of thousands of books, along with an extensive music and film collection. Also, in between exploring Beethoven and James Joyce, you can go downstairs to the Starbucks – one of the two on campus.

FIU Bookstore: In the Ernest Graham Center, the on-campus bookstore doesn't just sell textbooks: you'll find FIU memorabilia throughout the store from shirts to posters along with hundreds of other books in the vein of a mini-Barnes and Noble. On the second floor, you'll find the other Starbucks on campus where you can pay \$7 for a turkey and cheese panini.

Food Court: Also in the Graham Center is the food court. Franchises like Burger King and Subway rub elbows with Café Bustelo and even a sushi stand.

Fresh Food: All-you-can-eat buffet style dining, with a daily revolving menu. Experiment with Asian stir fry or chicken and dumplings. If all else fails, there's always pizza and soft-serve ice cream. Approach with caution.

Wertheim Performing Arts Center: If you are looking for culture while you live on campus, this place is definitely worth checking out, with theater performances held there by FIU's theater department along with music performances being held throughout the year.

Registrars Office and Student Financials Office: It can't all be fun and games. Sometimes you'll find yourself dealing with unforeseeable paperwork and you may wind

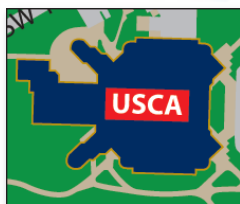
up standing in line, having to clear things up. The registrars office is located in Primera Casa (the building next to GC). Right across from the registrar is the Student Financials Office. Not necessarily the places you'll want to visit, but you'll probably have to in your three to six years at FIU.

FIU Stadium: The Golden Panther football team's home turf. Enough said.

U.S. Century Bank Arena: Home to FIU basketball's home games along with the volleyball teams, if you want to skip the culture and want more action, you'll find your kicks here.

Frost Art Museum: This newly opened museum hosts rotating exhibits along with a permanent collection of local artists.

Recreation Center: Here's where you go after stuffing your face at Fresh Food. It features a fully equipped gymnasium along with basketball courts and a restaurant inside. It can get crowded, so prepare to stand in line to do free weights, though.



U.S. CENTURY ARENA



A wide array of activities have been accommodated at this venue, including convocation ceremonies, classes, and Golden Panthers basketball and volleyball games.



GREEN LIBRARY



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Sunday: 10 a.m. - 1 a.m.



FROST ART MUSEUM



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Admission is free.



RECREATION CENTER



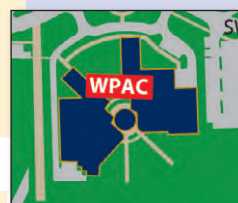
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Mon-Thurs: 6 a.m. - 12 a.m.
Friday: 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.



FIU STADIUM



Also known as "The Cage", this newly renovated, 20,000 seat facility houses the Golden Panthers football team. For a list of the Fall football schedule, visit fiusm.com/sports.



WERTHEIM PERFORMING



The Wertheim Performing Arts Center houses a 600 seat concert and a 150 seat recital hall as well as rehearsal rooms, faculty offices, practice rooms, and the music technology center. Source: wertheim.org

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INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Intramurals spark team competition

SERGIO BONILLA
Sports Director

Junior Yendi Gonzalez had not played in an in-game pressure situation with fans cheering since he was a high school basketball player three years ago.

So when his team needed him to take the game-winning shot of the 2009 Spring intramural basketball championship match, he gladly embraced the challenge as well as the screaming fans.

Gonzalez propelled PIKE to a one-point victory against the Men's Open League champions; PIKE had won the Fraternity League Championship the day before.

"I got an easy jumper with a second left," Gonzalez said. "Our fans went crazy. It was two days in a row of championships."

5-on-5 basketball is one of many intramural team sports, tournaments and competitions offered by the Rec Center every semester. This fall, students can join team sports like indoor soccer, 7-on-7 flag football, volleyball and softball. Spring sports include 7-on-7

outdoor soccer, 5-on-5 basketball, 4-on-4 flag football and several other tournaments.

Given each team displays appropriate sportsmanship throughout the season, all teams qualify for the play-offs. Championship teams may not hoist a trophy, but they do receive T-shirts.

"They're all competing for that magnificent championship T-shirt at the end of every year," Director of Recreation Services Rob Frye said.

Every sport has different requirements in terms of the number of players needed. Intramural Club Sport Coordinator Matt O'Connor said the easiest way to form an intramural team is to already have enough people ready to join. But students unable to form a team can be placed on a free-agent list and are assigned to different squads.

"If you're serious about wanting to play a sport, it's pretty much 90 percent guaranteed that we'll find a team for you if you don't have one," O'Connor said.

