

Health Center treats common illnesses

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Florida Southern College students seek help for limited medical issues at the Student Health Center.

Students can walk in without having an appointment to see any registered nurse. The nurse practitioner, however, comes in for limited hours and only sees students by appointment.

Betty Calhoun, the center's director, said that an average of 300 students come in each week. Calhoun said the center sees students most often for acute respiratory infections, usually known as the common cold.

Susan Seitz is the advanced registered nurse practitioner for the center. She is licensed to dispense prescription drugs to students.

In Ohio, Seitz was trained as an OBGYN



Photo by Tony Rivera
FSC's Student Health Center is located on the corner of Duke and Ingram.

nurse. After moving to Florida, certain laws allowed her to practice as a general nurse rather than be confined to her subspecialty. Seitz believes that the center's quality of care is comparable to walk-in clinics.

"We do not manage chronic illness like diabetes. We can handle acute episodes, but not twenty-four seven care," Seitz said,

"We can do everything a walk-in clinic can, but [clinics] charge you three times the amount of money."

Dean of student life Matt Thompson said that he wants the health center to be a primary care center for students. He said the health center is a convenient place for students to go where registered nurses are available.

"We want it to be a place that's welcoming, that helps students deal with the immediate issue," Thompson said.

Thompson said that students who have ongoing or emergency issues should visit a facility off campus.

The center does not have the equipment to perform chest x-rays to see if a student has pneumonia for example.

When compared to other colleges of similar size, both Seitz and Thompson agree that Florida Southern is the best.

"I think we're lucky to have a staff that's all registered nurses. We're open 60 hours a week. Most are only open eight to five, 40 hours a week," Thompson said.

Recently, junior Jessica Natiello made a trip into the center. She went in with flu-like symptoms and says she was misdiagnosed. Natiello tried to treat it herself for a few days, and then she went back in to the Health Center. She received a different diagnosis this time.

"They said my symptoms were on point with everyone else's who had been in complaining of the same thing. They told me I had the flu," Natiello said.

Sophomore Carlene Fogle-Miller visited the health center on numerous occasions. She enjoys the care she receives but doesn't think it replaces the care of a doctor for her.

"I think the student health center is very good for students in a non-emergency situation, or common ailments like the common cold or the flu," Fogle-Miller said.

"If a student has something more complex than that like some kind of virus or maybe strip throat, I think it really requires

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ACS receives grant

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The Florida Southern College affiliate chapter of the American Chemical Society recently received a grant that will allow them to educate the community on the benefits of chemistry.

According to a press release from FSC, the purpose of the International Year of Chemistry Grant is to generate an interest for chemistry in young people and to increase the public's overall appreciation for chemistry.

The ACS affiliate chapter intends to use the money from the International Year of Chemistry grant to educate the high school students of Polk County.

"We all know education is important," Mike Politis, a senior majoring in biology, said. "We seize any opportunity where ACS provides our student chapter the opportunity to fund an educational project."

Politis chose to focus the grant on educating the community. The organization wants to give less fortunate students a chance to explore all that the field of chemistry has to offer through lab experiments.

"Polk County has many bright students in schools that may not have the budgets or resources that we do at FSC. As good citizens who keep our neighbors in mind, why wouldn't we share our resources?"

The importance of educating people particularly about the field of chemistry is important to Politis.

"My reasoning to focus on education, especially in chemistry, was mainly because an understanding of chemistry that is more than the average person can make you valuable than most other people in the workplace," Politis said.

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Egypt greets new era

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Editor-in-Chief

Protestors celebrated in the streets of Egypt on Feb. 11 after Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak officially stepped down from office.

The uprising started through social media sites and began on Jan. 25, gaining momentum as Egyptians flooded streets and squares to protest the 30-year reign of Mubarak, according to the Associated Press.

Mubarak announced he would step down hours after making a statement refusing to leave office until the end of his term in September.

According to the Associated Press, the military has temporarily seized control of Egypt's government, disbanded parliament and dissolved the constitution at the urging

of protestors.

The military leaders now in power will rule for 6 months or until elections can be held.

Before Mubarak stepped down, the military was careful to toe the line between the



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protesting civilians and the Egyptian government, according to Associate Professor of political science Bruce Anderson.

"For me, the signal moment for the Egyptian

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SGA speaks for FSC student body

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Staff Writer

The Student Government Association at Florida Southern College is an organization that prides itself on being the voice for students.

SGA works as a liaison between the students on campus and the administration. They make sure student ideas are presented to the administration.

"They are raising important issues to continually enhance the experience for students." Matthew Thompson, Dean of Student Development, said.

SGA President Tonda Wooten and her team provide a way for students to be heard by the administration, make changes on campus, and then hold the administration responsible for making those changes happen.

Wooten brings the issues to Thompson, who then works to put things into action.

"We provide an easier way to get things to administration. Instead of every student on campus bringing him their problems, we have one person bringing things to [Matt Thompson]," Wooten said.

Thompson has full confidence in Wooten's, and the rest of the executive board, ability to see things through.

"Working with and supporting SGA is one of the many pleasures of being the Dean of Student Development. I believe students are well served by the leadership of SGA."

Wooten explained the process of getting information from the FSC students and how important it is that the information be accurate and representative of the student body.

