

Administrative panel answers students

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SGA's Town Hall Meeting offered students a chance to get answers to many of the campus' most frequently asked questions – straight from the source.

President Anne Kerr revealed the campus master plan including both new construction and planned upgrades.

The Patriot's Chapel and the Tourism and Education Center are set to break ground next semester. The new chapel will be located next to the Glover Garden between the Rogers Building and Ordway.

While Patriot's Chapel will not be completed before the end of the academic year, construction is expected to be fairly quick thanks to the small size. The tourism center's revenue will contribute to the maintenance of buildings to ensure that tuition is not used for that purpose, Kerr said.

Other future construction plans include a new business building and new residence halls. Kerr stressed that these would be entirely funded by donors including alumni and friends of the college.

"There are plans for two new residence

halls in our future, but it's about timing," Dean of Student Development Matt Thompson said.

Thompson also mentioned that Hollis Hall is a priority for renovations.

There are no plans to relieve the parking congestion on campus, however.

"There are empty spaces, they just might not be where you want them," Kerr said. "Part of our strategy will be building more of a bike culture."

The panel agreed that there are no future plans to limit first-year students from parking cars on campus. With the exception of Rollins College, several of FSC's competitors all allow freshmen to park on campus.

When asked about the rising parking fees, Vice President of Finance Terry Dennis pointed out that FSC has one of the lowest parking fees around.

Students addressed the need for the engaged learning aspect of classes to be enforced. Provost Russ Warren said that while professors are taught engaged learning concepts, future training should be more in depth and specific. Warren also makes an effort to visit classrooms to see the effectiveness of the strategy.

"We've run many workshops on engaged learning and we need to do more," Warren said.

Kerr hopes to eliminate classroom congestion by spreading classes throughout the day in the future. Ordway and Rogers are due for technology upgrades.

FSC hopes to continue to move toward making Student Life offices more accessible to students by moving offices into one location. The Center for Student Involvement, Community Living, Life and Cultural Center and the Student Health Center will eventually move into Edge Hall once the education department shifts to the Rob-

erts Academy on McDonald Street.

The panel received mixed student responses on the new menus in Wynnee's Bistro. Thompson said that the salad bar vegetables come from local growers giving students fresher food with fewer pesticides. The new "action stations" offer more options for made-to-order food.

Other changes students should see in the future include the addition of a women's lacrosse team, a crew team, a citrus grove between the Rogers Building and the Raulerson Building and new security cameras in parking lots. Thompson even mentioned the possibility of hammocks on campus.

Eight professors receive tenure

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FSC prides itself on its beautiful campus, small class sizes, and most importantly, a strong education provided by determined faculty with strong educational backgrounds in their respective fields. Eight professors were recently awarded tenure as a sign of the school's appreciation for all they do for the school.

Before receiving tenure, professors are hired on a one-year contract. Without tenure, professors must wait until April to be informed if their contract will be renewed.

With tenure, a professor's contract is renewed automatically, but that does not

imply that they are unable to be fired. The 2010-2011 Faculty Handbook reads, "as long as the faculty member fulfills the criteria for tenure as well as other contractual obligations and there is a need for his or her specialty, employment will continue."

In the education department, Perry Castelli, who has been with FSC for nine years, was awarded tenure. Castelli entered the school as an associate professor and was promoted to a full professor in 2008.

Castelli felt honored by the recognition. While he has received tenure in four other states, he believes FSC's tenure process is the most serious and in-depth.

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Pastor cancels Quran burning

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The Gainesville pastor who threatened to burn the Quran announced on Sept. 11 that he would not follow through with his protest plan.

Pastor Terry Jones from the Dove Outreach Center ignited controversy when he promised to burn the Islamic holy book in protest of the proposed mosque at Ground Zero. The

Muslim world has since reacted strongly, and two protestors were killed in Afghanistan, according to the Associated Press.

Since Jones' threat surfaced, everyone from President Obama to famous celebrities have asked the pastor to reconsider. In an interview with George Stephanopoulos of ABC News, Obama called Jones' protest a stunt and said that



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burning the Quran would only endanger United States soldiers in Iraq.

Obama also told Stephanopoulos that the spread of anger in the Muslim community due to Jones' protest could increase recruitment for Al Qaeda.

"I hope he listens to those better angels," Obama said of Jones.

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Jones told various newspapers he would call off the burning if he travelled to New York and spoke with Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, the man behind the controversial mosque in New York City. There was confusion as to whether Jones had actually spoken to Rauf and whether he would really call off his controversial protest.

On Sept. 11, Jones cancelled his demonstration permanently and even said he was against other churches burning the Quran.

“We feel God is telling us to stop,” Jones told Associated Press.

Numerous newspapers reported copycats, though none received the same attention as Jones’ publicized threat.

According to reports, Pastor Bob Old from Tennessee burned two copies of the Quran using lighter fluid. When asked by local reporters, he did not claim to have any affiliation with the Dove Outreach Center.

The explosive protests in Afghanistan have escalated, despite the fact that Jones called off his book burning. Afghan soldiers fired into hostile crowds as protesters tried to storm the government headquarters. This resulted in two deaths and four injuries on Sunday, according to the Associated Press.

Specialists worry that the increased tension will only deepen the chasm between America and Islamic countries.

In a speech at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, Obama spoke out against radical acts such as burning the Quran.

“As Americans we are not and will never be at war with Islam,” Obama said. “It was not a religion that attacked us that September day, it was Al Qaeda – a sorry band of men which perverts religion.”

Bill affects student loans, repayment

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When the health care bill was voted on last spring, the hype centered primarily around the shift in health care options, however the legislation included an entirely new system to revamp how college students receive and pay for student loans as well.

According to White House data, on a national scale, nearly two-thirds of students receive student loans and accumulate an average debt of more than \$23,000 by graduation. However, college graduates commonly move immediately into entry-level careers that do not produce a salary high enough to make a significant dent in repayment of debt.

The new legislation boasts that it is capable of resolving the issue. Under the bill, new borrowers who choose to participate after July 1, 2014, may see loan repayments that do not exceed 10 percent of the graduate’s income, down from the previous 15 percent rate.

