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Increased demand yields new residency program

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As the demand for primary care physicians increases, the supply is simultaneously decreasing. In the next couple of years, this will lead to a shortage of available family doctors. In an effort to confront this concern, Baptist Health South Florida is collaborating with the University to form a medical residency program.

“More primary health care physicians will be needed in the next couple of years, therefore, the new and upcoming residency program makes sense,” said Yolangel Hernandez, associate dean for graduate medical education at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine.

With the assistance of the University’s 2009 inaugural medical class, graduating in 2013, the residency program is set to launch in July 2013. The hospital will receive families from the South Florida community who are eligible for coverage at the University. According to David Brown, Residency Program director at West Kendall Baptist Hospital and chief of Family Medicine at the University College of Medicine, the Affordable Care Act will affect the medical residency program; more people will now have coverage with the affordable healthcare act.

“The ACA has provisions for increasing resources for primary care training,” said Aqueda Hernandez, program director and medical director for the Baptist Health Medical Group Family Medicine Center.

The Affordable Care Act is a bill regarding the health insurances of Americans. It was passed and signed by President Barack Obama on March 23, 2010.

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Tiger Lee to address “transition of food”

Tiger, who has over 30 years of experience in indigenous culture and eco-heritage tourism, outlined what he will discuss.

“I’m going to explain the differences between Native American culture and the non-Native American culture that resides in what is now called the United States and other places of the world, like South America,” Tiger said. “I’ll talk about economics, some spiritual stuff and I’ll talk about the transition of food. That was really hard on us, because we were used to eating all natural food from the Everglades.”

“I have some pictures of what people looked like before. Nobody had any McDonald’s French fry fat on them,” Tiger said.

The presentation is free, but space is limited. It will take place on Oct. 16 at the Graham Center, room 283A from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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Football: a little bit of pride goes a long way

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I will be the first to admit that when it comes to FIU football, there is not much to be excited about at this point in its infancy stages. For example, if I were to invite you to one of the University tennis matches, my bet is that it would be the first time you’ve ever heard that FIU even has tennis courts.

Go ahead and pick any sport on campus, and the crowd, if you can call it that, is less than sparse at nearly every event.

That isn’t to say that Panther fans have no reason to take pride. Take a look at FIU’s widely successful swimming and diving team, women’s soccer, baseball.

All of these have been at the top of the Sun Belt Conference, if not winning it outright, within the past two years.

Yet the seats remain empty.

A likely explanation is that most FIU students and alumni never took the time to care.

And probably never even realized FIU has a women’s soccer team, much less been anywhere near the stadium, located at the far end of Modesto Maidique Campus, hidden behind the nature preserve.

Football, however, is another story. Everyone going to FIU knows this school has a football team, even if it is only by association to the infamous and massive bare-knuckle brawl with our in-town rivals at the University of Miami.

This school has well over 40,000 students enrolled, but as I cheered for my team during the last two home games, I certainly didn’t see even a fair fraction of that number in attendance.

My hunch is that fans simply aren’t excited about FIU football, and unfortunately this season hasn’t done much to help that.

Take in attendance at our home games could feel the beating heart of FIU pride in the stomping feat of FIU fans within the stadium, better known as The Cage. Hopefully we can see a boost of it across the country, at least a week ahead of time, giving our in-town rivals a run for their money.

MTV and The Associated Press conducted a survey of college students and their stress levels in 2009. Eighty-five percent of over 2,200 United States college students admitted to feeling stress daily.

A leading cause of this is poor time management. If more students knew how to manage their time, to study in between classes and on the weekends, then they would realize that success in college isn’t all that hard; time consuming, maybe, but not always hard.

Another tip for managing stress is to set realistic goals. When setting a goal for yourself, stop and think about what it will take to reach that goal.

For example, if you have a test due by Tuesday at midnight, and you didn’t begin studying until Sunday night, an A+ probably isn’t a realistic goal.

A realistic means for an A+ would be studying at least a week ahead of time, attending all lectures, and taking notes.

Third, a relaxation technique is a great way to deal with stress.

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Lastly, set priorities. Sometimes certain events that are offered on campus can conflict with study time.

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Making wise decisions and putting your studies before pleasure can really pay off in the long run. Having your priorities right will call for sacrifice of your free time, but it will reduce your stress.

-Kenneth DYCHES
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A room of one’s own, hourly

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Long hours on campus can sometimes be unavoidable and, as someone who has spent a few semesters with no other alternative, I know from firsthand experience what a killer they can be.