"There's a student opinion section of the president's circle. During the meeting I bring up a topic and ask how the students feel about certain things," Wooten said.

Wooten explained that this provides students with a set time where they can express their feelings on issues on campus and that gives them the concerns they bring to Thompson.

According to Wooten, the difficulty lies with getting the true student opinion rather than getting the administration's support for changes.

"It's easy to get the issues fixed for the most part. Most of the things I came in wanting to accomplish have been accomplished" Wooten said.

One of the main changes SGA has worked on dealt with the color of cap and gowns.

President Anne Kerr wanted SGA to get student opinions on changing the cap and gowns for graduation back to their previous red color, Wooten said.

"We just sent Dr. Kerr the percentages of students who liked the idea and the percentage of students who did not like the idea," Wooten said.

SGA is working on future changes, including a new 24-hour space for students.

"That's something I have asked for and went to the administration with," said Wooten.

When the education department moves out of Edge Hall, the front room will be converted into a student union space where they can meet or work outside of their dorm at any time of day, Wooten said.

She went on to say that although the space hasn't happened this year, she believes it is in the foreseeable future.

"That's the one thing I really wanted to happen and it's happening. Just not necessarily in the timeline that I had hoped for," Wooten said.

Wooten also mentioned that there is a committee being formed to meet with John Thomas, head of technology, about increasing the email holding capacity and the speed of the internet.

"It's been slow, but it's a working progress," said Wooten.

Wooten said that SGA elections are coming up fast and she won't be running again and hopes to have a really good successor.

"The President of SGA really gets to find out the backbone of the college and how they really make it run," said Wooten.

Packets for SGA elections are available in and are due Feb. 25.

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Matthew Thompson
Dean of Student Development

Health Center

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a doctor. They have lab capabilities, cultures, and different types of tests that the student health center doesn't have," Fogle-Miller said.

The health center differs from walk-in clinics because it does not do rapid tests. They can draw blood and take swabs, but the results take two to three days to get back. Seitz said these rapid tests are cost prohibitive because students are not willing to pay for them.

The center has the ability to make referrals to off campus facilities, but they try to do as much as they can in house.

A lot of what students say about the health center is spread through word of mouth, but these rumors do not always make it to decision makers on campus.

Thompson said that he would love to hear from students if they have problems with the center, especially those regarding the quality of care.

This past month the nurses have been out sick. Seitz was out for over a week with the flu. Another nurse was out for a broken wrist, knee surgery, gastrointestinal problems, and the flu.

"We have been hit hard by the flu that's going around. It has really never happened at this severe of a level," Thompson said.

Thompson said the college will be looking at other options should something like this happen again. The nursing students aren't used in part because they might make other students uncomfortable. Thompson said he would look into possibly using faculty that only teaches in the graduate program.

ACS gets grant

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Politis' grant proposal, which included the projects and the breakdown of expenses that ACS intends to use, won the chapter to receive the grant.

Politis collaborated with the ACS's faculty advisor Dr. Carmen Valdez Gauthier, professor of chemistry and division chair of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, in order to determine what projects the organization would hold as well as the expenses needed to have the events.

Gauthier said in a press release by FSC, "Students don't realize the opportunities they can have in chemistry. These events will show students the many possibilities of chemistry."

According to Politis, the proposal does contain freedoms that allow the rest of the members and executive board of the ASC

at FSC to have a say in how the events will be carried out. The projects that the FSC affiliate chapter of ACS intends to host will be with high school students in the Polk County area.

"We have an event planned tentatively at the start of April," Politis said. "We plan on having a handful of speakers from chemical industries to share how they use chemistry in their jobs and how they got to where they are today."

Politis said that ACS is in communication with professionals in the field.

"We will also allow the students to watch chemistry demonstrations given by our FSC chemistry faculty. Finally, we will end the day with a full-length laboratory activity for a few select schools that do not have functional labs in their high schools."

Egypt

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-ptian military was when they said they wouldn't shoot anyone and then didn't," Anderson said.

According to Anderson, the citizens of Egypt are energized even in the face of uncertainty.

"It's a really dangerous time, and I don't mean getting hit by a rock," Anderson said. "They're striving for a difference in the future, but how it will be shaped and who will shape it is up in the air."

Something that makes this series of pro-

tests unique, said Anderson, was that Egypt is extremely educated and modern, which makes their demonstrations very effective.

None of the different groups in Egypt are trying to seize control and take the government in a different direction, Anderson said.

The Egyptian government tried to stunt the news coverage of the protests by temporarily banning Al-Jazeera, an Arabian news broadcaster, and cutting off the Internet in Egypt, according to a CNN article.

Anderson called the attempts futile and says that Egypt's banks and stock market depend too much on the Internet to really shut it down.



Friday, Feb. 4

- SGA Week of Impact Continues
- Soul Food Dinner, 7 p.m., Thrift

Saturday, Feb. 5

- SGA Week of Impact Day at Lighthouse Ministries
- ACE presents Singer/Songwriter, Megan James, 7 p.m., Bandshell
- Moccasin women's & men's basketball vs. Barry, 5:30/7:30 p.m., Jenkins Field House

always something happening

FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Opinions

Where art thou readers?