Deadlines to form a team vary but students should prepare to have their squads ready by September. The first entry deadline this fall is Sept. 2 for soft-

ENTRY DEADLINES



Softball: Sept. 2
7-on-7 Flag Football: Sept. 9
Volleyball: Sept. 23
Indoor Soccer: Sept. 30

For more information, visit <http://www.fiu.edu/~camprec/IMSports.htm>

ball. Teams must present a \$30 forfeit bond to ensure students will show up to the scheduled games. The \$30 are returned if the team plays all its games and does not cancel any contests.

Some of the students Gonzalez competed against during intramurals are players he opposed in high school.

"We get a chance to compete, get that competitive nature again," Gonzalez said.

Greeks socialize, help charities

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Barbato, junior studying sports management and a member of Beta Theta Pi.

Lots of the networking that goes on is invaluable to ones' professional life. It is a perk that in any organization you have alumni to help you get internships or help you in your career after college.

There are alumni mixers and other opportunities to get to know those other than the collegiate members.

Yes, a lot of organizations do have great fun with mixers, parties and the general college life, but there is the most important part of Greek life that often doesn't get talked about: philanthropy.

All organizations have

a philanthropy or charity that they raise money for with events, like Delta Phi Epsilon's "A Night for Molly," which is for victims of drunk driving.

Other organizations do bake sales, candy grams at Christmas or other various fundraisers.

"I went through recruitment because I wanted to get involved in Greek life. It was an opportunity to explore and learn about all of the organizations," said Gabriela Vazquez, liberal arts senior and member of Phi Sigma Sigma.

If you are interested in learning more about these organizations or any of the others, please visit www.fiu.edu/~greeks.

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DESERT

Plenty of fun things to see and do outside GC

JANET CAREAGA
Contributing Writer

Although the Graham Center can sometimes seem like an inescapable black hole, surprisingly enough there is a big world outside there.

Finding an available computer in GC can sometimes feel like winning the lottery. They always seem to be in use. Luckily, there is a computer lab on the fourth floor of Primera Casa that many students do not know about. If you're looking for a computer that is almost guaranteed to be available, this is the place to go.

Like GC, the Recreation Center can sometimes be very crowded. If you want to exercise outdoors or just like to play sports, there are recreation facilities by the Panther Garage. They have basketball and tennis courts as well as softball and soccer fields.

There are plenty of options for the artistically inclined as well. The Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum (formerly The Art Museum at FIU) opened in 1977. In November

2008, the museum moved to a new facility located next to the MARC Pavilion. The museum has nine galleries, three of which are for permanent collection and the other six feature temporary exhibitions.

The Wertheim Conservatory is a public display of rain forest plant species from around the world with the intent to display tropical species that cannot be grown outside in the Miami climate. The Conservatory, which is run by the Biological Sciences Department, is located next to the Engineering and Computer Sciences building. It is currently open to visitors Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and for special events.

There is a lot to see and plenty to do on campus. So when you find yourself bored in your dorm room, done studying or done with classes for the day, take a stroll around campus and check out all the university has to offer. Everything is within walking distance after all, and most importantly, its free.

SWEET DEALS

Research online sites to avoid buying overpriced textbooks

ANA AROCHA
Staff Writer

If you are a recent high school graduate that has always relied on your parents' pocketbook for the necessities, you might immediately flock to the FIU Bookstore to purchase your textbooks. But if you are like the rest of the college student population, you probably search for hours until you find the best prices.

Sure, buying your books at the bookstore is the easiest option and will ensure that you purchase the right edition, but most of time the prices are unfairly inflated. If the textbook is not custom-made for FIU, you can find a better price elsewhere.

Used books will always have the cheapest prices. If you can live without the crisp smell of a new biology book, do not bother wasting the money on one. There are plenty of used books in almost new condition, some of which you can actually find reasonably priced

at the bookstore, if you know how to look.

First, find out exactly which books your professor has specified for your course. This can be done through the FIU Bookstore Web page or by referring to the syllabus your professor hands out the first week of class.

Next, hit the Web. There are tons of online marketplaces that specialize in college textbooks. But do not waste your time logging onto each one and comparing prices; *FetchBook.info* will do it for you. This page compiles a list of the cheapest prices with links that allow you to jump directly to that store to place your order. The only downfall to this site is its rather limited description of the condition of the books. It categorizes them into new and used and finds the cheapest price. You will need to research a bit into the Web sites to get full descriptions.

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BEACON | Editorial University infrastructure, established programs should take priority

Dr. Mark Rosenberg has large shoes to fill.

With a University facing a crucial budget and programs that need critical attention, it is up to Rosenberg and whomever he hires to create a successful legacy for the years ahead.

It cannot be argued that Maidique has overseen and initiated legendary programs for the University. It is up to Rosenberg to maintain and cultivate these programs, including those belonging to the College of Medicine, the College of Law and the Athletics department.

Which brings us to this point: the University should, for the time being, only focus on the programs and institutions that are already established. Rosenberg and his administration should concentrate on making our current programs better instead of creating new programs. The University already has a wide variety of programs due to Maidique's efforts.

