



Many concerned with new TSA full body scanners

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As students prepare to head home for the winter holidays, they will encounter new airport check-in procedures. In addition to prohibited items that cannot be inside carry-on luggage and size limitations of liquids and gels, the Transportation Security Administration, has implemented full body scans and more comprehensive pat-downs of travelers.

These changes to the procedure have been made in order to better help secure passengers in the airports.

According to TSA's website, they use two types of image scanners in order to take the full body scan of passengers. One uses electromagnetic waves and the other uses x-ray beams to produce the images.

As effective as the scanners are at helping TSA agents clear passengers for travel, a large amount of public concern still surrounds the use of the scanners. Many of the concerns revolve around the perceived



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Many people find TSA's new full body scanners inappropriate and invasive.

intrusive detail in which the scanners display.

"Seeing me naked is too much, you'll have to take me on a date first," freshman Angel Smith said.

Though Smith thinks that safety is important, she said the imaging technology is

inappropriate and crosses the line.

To help calm passengers' worries, the TSA has an agent, not in the security checkpoint area, reviewing the images, and as soon as the images are reviewed they are destroyed.

Comprehensive pat-downs are another security procedure that was updated.

According to a statement released by TSA about their new pat-down procedures, "pat-downs are one important tool to help TSA detect hidden and dangerous items such as explosives. Passengers should continue to expect an unpredictable mix of security layers that include explosives trace detection, advanced imaging technology, canine teams, among others."

"It is unrealistic not to fly. To drive from Florida to Los Angeles would take a week, so two weeks in traveling. You're not saving anything by driving and you're spending a lot more time traveling," junior Dalton Davis said.

Holiday spending to increase

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According to data from the National Retail Federation, the economy is still impacting shoppers this holiday season.

While the number of shoppers who claim the economy will affect their shopping has dropped almost four percent since last year, it remains up at 61.7 percent.

"Money is tight because I am saving for study abroad, but [my spending] will not differ from last year," junior Adara Powell said.

The real change this year actually lies in what people will buy, not how much they will buy. According to the NRF, Americans report that the most requested items this year are less fundamental than last year. More people are requesting jewelry and other more extravagant gifts this year in place of the home appliances and necessities that may have been on lists last year. This year, consumers will look more at value than price.

"I will buy the same amount of gifts if

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FDA releases new cigarette warning labels

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The Food and Drug Administration released a series of graphic cigarette warning labels on Nov. 10 in compliance with The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, a law passed last June that allows the FDA to regulate the tobacco industry.

Congress approved the Tobacco Control Act, giving the FDA power to ban certain flavored content in tobacco products, prohibit certain advertising methods aimed at young people, and place large warning labels on each pack of cigarettes.

Last week, 36 images were unveiled, nine of which will be chosen as the final warning labels to be released next year. Some of the images are grim, including a mother blowing smoke in her child's face, a man smoking through the tracheotomy hole in his throat, and a toe tag attached to the foot of a corpse.

According to The New York Times, studies suggest that the gruesome images will encourage smokers to skip the cigarette they had planned to smoke and discourage adolescents from smoking altogether.

"The evidence is that graphic labels do make a difference in enticing smokers to stop smoking," Dr. Richard Hurt, director of the Nicotine Dependence Center at the Mayo Clinic, told The New York Times.

Refuting this statement, however, health officials have said that smokers will most likely dismiss these images sooner than non-smokers.

While the FDA stated that the new graphic displays are taking aim at teenagers, and those who are already attempting to quit, some smokers do not feel that they will be effective in urging those who have no intentions in quitting to quit once they view the grim images attached to their packs of cigarettes.

Some officials have stated, according to The New York Times, that not only will the illustrations not deter smokers from smok-

ing the next cigarette, but they will alter the way non-smokers view smokers to be more negative.

"The use of graphic warnings makes no contribution to the awareness of these risks and serves only to stigmatize smokers and denormalize smoking," Anthony Hemsley, vice president of Commonwealth Brands, the maker of USA Gold cigarettes, told The New York Times.