I usually had to take my classes all in a single day for one reason or another, spreading them out across the morning and afternoon in order to keep myself busy.

The seemingly endless drag of the day, with long intervals of boredom, can seriously exhaust a person.

Arguably, one can find many things to do on campus to keep busy during the long breaks; however, sometimes it’s best not to do anything, to just spend that spare time relaxing.

It is only a matter of finding the right place to do so, given the campus’ constant liveliness. Students living on campus might have an easier time with this, with their own bedrooms and belongings forever within reach. The rest of us simply have the many couches around campus to look forward to.

If the University were to rent out the first-floor rooms in preexisting dormitories for a few hours at a time, however, it would not only provide a private hangout for the average commuter, but could perhaps be as lucrative as renting the rooms out to an individual for an entire semester, considering the renters would realize a reasonable and perhaps hourly rate.

Couches and benches should not be our only means of relaxation, just as group study rooms can be reserved by students in the library, dorm rooms should also be temporarily rented out.

Like this, students can relax and recharge before their following classes.

Making wise decisions and putting your studies before pleasure can really pay off in the long run.

Recharging between classes is a necessity and such rentable dorm rooms can be helpful for students that find themselves on campus for long hours.

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There’s only one place on earth where the likes of Alice Cooper, “SILENT HILL,” and “The Walking Dead” come together to create a horror-junkie’s paradise: HHN at Universal Studios. This is the 22nd year that Universal Studios has opened its doors to the world’s monsters and, for the most part, this year won’t disappoint.

Horror Nights’ formula is simple: The park’s doors open at sundown and the guests are free to explore the themed haunted houses and the numerous “scare zones” scattered throughout the park. This year’s houses range from a house themed after the extremely popular franchise “The Walking Dead,” an homage to classic horror cinema, featuring vintage Hollywood staples like the “wolf-man” and “swamp-thing.”

Each house this year had its scares, but a stand out was “Penn & Teller’s Las Vegas 3D.” A combination of mirrors, strobe lights and a psychedelic 3D effect made this house the one that most deeply enveloped you in its nightmarish world. Spooky alert: The scariest part of your night will not be found in any of the houses. Instead, the 100 plus minute lines will strike fear in even the bravest in your group.

For any experienced Orlando visitor, this may not seem out of the ordinary. But as a veteran of Disney parks, I have never seen longer lines. Unless your entire group is willing to spend an extra $60 for the express pass, it is very unlikely that you will see all of the houses, so make sure you prioritize. Even with my express pass, I found myself rushing from house to house just to make it to them all before closing time.

The “scare zones” this year are not specific sectors in the park; instead, there are bands of ghouls roaming the park scaring anyone in sight. For the most part, a combination of enthusiastic performers and a great atmosphere keeps everyone on their toes. However, last year’s permanent scare zones provided better shocks.

By far, the most important factor to enjoying this year’s HHN is having the right attitude. “HHN is quite a lot of fun. Everyone gets into it. You kind of put real life on hold and forget that those things running around trying to scare you are actually people in costume,” said Mario Leon, junior mechanical engineering major.

If you take the time to take a look, HHN is actually a combination of a lot of unpleasant things: huge masses of people, expensive tickets, lines and monsters. However, the combination of all these things, plus the right attitude, creates a truly unforgettable experience.

Leon plans to go back to Universal Studios for next year’s edition to make it his personal goal to go through all the houses, so make sure you prioritize. Even with my express pass, I found myself rushing from house to house just to make it to them all before closing time.

All things considered, if you’ve gone to previous HHN’s and had a terrible time, this year’s edition is probably not going to change your mind. However, if you’re already a fan or are simply looking for the next adrenaline fix, HHN is worth the subsequent nightmares, whether they are about the ghouls or the lines you had to survive to face them.

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Dead or Alive 5 features fast fighting, but not much else

Available on Xbox 360 and Playstation 3, the Xbox 360 version of the game was played for this review. 3/5 stars.

Since the release of Street Fighter IV on consoles in 2009, fighting games have seen a strong resurgence in the gaming industry. Franchises like Tekken, Mortal Kombat and Street Fighter have all seen a rise in popularity. The recent release of Dead or Alive 5 continues the fighting game trend, with a new graphics engine, new character models and revamped fighting system.