In order for FIU to become the recognized and respected university it wants to be, it needs to further establish and build upon their present programs.

Along with this, the current infrastructures within the University's colleges, schools and major offices need improvement.

Customer service within the offices of financial aid and the registrar is currently suffering. Long lines and wait times plague students as they attempt to find out information about their financial aid awards and registration status.

The advising department is also overburdened with students seeking guidance for their academic plans. Because of the University's enrollment of more than 30,000, classrooms are packed while courses are cut from selection thanks to budget cuts.

The Beacon is confident that Rosenberg, with his new administration, can accomplish necessary improvements within the University's infrastructure. In contrast to former University president Modesto Maidique, whose background is in business, Rosenberg has an extensive background in academia.

Rosenberg first became part of the University community in 1976 after acquiring his doctorate in political science, joining the faculty as an assistant political science professor. His familiarity with how the University works will surely serve as an asset to his vision for the future of FIU.

Rosenberg ascended the ranks over the years to major positions within the University administration, which further prepared him for the presidency. In 1994 he became acting dean of the College of Urban and Public Affairs and in 1999 he was acting president of FIU from February to July, when Maidique suffered a medical emergency.

Subsequently, Rosenberg became University provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs in 1998 and in 2005 became chancellor of the State University System.

Rosenberg's 30-year experience in academics has prepared him well for filling Maidique's seat during such a critical time.

As evidenced by unfilled positions and interim officials, Rosenberg is well on his way to molding the administration that will oversee the growth and evolution of the University. *The Beacon* has high expectations for Rosenberg and his staff, and we assure our readers that we will closely monitor what he does as the University's new president.

Board should fight rate increases

ERIC M. FELDMAN
Staff Writer

The power is in your hands, but not for long, if the proposed rate increase by Florida Power and Light is out of your budget.

Even if you do not directly pay an FPL bill, you may still feel the effects: many eateries and shopping outlets may pay about 30 percent more for electricity, and thus charge their customers more to compensate.

The proposal states that, starting in January 2010, for 1,000 kilowatt hours per month, FPL will charge customers an additional \$9.71. The following year, that price will increase to \$12.40. The hikes are meant to acquire revenue for FPL to renovate facilities and infrastructure.

Rolling over and taking higher prices now just means they will have more power to keep increasing rates in the future.

Though, since this is the first rate hike by FPL in 25 years, is it really that bad? I cannot answer that question without a master's degree in accounting and access to the company's books, but staying on top of the local news wire certainly presents some issues.

The rate increase is being opposed by the Public Service Commission, an appointed state governmental board with the purpose to ensure that utilities are not detrimental to the public. This is significant because the PSC



has shown little to no opposition to any of the "fees" that FPL has added on to its bills in years gone by.

These fees have raised FPL bills significantly while still allowing FPL to keep its per kilowatt-hour rate unchanged. According to *The Miami Herald*, the process to change rates is much more difficult than the one to add fees. Essentially, FPL has been getting more money from each bill the easy way, and the PSC has let it slide.

While the fees cover specific expenses of the utility, base rates cover the company's payroll. Arguably, payroll is any company's most controllable expense, especially when, according to the *Sun-Sentinel*, that cost totals \$84 million in compensation costs for 2008, including millions in overtime and bonuses.

It's difficult to say if any of that \$84 million could be redirected from executive pockets in place of collecting over \$1 billion

from customers' pockets through the rate increase, because while, as of now, the executive compensation is not public, but the PSC is entering a legal battle with FPL to release the numbers.

I'm a capitalist and don't want the government putting limits on what people can earn, but sometimes, when an industry is obligated to all of the public when they control something that we all need, the stakes are changed.

FPL is indirectly blaming the government for needing to raise rates by citing "clean air regulations" and "greenhouse legis-

lation" as part of the reason for more needed revenue, according to *The Miami Herald*.

FPL insists that fuel costs will go down in the coming years and this will offset the rate hike, but a *Palm Beach Post* editorial states that "the higher rates would be guaranteed, but the savings would not."

Sometimes rate increases are necessary, but the PSC should stand its ground in making sure that it is in this case by getting executive compensation figures and negotiating a rate that is fair to the public.

FPL RATES: THEN AND NOW

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BASE RATE: \$48
ADD-ONS: \$24
TOTAL: \$72

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2009
BASE RATE: \$42
ADD-ONS: \$65
TOTAL: \$107

Available forums provide students opportunities to speak

IRIS A. FEBRES
Opinion Editor

Aside from the comment boxes available at the Student Government Association office (located in GC 212), as well as SGA-sponsored forums held throughout the year, options are limited for students to voice concerns about how the University is run and how their money is handled (say, fees allocated for activities and services).

While I encourage you to attend these forums whenever possible, I also suggest you submit your thoughts on our University, no matter how critical.

