



# 'Engaged' learning may need more commitment

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Florida Southern is still adjusting to the change in curriculum, and will soon reinforce engaged learning within the classroom, according to Provost Russ Warren.

"In two weeks we are inviting freshmen to do focus groups," Warren said.

These focus groups will ask students their opinion on the curriculum.

In addition, Warren said professors will soon be handing out questionnaires to students at the end of class. FSC already knows that scheduling caused problems for some students and will make changes next semester.

"We know freshmen might have a different opinion than upperclassmen," Warren said. "Freshmen came in knowing only the new curriculum, but upperclassmen had to adjust."

Warren said these questionnaires and focus groups will help the college get an idea of students' reactions.

"I haven't heard many complaints myself, but that doesn't mean those complaints aren't out

there," Warren said.

The transformational curriculum focuses on engaging students in the classroom, which will better help them prepare for life, according to Warren.

Sharon Masters, professor of sociology and criminology, supports the new curriculum, but says it can be a difficult transition. According

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**Dr. Russ Warren**  
Provost

to Masters, some professors took training sessions over the summer to adjust to the change.

She says students are in a transitional period, and still do not really know what to expect of the new curriculum.

"We don't want to leave them drifting out there," Masters said.

According to Warren, professors may be having difficulty with the switch because they are accustomed to learning and teaching through lecture.

"There are very few professors that are absolutely resistant," Warren said. "I'm happy with the majority of the faculty. We're not there yet, and it comes easier to

some than others, but I don't think I have people saying they won't do it."

The transition may also be difficult because professors lose control of their classroom with engaged learning, said Warren. Teachers have to be open to change and they have to adjust.

"It will be represented by some failures and that's hard for teachers who are used to having control of the classroom," Warren said.

Students are also adjusting to longer class times as well as different teaching styles.

"It's not the best idea," senior Aaron Longley said. "You learn more, but the classes are more stressful."

Longley, an accounting major, said his teachers have attempted to engage the class with group activities and discussions that apply to the real world.

"It's hard to stay focused in a two-hour long class."

**Aaron Longley**  
Senior

progress both faculty and students have made this year.

"Overall, I'm satisfied with where we are so far," Warren said. "The 'so far' is important here."

# Convocation



Photo by Christine Simone

**Students arrive at convocation on Sept. 22. Vernice Armour spoke about her military experience and urged students to "break through reality with a break-through mentality."**

# Students try new mentor program

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As new students enter Florida Southern College, advisors work to develop the best way for the students to adapt to the new lifestyle.

One of the newest programs, led by Dr. Susan Serrano, is the faculty and student mentors program. In this program, each freshman is grouped with a member of the school's faculty and an older student.

"I am very excited about this," Serrano, director of advising, said. "In a school like Florida Southern, it's such a caring place. This was a natural extension of that."

There are 32 faculty members and 31 student mentors involved in this program. Each group consists of 18 to 20 freshmen and each group contains no more than three different majors.

"It would lead to confusion," Serrano said. "If we placed students without regard to their major, that would mean each faculty advisor would need to know everything about each one of their majors."

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**Lambda Chi Alpha eagerly waits for their new members in the Greek Quad on Bid Day.**

Photo by Christine Simone

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# News

## Mentors

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However, some students feel that having an advisor that does not teach within their major is not very helpful. Older students feel that this program may not be the best idea for the freshmen.

"When I was a freshman I had to do my own thing," senior Stephanie Keller said. "I rarely talked to my advisor and I had to learn to get by on my own. The only way this mentor program will work is if the advisors or freshmen ask the right questions."

The program involves a four year plan in which mentors guide the students, not only with academics and FSC related issues, but also personal ones, such as homesickness.

"The mentor program has been a great way for me to connect with incoming students," peer advisor Jennifer Hilmer said. "I believe that it is nice that new students can get advice and guidance from a peer as well as a faculty member."

Freshmen will meet with their faculty advisors and student mentors five times in the fall and three times in the spring semester. During the meetings the advisors will lead discussions on one of the eight topics planned out at the beginning of the year.

The first discussion was over healthy lifestyles and homesickness. All of the discussions are based on what would be interesting and beneficial to freshmen.

"They are issues that some of them have

dealt with before," Serrano said. "This is the first time some students have been away from home or had to develop their own diet. We are here to help them with it."

The use of peers as mentors is supposed to assist the freshmen with seeing an issue from a younger point of view and the mentors can lead the discussions in a way that makes it easier for students to relate.