Additionally, borrowers after summer 2014 who continue to make regular, monthly payments toward eliminating their debt can expect to see any remaining debt forgiven after a period of 20 years or 10 years for borrowers who choose to enter into a public service career.

As it was prior, the process for applying for a loan begins with filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, but rather

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Odd News

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163 marriages in Taiwan on honored '9' day

Couples in Taiwan—163 to be exact—were married in a massive ceremony on September 9. The couples were married at 9:09 a.m. in the 99th year since their republic was founded. The word for nine in Chinese sounds identical to the word for longevity, so many couples are hoping the special date and time means their marriage will last forever. The “nine-nine-nine-nine-nine-nine nuptials” were planned specifically for those reasons.

Squirrel adopted by cat purrs

A housecat took a baby squirrel into her litter and called it her own. The abandoned squirrel has learned how to purr like a cat, following the behavior of its mother and siblings. The squirrel even nurses with the kittens. According to experts, the squirrel will probably never be able to survive on its own in the wild. The owners of the cat have decided to keep the squirrel as long as it wants to stay there.

'Homeward Bound'

A family in Michigan will be reunited with their dog they thought had been lost seven years ago. Somehow, the dog made his way all the way to Kentucky and ended up at an after-hours shelter. A shelter warden discovered a microchip implanted under its skin and called the owner to whom the dog was registered. The family is thrilled to finally be reunited with their beloved dog.

University offers creative elective class

The University of Virginia is offering a class titled “GaGa for Gaga: Sex, Gender and Identity,” a class focusing on Lady Gaga in relation to social ideals and boundaries. The class is set

to focus on Gaga’s influence on both gender expression as well as feminism through studying her music. The class will also give students the chance to listen to Gaga’s music and watch her music videos to form thoughts and opinions on the topic. It has been said that this class, a writing course, may be one way to get students who would have never considered taking a gender studies class to think otherwise.

'Human Magnet' attracts more than attention

A British woman has the unusual ability to hold coins, keys and other magnetic objects to her head and chest for about 45 minutes. Allison, who says she feels “like a fridge covered in magnets” discovered this ability when she was in nursery school. Doctors have suggested the magnetism is caused by stress, she says. According to scientists, everyone has an electromagnetic field in their body, but Allison’s may be heightened for one reason or another. She is not the only person in the world who has a magnetic quality, with at least four other noted individuals possessing similar abilities.

Professor experiments with health vs. weight

A nutrition professor at Kansas State University will eat mainly Twinkies and Nutty Bars for the next few weeks, with the occasional serving of vegetables. Professor Mark Haub wants to prove that foods commonly regarded as junk food may actually help people lose weight—not gain it. The idea behind the experiment is to answer the question of whether it is what we weigh or what we eat that we should be most concerned about. Haub is taking the “junk food versus health food” idea into practical terms. Living on low-fat, low-calorie foods would end up being just as unhealthy as living on junk food, Haub says. He has already lost seven pounds since the start of the experiment.

FSC honored in college rankings

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Florida Southern received numerous praises in several annual college guides including Princeton Review, Fiske Guide, U.S. News & World Report and Washington Monthly.

The 2011 edition of The Princeton Review's The Best 373 Colleges guidebook listed FSC ninth on its list of most beautiful campuses, a distinction that is considered to be a strong indicator of quality of life on college campuses.

"I am thrilled that our campus has been chosen the ninth most beautiful campus in the nation by The Princeton Review, President Anne Kerr said. "Florida Southern's continued upward trajectory in the rankings of all of the top college guides reflects the marvelous opportunities available to students to realize their educational goals that prepare them to make important contributions to our global society."

The prestigious guide also praised FSC for the strong sense of community, caring professors, and strong academics. One student surveyed by The Princeton Review said students can expect a "personalized education."

FSC received further recognition from The Princeton Review ranking 20th on a list entitled "Everyone Plays Intramural Sports."

In the 2011 edition of Fiske Guide to Colleges, FSC is one of 45 schools touted as a "Best Buy" college. This year's list includes only 24 private colleges. The listed schools were selected for their academic programs, tuition costs and quality of life for students.

The Fiske Guide is the nation's No. 1 bestselling college guide and focuses on numerous aspects of student life including academics, campus setting, student body, financial aid, housing, food, social life and extracurricular. About 300 colleges are recognized annually as the best schools in the United States.

U.S. News & World Report, a publication that ranks institutions in the areas of student quality and selectivity, retention and graduation rates, faculty quality, class size and alumni giving, ranked FSC among the "Top 10 Best Regional Colleges in the South." FSC is the highest-ranked regional college in Florida, ranking 8th on the list.

"We are extremely proud of this prestigious US News & World Report distinction," Kerr said. "Our position in the Top 10 in the South in our category and #1 in Florida highlights the quality of a Florida Southern College education and our commitment to excellence in everything we do."

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U.S. News & World Report also noted that FSC improved drastically in the area of freshman retention.

Washington Monthly listed FSC in its September 2010 College Rankings issue as a "Top 50 Baccalaureate College." At 23rd,

FSC was the only Florida institution listed.

Washington Monthly considers its college guide a "different kind of college ranking." When ranking colleges, it poses the question "What are colleges doing for the country?" "It is exciting that Florida Southern is being recognized nationally as the great college we know it to be," Lee Mayhall, vice president of advancement, said.

Criminology professor Risdon Slate worked at FSC since 1993. Slate has published several articles and authored Criminalization of Mental Illness with W. Wesley Johnson.

Slate's new goals include continuation of collaborative learning with his students and working on the next edition of his book, which will feature assistance from one of his students and more of a psychologist's perspective.

Religion professor Sara Fletcher Harding, associate professor of education Jennifer King, associate professor of art William Otremsky and computer science professor Gwendolyn Walton also received tenure.

Tenure

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Next year will mark James Denham's 20th year at FSC. He has written books, published articles and assisted with the creation of the Center for Florida History. Denham aspires to be the very best teacher and writer that he can be, to stay alive in his profession and to remain engaged in his field.

"It is difficult to have good teachers," Denham said. "Impossible even, if they are not engaged in their field of work."

James "Mick" Lynch, in the athletic training department, also received tenure. Lynch has been with FSC for seven years and was promoted to a full professor in 2008. He was relieved to hear that he was a tenured professor.