A collective response from smokers and non-smokers alike regarding the new released graphic images are that they most likely won't do much. Whether they have taken up the habit or not, they know the typical behavioral patterns of those that smoke and that a small piece of paper will not deter them from indulging.

Lauren*, a student and a smoker, said that it is a good idea and a noble effort, but it would not deter her from smoking.

Other smokers, even those who consider themselves strictly "social smok-

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not more, and put money back into the economy," senior Aaron Longley said. "I am fuel to the economy."

According to the American Research Group, the average American intends to spend \$658 on gifts this year, over \$200 more than the past two years.

Despite these national trends, some Florida Southern students still plan to spend carefully this year.

"This year I will be making presents for friends and family instead of holiday shopping," sophomore Samantha Miller said. "Last year I spent more on buying gifts. This year I'm making blankets and other handmade gifts people will hopefully enjoy more."

"I have never been the type to spend money on presents. I prefer to give handmade presents that mean something to my closest friends, so the economy won't really have an effect on what I give," sophomore Priscila Medina said.

The NRF also reported that the number of people who intend to use holiday sales to buy things for themselves rose this year.

"I usually don't use holiday sales period. I make a lot of my gifts or get them from places that are cheap already," sophomore Kelly Madden said. "However, if there is a sale that will benefit me in the process of getting a gift for someone, then I will surely take it."

Cigarette Labels

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ers," feel that the images on the warnings will not have a strong effect on people who already smoke, despite their severity.

"It wouldn't have an effect on me, it's just going to annoy me," Mary*, a smoker, said. "I'll just throw it out."

Many smokers agree that they are already aware of the list of risks they face when they pick up a cigarette. Because of this, the warning labels might not have the desired effect that the FDA hopes for.

Mary stated that since the health risks are "shoved in everyone's faces" so frequently, and with such force, that any more attempts to resolve the tobacco epidemic will be futile.

"[The warning labels] are true, but people will look right through them," she said.

To non-smokers, this response may be ridiculous and careless, but even they seem to acknowledge that it is inevitable.

"I mean, it's a good idea, attempting to make America healthy, but if they're going to smoke, they're going to smoke," Amanda Pogorzelski, a non-smoker, said. "They already knew the risks."

*Name has been changed for confidentiality.

Finance Allocation Board offers money to campus organizations

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Florida Southern's Finance Allocation Board offers financial assistance to organizations in good standing to organize events and attend conferences.

Although FSC is host to over 70 different clubs and organizations, the school strives to aid each one of the organizations in any way that they can. Some faculty members become advisors to one or more organizations, the school offers opportunities to rent out entertainment equipment and provides the opportunity to have an event catered by FSC's Guest Services.

Many students may not know, however, that these clubs and organizations may also request financial assistance from the Student Government Association's Finance Allocation Board. The FAB is an organization that provides the opportunity for many of the campus' organizations to request funds for any conferences or special events

that they may have.

"The opportunity is available to recognized organizations that are tier one or two and are not currently on suspension," Ali Cahalan, SGA vice president of finance, said.

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Tier one and two refers to the rank of a campus organization. Group tiers are determined by how many representatives they have and how many leadership series events, held by SGA, the organizations attend.

Money distributed by FAB is collected via funds received from the college. This money is collected from student activity fees.

There are some limits to the amount of funds and organization can request from FAB. If an organization is requesting money in order to attend a conference, they can only request half of the total cost of the conference fees. Any SGA tier one organization can request an unlimited amount

of funds while tier two organizations can only request funds once a semester.

In order to receive the requested funds, an organization must be sure to follow the FAB bylaws. FAB bylaws include having the proposal submitted prior to the event for which the funds are being requested, the event must not have an admission cost to attend and a representative must be present for the FAB meeting at which the proposal is reviewed.