"We want to see them successfully transition to Florida Southern College academically and socially," Serrano said.

The students involved in the program are given all the contact information for their peer mentor and a way to contact their faculty advisor so that they can always get hold of someone if they need someone to talk to.

"Many students do take advantage of the availability," Serrano said. "Recently, one of my students called and asked me if I knew a good mechanic because their car broke down and another student asked for dentist recommendations."

All of the faculty advisors for the program are volunteers and the peer mentors were selected from students chosen as orientation leaders and put through an interview process.

"Florida Southern students should always feel like there is a hand on their shoulder steadying them," Provost Russ Warren said.

## DUI checkpoint alters students' plans

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Staff Writer

As a response to students returning to campus and picking up partying where they left off, the Lakeland Police Department decided to crack down on impaired driving early.

On Sept. 10, a DUI checkpoint was scheduled to occur from 1 to 3 a.m. on Ingraham Avenue, a thoroughfare for students living both on- and off- campus. Though the checkpoint was cancelled, students altered their Thursday night plans in anticipation.

Despite the stereotype that all college-aged students drink irresponsibly, many students take the necessary precautions that law enforcement encourages.

"Normally when there isn't a checkpoint, my friends and I will carpool out together," Brooke Garvie, a student at University of South Florida, Lakeland Campus, said. "At the end of the night, the person who drove will only have a drink or two so that they can drive home."

Garvie also said that her friends have called cabs when they know that driving is not an option.

FSC student Mary Yurso said that she and her friends always figure out a game plan before leaving. She explained that they nev-

er drink and drive because there is always someone they can call to drive them.

"We always decide who's driving before we leave," Yurso said.

Since students were not aware that the checkpoint was cancelled, plans changed and preventative measures were taken. Students reacted to the announcement of a DUI checkpoint by making plans to not drive or to just avoid the area altogether.

"I decided it would be a good idea if we stayed closer to the house and avoided going downtown," Garvie said. "We figured it would be safer to not have to drive at all."

While avoiding the location of the DUI checkpoint might not be law enforcement's desired reaction, it hammered home the point that drinking and driving will not be tolerated.

LPD's Public Information Officer Terri Smith said that even though the success of DUI checkpoints is difficult to measure because the number of lives saved due to the checkpoint is a hard number to calculate, the motivation behind the checkpoints are always the same.

"The ultimate reason for checkpoints is safety," Smith said. "If someone sees that there is a DUI checkpoint planned, and this causes them to avoid driving while impaired, then this is a success for us."

## Odd News

Compiled by Amber Vallan  
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### Chicken's art auctioned on eBay

A New Hampshire woman dipped a hen's feet in paint and placed the hen on canvas. The hen was chosen because of her calm nature and even signed the painting with toe marks on the bottom of the painting. "Feathered Fireworks" measures 8.5-by-10-inches and is being sold to help rebuild a playground. Proceeds from the red, orange and yellow piece will be given to the Kids Kove playground in Merrimack, N.H. Bidding was said to have started at \$9.99 and was up to \$550 with one day left in the auction bidding period.

### Guinness World Records finds record-topping animals

The Guinness World Records 2011 has named a group of extraordinary, record-topping animals. Long tongues, the large and the tiny were among recognized categories for dogs. A small Pekingese dog has been recognized as the dog with the longest tongue at 4.5 inches. George, a black Great Dane, was named the world's largest dog at a standing height of 7 feet, 3 inches from tail to snout. The smallest dog, a long-haired Chihuahua stood 4 inches high and 6 inches long. A category for the most toes was set apart for cats. This title went to Jake, a male ginger tabby, with a total of 28 toes, seven on each paw.

### Burglar takes a snooze in house he robbed

A burglar in Malaysia who broke into a house to steal watches and jewelry

ended up falling asleep in the home. It was reported that when the owners returned, they were shocked to find their house a mess with a man inside asleep. The items he attempted to steal were worth about \$3,200 in all. Although the man woke up and escaped through a window, he was arrested nearby. The man has not yet been charged.

### Women designs wedding outfits for dogs

A German woman has decided to expand the world of dog clothing so they can now look the part of cultural festivals and ceremonies. Both male and female dogs can dress the part for a wedding with dinner jackets and ties as well as bridesmaid outfits or even wedding dresses. The woman, Nicole-Juliana Schrei-Jakobi, also sells seasonal products for dogs such as raincoats and sunglasses. Someday, she aspires to open a restaurant for dogs so they can eat alongside their owners on dinner outings.