Lynch said he would have had to start looking for another job had he not received tenure.

Loans

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than choosing a bank vendor to borrow funds from, federal direct loans are provided by a single source, the U.S. Department of Education, effective for the fall 2010 semester. Once a Master Promissory Note has been filed with the federal direct loan program, students may continue to use the same MPN even if they transfer schools or advance into a graduate program.

"It will be easier for students in the long run. They can change schools and move their loan from the University of Florida to FSC on the same Master Promissory Note," said Bill Healy, director of Financial Aid at FSC. "It's already set up and a student going to grad school can continue to use the same MPN."

Students who may already have outstanding loans with banks will still not be expected to begin payment on their loans until six months after they are no longer enrolled and rather than working to pay off two separate lenders, the federal direct loan program allows for consolidation of

outstanding loans.

Healy recommends students wait until after they graduate to consolidate any student loans they may have.

"With multiple payments, people can accidentally forget one. It's easier just to have them in one place," Healy said. "(Consolidation) makes a big difference to students in avoiding default."

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Bill Healy
Director of Financial Aid

Both subsidized and unsubsidized loans still abide by the grace period and even after the grace period has expired, students will have the option of choosing from several different repayment plans.

"It's pretty straight forward," junior Cynthia Padilla said.

Healy said the office of financial made an effort to inform students of the change by mentioning it on the financial aid award letter, a notice on the bill and by offering an informational session, but that some students were still unaware of the change. Students who intend to receive loans this semester will need to complete a new Master Promissory Note.

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Opinions

Students Speak Out

“What did you think of the VMAs?”



“I could not believe that while Lady Gaga won everything, she did not sing.”

Gigi Barrios
Junior

“I thought it was ridiculous that Lady Gaga accepted an award wearing a meat dress and shoes.”

Cynthia Navaro
Junior

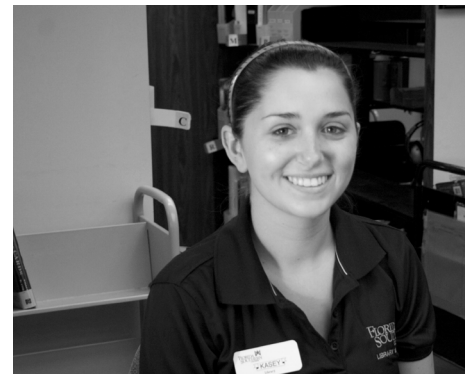


“It was entertaining and funny to laugh at.”

Lauren Hernandez
Sophomore

“I think it is really dumb. I do not think that stars should be treated the way that they are.”

Kasey Tousand
Junior



GaGa stuns MTV fans and PETA

When I set out to discuss MTV’s Video Music Awards, I was eagerly awaiting my opportunity to share my thoughts about the Justin Bieber craze that swept the nation – my ponderings of when the 16-year old will hit puberty, why Bieber thinks he will ever be able to follow in Usher’s footsteps, the fact that college students flocking to Bieber concerts is essentially commercial pedophilia or when he will either find a red carpet date or come out of the closet.

Although it is not my intention for this column, I do find it necessary to point out that Bieber told MTV, while on the red carpet, that “(his) mom didn’t want (him) dating,” while Bieber commercials aired during the VMAs clearly showed the young star wearing what appeared to be a poor choice of lipstick.

Regardless of his mediocre performance and inability to find the stage to accept his moonman, the night truly belonged to GaGa.

Sure, she may have nabbed a VMA-record 13 nominations and taken home what is likely the most coveted prize of the evening for Video of the Year, but the awards may not be what her VMA appearance is remembered for.

Forget the old cliché, red-carpet question, “who are you wearing?” All 11 million VMA viewers had to be asking Lady Gaga “what animals are you wearing?”

While GaGa may be well known for her elaborate, stand-out costumes, Franc Fernandez, one of her primary designers, outdid himself with the dress he claims was actually designed out of meat with heels to match. If you managed to miss it, it is certainly worth Googling.

Needless to say, PETA took offense to the stunt – posting blogs and commentary in response. One of my favorite accusations from blog.peta.org read, “meat is the decomposing flesh of a tormented animal who didn’t want to die, and after a few hours under the TV lights, it would smell like the rotting flesh it is and likely be crawling in maggots.”

Unless that author could communicate using mooing, I sincerely doubt he knew the last will of the cows who fell victim to GaGa’s outfit.

Now I have never claimed to know a single thing about fashion, but I was dead set

on refusing to believe the dress was actually made of meat. However, after visiting more than a dozen sites to try to support my case I discovered she seems to have actually taken her statement that far – a conclusion that was extremely difficult for me to cope with.

This new realization left me with an entirely separate, and possibly more perplexing, list of questions than the Bieber topic. Was it REALLY meat? Was it preserved or was it placed on her skin straight out of the fridge? Was Cher as disturbed as I was

when she was asked to hold GaGa’s meat purse? Did it smell?

The usually huggy Ellen Degeneres seemed unsure of how

to greet Gaga when she arrived as a guest for the Ellen talk show season premiere and settled for a distant kiss on the cheek, but the reaction certainly serves as evidence for the real meat theory.

While on the show, Lady Gaga shared her reasoning for the meat dress by saying, “If we don’t stand up for what we believe in, we don’t fight for our rights, pretty sure we’re going to have as much right as the meat on our bones.”

Although the message is acceptable, the explanation seemed to have almost been an afterthought as she struggled to find a semi-legitimate reason to have worn the dress – not that she really needs the additional spotlight.

If it were anyone but GaGa, I would question whether the stunt were an attempt to replace the attention MTV gained after the 2009 VMAs when Kanye West interrupted Taylor Swift’s acceptance speech, but the concept of meat clothing was actually not new to Lady Gaga. She initially sparked the attention of animal rights activists and vegetarians alike when she donned a meat bikini on the cover of Japanese Vogue.

With all eyes focused on GaGa’s attire, many fans may have missed the fact that Ke\$ha arrived wearing black garbage bags, will.i.am wore an entirely black costume and black face while Katy Perry wore not much of anything. Nonetheless, the VMA’s proved to at least be a welcome distraction from MTV’s normal programming.