The Beacon serves as a watchdog for the University. With your help, we can better investigate issues that pertain directly to the student body and the University community.

Take this for example: In 2007, Public Safety alerted us to the fact that officers were using faulty radios during on-campus patrols. Because of their tip, *The Beacon* was able to report on the radios and hold the department accountable for the problem.

Of course, this isn't the only option to get your concerns to us. Through *The Beacon*, the Opinion section also provides you with an opportunity to voice concerns to your fellow students and the University community.

All students are invited to submit Letters to the Editor to *The Beacon*. With a letter, you can address articles that have been published in the paper and bring forward issues that are pertinent to the student body. If you think you have much more to say, then we welcome you to contribute to our feature, The Soapbox. We invite all University officials and student leaders to write about their expectations for FIU and what they want out of their community.

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"Falling prices are not part of the problem, they're part of the solution."

Economist Lawrence Yun
on the recent affordability of U.S. homes

OPINIONPIECE

30%

The amount FPL will be raising rates for Florida customers in 2010.

Government should launch NASA cuts

FIDEL LEBLANC
Staff Writer

NASA has come far since the Apollo 11 moon mission in 1969, launching countless programs and forays into the inky vacuum of space such as Voyager I's reconnaissance missions to Jupiter and Saturn. But curiosity about our otherworldly neighbors – such as Mars and beyond – has taken quite a dip recently.

Other than the launching of the International Space Station, no huge, groundbreaking events in space exploration have taken place since Neil Armstrong hopped out onto that rock 40 years ago.

Now, in the most trying of economic times since the Great Depression, the government is coming under fire for reportedly preparing to cut \$70 billion dollars from the space program. However, thinking in contemporary terms, I doubt that NASA and the space program are at the forefront of priorities, for both the government and the public.

Space exploration is “no longer the inspiration of a nation” according to Sen.

Despite the obvious scientific implications that space travel brings, it isn't beneficial to the ailing economy whatsoever.

Jay Rockefeller. The funds that would go toward sending Americans to different destinations in space isn't readily available for something that will not directly benefit the American people.

As my father says to my brother and me countless times, we are in a recession. We can't spend money on programs that are not absolutely necessary. Despite the obvious scientific implications that space travel brings, it isn't beneficial to the ailing economy whatsoever.

Something integral to society is not being taken away anyway; this relocation of resources to more pertinent issues may have been avoided if the public had shown more interest in NASA's escapades.

I'm not saying that we should completely eradicate the American space program. Instead, we should fund it slowly, in small increments, while allocating funds to the real, impacting issues of the day such as the aforementioned economic situation.

Once we come out of this recession, as long as that may take, then we can start pumping more money into the program. But for now, space exploration must be pushed down the list of priorities.

DIFFICULT TIMES

Despite recession, studies should be a priority

ROMNEY MANASSA
Contributing Writer

There's no denying how difficult life has been for everyone since the recession began. It has been a pop culture phenomenon to reference the troubled times, especially if you're a student.

Let's face it: even before this recession dried up (or marked up) a lot of loans and triggered higher tuition rates, times were still pretty hard. It's hard enough to get a degree as it is, what with spending all those years cramming and studying while the temptation of our youth and independence beckon us away.

But on top of that, most of us don't have the money to support our education, which subsequently drives us into working a job (or two), taking on debt, or both.

It certainly doesn't help when you take into account that we're the generation that will soon inherit this world and all its problems; whatever you're getting your degree in, someone in the future will need your ideas and services.

Most of the greatest figures in the world – our leaders, scientists, philanthropists, etc. – were at some point students, just like us, probably juggling the same concerns and difficulties.

With this in mind, it's all the more tragic that, despite all this pressure and struggle, we've largely become a free-riding generation: we want our degrees (whether driven by want of fame, money, success, or altruism) for almost nothing.

Our hard-earned and esteemed role as students is underestimated and our importance in the world is self-dismissed.

Many of us work so hard to stay in school while actually not working hard in school. Even those of us with the time and money we need for a full-focused education often squander those opportunities, often taking for granted the wonderful opportunity of not knowing debt and a tight schedule.

As a senior, I recall numerous scenarios throughout many courses in which students complained about or even opposed assignments deemed “too much,” “too difficult,” or just plain “unfair.” It's not fair that we have to read through a textbook a week or worry about a 10-page paper due in one month. It's unreasonable to juggle several classes as it is, on top of a job or maybe even two jobs.

Deep down, we just want to get to our career with as little personal sacrifice as possible.

We forget that all this is supposed to be hard and “unfair.” We're working to be doctors, scientists, businessmen and world-changers, after all.

Earning a lot of money or fame, or aiming to help the world in some way (as many of us hope to in some fashion) cannot be expected to come easily. In these times of increasing technological ease and personalization – the “me” generation – we tend to forget that there are some things that are not only difficult but necessarily so.