### Zucchini used as weapon against attacking bear

A 200-pound black bear began to charge a Montana woman and eventually took a swipe at her leg. The bear began attacking her dog after midnight on her back porch, causing her to scream and distract the bear. This distraction brought the bear onto the woman, causing her to grab the nearest object, which happened to be a 12-inch zucchini from her garden. She threw the vegetable at the bear, which struck the animal on the head, causing it to flee. The woman did not need any medical treatment as a result of the attack.

**CONVOcation**

It is easy to see how there is the backbone of the most popular course at Harvard University... TAL BEN-SHAHAR, Ph.D.

**Who: Tal Ben-Shahar**  
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# Opinions

## An infidel's guide to the stereotypical Muslim

Jeanine Yacoub  
Contributing Writer

Where were you on Sep. 11, 2001? I was still a naïve fifth grader sitting on the carpet with my classmates. My teacher turned on the T.V. and we all watched in horror as the news replayed the footage of a plane crashing into the side of the World Trade Center.

The wound was opened again for all Americans recently, with the debate about the Islamic center being constructed near Ground Zero and the “Burn a Qur’an Day” that was going to happen on Sep. 11 here in Central Florida.

Unfortunately, ever since 9/11, Islam has been poorly depicted in the movies and the media, causing the development of ignorant stereotypes. As a Muslim, I’ve heard many of these stereotypes, such as terrorist, suicide bomber, sand n----- and camel jockey.

I also get those awkward silences when someone realizes that I am a Muslim, although I prefer the awkward silence to one of the other common responses I’ve heard. I’ve been asked if Osama bin Laden was my uncle, and if I’m going to get 72 virgins if I blow myself up.

One particular instance occurred when I went to get my hair done. I was waiting for my stylist and seated near me was an older man, waiting for his wife to finish her hair.

Long story short, when he discovered that I was a Muslim, his initial reaction was, “How did you get mixed up in that mess?”

I snapped that Islam is not a “mess” but a religion. Then he had the nerve to say, “Honey, you know you should go to a church, find you some Jesus – that’s the right way.”

Unable to be polite, I just moved over two seats, and turned up my iPod.

The solution to such ignorance is information. Therefore, I’d like to challenge my colleagues and friends here at FSC to take this article, read it, remember it, and pass the information on.

I’d like to first teach bin Laden about tolerance. My favorite verse in the Qur’an addresses tolerance. It says, “Unto you your religion, and Unto me mine...” [109:6].

How else could a diverse group of people live in a community together if we don’t practice tolerance? The answer is we can’t, but unfortunately, bin Laden doesn’t know that.

Also, it says in the Qur’an [2:83], that

Muslims should be kind to family, to the indigent, and to always give zakat (give to charity). So in a community, Muslims always look out for others.

Jihad. I’m sure you’ve all heard it. It means holy war or struggle in Arabic. Unfortunately, extremists use jihad as an excuse to wage war on “the infidels”. However, the Qur’an, concerning jihad, says, “Fight in the cause of Allah against those who fight against you...but if they desist, then let there be no hostility except against transgressors” Qur’an [2:190, 193].

So basically, if a war breaks out, a Muslim should fight in the cause that is right for Allah (and Islam), but when the opposing side stops fighting, then the Muslims must stop fighting. Most importantly, Muslims fight against those who fight first.

I don’t believe the employees working in the twin towers were fighting the hijackers in the plane when they flew it into the side of the building.

In addition, Jihad does not always pertain to violence or war. A jihad can be a struggle for human rights, injustice, or hunger and poverty. What Bin Laden calls “jihad”, I call oppression and genocide. In Islam, murderers and oppressors are the first ones to go to Hellfire, and Allah answers the prayers of the oppressed first.

Many claim that, since terrorism is usually done “in the name of Islam,” Islam must be the problem. If you want controversy, look no further than religious extremists who confuse the love fostered by religion with intolerance and hatred. Most members of religious groups should not be pooled with the minority of fanatics who take a beautiful religion and twist its words to justify horrific crimes. Muslims are as far away from those extremists as Christians are from the pastor in Gainesville, who weeks ago wanted to make a bonfire with over 200 copies of the Qur’an, and he has never even read it.