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Opinions

Ground Zero mosque raises concerns

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With Donald Trump's recent offer to buy the property that will house the mosque near Ground Zero, it seems the controversial topic has reached every part of America.

Trump's intention was to purchase a share of the property from one of the eight investors in hopes of putting a stop to the project. His offer was turned down, but it underlines the lengths to which this debate has gone.

The very term given to the building, "Ground Zero mosque" is inaccurate. The mosque is actually two blocks away from Ground Zero and four blocks away from the site of the planned memorial. Not a great distance, but enough so that visitors will not see the mosque while paying their respects to the lives lost on Sept. 11.

In addition, the building will not solely be a mosque. According to the man behind the controversial idea, Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, the building will be both a community center and a prayer center. It will include a swimming pool, a basketball court, a culinary school and several other features open to all Americans, not just Muslims.

Since the proposition of this idea, politicians have argued fiercely about a mosque being built just a few blocks away from the site of tragedy. Michael Bloomberg, the mayor of New York City, firmly supports the mosque. President Obama supports the rights of the landowners who have bought and paid for the space. Bill McCollum, attorney general, has publically spoken out against the building.

The mosque itself seems less worrisome than the vicious backlash from Americans. The very title used to describe the mosque is incorrect, and mirrors the inaccuracies that swirled once the mosque was proposed. Fear travelled faster than knowl-

edge and information.

With the tense, heated state of America's politics, it is neither the first nor last time falsities and assumptions will be made. While fear is understandable, it becomes dangerous when it is allowed to dictate the way we as Americans act toward other citizens.

Is the mosque insensitive? In many ways, yes. Rauf has publically said that he wants to send a message of healing and unity, but the controversy will make both of those goals nearly impossible. A site like Ground Zero, or even around it, is not the space to make a political statement.

However, the idea that Americans are asking the government to restrict the right to build on private property based on religion is a frightening notion. It brings to mind McCarthyism and the blacklisting during the Cold War, and the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII.

Denying property rights is certainly a distance from forcing members of a certain race into housing camps or from persecuting citizens without probable cause. However, the idea behind refusing these rights is uncomfortably close to the mistakes the United States has made in the past.

During the Cold War, America was terrified of the spread of communist ideas within their own country. During WWII, America was terrified that Japanese Americans were secretly in support of Japan. Now, America is terrified Muslims will side with their extremist terrorist counterparts.

It is a dangerous slope, and it is made all the more slippery by the volatile fear of terrorism. America cannot let itself fall prey to the mistakes of the past, or the mistakes its enemies hope it makes. Irrational panic and hatred will not aid in protecting the nation or in fighting against terrorism. If we let ourselves become limited and afraid, it is only another loss for America.



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Opponents of the Cordoba House Islamic center or "Ground Zero mosque" protest the construction project Aug. 22 in New York.

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Orientation

Intramurals

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Student Commentary

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This month, 6 intramural events have begun at Florida Southern. They include college/pro pick-em, flag football, billiards, the cardboard regatta, a sand volleyball tourney and indoor volleyball. That is just a glimpse of the many intramural programs offered at Florida Southern. Other sports include baseball, bowling, tennis, basketball, table tennis, dodgeball and even rock-paper-scissors. With such a wide variety of sports, there is something for just about everyone at Florida Southern.

But why do students chose to participate in intramurals? It all depends on the division the player is participating in. Bryan Ellrod and Alex Eastman are the captains of Theta Chi's recreational flag football team, the Hasselhoffs.

"We see ourselves as an intramural movement. We are out here to crush negative attitudes. Basically we just play solely for fun," Bryan said.

But is that how players who want to play for competition and bragging rights feel?

"Intramural sports give me a chance to compete and exercise," competitive Theta Chi flag football player Nick Coso said. "It allows me to spend time with my brothers," he said.



Upcoming Flag Football Match-ups

Sun.	Sept. 19	Theta Chi	vs	Kappa Alpha	Men's A League	12:15 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 19	Mocs Water Skit	vs	Big Deal	Men's B League	1:15 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 19	FA Women	vs	Tubes	Women's League	2:15 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 19	Lambda Chi	vs	Hasselhoffs	Men's B League	3:15 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 19	AGR	vs	Lambda Chi	Men's A League	4:15 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 19	Gamma Phi Beta	vs	Kappa Delta	Women's League	5:15 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 19	PIKE	vs	All-Stars	Men's A League	6:15 p.m.
Wed.	Sept. 29	SAE A	vs	AGR	Men's A League	4 p.m.
Wed.	Sept. 29	Sigma Chi	vs	SAE	Men's B League	5 p.m.
Wed.	Sept. 29	Alpha Delta Pi	vs	Gamma Phi Beta	Women's League	6 p.m.

Rec Fest

Week in full swing at Florida Southern



On Sept. 2, the Wellness Center hosted Rec Fest, a showcase of recreational programs available at FSC. Attractions included group exercise, lawn games and an open pool.

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Features

FSC adjusts to the new curriculum

Kerri Stinson
Features Editor

After being back at Florida Southern College for almost two weeks, the students, faculty and staff are doing their best to adjust to the new curriculum and course schedule.

Students adjusting to new schedules

For students, the hardest thing to get used to is being in class for two hours at a time.

"It's a little weird to try and adjust from the old schedule," Ashley Pelegrin, a junior environmental science major, said. "It's a little rough sitting in some classes for two hours."

On Mondays, Pelegrin is in class from eight in the morning till two in the afternoon without a single break. Then, on Tuesdays she has one class and the rest of the week Pelegrin has a few classes each day.

In regards to the curriculum, "So far I would say that it has been an improvement," Pelegrin said. "I think it has given me more of an opportunity to narrow in on the classes that pertain to my major more than the other curriculum did."

Class structure and course sizes

From a professor's perspective in the sci-

ence department, Nancy Morvillo, who is the chair of biology, explains that changing over to the new curriculum was not a major change because under the old curriculum most science courses were already four hours long, which consisted three hours of a lecture base class and a one hour of lab.

However, "we have had to be careful in scheduling course in order to fit in labs," Morvillo said.

"There are always adjustments when you make a major change, but I think we planned pretty well," Morvillo said.