In a society that seemingly places more value on free Wi-Fi and the latest Angry Birds update, the number of people still reading for pleasure is declining.

People that don't read frequently—or at all—have stunted their intellectual growth, and it seems that no one really minds.

Reading doesn't have to mean picking up "The Collected Works of Shakespeare," Plato's "Republic" or "In Search of Lost Time" by Proust.

Reading can be as simple as a short story, play or even an article in a magazine. It is a way to become exposed to different cultures, beliefs, religions and a number of others things that you might never have even heard of. Reading is a learning device.

Without this device, people tend to distance themselves from the unknown and the world around them to delve deeper into their inner world and mind. Therefore, they fail to move past what they already know, which stunts progression of learning and gaining knowledge.

The decreasing number of people reading for pleasure largely has to do with the increase in technology.

Technological advances such as cellular phones, social networking sites, the large number of television shows available at any time of day and reading analysis sites have greatly affected the decreasing number of people who bother to read for pleasure.

Why bother reading when you can watch the movie adaptation or read the SparkNotes version? Watching TV or searching for a title on the internet doesn't require the attention span that reading does.

You're probably familiar with the cultural commoners who wander around, gargling about everything they hear on their television from "Jersey Shore" to Fox News, yet know nothing of F. Scott Fitzgerald or Samuel Beckett. Advances in technology are unmistakably contributing to this trend.

Digital devices can now read and spell things for us, so much so that we don't have to put much thought into our wording or grammar.

So many programs either automatically change our grammar and spelling mishaps for us or alert us with a vivid red underlining. I believe it has gotten to the point where we don't even notice and continue

with our misspellings.

Of course this is not everyone. Some people find it difficult to want to read for pleasure after being overloaded with required reading assignments.

This has further contributed to the decrease in reading for pleasure. Being forced to read, analyze, be tested on, answer countless questions and write papers on books and other reading material can be looked at as a way of discouraging people reading anything else.

Students in this case see reading as work and something that causes pain rather than excitement. Reading is now viewed as a time consuming chore.

A growing number of reading devices have come out such as the Amazon Kindle, Nook and iPad that are sparking the interest of readers. This growing trend is viewed as a positive thing due to the convenience and connection between technology and literature.

So, maybe some people are buying books and are reading, just in digital form.

However, it is a belief of this editorial board that having these devices is more about being able to say they have it, rather than the act of reading for pleasure or furthering appreciation of literature.

If you are actually taking the time to read this, stop for a moment and take a look around you. There will probably be a mere single other human being around you who is bothering to read for the sole reason of pleasure. The others will be talking, staring off dull-eyed into space or gluing their eyes to the tiny screens of their mobile phones—half of them accessing the internet, no doubt.

This is the problem. We live in a society where, more often than not, we listen to propaganda perpetuated by the mass media, and we take it as the gospel rather than picking up the literature and deciding what's true for ourselves.

So, read this article. Read a book. Convince your friends to read a short story. Don't easily believe what you hear. Making a culture illiterate is by the far the easiest way to subsequently subjugate them. The unknowing submit; the educated rise.

This unsigned editorial is meant to reflect the consensus of the newspaper editorial board.

A Southern VIEW

Many young starlets thrust into fame too soon

Kelsey Tressler
Editor-in-Chief

The Grammys saw unique acts as ever, including Lady Gaga being carried over the red carpet in a translucent egg, the likes of Christina Aguilera, Jennifer Hudson, Florence Welch and other divas joining together to celebrate Aretha Franklin and Justin Bieber performing "Never Say Never" with Jaden Smith.

Although most of the acts were interesting and well-performed, it is the last one that caught my attention—mostly because this is the second child of Will Smith to be thrust into the spotlight at an incredibly young age. Of course, Jaden Smith recently starred in "The Karate Kid" with Jackie Chan, but I still think there is a big leap between being a child movie star and rapping with arguably the biggest tween sensation right now at the Grammy's.

Jaden Smith is 12-years old and his sister Willow Smith—of "Whip My Hair" fame—is only 11, and it's a wonder their parents give them this much freedom and this much access to the spotlight at such impressionable ages. Neither child's music or behavior has been wildly inappropriate in the way of Miley Cyrus and Britney Spears, but then again, inappropriate behavior from Cyrus and Spears is scandalous—inappropriate behavior from the Smith children would be something much more obscene.

Willow does discuss the topic of "haters" in her single, and I have to wonder what kind of haters an 11-year

old has encountered that need to be addressed in a slick, poppy song like "Whip My Hair."

The lyrics to "Never Say Never" are more appropriate for both Jaden Smith and Justin Bieber, and focus on the wholesome if entirely overdone message of perseverance. Smith's rap chorus is actually quite charming, much more reminiscent of the catchy, innocent verses of his father than Eminem or Lil Wayne.

Still, we have seen over and over again that fame can destroy the sanity and the good sense of those who are thrown into it when they are too young to cope. Even if the Smith children are musically talented, and even if they have stage presence and the ability to be stars, they should not be faced with that kind of responsibility until they are old enough to understand entirely what it means to be famous.

I don't foresee Will Smith stepping out of the spotlight anytime soon, which means his children will still have access to it in a few years, when they are better able to cope with it. Of course, the children have been in the public eye for most of their lives because of their father's fame, but there is still a difference between putting that fame and attention on yourself rather than your parents.