Recently, tensions have reached an all time high against Islam. My terror and fear as I watched the 9/11 attacks was as real as that of all my friends, and it is time to recognize the real enemy and stop persecuting the innocent. Although I’d still go through those extra “random searches” every time I go to the airport, I hope that those searches are for my security in this country, not because I may be a potential terrorist. Finally, I pray that my words have helped change the prejudices of my classmates and friends.

## Alarming apathy

On more than one occasion I have seen students place extracurricular activities above academic work. Yes, I’m guilty of it too. More than likely, you’re guilty of this, as well. But, I’m not worried about how we place assignments or meetings in our planners. I’m worried about how we have allowed our poor prioritizing skills to affect our ability to make a change in this world.

Nearly every day I witness someone who passes up an opportunity to leave a positive carbon footprint in someone’s life. Yes, I am guilty of doing this, as well, but I can recognize when I am being apathetic to a person, cause or situation.

I feel as if we live our lives with the mentality of “Me. Mine. More.” It is all about me. What is mine is mine. And, I want more of what I may not necessarily need.

Think about it, who are the people we always put before us? Our families and close friends nearly always fall above us when it comes down to it, but what about the rest of the world?

What about that person down your residence hall who is homesick and feels alone? What about that man who asks us for a few quarters for the next bus ride home after a long day of work? What about that older lady in the Wal-Mart parking lot who looks like she’s struggling to put her groceries in her car?

What about those families who can receive a blessing from the Salvation Army come Christmas time because of those few spare coins you drop in the red bucket?

What about that child in Africa who is dying of not having enough water while we toss away plastic bottles?

Now, I know that many of us are involved in organizations that require us to do community hours or raise money for a philanthropy, but when was the last time you decided to take on a project of your

own? When was the last time you thought about someone else aside from yourself? When was the last time we made time in our busy schedules to help someone?

Often times, if an issue or disease doesn’t affect us directly, we do not really go out of our way to raise awareness, but why not? Are we that self-absorbed that we play a secret waiting game of being told when to jump into action?

I know that we are all pressed for time, but why can we not just spend a few extra dollars for a charity? Why not go volunteer on your own, or better yet, a group of friends?

Wait, we don’t have to use our monetary resources or even leave the

comfort of our rooms to make a difference. We can use our cell phone now, too. We can make calls to our Congressman officials if we see an injustice in our community or nation.

Or, we can even just write to The Southern to make a stand on an issue to help enlighten the student body first.

I know that I am no exception to any of the above statements, but that is why I am hoping that we as community can start deciding to prioritize our lives differently.

In Marianne Williamson’s “Our Greatest Fear,” one line that always makes me realize that we need to step up and use the voice that we were given is “And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.”

When are we going to take an individual step, without the Florida Southern administration or an organization we are a part of pushes us into those first steps, to shed a glimmer of light in a world that is overwhelmed with hate, injustice and apathy that we sometimes contribute? When will we care without being told to so?

-Ashley Islas

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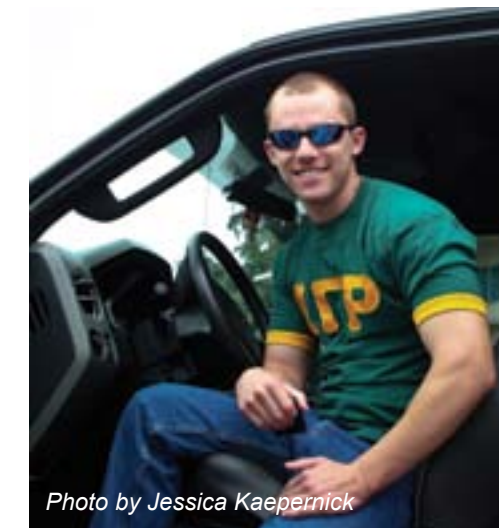
# Greek Life

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*\*New member numbers as of Sept. 29.*



**Recruitment week concluded with Bid Day on Sept. 25. Thirteen Greek organizations welcomed a total of nearly 200 new members.**

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# Features

## Swedish visitor shares culture, perspective

**Kerri Stinson**  
Features Editor

During her sabbatical, Dr. Ann-Christin Sollerhed, a Swedish professor from Kristlandstad University will be visiting Florida Southern College on Sept. 24 through Oct. 2 as she travels through the United States.

Sollerhed will be traveling from Scania, a province in the southern part of Sweden, to visit FSC.