There are three SGA senate members, four President's Circle members, and the SGA VP of Finance that make up the FAB reviewing committee. After review, FAB sends out a letter to the organization president detailing the amount of money that their organization will be allocated.



News Briefs

Annual Christmas Gala

Florida Southern will host the annual Christmas Gala on Saturday Dec. 4 at 2:30 p.m. in Branscomb Auditorium. Classical and contemporary Christmas music will be performed by FSC soloists and ensembles including The Concert Chorale, The Symphony Band and Orchestra, The Jazz Ensemble, The Woodwind Choir and Vocal and Instrumental ensembles.

Student admission is free, general tickets are \$15. For tickets, call the box office at (863) 680-4296.

Christmas tree lighting

The annual Christmas tree lighting will take place on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 7:15 p.m. in Lynn's Garden next to Nicholas Hall.

Wind Ensemble preview concert

The FSC Wind Ensemble will give a preview concert of their annual statewide conference on Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Branscomb Auditorium. Tickets are not required.

RA applications available

Applications were posted online Dec. 1 and can be found at www.flsouthern.edu/student_life/reslife.

Christmas candlelight service

The religion department will host the annual Christmas candlelight service on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel.

Flap Jack Fling

ACE will host its annual Flap Jack Fling on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 9 p.m. in Wynnee's Bistro. Join ACE for a study break with free pancakes.

MBA open house

FSC's MBA program will host an information session about the new program. The open house will be on Thursday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. in the student lounge in Rogers.

"The Crucible"

The FSC Theater Department will present its final weekend of "The Crucible" Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 5 at 2:30 p.m. in Buckner Theatre.

Student admission is free, general tickets are \$15. For tickets, call the box office at (863) 680-4296 or by e-mailing bucknerboxoffice@flsouthern.edu. Box office hours are 2 to 6 p.m. on weekdays.

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Opinions

Donating blood becomes a hassle

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Nearly every student at FSC has walked to Terrace Café and seen the blood donation truck parked outside the Circle Drive, which means that nearly every student has been badgered and even harassed to donate blood.

The Wellness Center sponsors two blood drives a semester, and urges students to either donate or volunteer during the event. The blood drive itself is a fantastic cause, and students who offer their blood are both brave and generous. Less fantastic and impressive is the constant pestering from the volunteers to donate blood.

Students decline to donate blood for all different reasons, including personal and medical issues. Some students have illnesses that they do not wish to discuss, while others are afraid of needles or simply do not want to feel the effects of getting a pint of blood removed from their bodies.

A friend of mine nearly fainted and then felt sick the rest of the day because of a bad reaction to donating blood. She has not donated since.

Students are also busy people, with class and homework and a long list of other things to get done before the day is over. It is logical that some students may not want to risk feeling woozy or weak, and it

is also logical that some simply might not have the time.

Another friend of mine experienced rudeness when she refused to give blood for the above reasons. After saying no to the volunteer asking her to donate, the volunteer told her that she had not answered correctly, and the right answer was that my friend would love to give blood.

There is a fine line between recruiting people for a cause and harassing them into it, and it seems the blood drive volunteers toe this line all too often.

There are plenty of students willing to donate blood—the bandages attached to the arms of students all around campus every time there's a blood drive prove it—but that does not mean everyone should have to, or that they should be shouted at while walking to the cafeteria or book store.

I doubt the increasingly brazen blood drive volunteers even succeed with their pushing. Students who want to donate blood will donate, while those who do not will only be offended by the antics and become even less likely to contribute their blood.

Whether refusing to donate is selfish or wrong is a moot point. Students have the right to donate—or not donate—their own blood. They also have the right not to be harassed by pushy blood collectors on their way to class or lunch.

Step up and speak out

Is there a difference between doing a wrong deed and allowing a wrong deed go without punishment or without one of us stepping up and admitting that it's wrong? Yes. Do we always see that difference? No.

Is it terrible that we do not always care about those around us? Yes. Do we try to correct our indifference? From what I can tell, rarely.