It is a marker of how young they really are and how far we have let childhood fame progress that Justin Beiber seems old enough by comparison.

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Features

FSC housing will be 'On the Move'

Alyssa Porrino
News Editor

Florida Southern College students will see changes throughout the campus in the upcoming fall semester.

Over the years FSC has seen a steady increase in the number of students on campus. Because of that, Community Living has done their best to see to it that student needs are met in regards to housing.

"As with any year there are always students who are unhappy or uneasy with their living situation," Kade Ross, community living coordinator said. "The college gives students three opportunities each year to make changes when available with no questions asked."

While there are no students living at the Holiday Inn due to overflow anymore, Ross said that our student enrollment levels are the highest that the school has ever seen.

"I've heard a lot of students talking about all these rooms we have available, but it's just not the case. There is room for movement but that is nothing staggering," Ross said.

In the coming semester, students can expect the Publix commons and Jenkins dorms to return to all Greek housing. Freshmen men will be split between Hollis and Dell, which will turn into all



Hollis will still house Freshman men next semester along with Dell.

Photo by Kerri Stinson

freshmen men housing.

The Second Year Experience, which is currently located in Dell, will be moved to the Barnett dorms in the fall.

Freshmen girls will remain in Allan Spivey Hall and Joseph Reynolds Hall. According to Ross, however, the Community Living staff is hoping to get rid of the quads in the building.

"We anticipate any room that is currently a triple will become a double and rooms

that are quads will become triples," Ross said.

Upperclassmen in good academic standing can be invited to live in any of the off-campus buildings after they fill out an application with Community Living.

"The Lake Morton apartments are a definite housing possibility for upperclassmen," Ann Kerr, FSC President,

said. "Students seem to really like apartment style living. It's one of the top preferred styles to students."

Ross is very excited to be able to offer these rooms to students.

"It is a transitional step for students who will find themselves out in the real world, being a part of the larger community," Ross said.

According to Kerr, many students had requested apartment style living but there

was no room to build another dorm on campus.

"When it comes to how you all live and eat, we watch very carefully," Kerr said. "We want you all to be happy. I'm still waiting for students to ask for a rock-climbing wall."

Kerr acknowledges that it may be difficult in the first few years to fill rooms, but she is positive that, with FSC's strong enrollment in the MBA program, rooms in the apartments will eventually fill-up.

"It is only a 12 minute walk from Lake Morton to the campus and I feel students are very interested in being a part of the same community.

Kerr has a master plan for the campus, which includes having 115 acres for the school. She plans on building a new business and nursing building, since they are the largest majors and continue to grow in popularity, as well as a new safety building. Kerr wants to get the furnishings and technology improved throughout the campus.

Ross feels that with plans for expansion and independent living students can be prepared for life outside of FSC.

"I think that we need to keep looking at not only what the students want but what they need in order to prepare them for their next steps," Ross said.

Photos by Kerri Stinson



SYE will be moving from Dell to the Barnett Resident Halls.



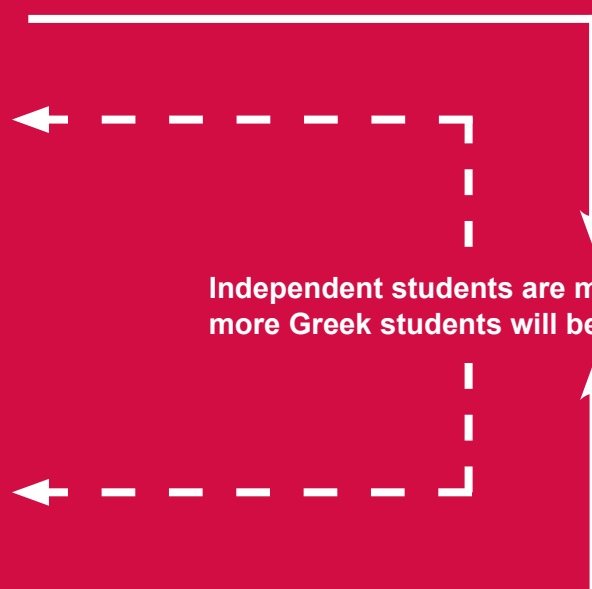
Side view of Wesley Barnett Resident Hall.



Publix Commons Residential Suites.



Charles Jenkins Resident Halls.



Independent students are moving out while more Greek students will be moving in.

Features



Theta Chi Chris Michalik adds chips to his plate at the All-Greek Barbecue on Feb. 12.

Photos by Jessica Kaepernik



Senior Kelsey Duncan gives out treats at the Greek Barbecue.



Michaela Stockhill pulls burgers off the grill on Feb. 12.



Top: Junior Jay Espinal hops on a table and gives a thumbs up at the barbecue.

Right: Students enjoy the hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and other food at the outdoor greek barbecue.



Top: Junior Jay Espinal greets junior Sarah Sussman at the All-Greek Barbecue.



Features

Professor revisits past for documentary

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30 years ago, a boy of almost 14-years-old waited outside in the dark with his parents for the cab that would take them to Mariel.

He watched a motorcycle cop drive up and park in front of them. The Cuban police officer called out his father's name.

In that moment, he never thought he would make it to America.