Overall, the biggest change that the science department made was adjusting to the number of students who are in each class. For example, Morvillo has over 80 students in both sections of her biology 1500 course, which is a course required for biology majors titled biological essentials.

With such a large number of students in certain courses, one-way that Morvillo incorporates the aspect of engaged learning into her courses is by putting students into groups and having them discuss questions or look over case studies that go along with the topic that is being covered in course.

Along with the students, the professors are doing their best to adjust and meet the requirements of the new curriculum.

Combining courses and assisting students

In the art department, specifically in graphic design, Sam Romero, who is the head of the graphics department, looked at the graphic design program as a whole and reworked it to make the program the best it can be under the new curriculum requirements.

With the change in curriculum, the introduction and advanced courses in graphic and web design are now combined. As a result, Romero, who teaches the courses, incorporated more elements into the classes to challenge the students who have taken the introduction course. Also, students taking the course for the first time are getting more knowledge about design such as the difference between a good and bad design.

Also, the entire art department worked together to set up a specific sequence of when students should take certain courses in order graduate on time. The incoming freshman that are majoring in art should take design fundamentals and drawing one in their first year.

In addition to helping students map out their schedules, the professors added a new course entitled visual arts that gives students more information about their major,

which fulfills an English requirement.

One effect of the new curriculum is that more non-major students are signing up for art courses because some courses such as introduction to digital photography, drawing one and design fundamentals now fulfill the fine arts requirement. However, with more students enrolling in art courses, space is tight in the lab so many students bring their personal computers to the lab to work.

Improvements in Communication

Associate Professor and Communication Division Chair Chris Fenner feels that the transition is going well, but it will take people a while to get used to.

Fenner talks about how under the old curriculum communication majors who were focusing on advertising had a hard time taking courses in public relations. But, now with the new curriculum, students have more flexibility to take courses in all focuses in communication if they want to.

Along with more flexibility, the communication department has added another focus within the major, which is interpersonal communication.

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Features

FSC community welcomes new faces

John Welton

Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences

Lived in Charleston SC for nine years and North Carolina for twenty years, Welton now calls Lakeland Florida home.

As the new Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences at Florida Southern College, John Welton is responsible for overseeing the nursing and athletic training department.

In his new position, Welton views himself as the captain of the ship who oversees each department making sure they run smoothly by gaining input from the professors and makes sure that the environment is one in which everyone can excel in.

As an undergraduate, Welton studied at Skidmore College in New York. For his masters, he studied at University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Also, Welton received his doctorate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Welton chose to come to FSC because he saw an opportunity to reach out to students as well as professors all over campus, which he felt he would be able to accomplish at a small liberal arts college.

Welton is a registered nurse by trade in critical care. During his career, Welton has worked in academic medical centers for twenty years.

When Welton is not working he enjoys hiking and traveling with his wife. One of



his favorite places that he visited was New Zealand, which he described as the "place on the planet you feel at home."

While he was in New Zealand, Welton experienced the generous hospitality and welcoming personality. He describes that the trick to traveling is to immerse yourself into the culture.

"If you respect the culture and the people there by eating and going to places and try to learn the culture people are very friendly," Welton said.

Welton talked about an experience in Seoul Korea where the people there were so gracious and helpful in helping him and his wife find their way on directory maps. Welton has also traveled to Portugal, Spain and other places in Europe.

Hulya Atmacan

Assistant professor of physics and astronomy

With an interest in physics since high school in Turkey, Hulya Atmacan knew she wanted to have a career in physics.

Atmacan began to pursue her career in physics by attending University of Central Florida where she earned her undergraduate degree. Later on, she earned two masters degrees in physics in Turkey. Also, Atmacan received her doctorate at the University of California at Riverside.

"I choose to study physics because I really liked how I am able to learn something new every time," Atmacan said.

Returning to FSC, having taught physics in 2002, as the newest assistant professors of physics and astronomy, Atmacan talks about how while she knows the layout of the campus a lot of things have changed such as the new curriculum and the addition of the position of Provost Russell Warren.

Before coming back to FSC, Atmacan was recently doing researching in experimental particle physics at SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory.

When she is not doing research, Atmacan enjoys hiking or indulging in her love for science fiction movies. As physicists,



she finds it fun to pick out the misconceptions in the movies. Atmacan became interested in finding these misconceptions because one of her professors at UCF was doing research on this idea, which she found interesting and decided to continue it once she graduated.

She is currently working on writing a science fiction novel, which she began to write in Turkey. However, she has recently begun to translate it into in English in order to improve her English.

This summer she hopes to return to Turkey to visit her extended family that she has not seen in several years.

Kaite Mohr

Curator for the Melvin Art Gallery and Division secretary for Fine Arts department.

As a Florida Southern College alumna, from the class of 2009, Katie Mohr is FSC's newest curator for the Melvin Art Gallery and Division secretary for Fine Arts department.

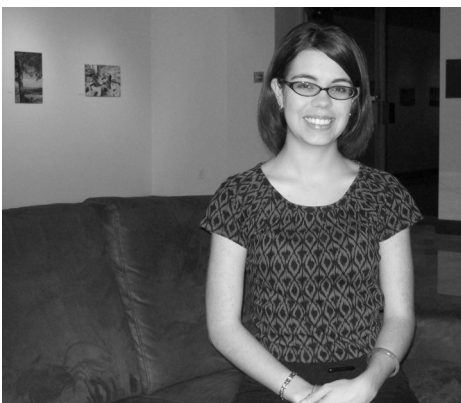
Mohr came back to FSC because of her firm loyalty to the art department of FSC.

"I believe the job of the curator was a position intended for an FSC alum who knows the school and what would need to be done," Mohr said.

Having been a student at FSC, especially majoring in art, prepared Mohr for her current job where she now works with all of her former professors. "It has been a huge benefit being familiar with the department," Mohr said. "It is also really nice to know the campus because I can direct people when they ask me questions such as where is the library."

As a student at FSC, Mohr majored in studio art with a minor in graphic design and art history. Following graduation, Mohr dabbled in graphic design, but eventually realized that she should stick to what she loved, which was painting and fine art.