Recently I learned about the bystander effect. According to this theory, in emergency situations if more than one person is present then the likelihood that someone will help the person experiencing the emergency lowers. If only two people are present, including the bystander and the one experiencing the emergency, the likelihood of the bystander helping will rise.

Now, why does that matter? I think it applies to every single one of us. We all like to admit that if we were seeing someone experiencing stroke like symptoms in the library that we would run over, but I know for a fact I would first hesitate and then move in to help. Yes, when it comes to many life threatening scenarios we may believe that we will all practice being a good Samaritan, but would we really? When it comes to the most trivial issues we become immune to the voices and pleas from others.

Look at us right now. Over the past few weeks I have heard discussions on Colleg-eACB become classroom topics. I have also heard the phrase, "I know who wrote it" thrown around. If we really cared about others why do we not try to confront a peer because we know the serious consequences of their cyber bullying?

Tired of hearing about cyber bullying because you think Florida Southern is above it?

Well, let us evaluate some national is-

sues. The "don't ask, don't tell" controversy taking center stage. Regardless of what our personal beliefs are, including moral and religious beliefs, we all know that it is wrong to judge someone based on nationality, religion, sex or sexual orientation. Yet for the most part it seems like we could care less about the rights of other American citizens being stamped upon by this policy.

How about the fact that we are disconnected from what is happening overseas with our Armed Forces? For the most part, unless we have a family member or close friend involved in the conflict, well, war really, we allow the media to control

how involved we are with what our country is doing. Personally, I believe it is a sin to go a day without appreciating the men and women who are selflessly putting their lives on the line so as to allow us to go on and play our video games and gossiping on Facebook. We have dozens of ROTC cadets sitting among us in class or heading out to our favorite restaurants on the weekends, yet, we never actually look at them and thank them for the sacrifice they will be making in a few years, months and even weeks.

Now, I am not urging you to go out and give a handshake to every cadet or start calling your politicians or even step up for someone's reputation because all of those options are terribly difficult, right? I am merely urging you all to realize that as a generation we have the ability to affect our surroundings and prevent heinous situations from occurring. Yes, often times our generation has been seen as the generation to break social barriers and accept one another with no hesitation and represent those with no voice, but is that true anymore?

- Ashley Islas

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Holiday sales create materialistic consumption

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The morning after Thanksgiving is the one day every shopaholic looks forward to every year. Black Friday is just the start of the "sales season," but unfortunately, going shopping the following Saturday or Sunday just doesn't appeal to shoppers.

It's as if they feel it's not enough to find bargain prices, but these shoppers feel the need to fight with other overzealous shoppers.

For those shoppers who would rather exhaust their computer with overuse than wake up insanely early for those one-time deals on Black Friday, there is always Cyber Monday.

The same idea, but rather than fight with someone over who was in line first to get the newest laptop all you need to do is go online and punch in some credit card numbers.

Not only are these people looking for expensive items at a low cost, but they're looking to replace that television they bought just last year at the same time. Is

it really saving money if you buy the same thing you bought the previous year? If you left a CRT television on all of the time it would still last at least five years. That being the case, what is the purpose of buying a new television each year?

If it's the need to have the newest, most up to date, flashiest objects or get one up on your friends then may be time for you to notice that you have a problem. Yes, the season of giving is coming up quickly, but are you using the incredible sales to buy things for others? Or is it so you can surround yourself with materialistic comforts?

While I understand the idea behind it all, I just have never felt the need to get in line at midnight, wait for a store to open at four and not be guaranteed the item that I want.

Yes, it is the day that every store is "in the black", but the sales don't end that day. Prices are at an all time low but I would be willing to pay a few extra dollars per item in order to avoid all the insanity.

A few weeks, after Thanksgiving sales, there will be Christmas sales, and also every store's usual weekly markdowns. I'll take my chances with those.