However, that moment marks the end of Dr. Jose Garcia's life in Cuba and the very beginning of his new life as a Cuban-American and a "Marielito."

Garcia, associate professor and department chair of the Modern Languages department at FSC, came to America in 1980 as part of the Mariel Boatlift, one of the largest exoduses in the 20th century.

"At that age its traumatic to leave and go to another country," Garcia said. "It really affected me."

While writing a book about his journey from Cuba, he came up with the idea to revisit Cuba and his past. He wanted the book to capture the Mariel Boatlift in a way that had never been done before.

Jesse Larson, a recent graduate of FSC and student of Garcia's at the time, brought Garcia's story to NFocus, a Lakeland-based production company. From there, pre-production began, and Garcia worked with NFocus to raise funds for the documentary.

"I was the guy selling the story," he said. "I was surprised to see that a lot of investors were interested in the topic."

Director Jim Carleton, producer Rob Tritton and Larson worked with Garcia to gather around 13 interviews of other "Marielitos" that shared similar experiences during the Mariel Boatlift.

Garcia was able to return to Cuba in order to gather footage of people affected by the exodus of 1980. He visited his old neighborhood, took a tour through his old house and was reunited with his best friend for the first time in 30 years.

"He didn't recognize me at first," Garcia said. "It was a very touching moment."

Footage was also gathered capturing how the country has fared since the Mariel Boatlift. According to Garcia, Cuba is "frozen in time."

"When I went to China I felt like I was closer to the United States than when I was in Cuba," he said. "Geographically we are right around the corner but really [Cuba] is worlds away."

Ultimately, these other stories will work

with Garcia's story and the footage of him returning to Cuba to tell the comprehensive story of the Mariel Boatlift.

One thing that was very important to Garcia and the NFocus crew was compiling an all-encompassing story of the Mariel Boatlift in order to fully preserve that time in history.

"There are many documentaries that touch on this as a part of history, but nothing we could find was specifically dedicated to [the Mariel Boatlift]," Tritton said. "I would like for Cuban-Americans to have a historical piece that captures this event in a compelling and emotional way."

As a prelude to the exodus, around 10,000 people flocked to the Peruvian embassy in Cuba seeking political asylum. Fidel Castro responded by allowing anyone who wished to leave Cuba to leave through the port of Mariel.

It is a goal of the producers and Garcia to educate the public--Americans and Cuban-Americans alike--about the Mariel Boatlift and the "Marielitos." Because Castro took this opportunity to release Cuba's prisoners, people fleeing Cuba in 1980 were unfairly stereotyped as criminals, thieves, gangsters and lunatics.

"The marielitos got stamped with this stigma," Larson said. "I want people to know that these people are real human beings."

Castro cleansed his prisons and mental hospitals and simultaneously tarnished the way people viewed the innocent refugees as well.

"It was strategic move on Castro's part," Tritton said. "Castro's statement was 'I've flushed the toilets of Cuba on to the United States'...it was a good move on his part because it worked."

The documentary will also include interviews with a Peruvian diplomat and a Peruvian reporter that were present at the Peruvian embassy in Cuba during the event that sparked the Mariel Boatlift. Garcia said that the inclusion of these interviews is something that will separate their documentary from others.



Dr. Jose Garcia stands near a statue of a man in his hometown named Francisquito. The man was famous for being able to tell the exact time without looking at a watch or the sun.

Photo courtesy of Jose Garcia

Because the production crew was traveling to Cuba, they took many significant risks to safely bring the footage back to Florida. Tritton said this aspect of the trip was surprising and difficult for him and the rest of the crew.

"It's engrained in [us] to let our guards down at points, because we live with our guards down," he said. "It's hard to keep your guard up for a whole week."

The crew explored many parts of Cuba that were unfamiliar to them, but all too familiar to Garcia. He said that even though he has often felt like a "cultural orphan" because he left when he was young, he immediately knew upon arriving in Cuba that the decision to make the documentary was the right one.

"It was an eyeopener and I really connected with Cuba in a way that I never suspected," Garcia said. "This is where I belong, this is my country."

The documentary is set to debut at the Gasparilla International Film Festival on March 26. It will be shown at the Muvico Theater in Ybor City at 7 p.m.

MSC celebrates diversity

Mary Quinn
Contributing Writer

The Multicultural Student Council has been busy for the month of February, Black History Month.

The MSC has been putting on one event a week this month to celebrate Black History Month. The events started with the Soul Food Dinner that was held on February 4. Members of the MSC meet bi-weekly to keep on top of all the events and planning that needs to be taken care of throughout the school year. This month has been particularly busy since the group is hosting four events versus their usual one or two.

KeTia Harris assumed the role as president of the MSC this year and felt that as a group they could do a lot with this month.

The group has been fundraising since last semester to offset the cost of some of the events but, according to Harris, everything has been going fairly well.

"We've been fortunate," Harris said. "A lot of people in the community work with us and donate their time to come help us put the events on."

The soul food dinner, Harris shared, that was catered by G&L Catering had a great turnout. Among other things, it featured The Rhythm Architects also performed.

The 90's Wuz Here House Party, held last weekend in the Lakeview room. MSC had a DJ and both a 90's outfit and dance contest featuring a special prize.