Sollerhed chose to come to FSC because of her connection with Dr. Mick Lynch, who is the clinical education director and a professor of athletic training. Sollerhed and Lynch met at the International Olympic Academy in Olympia, Greece where they were both one of three people representing their own countries.

"I met Dr. Lynch in Olympia, we became friends and we have e-mailed a couple of times," Sollerhed said. "It is very interesting to see how education is organized, to meet students and colleges in other parts of the world. I mailed Dr. Lynch about my plans to go to Florida and he invited me to come and visit FSC. I am very happy for that."

While at FSC, Sollerhed intends to talk about the physical education in

Sweden from a historical perspective. In addition to talking about her profession, Sollerhed wants to share Sweden's culture with the FSC students by exposing them to Swedish music because it is their largest export product.

"I hope to meet teachers and students at FSC, if possible collect some data among American adolescents and to enjoy the wonderful warm climate in Florida," Sollerhed said.

Also, Sollerhed will talk about the research she is conducting, which she hopes to continue while she is Florida by collaborating with the Polk County School District.

"I have collected data among adolescents in Sweden and if possible I will collect data among American adolescents," Sollerhed said. "It would be very interesting to see if there are any cultural differences. The research project is about physical activity, recurrent pain and attribution style."

Sollerhed earned a master's of physical education at the University in Örebro, which is situated in the middle of Sweden. Then Sollerhed attended Lund University for her doctorate degree, which is in the south of Sweden.

After that Sollerhed went into teaching, which she has been doing since 1975. She began her career by teaching at the high school level for 17 years. Then, for a short time, Sollerhed taught at Lund University and Linné University, both of which are located in Sweden.

Also, Sollerhed had the opportunity to be a guest teacher in Prague, Czech Republic and Christchurch, New Zealand. However, since 1992, Sollerhed has been teaching students in education at Kristlandstad University.

"Mostly I have taught students who will become teachers in physical education, but also primary, secondary and preschool teachers," Sollerhed said. "I have always loved to be physically active and I wanted to teach other people about how fun and lovely it is to be active. I like to be with young people and the combination physical activity and young people is perfect."

When Sollerhed is not teaching or working on her research, she spends time outdoors, walking in the forest or working in the garden. She also enjoys painting, especially with oils aquarelles.

Besides visiting FSC, Sollerhed will also attend the FAHPERD conference in Orlando.



**Dr. Ann-Christin Sollerhed, a professor at Kristlandstad University, visits FSC as she travels through the United States on sabbatical.**

Once in Orlando, Sollerhed will join her family where they hope to enjoy the weather since the cold fall has already begun in Sweden.

## 'Leading Ladies' comes to FSC

FSC theatre department presents 'Leading Ladies' directed by Paul Bawek. Performances dates include Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2 at 7:30 pm; Oct. 3 at 2:30 pm and Oct. 7, 8, 9 at 7:30 pm; Oct. 10 at 2:30 pm. For tickets call the Buckner Theatre box office at 863-680-4296.



Pictured here from left to right: Kyle J. Boisvert, senior, as Jack, Brendan Kyle Christopher Troost, sophomore, as Leo and Lauren MacKenzie, freshman, as Meg.



Leading Ladies cast Joey Pilka, junior, as Butch, Kyle J. Boisvert, senior, as Jack, Daniel Hayes, junior, as Doc and Alyson McCoy, sophomore, as Audrey rehearse for their upcoming shows.

Photos courtesy of Jessica Kaepernik

## FSC student takes advantage of talent



Photo by Jessica Kaepernik

**Jessica Kaepernik**  
Staff Writer

Florida Southern College student Josh Rozman is not waiting until he graduates to start his career as an actor.

Rozman, a Wisconsin native, started acting when he was five years old.

"It's been a rush," Rozman said. "I've met a lot of great people."

Rozman starred in multiple films and T.V. shows that include "The Glades" featured on A&E, "When A Man Comes Around" and "Stories of the Paranormal." Rozman is currently working on a movie entitled "A Dolphin's Tale" with Morgan Freeman that is scheduled to come out in 2011.

Rozman devotes a lot of time to his career. He spends nearly every weekend in Tampa, Orlando or Miami and drives nearly 10 to 12 hours a week for work.

"Putting yourself out there is the biggest thing, and networking," said Rozman. "I've only been in Florida for about 13 months and I keep putting myself out there. I knew that this was something that I always wanted to do and I contacted the people who were in charge of getting me on screen."