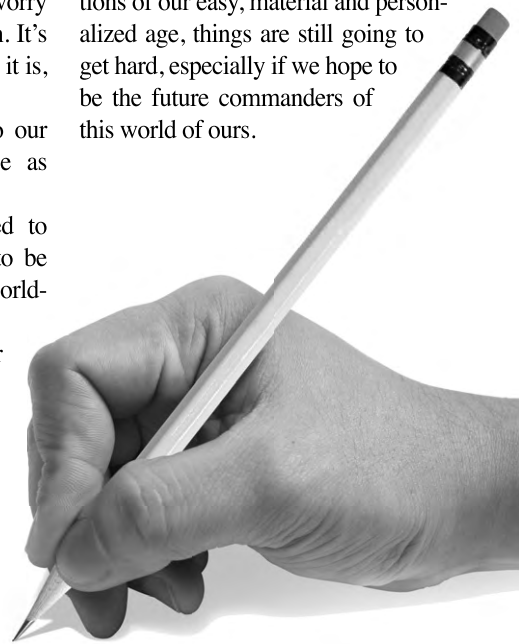
Sacrifice is intrinsic in any accom-

plishment – after all, we don't have to be struggling with papers, time constraints and financial burdens.

We can easily settle for something else that's less demanding. But in the end, we wouldn't be going to school for several years if we weren't looking for something more in life.

Besides, we forget that beyond all these financial and temporal burdens, we still have it pretty easy by nature of our era – imagine doing all those papers without computers or researching topics without the Internet.

It's time many of us accepted the reality of our situation; that, in spite of the temptations of our easy, material and personalized age, things are still going to get hard, especially if we hope to be the future commanders of this world of ours.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Arts should be funded instead of just being displayed

Over the past several years, I've noticed that the University loves to show off their art in the form of sculptures and paintings placed throughout the Maidique Campus (should still be University Park, but that's not my true concern, after all—a name is but a name) and Biscayne Bay Campus.

As an English major, I noticed that over the summer there were barely any classes to choose from – and each class you get into is oversized in a way that cannot benefit any student looking for the correct

attention from their professors.

The low murmur among us “artsy” majors is budget cuts, budget cuts, budget cuts.

The University seems to be falling into this trap of trying to compete with the University of Miami by adding a medical school and shifting their funding to more “important” things they figure would benefit society such as the new football stadium, or even the impending basketball arena – they even built a new art museum to further this spirit of exhibition.

Now, without the proper

funding, can it not be said that the University is putting up quite the façade for the present student body and those drawn in at the annual orientations? They seem to possess great pride in displaying this art, but fail miserably in funding the programs needed to produce any.

They should support the development of their own artists by not only displaying their work but funding their programs. It reminds me of a parent who holds up their child's work with a boisterous grin yet

behind closed doors refuses to buy any more colored pencils with a shaking index finger so that the child can no longer keep doing what he or she loves.

Don't get me wrong, business suits look good and all—but it is art that changes the world. I only hope the new administration can recognize this.

Kevin Nelson
Senior
English

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Freshman, Chemistry

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Cayce Wicks
Junior, English

WINNER/LOSER



Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) combats Nazi claims “frankly” in a Massachusetts town hall meeting. When asked by a constituent why he supported a “Nazi policy,” Frank refused to respond, simply asking, “On what planet do you spend most of your time?”



Stephanie Meyer is being sued for plagiarism by author Jordan Scott. Scott's lawyer claims a “striking and substantial similarity” to Scott's 2006 fantasy *The Nocturne*. Now all Meyer has to worry about are blood-sucking lawyers.

OPINIONPIECE

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Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt's new world record time for the 200-meter dash. He shaved 0.11 seconds off his previous record, 19.30 seconds.