"My experience as a student, you expect everyone knows what they are doing,"



Mohr said. However, "being on the other side, you learn that there is something new every day," such as how much behind the scenes work goes on.

As the curator, Mohr is in charge of planning and scheduling shows, receiving and hanging the art and shipping the art back.

The current exhibit in the Melvin Art Gallery are the photographs from this past summer's study abroad trip to Italy.

Besides working on her art, Mohr enjoys sewing and decorative artwork. Also, after graduating, she was sad that she was no longer in school learning. As a result, Mohr decided to learn how to play the Ukulele.

Curriculum

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On a personal level, as the advisor to the Forensics team, which travels on the weekends for tournaments, having no classes to teach on Friday saves Fenner from having to cancel class every time the Forensics team has to go out of town.

With the new class schedule, Fenner is able to have blocks of down time to meet with students and do his own research. However, from a classroom prospective, Fenner believes that changing to four-hour classes gives more time for classroom discussion.

Wednesday classes

With the schedule of the new curriculum, some students on campus either have one class or no classes at all on Wednesday. Amanda Glickman, a senior communication major, is one of the students who does not have classes on Wednesdays, which she uses to catch up on sleep and any homework.

"My first full week was a little strange," Glickman said. "Not having classes on Wednesdays is a nice break, but it kind of throws me off. So far a lot of students seem disgruntled with their schedules, and if we're already weary from being in class for hours on end it's going to be hard to get into 'engaged learning.'"

Ahead of the transformation

However, while some departments are adjusting to the new curriculum now, some departments transitioned last year such as computer science and education department.

Kenneth Henderson, professor of computer science and mathematics, feels that this year is no different for him in regards to the computer science courses he teaches. However, he is trying to change the structure of the calculus courses that he is teach-

ing, since the mathematics department changed to the new curriculum this year.

"[I have made a] great deal of effort to change the course structure to get it into schedule format," Henderson said. "I am willing to do whatever the college asks of me."

Effects on student organizations

As for non-academic activities, the change in curriculum is giving students fewer hours in the day to be involved in clubs and organizations.

"It's hard to coordinate meetings for organizations on campus because everyone's schedules are different," Glickman said. "One of my suitemates has class for seven hours straight twice a week. There's just no consistency."

Engaged learning

Also, students are still somewhat confused about the concept of engaged learning and how it is being implanted in the classroom.

"I do feel that professors have absolutely been trying to have the engaged learning aspect, but I think that some of the professors aren't sure on what to do and are just assigning some random things that aren't helping us learn about the topic," Pelegrin said. "It's just busy work."

"I don't think anyone really knows what engaged learning is," Glickman said. "It feels like different professors define it differently, so there's inconsistency from class to class. A lot of times, 'engaged learning' feels like busy work that I could just do on my own time. I don't feel like lectures are such a horrible thing that we need to get away from. Lectures are straightforward, and they're how some people learn best."

Look for more biographies on the new professors in the next issue of The Southern.

Entertainment

Star alumnus set to perform at Southern

Danielle Burch
Staff Writer

People are always told to follow their dreams, but no one really does. Florida Southern College Alumni Rogelio Perez, better known as Rojo, followed his passion of becoming a comedian and now he is coming back to FSC to perform.

On Saturday Sept. 25 at the Bandshell, Rojo Perez will perform with special guest Sean Patton.

Perez graduated from FSC in the fall of 2007 with Bachelor of Arts degree in communications with a focus in news media.

"I actually enjoyed Southern for the most part," Perez said. "Coming from a tiny high school, FSC wasn't too hard of an adjustment. After I left, I wished I would've picked up another major, horticulture, Hebrew, painting. I would've taken anything if I knew what post graduation was going to be like."

As for his upcoming performance at FSC, he seems very eager and excited. "This is something I wanted to do since I started doing comedy," Perez said. "[Being] able to come back and perform and put on a great show for

the people there now. In some way I feel I owe Southern and this is something I can do to slowly give back to the college."

Perez dream is continually growing. "My goal is to be the most distinguished alumni Florida Southern had ever seen and September 25 is the first step.... I'm like the turtle, slow and steady," Perez said.

Perez was born in New York, but he moved at a young age to Puerto Rico where he grew up for most of his life. He didn't always have the dream of becoming a comedian.

Growing up, he wanted to be a trash man. "I remember for some reason my babysitter told me (a trash man) made \$10 (an hour) and I thought that was impossible," Perez said. "That was rich person money, so I figured the easiest way to become rich was to be a trash man."

He got his first gig at a place called Coconuts in Clearwater. "It was an open mic and I did five minutes of what I thought was nothing but greatness," Perez said. "The only person who chuckled was a friend of mine and the rest (of the crowd) were blank faces."

Perez has performed at New Orleans Comedy Arts Festival and Sketched

for MTV Tr3s. "Whenever someone finds out I did something for MTV, they're kind of like 'Oh that's cool,' but when I tell them what MTV channel it was, the typical reaction is 'Ha, I didn't even know MTV had a 3,'" Perez said.

One of the coolest things that has happened to Rojo in his career did not happen while he was performing, but rather while he was at a random bar.

"Someone [came] up to me and [said] they has seen me perform and told one of my jokes to me that they liked," Perez said. "I felt like I was the prettiest girl at the prom that night."

One of the main reasons why some people never go out and pursue their dreams is because they don't want to disappoint their parents. "Their feeling is as long as I pay for my bills and expenses, there's nothing they can really do," Perez said, on the subject of his parent's approval of his career.

"Every now and then they'll throw a subtle line about me trying to get a job with the government or going back to school, but that's quickly squashed when I tell them I wrote a new poop joke," Perez said.



Photo courtesy of Anya Garrett

Rojo Perez, a 2007 FSC graduate, will perform a stand-up routine on Sept. 25.



Rojo Perez stares at the fountain outside of Spivey at FSC.