Rozman has not only put himself out in the world for work, but he still has to keep up with schoolwork in order to earn a degree in Business with a concentration in finance and a minor in Broadcasting.

"I have to be very focused," Rozman said. "Some nights I get back at 4 a.m. and I have sections of a book to read or a paper to write. I can't go to sleep and say I'll do it when I wake up."

According to Rozman, life is all about learning. If you are young and interested in acting, he says, get started right away.

# Sports

## Water Ski

# Moccasin champs walk on water

**Ashley Islas**  
Sports Editor

On a campus with numerous national champions who perform in arenas where fans have easy access, there is one set of champions who are not always in the lime-light — the Moccasin water ski team.

The water ski team met with Rollins College at Polk City's Lake Grew on Sept. 11 and 12 for a two day competition. The Mocs walked away with two wins (1430-1365, 1450-1350).

The first day's only first place finish went to junior Chris Driggers in the jump competition.

Placing second in the slalom and third in tricks was senior Adam Shipanock. Sophomore Kyle Zimmerman was second in tricks and third in the slalom.

The Lady Moc leader was junior Keri McClure who placed second in tricks and third-place in the slalom and jumps.

On the second day, the Mocs earned 100 points more than Rollins.

There were two first place finishes for

the men that were earned by Zimmerman in tricks and Driggers in the jump competition. Driggers also went on to take second place in the tricks competition.

McClure was once again the Lady Mocs top finisher. She won the slalom, placed second in tricks and third in the jump competition. She was the overall women's winner for the entire competition.

These Mocs not only compete during the school year, but take their passion to the next level throughout the year at various competitions.

Over the summer McClure and Shipanock had the privilege of competing in the American Water Ski Association Southern Regional Championships.

McClure placed first in the slalom and tricks competitions and second in the jump competition and was the overall women's champion.

For her performance, McClure was selected to the U.S. Under 21 team that will compete in the 2010 Pan American Water Ski Championships Nov. 22 - 28 in San Bernardo, Chile.

Shipanock placed second in the slalom, fourth in tricks and sixth in the jump competition.

The Moccasins take to the water again at the National Collegiate Water Ski Association Eastern Regional Oct. 2-3 at Talking Rock, Ga.

## Competitions

**Slalom - competition in which the skier uses only one ski**

**Trick - competition in which the skier performs tricks similar to gymnastics**

**Jump - competition in which the skier is towed behind a boat at a certain speed using a ramp**

# Team sets pace for quality times at University of Florida invitational

**Katie Amick**  
Staff Writer

With motivation and determination, the Florida Southern Moccasin cross country team earned its way to a successful first meet at the University of Florida's Mountain Dew Invitational.

The men's cross country team placed third as a team and was led by top runner, senior Ben Martucci, running at 25:32.84.

The other top seven runners followed close behind and included senior Drew Martucci, juniors Jason Patchett-Gills and Eric Larson, sophomores Zack Kovacic and Bryce Loudermilk and freshmen Bryen Harris, Ryan Crilly and David Tomchinsky.

However, the team only scored 125 points, which is fewer points than they scored last year.

The men's team resembles the strength of past year's teams and is even edging out past squads. They are already averaging a team time that is 15 seconds faster than last year's average overall team time.

Without as much depth and strength, the women's cross country team placed 18th at

the meet.

"We only have seven women this year," Moccasin cross country head coach Jamie Moreno said. "We had a good handful of them come into the season unhealthy, so I thought they gave a good effort though with the shape that they are in."

The lady runner leading the way for the Moccasins was sophomore Emily LaBarbera. After sitting out last season due to health issues, she had the strongest finish for the Lady Mocs.

LaBarbera finished the race with a time of 19:49.46 and also individually placed 60th.

"She is a perfect example of her working really hard to get back to where she was," Moreno said.

Following behind LaBarbera were senior Kelsey Dunn and Jillian Swartz, junior Karys Whitehead, sophomore Nicole Shaul and freshman Corin Cassario.

Both teams noted that the biggest challenge of the meet was the hilly golf course terrain.

LaBarbera's split times were affected by the terrain.

"I was supposed to run 6:25's and then go downhill from there and they actually

went up. I ran a 6:01 the first mile, then 6:30, then 6:32 so that wasn't my greatest accomplishment," LaBarbera said.

On the men's side, the four runners that ran behind the front runner were supposed to stay in a pack and try and break up the other teams. This did not happen though, as the runners ended up splitting up slightly around the four mile mark.