The final events for the month will be Open Mic Night on February 18th in the Drawing Room and Gospel explosion on February 20 at 3 p.m. in Anne Pfeiffer Chapel. The group has great expectations for both events.

For the students who missed out on February's festivities and celebrations, they have nothing to worry about. MSC is planning on hosting an event in March for Asian Pacific Islander month or Women's History Month and to celebrate those from the Caribbean even though the official month is June, the group hopes to put on an event in April to celebrate those of Caribbean ethnicity.

Award shows praise same productions again and again

Megan Getter
Contributing Writer

Since January the movie awards have been coming out, one after the next: the Critics' Choice Movie Awards, the Screen Actors Guild Awards, the Golden Globe Awards and the Academy Awards.

The Academy Awards will not be airing until later this month, but the results may already been in.

The Golden Globe Awards, Critics' Choice Movie Awards and Screen Actors Guild Awards awarded the same nominees. The winners were *The Social Network* for Best Picture, Natalie Portman for Best Actress, Colin Firth for Best Actor, and David

Fincher for Best Director.

The Academy Awards have the same nominees in their respective categories, and more than a few similar other nominees.

Nominated for best picture are *Black Swan*, *The Fighter*, *Inception*, *The Kids Are All Right*, *The King's Speech*, *127 Hours*, *The Social Network*, *Toy Story 3*, *True Grit* and *Winter's Bone*.

The nominees for "Actor in a Leading Role" are Javier Bardem, Jeff Bridges, Jesse Eisenberg, Colin Firth and James Franco. The nominees for "Actress in a Leading Role" are Annette Bening, Nicole Kidman, Jennifer Lawrence, Natalie Portman and Michelle Williams.

In addition to these Oscar nominees

are categories such as "Animated Feature Film," "Music (Original Score)," "Music (Original Song)" and "Visual Effects."

Award nominees are most often for small independent films of which few in the general public have seen or heard.

According to boxoffice Mojo.com, *The Social Network* grossed \$96,624,000, with a production budget of \$40 million. This movie does not fit the mold of previous year's winners in that respect.

People tune into the awards for various reasons. Some want to see the fashion and the glitz. Others want to see what the hosts have in store.

Hollywood Foreign Press asked Ricky Gervais to host the Golden Globe Awards

this year. His humor left some celebrities offended who turned to the Internet to vent their frustration.

"The response was staggering," Gervais said to MTV News.

"It was discussed on every news channel and chat show for weeks.

Despite all the media hype, Gervais said he has not found anyone who was actually offended by his humor.

"I did exactly what I went to do. Improve on last year's [show] and have a laugh," Gervais said.

James Franco and Anne Hathaway are co-hosts for the Academy Awards. The telecast will air live on ABC on February 27 at 8pm.

Even in offseason, teams still win, lose

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With Major League Baseball's winter meetings in the past and spring training arriving it's time to take a look at the winners and losers of the winter meetings and off-season.

A team can often be called a winner when looking at how much a team spent in total and how they addressed their need in a particular area. Just because a team spent a lot of money does not mean it was a wise investment.

If a team is a loser in the winter meetings it may not just be the result of not addressing their needs, but losing key targets to other teams, such as the Los Angeles Angels of Anahim. Another key to a team having a losing off-season is losing an abundance of players to free agency, such as the Tampa Bay Rays.

This off-season's winners are the Boston Red Sox, Philadelphia Phillies, Milwaukee Brewers, Baltimore Orioles and Scott Boras.

The Red Sox solidified their lineup by trading for superstar slugger Adrian Gonzalez and signing the speedy Carl Crawford to a seven-year \$142-million contract.

With these acquisitions they both filled their first based need and improved their outfield.

The Phillies surprised almost everybody by signing the most coveted pitcher this free agency in pitching ace Cliff Lee to a five-year \$120-million contract. Although they lost their starting right fielder to the Washington Nationals, they have one of the top prospects in baseball, Dominic Brown, expected to take over.

This offseason the Brewers made their case to have one of the best rotations in the National League by trading for Shawn Marcum and former American League CY Young winner Zach Greinke. Also acquired in the trade that brought Greinke, the Brewers got shortstop Yuniesky Betancourt solidifying their defense.

The Orioles had one of the busier off seasons. This year there are looking at almost an entirely new infield with imports Mark Reynolds and JJ Hardy coming in via trade and Derek Lee via free agency. They also made great strides in making their bullpen more effective by signing Kevin Gregg, Mark Hendrickson as well as starter Justin Duchscherer.

Scott Boras has the busiest offseason as an agent inking mega deals for superstars Jayson Werth, Adrian Beltré, Rafael Soriano and Carlos Peña – each making at

least \$10-million in 2011 – and helped Carlos Gonzalez get a seven year contract extension worth \$80-million. He also found takers for aging and forgotten stars such as Johnny Damon, Manny Ramirez and Andruw Jones. Boras was rewarded for his hard work by picking up new clients such as the New York Yankees Robinson Cano and Nick Swisher.

As for the losers I believe the Angels, Rays, Yankees, New York Mets, and Chicago Cubs win this non-prestigious award.

The Angels lost out on their three key targets, Crawford, Beltré and Soriano by getting outbid by other teams. They also traded for aging outfielder Vernon Wells and picked up his \$86-million contract over the next four years. An upside to their off-season was signing free agent relievers Scott Downs and Hisanori Takahashi.