Photo courtesy of Ashley Mintern

The Entertainment Corner

Bullet for My Valentine
House of Blues, Orlando
Sept. 23rd at 6 p.m.
Tickets: \$68
www.houseofblues.com

Shakira Concert
Amway Arena, Orlando
Sept. 28th at 8 p.m.
Tickets: \$41 - \$528
www.amway.arenaboxoffice.com

Rascal Flatts Concert
The Form Amphitheatre, Tampa
Sept. 25th at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$43 - \$406
www.ford.amphitheatre.com

Comedian Brian Regan
The Lakeland Center
Sept. 30th at 7:30 p.m.
Brian Regan is an acclaimed comedian; one may have seen him on Comedy Central for two seasons before taking career on tour in 2008.

Grease the Sing Along
The Polk Theatre, Lakeland
Sept. 26th at 4 p.m.
Tickets: \$10
www.polktheatre.org

Rush Concert
The Ford Amphitheatre, Tampa
Oct. 1st at 8 p.m.
Tickets: \$67 - \$704
www.ford.amphitheatre.com

9 to 5: The Musical
Carol Morsani Hall, Tampa
Sept. 26th - 31st
Tickets: \$63 - \$308
The musical 9 to 5 is a new musical comedy straight from Broadway based on the hit movie.
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Mike Posner
Artist of "Cooler than Me"
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Feature

Athletes train despite physical pain

Christine Simone
Editor-in-Chief

Daily training routines, weightlifting and cardio come with the territory for varsity-level athletes, but with so much work to stay in top shape, what motivates our Mocs to push through the physical pain?

The price college athletes pay physically to participate in their respective sports can leave a permanent mark.

In January, basketball player Rion Rayfield suffered from a setback caused by a stress fracture to his foot. Injuries such as tendinitis of the knee, hip flexors and assorted

back problems are a few of the more common running injuries while sports such as soccer have a higher incidence rate of torn ACLs and sprains.

According to Drew and Ben Martucci, senior cross country runners, their workouts total to between 60 and 80 miles of running each week coupled with little sleep.

"We like to call it body torture," Drew said.

Baseball pitcher Patrick Szczerba is a self-proclaimed overachiever, but credits much of his dedication on the field to the collec-

tive support of his teammates.

"Teammates help pick each other up,"

Szczerba said. "You've got to love the pain. If it was easy everyone would do it."

While different sources cite a range of statistics, the average conclusion for the number of college athletes who actually go pro in their sport ranges between one and three percent depending on gender, sport or level of college play.

The College Board reports that, or professional athletes, ten percent earn less than \$15,000 per year. Rather than making the shift into playing professionally, many college athletes focus on an aspiration to use their knowledge to coach, officiate or

manage teams.

"I hope to have the opportunity to play professionally overseas, but there are a lot of things that need to go right in order for that to happen," Rayfield said.

Szczerba and Ben aspire to pass on their knowledge of

their sports as coaches.

"I would like to take everything I learned here to be the best coach I can be," Szczerba said.

Drew hopes to continue running at the college level while he completes a master's degree.

"You've got to love the pain. If it was easy everyone would do it."

Patrick Szczerba
Mocs Baseball, Pitcher

Men's Soccer

No. 23 Mocs' statistics show strength, skill

Ashley Islas
Sports Editor

After winning just one game during the 2009 season, the Moccasin soccer squad is undefeated after their first five games of the season.

The squad is also ranked at no. 23 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America DII poll this week for the first time in 11 years. They are also no. 3 in the NSCAA South Region rankings.

The Mocs (4-0-1) have not only created a defense that is stopping all opponents from walking away from a victory, but they also have an offensive surge that never fully graced Barnett Field in past seasons.

The team owe its success to rookie players with bursts of speed and skills, veteran players who have matured and leadership from co-captains defender Ashley Holmes and midfielders Givi Kokaia and David Fletcher.

"The different styles of play and leadership and great attitude that everyone has shown since pre-season began is starting to pay off," Holmes said.

The team's abilities are evident every time the team takes the field or a box score is brought up.

The squad has outscored its opponents 16-5.

Leading the team in goals is Kokaia (5) and freshman Viktor Bakkioui (4). Leading the team in assists is red-shirt junior

Zach Hofstetter.

The perfect balance to the Mocs' offensive strength has been their revamped defense that has allowed just five goals.

They have one shutout and have allowed no more than two goals from each of their opponents.

The Mocs have managed to allow only 40 shots from opponents, while tactfully attacking opponents' goals with 81 shots.

"I think that we now have strikers who demand of themselves to score every time, and defenders who would put their body on the line to keep the ball out of the net," Holmes said.

Some of the new players who have helped raise Moccasin soccer to a new level include Bakkioui who has a precise and ingenuitive touch and freshman midfielder Adam Hansjons who has the ability to create set ups.

The defensive line also has fresh faces such as Ricky Marton alongside Holmes, juniors J.D. Ruiz and Ryan Arndt, sophomore Aleksander Ratkovic and Holmes.

The squad begins Sunshine State Conference play on Saturday against Eckerd on Barnett Field at 7 p.m. They will put their unbeaten record on the line yet again.

"It feels great to be still unbeaten, but we are only one third of the way through the season," Holmes said. "But, if you ask me again at the end of October, and I answer the same then we know we have done something right."

Swimming

Team mentally prepares for upcoming season

Katie Amick
Staff Writer

With a kick, a stroke and a flip the Florida Southern Moccasin swimming team is finally ready to make a splash.

With returning National Champion, sophomore Jeb Halfacre and three other returning national qualifiers – sophomores Miguel Ferreira, Bruce Janzen and Alex Peterson – the men's team feels that they are ready to take on new challenges and put their best foot forward.

On the women's side, they also return four national qualifiers in senior Cara Potter, sophomore Anna McIntyre, juniors Kelly Ruf and Rae-Lynn Sheffield.

Both teams hope that moving into the Sunshine State Conference will help them move up in regional and national rankings.

"It is the first year of actual Sunshine State Conference swimming and we are really excited about it and really looking forward to compete and doing the best," head coach Duncan Sherrard said.

Ending in 14th place on the men's side and 34th place on the women's side at the NCAA DII National Championship, the team hopes to move up in rankings and make history this year.

"We are a young team and just trying to show people that we aren't something you want to mess with in the pool," Halfacre said. "That's our battlefield and we fight hard."

The Moccasin swimming team has also welcomed 15 new freshmen to the team

this year.