"So, the next meet we are going to work on keeping the pack together," Patchett-Fills said. Get all of us together and closer to Ben."

Over the next week, the two teams will be adding mileage and intensity to their workouts to help improve these problems.

Unfortunately, the women's team was beat by three other Sunshine State Conference schools during the meet — University of Tampa, Florida Tech and Saint Leo University.

"This just shows us that we have a lot of work to do to keep up our streak of winning and getting into the top two at conference," Moreno said.

The team's next meet will be held on Oct. 1st in Titusville at the Flrunners.com Invitational.

## Women's Soccer

# Lady Mocs fight to stay atop

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The Lady Mocs soccer team greatest opponent at this time is rain. Two of the Lady Mocs' soccer matches have been cancelled with only a slight chance that one will be rescheduled in October.

Other than fighting the wet southeastern elements, the squad has managed to remain on both regional and national polls selected by the National Soccer Coaches Association weekly polls.

The Lady Mocs are currently 15th in the national ranking and second in the regional ranking. The Sunshine State Conference has always been known to possess some of the strongest teams in the South Region and this year that is no different.

Seven SSC teams make up the top 10 teams in this week's regional rankings.

Leading the team in goals and points to achieve the high rankings is senior Princess Haley. Haley has five of the team's 17 goals. Redshirt Junior Adi Alvarado and freshman Kara Moore each have three goals to tack on.

The team's only starting goalie is junior Martina Tangen Billing who has 26 saves total this season.

The Lady Mocs next opportunity to fight for their right to the top spot is Oct. 1 in Columbus, Ga. at they take on Columbus state. Home play returns Oct. 5 against SSC rival Tampa.

## NSCAA South Region Rankings 4th Poll (as of Sept. 28)

1. Rollins (6-1-0)

2. Florida Southern (5-2-1)

3. West Florida (5-2-0)

4. Barry (Fla.) (6-2-0)

5. Florida Tech (5-2-0)

5. Tampa (Fla.) (6-2-0)

5. North Alabama (5-2-0)

8. Nova Southeastern (Fla.) (4-3-0)

9. Lynn (Fla.) (3-3-1)

10. Alabama-Huntsville (4-3-0)

## Home Athletic Events

Fri.	Oct. 1	Volleyball	vs	Barry*	Jenkins Field House	7 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 2	Volleyball	vs	Nova Southeastern*	Jenkins Field House	7 p.m.
Tues.	Oct. 5	W. Soccer	vs	Tampa*	Barnett Field	7 p.m.
Tues.	Oct. 12	M. Soccer	vs	Tampa*	Barnett Field	7 p.m.
Thurs.	Oct. 14	Volleyball	vs	North Alabama	Jenkins Field House	7 p.m.

\*indicates Sunshine State Conference game

# Sports

## Men's Soccer

# Squad pleased with ranking, still hungry

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After years of sub .500 records, the Florida Southern men's soccer team has finally started the season with a winning record.

The Moccasins are ranked 4th out of the 9 teams in the Sunshine State Conference and 7th in the South Regional poll for the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Not only that, but for the first time in 11 years, the Mocs earned their first spot in the Top 25 of the NSCAA weekly poll.

"It feels great [to be ranked]," Moccasin men's soccer head coach Hugh Seyfarth said. "The guys have worked hard up to this point. I'm happy about it; it's an honor to be ranked now, but I told the guys 'We want to be ranked in November and December. That's the measuring stick'"

The feelings are mutual for the players, as well.

"It feels good, but we haven't done anything yet," redshirt sophomore and co-captain Ashley Holmes said.

While Holmes and the team feel as if they still have much to prove, the team definitely has improved from last year, when they ended the season 1-12-1, finishing last place in the SSC. But after five games, the team has been a lot more successful than they were last year.

"Leadership has been a critical success factor," Seyfarth said.

"Our captains, Ashley Holmes, Givi Kokiai, and David Fletcher have been outstanding leaders along with players like Jared Bellinger, Johan Jonsson and Zach Hofstetter."

So what's different this year from the players' perspective? Holmes believes it's the team's belief and attitude.

"We've gotten much tighter, much more together as a team, and I think we've brought that on to the field as well," Holmes said.

And Seyfarth sees that in the players, as well.