The main reason for the Rays horrible offseason was the fact that they lost almost their entire bullpen as well as key players Crawford and Peña to free agency. They also traded away one of their top starters in Matt Garza and starting shortstop Jason Bartlett for prospects in order to cut payroll.

Other than resigning future Hall of Famers Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera the Yankees have had a quiet offseason. They lost key target Cliff Lee and lost Andy Pet-

tite to retirement. They are an aging team and signed what looks to be an early 2000s all star team to minor league contracts – including Bartolo Colon, Freddy Garcia, Mark Prior, Andruw Jones, Eric Chavez, and Ronnie Beliard.

On a positive note they added a proven lefty reliever in Pedro Feliciano and catcher Russell Martin.

The Mets are losers for the fact that they didn't make any moves at all except for resigning R.A. Dickey and taking risks on pitchers Chris Young and Chris Capuano coming back from injuries. It is surprising considering the big market in New York and a subpar 2010 season.

The Cubs had a losing off-season with fact that they overpaid for Carlos Peña – \$10-million for someone who batted less than .200. They also traded away the majority of their top prospects for pitcher Matt Garza who didn't improve their team as much as they think.

Just because a team may be a winner or loser in the offseason doesn't mean it will carry over to spring training and into the regular season. That's the great thing about baseball you never know what will happen you just play the game and see how the season progresses.

Mocs take first seven, earn No. 2 D-II rank

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The FSC baseball team jumped out to an early lead in the SSC standing, starting out the season with seven-straight home wins over St. Thomas, Saint Leo and Barton.

None of the teams within the nine-team SSC have played a conference game yet.

The Mocs earned a spot on the D-II poll at No. 2 as determined by the Collegiate Newspaper Coaches' Poll. The only other teams in the top 25 that FSC will face during regular-season play are Tampa (No. 5) and West Florida (No. 11).

Much of the team's offensive power has come in 5th-inning scoring surges. FSC has outscored opponents in all seven games 19-3 in 5th innings and have more than doubled the total number of runs scored by competitors.

Though it is still early in the season,

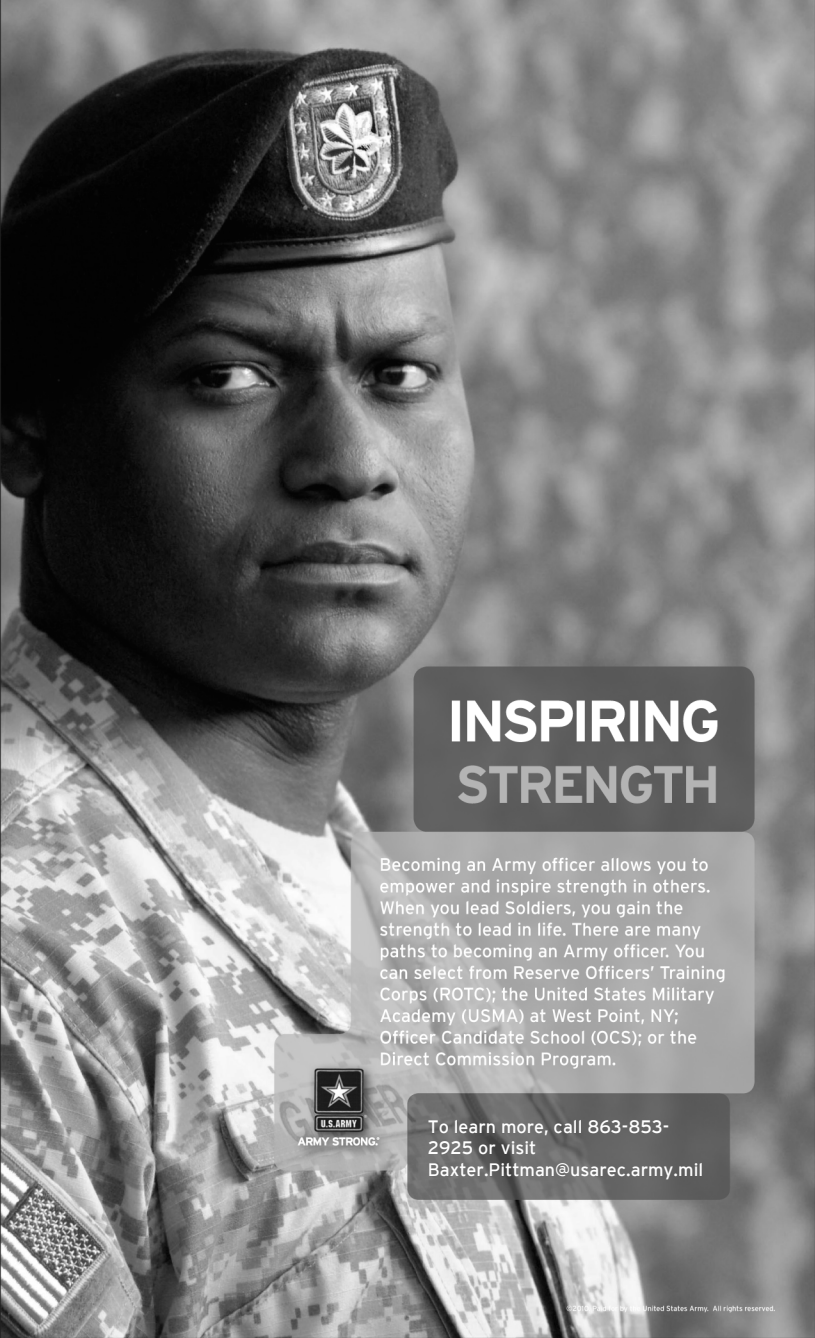
Cloin Kaline leads the Mocs with a .556 batting average and .733 on-base percentage. Of players who have had at least 20 at bats, three other Mocs top the .300 mark.