QUOTATIONATION


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DAILYQUERY

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MLB Playoff Pick'em	Mon., Oct. 5	N/A	Tues., Oct. 6
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Punt/Pass/Kick	Mon., Oct. 19	N/A	Mon., Oct. 19
International Sports Expo	N/A	N/A	Oct. 29 & 30
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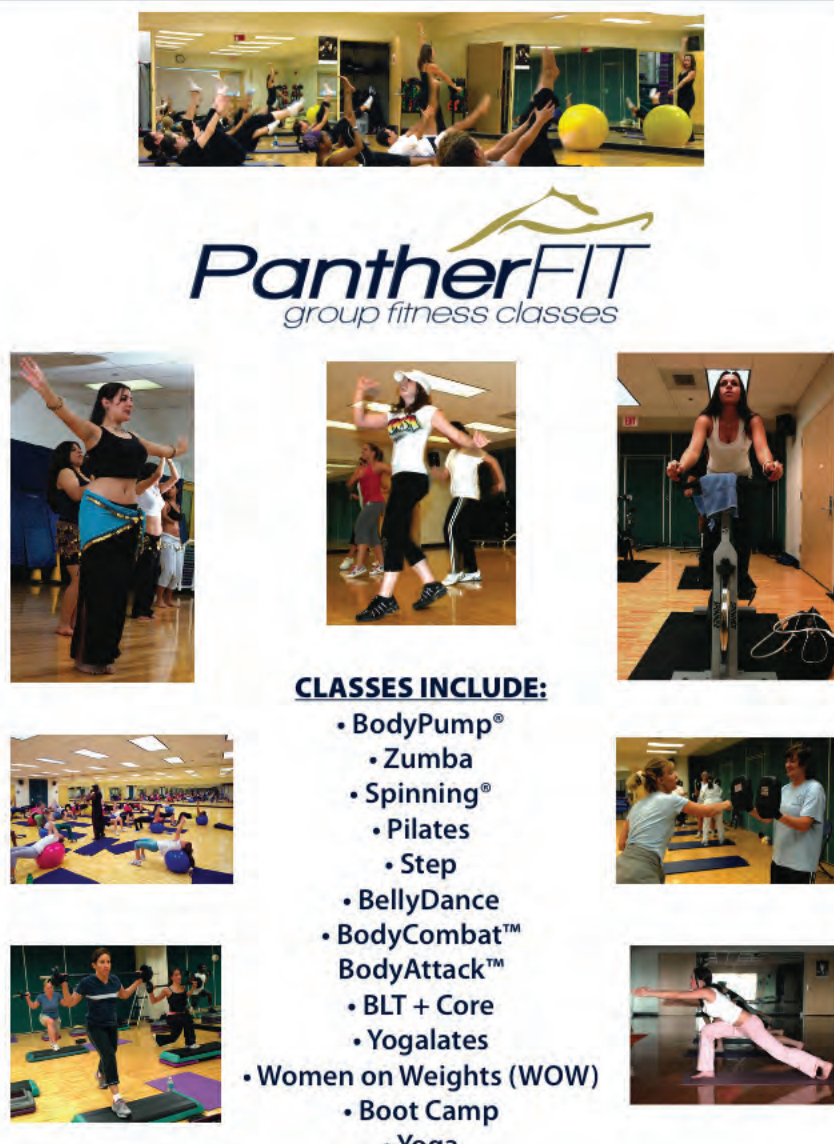
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Fall sports programs will gain prestige this season

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year, the question has to be asked whether that giant is about to awaken, or if it is going to hit the snooze button for another year.

This is the year a lot of FIU sports are expected to make a big step, and there are going to be some signs to watch out for if the giant is rousing from its slumber.

FOURTH TIME'S A CHARM?

Senior outside hitter Yarimar Rosa has been a three-time All American for the volleyball team and was named the Sun Belt Player of the Year after leading the team to a regular season Sun Belt title and an appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Despite that success, the team still found themselves disappointed with their early exit in both tournaments, and have been taking part in what have been described as grueling practices in the Spring.

Rosa, however, spent the offseason playing against the best in the world as she became the first FIU volleyball player to join her senior national team, playing with the Puerto Rican team in North, Central America and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation regional

qualifiers for the 2010 World Championship.

The elite players Rosa has taken on can only help her improve her game, a scary proposition for her Sun Belt rivals. Watching Rosa go for her second Sun Belt Player of the Year award and become a four-time All American is going to be one of the most intriguing and entertaining storylines of the Fall.

If Rosa does manage to improve, it can only help a team that should be going into the season as conference favorites.

FINDING REPLACEMENTS

Three Golden Panthers teams lost their top weapons prior to graduation, as basketball forward Freddy Asprilla, men's soccer leading scorer Juan Guerra and women's soccer leading scorer Claudia Cardenas all left the teams for various reasons.

Whether it was because they were disgruntled due to a coaching change or trying to make their mark in the professional ranks, each of them has left a huge hole for their teams to fill, and it will be very difficult for them to be replaced.

While football and volleyball are looking to

take the next steps, these three fall sports face great obstacles in replacing these great players.

ISIAH'S FOUNDATION

One coach who is looking to establish a strong base is new basketball coach Isiah Thomas.

The NBA Hall of Famer was brought in in April to revive a basketball program that had seriously struggled in recent years, as well as revive a career for him that hasn't been too strong recently, and there has been a palpable excitement around the team since the hire.

The biggest thing for him is building a roster with his vision, and he's brought in a number of highly touted recruits to achieve this end. Over recent months, there has been a slew of big commitments coming in, including the first five-star recruit in FIU basketball history for the 2011 class.

Thomas' NBA background and contacts represents a big recruiting tool, and watching him finish filling out his roster by November is going to be interesting. Despite the loss of Asprilla, Thomas is looking to compete now and also build a strong program for years to come.

Coaches will recruit, be mentors to players

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needs to get done."