"A belief and a determination that stems back to even a couple of years ago when our record wasn't really all that good," Seyfarth said. "Some of the players that are contributing this year were freshmen last year. So, they got taught a few lessons in a few games they played [and now] they seem to know the importance of hard work and determination."

Needless to say, the team, the coaches and even the students are excited to see how far the soccer team will go this year. The team and coaches see themselves going to the SSC tournament and winning as many games as possible.

"Once you get to the tournament, anything can happen. And from there, we'll just set little goals and hopefully something will get picked up," Holmes said.

The squad's next chance at scoring goals and achieving their own is Oct. 2 against Palm Beach Atlantic on Barnett Field at 7 p.m.

**Top: The Moccasin defensive line - led by redshirt sophomore and co-captain Ashley Holmes (5) - allowed only eight goals in their first seven matches.**

**Bottom: Co-captain David Fletcher (far right) and J.D. Ruiz prepare to battle with an Eckerd player in their first Sunshine State Conference game of the season on Sept. 18**

Photos by Ashley Islas



# According to my stats, the most annoying fans are . . .

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Have you ever really thought about the true spirit of any sport? In my humble opinion, it's the fan.

The fan sets the tone for the game. Our diehard passion for not only the game, but the cities we represent, the players we admire and the coaches we love — whom we like to imagine as having a telepathic connection with when a great play is run makes the sports arena amazing.

But, there are those fans who we all find to be absolute annoyances and while we may not go as far as banning them from the stadium, a muzzle would definitely help.

Here are my top ten most annoying fans.

**#1 — The Groupies**

"Oh, he's so dreamy!"

I know everyone has a right to pick up an interest in sports, but watch in silence before you join us on the stools or a friend's sofa. If you don't know what's going on then that's perfectly fine, just don't ask!

If you're only doing it for attention. As a female sports addict, you frustrate me when you do it for attention. Just stop.

**#2 — The ESPN BottomLine Junkie**

This is by far the most annoying kind of fan — I use the term loosely, by the way. This fan can be caught spurting lines that you saw scrolling on the bottom of SportsCenter first thing in the morning.

You know those stats about how long a team has gone without an away win, the last time an athlete beat a certain record or any other statistic ESPN decides needs to be displayed.

**#3 — The Statistician**

This is that one friend who relies on stats to make an argument or cannot put stats into perspective. They usually start an argument with "Well, according to the stats."

Simple as it gets, the best team doesn't always win and the best players most certainly don't always play at the highest level possible — they're only human.

**#4 — 'Rings Equals Greatness' Fan**

Now this fan absolutely irks me. Where does one get away with saying that the

number of championship rings one has determines their greatness? Unless it is an individual sports like tennis or golf, in my opinion championships are irrelevant. Why? It takes more than one player to make up a championship team.

A quarterback needs reliable receivers. A pitcher needs a solid catcher. A great offense needs a great defense.

**#5 — The Authoritative Figure**

"If you actually watched the game like me, then you would know. . ."

Yes, that fan who acts as if they are the absolute authority on all sports. They usually think that they are the most knowledgeable because of their ability to sit in front of ESPN for hours at a time or go through sports columnist's blogs.

**#6 — The Bandwagon Fan**

Is there even a need for me to describe these fans?

**#7 — The "Represent My City All Day Every Day" Fan**

Yes, New York is home to the number one team I abhor in all of sports, but with all bias aside I say this - quit reppin' New York if you can't even name the boroughs. Those Bostonian's use to be the love-

able losers. . .even more loveable than the Cubbies, but what happened? You win two World Series after a few decades, and you run the game again? A lot of us use to cheer for you because we wanted to see you take out the Yankees and now. . .we're tired of the AL East. Thanks, guys.

**#8 — The Drunken Fan**

Can you please stop slurring ignorant or completely irrelevant facts at me? Yes, I am wearing this cap because I am a fan of such-and-such team, but what does my momma have to do with anything?

**#9 — The Cowbell/Vuvuzela Abuser**

Oh we know them all. . .do cowbells really get in a ball players mind? More than likely not because the stadium is already loud enough, but it is annoying for other fans. The only time it really makes a difference is when there has to be communication on the field. Please leave them at home.

**#10 — The Idiom Fan**

Most of the time, this is the fan who either a) truly enjoys sports no matter who is playing and tries to come off as a deep thinker or b) an optimistic fan who uses idioms to keep hope a live.

The most common lines from idiom fans are "Winning isn't everything; it's the only thing!" or "There is no 'I' in team."



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-Ash