Team Ninja’s famed fighting series is well known for pushing the boundaries of graphics and character models, and DOA 5 is no different. The worlds and characters models are all visually impressive but aren’t as big as a technological jump from the original DOA to DOA 2.

The infamous “beautiful” and “well-endowed” women of DOA also make a return. The sexualization of the female characters still remains high, despite this entry in the series taking the fighting aspect more seriously.

DOA 5 includes many modes for players to train, fight and improve their skills. These modes include the hilariously bad story mode, an extensive training mode, and your typical arcade, survival and online modes.

The story mode in particular was laughably bad, with hilarious voice acting, poor facial animations and a story that can’t be taken seriously, despite the high stakes for some characters. When the game shuts up and lets you fight, it shines. This is why the other modes are much more enjoyable than the story mode, which functions primarily as a guide for new players.

The core of Dead or Alive is the fighting system, referenced as the “triangle system” and compared to “rock-paper-scissors.” The triangle system of attacking, throws and holds returns with some modification from previous entries in the series. It’s more difficult to counter attacks, and the damage done from counter attacks have been reduced.

These modifications make DOA 5 a fierce and fast fighting game that is more focused on the mind games with your opponent than being able to execute complicated combos. It works very well, and it’s easy to pick up and play.

As someone who’s played previous entries in the DOA series, DOA 5 is a small, but effective improvement on the DOA franchise. While the focus is on the actual fighting than the women, there’s not much in the DOA 5 package to keep players playing outside of the multiplayer modes and unlocking more costumes.

It’s fun to fight other players thanks to the mind game emphasis, crazy action and impressive visuals. Fans of the series and other fighting games are urged to check it out, but not recommended to those that don’t fully enjoy fighting games.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ROARY!

Roary celebrated his birthday by the bay on Oct. 9 in a harvest-themed event to kick off Homecoming.

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SWIMMING

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With the beginning of the 2012-2013 swimming & diving season about to get underway, FIU is looking to put together a championship campaign. The swim season is set to start on Oct. 12 on the Bocagay Bay campus at the Aquatic center at 5 p.m. After finishing fourth in the Sun Belt Conference last year, Head Coach Randy Horner is ready to lead his team and put them in the best position to excel.

With a strong incoming class and several returning swimmers, Homer has positioned his team to make a run at the Sun Belt Championship.

“We feel we have a number of swimmers that have the capabilities to qualify for nationals and break FIU records,” Homer said.

One new comer who is set to help improve the team is junior college transfer Sarah D’Antoni. Transferring in from powerhouse Indian River College, D’Antoni helped reach two of the previous 33 consecutive national titles for Indian River. She brings championship experience to FIU, an invaluable asset, according to Homer.

Marina Ribi, another newcomer, transferred from University of Tennessee this year and was very close to qualifying standards for nationals last year. A native of Schaffhausen, Switzerland, Ribi set a Swiss record with her 100 backstroke at the 2011 Swiss Long Course Championships in April of 2011.

“The swimming and diving team returns key starters Sonia Perez-Paz and Sabrina Beaupre to this year’s lineup,” Horner said.

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FIV set to take on Sun Belt’s best, Western Kentucky

JONATHAN JACOBSKIND Staff Writer

In a season where FIU have seen their seniors and key upper classroom starters devastated by injuries, freshman and first-year starting sophomores are now the norm in the starting lineup. To put things in perspective, as the Panthers prepare to take on No. 20 Western Kentucky, only two girls on the current active roster received playing time in the 3-0 shutout in the 2011 Conference Tournament semifinals versus WKU last season. Those two players are Renee Forde and Marija Pesa.

The reigning Sun Belt Champion Lady Toppers will be a handful for the struggling Panthers as aside from blocks, WKU is top five in every category and leaders in kills, assists and hitting percentage. The Panthers, who are just 2-4 in conference play, are outmatched with skill and most importantly, experience.

“We definitely have our sights set on Western Kentucky’s top players, and we’ll be given the green light against WKU as the girls that were here with us for the last [WKU] match should be highly motivated and competitive,” Therould said.

“The girls that were here with us for the last [WKU] match should be highly motivated and competitive,” Therould said. “Since they lost to us on home court last year in the semifinals of the conference tournament, they should be highly motivated and want to change something like playing at a higher level and have the rest of the younger girls playing at a higher level as well.”

With FIU’s 2011 leading scorer Jovana Bjelica still sidelined with a broken bone in her right hand, Pesa has stepped up as the Panthers go to scorer as she leads FIU in kills with 225 as well as in digs with 3.05 per set.