HELPING HAND

Also helping Thomas as an assistant is Holloway, who began his basketball career as a player at Lindsey Wilson College in Kentucky, where he played National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division I. His career there was cut short due to injuries, so he started coaching there as a student-assistant instead.

"I enjoyed what I was doing. I just wanted to be around basketball," he said.

While at Lindsey Wilson, he also earned a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry. Holloway was then a graduate-assistant coach at Wesley College, a NCAA Division III school. After stints overseas as a player-coach for professional teams in Switzerland and Germany, he came back to the United States, where he eventually got in touch with Thomas through a mutual friend.

Holloway will be assisting Thomas with recruiting, but he said he'll

focus more on international recruiting because of his experience overseas. He'll also be developing and coaching the Golden Panthers' post players.

PERIMETER PLAY

Eddie, like Holloway, played professionally overseas, but in San Morino, Italy for two years.

He began his coaching career at Detroit Cody High School in 1976, after he graduated with a degree in business education from Northern Michigan University. He was an assistant coach at Detroit Cody for 10 years.

He then coached Team Detroit, an AAU team, from 1985-2005, before becoming an assistant coach at Central Michigan University in 2006.

His next stop is FIU, where he'll be assisting Thomas with recruiting and developing the team's perimeter players. He said that like Alauddeen, he'll also be offering academic guidance to the players.

"We want to develop a positive environment and make sure our guys are coming out with degrees," he said.

DEVELOPING PRO'S

Thomas hired Anderson as his first staff member, and he has worked and helped many amateur players reach the professional ranks.

Anderson started his coaching career in 1995 at Paris Community College in Texas. He also held coaching positions at McNeese State – his alma mater – Tulane, Louisiana, the University of New Orleans, the University of Texas, the University of Miami, Texas Christian University and Southern Methodist University, according to FIU Athletics' Web site fiusports.com.

Several calls and voice-mails to Anderson were not returned.

During his tenure at Miami, Anderson coached James Jones, who is currently a forward for the Miami Heat, Guillermo Diaz, who was a second round selection by the Los Angeles Clippers, and Robert Hite, who spent time in the NBA playing for the Heat and New Jersey Nets.

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PRESIDENT'S PLAYERS



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MEET THE PRESIDENT: President Mark Rosenberg greets several Golden Panthers football players during Media Day in R. Kirk Landon Fieldhouse on Aug. 12.

Kickers vie for top spot; veteran punter returns

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the freshman All-American.

"I'm used to it. I did it in high school so I don't think it'll be a problem doing it now."

KICKING BATTLES

Kickers Jack Griffin and Dustin Rivest are clashing for the starting spot this season. Last season, Rivest was awarded the starting spot. He connected on 12 of his 19 field goal attempts

with a 43-yard kick as his longest make of the season. But Griffin is fighting for his chance to play, according to Cristobal.

"Dustin and Jack are competing for the spot. Dustin is leading in field goals by a slight edge, and Jack is leading in kickoffs," Cristobal said.

Punter Carlos Munera earned an extra year of eligibility as a fifth-year senior. He received a medical redshirt from the NCAA.

Last season, the punter averaged 41.1 yards per punt. Along with Hilton, Munera was a 2009 Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference team selection.

"This is very important to him, he wants to be a great player, any time you're forced to sit out, especially for an administrative issue it's painful, but he stayed in shape, and worked hard," Cristobal said.

Golden Panthers have several scoring options

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Cabas," Eketebi said.

But in addition to Cabas and Tamburus, a recent signee has come into the spotlight during the preseason practices for 2009.

"From what Sebastian [Frings] has been showing, he can definitely crush a ball," said coach Eketebi. "Sebastian has been baptized by fire because coming from Germany, the first game he plays is going to be in 90-degree weather, but we can manage that."

YOUNG GUNS

In addition to Frings, two other players have stood out as potential candidates for the playmaker title.

"Anthony Hobbs did a really good job in the center

From what Sebastian [Frings] has been showing, he can definitely crush a ball.

Munga Eketebi, head coach
men's soccer

of the defense, and Nick Jones has made me really pleased with what he can do in the backfield," Eketebi said.

Midfielder Bruno Barbosa thinks that the talent level is equal.

"I believe the players coming in this year have the same potential [as the departing seniors], and we have some good players coming in from injury," Barbosa said. "I think as time goes on, they will step up for us."

HIGH HOPES

Two of the team's best weapons are gone, but Eketebi feels no differently heading into this season compared to years passed.

"I expect nothing less than making a run for the Sun Belt Conference championship," Cabas said.

For Eketebi, the pressure level is the same as when he was on the pitch himself.

"The goals are the same," said Eketebi. "They were my goals as a player here, and they are my goals as a coach."

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SPECIAL WEAPON

Hilton to be starting receiver, return man

JOEY CRUZ
Contributing Writer

Change will not be a factor this season for Golden Panthers coach Mario Cristobal's special teams unit.