They include Linnea Amqvist, Julia Courtney, Abigail Eley, Kaley Elliott, Alyssa Kirby, Carlee McDonald, Lisa Menne and Taylor Reynolds on the women's side. As well as, Evan Byrnes, Kristoffer Codam, Zach Edwards, Peter Gonzalez, Thomas Nguyen, Walter Rumans and Jack Rund on the men's side.

Many of them show great potential and Sherrard is expecting several of them to qualify for Nationals this year.

This is also the first time is Florida Southern swimming history that they will be competing as a full squad.

"When I was hired we had 15 kids, and now we have 42," Sherrard said. "We are now full size on both sides, and that makes me proud."

The team constantly reminds themselves that if you practice with emotion and purpose, you compete with passion and confidence. They use this as a motto to remind each other that if their mind can do it, then they can too.

"The biggest thing we do in swimming to prepare is mental," Sherrard said. "It is physically challenging; however, the body can do it but the mind can't. So we do a lot of mind games stuff and preparing the mind to push past those barriers."

Time is running out though, as the Mocs first competition is on Oct. 1st at the University of Florida Invitational in Gainesville. Their first home meet is on Oct. 29th at 4 p.m. versus Savannah College of Art & Design.

Home Athletic Events

Sat.	Sept. 18	Volleyball	vs	Lynn*	Jenkins Field House	4 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 18	Men's Soccer	vs	Eckerd*	Barnett Field	7 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 26	Women's Soccer	vs	North Alabama	Barnett Field	7 p.m.
Wed.	Sept. 29	Men's Soccer	vs	Saint Leo*	Barnett Field	7 p.m.

*indicates Sunshine State Conference game

Sports

Volleyball

Lady Mocs continue to kill on the court

Ashley Islas
Sports Editor

The Lady Mocs volleyball team has begun Sunshine State Conference play and is still atop the pack chasing the SSC Championship.

Helping the team make it's way to the top of the championship ladder is a cast of players who have each contributed to the team's success so far this season.

Senior Ashley Martin — who sat out last season because of an injury — leads the team in kills with 87.

In the Armstrong Atlantic Classic, Martin walked

away with 30 kills while hitting .371

Also walking away with impressive kill numbers are junior Natalia Arivizu (64) and Kelly Sherman (41), juniors Diana Castrillon (50) and Lauren Huber (67) and sophomore Anne Pietkiewicz (65).

Senior Anna Niebuhr leads the Lady Mocs in digs with over 130.

The Lady Mocs next home game is Sept. 18 against SSC rival Lynn University. The Lady Mocs were defeated both times they faced Lynn last season (3-0, 3-1) Game time is 7 p.m. and in Jenkins Field House.

All statistics are as of Sept. 14



Photos by Jessica Kaepernik



Far Left: Junior Anna Niebuhr (5) leads the Lady Mocs in digs with over 130 while averaging just over four digs per set.
Left: Sophomore Anne Pietkiewicz prepares to
Above: Junior Diana Castrillon goes high to add another kill for the Lady Mocs. The Lady Mocs have over 400 kills in just their first eight games of this season.
Right: Freshman Ali Skayhan is helping lead the team in assists this season.

You need speed, strength and swag.

Ashley Islas
Sports Editor

My friends, fall is just a few days away and while we are in Florida, the temperature has started to drop at sunset and you know what that means, right? Sports overload!

Baseball is entering the most beautiful time of its season. Football has graced us with its presence at both the collegiate and professional levels. Basketball is just around the corner ready to bring intense drama to the courts and into our homes.

It is beautiful.

And, with that, I present to you all with this fall's first Swag Awards. For those of you who many not know what the Swag Awards are here it is — absolute dominance of a sport whether in or out of the playing arena and doing it all with a style without free of negative blemishes.

Here are my nominations and winners for the Swag Awards

NCAA Football

Alabama has of course come out victorious after two weeks and remain at the top of the pack, but the team has maintained a solid offensive line. With their complete dominance over Penn State, they have tr-

ly picked up where they left off.

Oregon was able to come back from a half-time deficit and absolutely crush Tennessee in a 48-13 win. Oregon had 1,167 yards of offense in their first two games of the season.

"Best NCAAF Team Performance - Week 2" goes to Alabama for their ability to keep turnovers low and having both a passing and rushing game.

"Best Individual Performance" goes to Alabama's Trent Richardson. Richardson has one of the best rushing performances against Penn State since 2005 with 144 yards on 22 carries, including a touchdown.

"Whack Swag Attempt" goes to Florida's Chris Rainey. Who does that, Chris? Really?

National Football League

The Houston Texans ended a six-game losing streak against Peyton Manning and the defending AFC Champions. Enough said.

The Kansas City Chiefs did not only beat the San Diego Chargers, but they were able to hold them on four downs inside the 6-yard line in the final minute in this season's first Monday Night Football game! If that does not show that this young team can make a true run for the play-offs, what

would?

"Best NFL Team Performance - Week 1" goes to Houston for this week's biggest upset.

"Best Individual Performance" goes to Houston's Arian Foster. After the undrafted rookie spent much of last season on the team's practice squad, he had a 231 yards — a team record — and three touchdowns against Indianapolis.

National Basketball Association

The Miami Heat and Orlando Magic have managed to throw insults at each other like they're practicing passes for the upcoming season.

After insults about LeBron James and throwing out that someone was stupid, both teams find themselves as part of the most anticipated matchups this season. Aw, just

like Celtics-Sixers of the 80s, Bulls-Pistons of the 90s and even the Lakers-Kings in the 2000s.

Florida Southern Athletics

"Best Moccasin Team Performance" goes to the men's soccer team. For the first time in 11 years, the squad has earned a spot on the National Soccer Coaches Association of America top-25 national ranking. The squad came in at no. 23 in the Division II nation and third in the NSCAA South Region poll.

"Best Individual Performance" goes to Lady Mocs soccer forward senior Princess Haley. For the fourth time in her college career, Haley has been named the Sunshine State Conference Player-of-the-Week in women's soccer.

That's what she said...

She said what?!

Moc Figures

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The NSCAA national ranking the Lady Mocs soccer squad has earned for this week.

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The NSCAA national ranking the men's soccer team has earned. It was their first time in the top-25 in 11 years.