Six different pitchers have earned wins so far this season. Jake Guengerich and Patrick Szczerba maintain ERAs of zero over three games.

As is tradition, dating back to 1979, college baseball and spring training will converge for an exhibition game at the end of the month. Florida Southern will play the Detroit Tigers at Tigertown in Lakeland on Feb. 25.

"Our players go out there and perform at their best because this is a once in a lifetime experience for them (FSC players)," said Ron Myers, director of Florida Operations for the Detroit Tigers, at a press conference.

Last season, the Mocs took a 13-1 to the Major League team.



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Feb. 25
1 p.m.

Joker Marchant Stadium



Students can sign up for free tickets in the Bandshell

Sports

Baseball & Softball



The Lady Mocs practice on Barnett field.
Photos from Justin Bivens

Right: Outfielder and first baseman Tony Mitchell stands in against Barton College on Feb 11.
Left: Pitcher Gus Schlosser faced off against Barton in Game 1. Schlosser also knocked a three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth inning.



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Must-Do's for Moc baseball fans

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The blades of grass are nearly perfect. The red clay is evenly swept. The white bases are brushed cleaned. It is the most beautiful time of year when bats slice through the air and balls disappear behind fences.

From the dugouts at Henley Field – home of the Moccasins – to the stands at Tigertown – the Spring Training home of the Detroit Tigers – baseball has arrived in Lakeland again.

My first experience with baseball began when my older brother made me catch fly balls for him and his friends in a pasture when I was about seven-years-old. My love for baseball developed into a full-blown obsession in high school when some of the boys thought they could say they knew more than me and I engulfed myself in the sport.

Now that I live in Lakeland and call Florida Southern my alma matter, I have been able to experience three tiers of baseball over the past few years and I want to make sure every true Florida Southern baseball fan experiences the best of baseball Lakeland has to offer.

Florida Southern Home Game

Florida Southern has possibly the most respected Division II program in the nation and we have had various players not only enter the Minor League Baseball system, but have signed Major League contracts. These ballplayers call Henley Field their home and are sure to impress at every game. Why not go out to a game and maybe one day say, “I remember when I saw him play in a Florida Southern uniform”?

Dr. Plowman's Baseball in American Society

It is not secret that Sociology professor Dr. Edwin Plowman is one of the most eccentric professors on this campus. His “Baseball in American Society” class has by far been one of the favorite classes. Dr. Plowman has some experiences that none of us will ever be able to call our own and he shares them in every class session. Oh, and my personal library grew with the books he assigned that I just did not ever want to sell back to the bookstore.

Detroit Tigers vs. Florida Southern College Exhibition Game

One of the longest standing traditions in baseball in the entire nation is the exhibition game between the De-

troit Tigers and Florida Southern College. The relationship started in 1979 and only stopped for four years in the 1990's. The Detroit Tigers play all of their starters for the first few innings and the Moccasins are given a chance to face the professionals. Be sure to buy your tickets for the Feb. 25 game at Tigertown.

Lakeland Flying Tigers Game

Tigertown is also home the Detroit Tigers Single-A Advanced affiliate the Lakeland Flying Tigers. Each of the games is treated the same way a regular MLB game would be treated. There are giveaways, competitions and fireworks every season. There is no doubt that it is the most affordable entertainment in Lakeland.

Spring Training Road Trip

During each of our spring breaks, Spring Training is in full swing and it has always been my goal to take a road trip to each of the complexes in the Grapefruit League. While this goal will be pushed off to another year, I encourage each and every true baseball fan to gas up the car and save those pennies and head to each complex. If that's too much, be sure to make your way to any of the games that are all within three hours of Lakeland.

Home Athletic Events

Sat.	Feb. 19	Basketball	vs.	Rollins* +	Jenkins Feild House	5:30 pm
Mon.	Feb. 21	W. Golf		Lady Moc Classic	Lone Plam	
Tue.	Feb. 22	W. Golf		Lady Moc Classic	Lone Plam	
		Baseball	vs.	Flagler	Henley Field	7:00 pm
Wed.	Feb. 23	Basketball	vs.	Tampa* +	Jenkins Feild House	5:30 pm
Sat.	Feb. 26	W. Tennis	vs.	St. Edwards	FSC Tennis Court	10:00 am
		Lacrosse	vs.	Limestone	Bryant Stadium	1:00 pm
Mon.	Feb. 28	Tennis	vs.	Lake Superior St. +FSC	Tennis Courts	10:00 am

+ indicates doubleheader/ match up with women and men *indicates Sunshine State Conference opponent