"Our special teams are very productive. Our point of emphasis for us obviously is that we had a good return game last year," Cristobal said. "A lot of that was due to us getting better schematically and of course No. 4's God-given gifts."

No. 4, T.Y. Hilton, is not the only return man capable of doing damage.

There is more competition this season on special teams, especially from the kick returning position.

During a White and Green scrimmage - 30 plays in which two special teams play against one another - wide receiver Junior Mertile returned a kick back for a touchdown to give his team the win.

Assistant Coach Alex Mirabal chose Mertile to return the kick



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON FILE PHOTO

T.Y. GOODBYE: Wide receiver T.Y. Hilton scores a touchdown vs. Florida Atlantic last season. Hilton is heading into his sophomore season as the go-to receiver and punt/kick returner.

despite chants of "T.Y., T.Y., T.Y." Mertile made Mirabal look like a genius as he sped past the green team for a touchdown.

"Junior took it personal that coach Mirabal picked T.Y.," Cristobal said.

T.Y. HOLDING HIS OWN

Still, the added competition does not mean Hilton is not going to be

this season's main kick and punt returner.

Last season, Hilton led the Golden Panthers in kick and punt returns, and he recorded one kick and punt return touchdown. Hilton notched 1,107 combined return yards. He also led the team receiving with 1,013 receiving yards and seven touchdowns as a freshman.

Even though he is the clear No.

1 receiving option, Hilton still has high expectations for how he can contribute on special teams this season.

"I figured I was going to have a lot of responsibilities anyway; I'm ready for the challenge," Hilton said.

This workload is nothing new for

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Giant may awake this fall

It is all about building. This has been the theme around FIU for a long time. Building a new law school, a new med school building, new residence halls; the list goes on and on.

COMMENTARY



CHRIS TOWERS

When it comes to Athletics, the recent history has been about building a steady foundation.

A slew of new coaches has helped Athletic Director Pete Garcia build the foundation he has wanted in recent years, and now everyone is looking forward to taking the next step.

The University is often referred to as a "sleeping giant" by its Athletics supporters, massive potential fan base, sporting hot bed and an enthusiastic staff. Coming into this

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Men's soccer loses leading scorer; coach expects void to be filled

CHRIS GREEN
Staff Writer

Scoring is something the men's soccer team had trouble doing last season.

In 17 games, the squad scored 18 goals. This 2008-2009 offseason, the team lost its top two scorers: Juan Guerra and Phill Fisher.

Guerra, the leading scorer for FIU in 2008 and Fisher left a collective hole in the roster for the upcoming season.

However, Golden Panthers men's soccer coach Munga Eketebi may have a few diamonds in the rough, eager to make a difference.

LOOKING TO FILL THE VOID

With Guerra out of the picture, the Golden Panthers lost a player who scored one-third of the team's goals.

When asked who might have to step up and replace Guerra's offensive firepower, Diego Tamburus' name was the first mentioned by teammates.

"We did lose two big-time players," said junior forward Steven Cabas. "But we did get



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON FILE PHOTO

SCORING MACHINE: Midfielder Juan Guerra (No. 10) scored one-third of the team's goals last season. He is not returning this season.

Diego Tamburus who finally got cleared [for playing eligibility], and he's going to be a lot of help for us."

Eketebi alluded to the idea that Cabas and Tamburus are slated to be the two big play-

makers in the team this season.

"Obviously, you always count on one of the returning players to step up, and on paper, it should be Diego Tamburus and Steven

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thomas fills staff with experience

JONATHAN DAVILA
Staff Writer

During a summer featuring many changes for the Golden Panthers men's basketball team, Coach Isiah Thomas wasn't only recruiting players.

He was also busy hiring his coaching staff.

Thomas hired Hashim Ali Alauddeen as the director of basketball operations, Frank Holloway and William Eddie as assistant coaches and Anthony Anderson as the associate head coach. Thomas' staff will be developing players' skills, recruiting and overseeing their academic progress.

Alauddeen made a name for himself in the basketball world by being one of the co-founders of Slam-n-Jam, a California-based youth basketball program aimed at student athletes. He was the head coach of the Oakland Soliders,

an Amateur Athletic Union team sponsored by Slam-n-Jam.

He holds a bachelor's degree in African diaspora studies, which he obtained from the University of

California at Berkeley in 1991. In an interview with Student Media, he said he has also been a teacher and academic coach for NBA players such as Shareef Abdur-Rahim.

"I like teaching. I'm teaching a First-year Experience class here," he said.

Alauddeen will have a similar responsibility on the men's basketball team; he'll be like a tutor and mentor to the players to make sure they are on track toward a degree. He

said Thomas told him, "I want you to make men out of our players."

Aside from monitoring the players' academic progress, Alauddeen said he would be "assisting Isiah Thomas in anything that he

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