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SPORTS
Getting pressure on the quarterback key to FIU success

FOOTBALL

Lance Briggs sure doesn’t look like him. This type of “focus on winning the next game” approach has been consistent in the Cristobal era. However, fans and media alike have been calling for Cristobal to scrap up this year as a loss and focus on the future by giving younger players more experience. Cristobal has no intention at this point to give into any premature notions of focusing on next year. After all, FIU still has a chance to make a bowl bid and faced a similar situation in 2010 when FIU won seven of their last nine games to earn a bowl appearance.

“You are always working to win every single game,” Cristobal said. “Our process in playing young guys has everything to do with who deserves to play and recognizing the talent that may not be perfectly ready but still needs the experience to get that final push to become a complete football player.”

Tomorrow night, FIU will be playing Middle Tennessee. The Blue Raiders sport a 3-2 record which includes an upset win against Georgia Tech.

“They get the ball out quick so you need to mix [and] disguise things,” said Cristobal. “You have to be [great] in recognizing formations. Kilgore’s a great quarterback and they’re good on the outside. They run hard and get the ball downhill in a hurry; that was the formula of beating Georgia Tech on the road. They’re dynamic and will find areas where they have an advantage.”

They’re an impressive football team.” Middle Tennessee’s offensive line is something FIU must keep in mind. The Blue Raiders have not given up a sack on the quarterback through five games in the season.

“Stop the run, eliminate the big play, whether it’s an extra turnover a game or a big play that will get everybody motivated,” Cristobal said.

The Panthers need to win five of their remaining six games in order to qualify for a bowl appearance.

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Redshirt junior Karilyn Savage was named Sun Belt Conference Defensive Player of the week for her performance against North Texas this weekend.

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Stout stuff from Dolphins’ front four

**STEVEN WINE**

The Miami Dolphins’ defensive line stops the run, pressures the quarterback and even grabs an occasional interception. Stout stuff up front gives the Dolphins cause for optimism as they enter the most inviting part of their schedule. Coming off a breakthrough win, Miami (2-3) is an opening-day favorite for the first time this season Sunday against the St. Louis Rams (3-2), and no other game against a team with a winning record looms until after Thanksgiving.

If the Dolphins are to climb above .500 — an elusive goal as they enter the most active streak in the league. Miami hasn’t allowed a 100-yard performer by a rusher in 19 consecutive games, the longest such active streak in the league.

“Stark is something the Dolphins giving chase to. Reserve 305-pound tackle Tony McDaniels hustled downfield to recover a Bengals fumble. "Sheer effort," Coyles said.

And on a 29-yard run by Cincinnati’s Bernard Scott, one of the Dolphins giving chase was 345-pound tackle Paul Soliai, which tickled Coyles. "I don’t know if he would have caught him, but he sure was trying, and he was really moving," Coyles said.
Grad students research damage to the Everglades

AERIAL VIEW

By MADISON FANTOZZI

Satellite images from NASA are one of the tools graduate students are using to research the climate and man-made changes in the once flourishing environment of the Everglades.

In the Glades from Space project, David Lagomasino, a doctoral candidate in the department of earth and environment, is researching these changes to understand the impact they have on the Everglades.

The Everglades covers an area of about 350,000 football fields, an area that is difficult and costly to study.

Satellite technology grants researchers a broad view of the environment that was once impossible to obtain. Lagomasino uses these images from NASA satellites to observe the vast amount of land, measure water quality, chemistry changes, and the amount of water that leaves the surface.

Manipulation of the Everglades began in the late 19th century. Originally running from Lake Okeechobee to Florida Bay, the land has been converted to agriculture, housing developments and water impoundment lots.

“The idea of bringing this event to FIU is to give students the opportunity to explain each of their 20 images,” said Nabil Moo, more nursing student.

For the November’s PechaKucha, the theme will be “Are we a part of this worldwide event.”

Changes in salinity and evaporation are predicted through this field data that strongly correlates with the infrared reflectance of mangrove leaves. These changes are a crucial component of water budget in the Everglades.

Increases in salinity induce biophysical stress in the mangroves, manifesting lower reflected energy of the electromagnetic spectrum.

“The research is still in progress. Although climatic and man-made changes are certain and the damage is evident, the extent of the effects are still undetermined. While the Glades from Space project is local, the long-term goal is to globalize research to other coastal environments, identifying similarities between regions that may be affected by natural processes or man-made interference.”

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