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Campus Events

FSC and Lakeland celebrate the holidays

Dec. 3

“Holiday Happenings” First Friday in Downtown Lakeland

Location: Munn Park

Performances and times:

Lawton Chiles Middle School
6:30 p.m. - 7:15pm
Munn Park

Carlton Palmore Elementary
6:30 p.m.
Peterson State Building Promenade, which is
across from Crispers.

Dec. 4

City of Lakeland’s 29th Annual Snowfest

Location: Lake Mirror Complex

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Admission: For the snow mountain and snow slide is either one dollar or one can of food. The inflatables are one dollar per inflatable. All proceeds will be donated to the Polk County Senior Orphans.

Christmas Gala

Location: Branscomb Auditorium

Time: 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**Performances by Florida Southern
College’s Department of Music:**

The Concert Chorale
The Jazz Ensemble
The Symphony Band and Orchestra
Vocal and Instrumental Ensembles
The Woodwind Choir

Admission: \$15 per ticket for adults
FSC students are free and non-FSC students must
pay half of the admission price
For tickets, call or visit the Branscomb Auditorium
box office or call 863.680.4296.

Dec. 5

Annual FSC Christmas Tree Lighting

Location: Lynn’s Garden

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Dec. 4 and 5

“The Gift of the Magi”

Location: Polk Theatre

Performance Times: 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 4 and
2:00 p.m. on Dec. 5

Admission: \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12
and under. Purchased tickets at www.polktheatre.org or calling 863-682-7553 from 9 a.m. - 5
p.m. on Monday through Friday.

Dec. 9

FSC Wind Ensemble Florida Music Educators Association preview concert

Location: Branscomb Auditorium

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Admission: No tickets required

Dec. 10

Holiday Art Fest

Location: Downtown Lakeland

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Explanation of event: The local downtown shops
remain open until 9:00 p.m. Also, some local artists
display their artwork along the streets. Some other
activities that people can participate in are getting
their photo taken with Santa. Children can ride the
kiddie train ride.

Performances from local schools:

Kingston Elementary

Location: Corner of Main & Kentucky

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Blake Academy

Location: Across from Explorations V Children’s
Museum

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Lakeland High School Orchestra

Location: Peterson State Building Promenade

Dec. 11 and 12

“The Nutcracker”

Location: The Polk Theatre

Performances times: 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 11
and at 2:00 p.m. on Dec. 12.

Admission: \$16-28

Campus Events

Dummies guide to graduation etiquette

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Graduation Invitations

Graduation announcements are used to announce that a student is graduating and should be sent out three weeks in advance.

Announcements should be sent out to immediate family, extended family and guests. Although announcements have become associated with gift giving and money, receiving an announcement does not mean that the person has to send a gift.

Who Gets to Go

If tickets are limited, explain the situation to everyone. Etiquette expert Emily Post suggests a parent should pick names out of a hat or invite one member from each set of grandparents. You can invite as many people to a graduation party after the official ceremony.

Thank You Notes

Although thank you notes may seem unnecessary and old-fashioned, graduates should still send thank you notes because it shows an appreciation for the person who chose the gift. Also, the person may not send gifts if they do not feel appreciated, Post says.

What to Wear: K.I.S.S (Keep It Simple, Silly)

Graduation robes retain a large portion of body heat that is expelled so graduates should plan to wear lighter fabrics. Linen and cotton are good choices for clothing material.

Wear solid colors so as not to be too distracting.

Rule of thumb for ceremonies: Wear your Sunday best.

Women should wear a dress or a skirt/pants and blouse.

Men should wear either a suit or khakis and a tie with a buttoned down shirt.

Wear comfortable shoes. Avoid wearing sneaker and pointy heels.

Fun Facts: Where/When did Academic dress start?

Academic dress for graduations started in the 12th and 13th centuries when universities first began forming. The standard dress for scholars was clerical garb, whether the person was a student or a teacher.

The current style of academic costume in the U.S. is barely a century old. Not until the late 1800s were colors assigned to signify certain areas of study, but they were only standardized in the U.S.

Gardner Cotrell Leonard created the system for academic dress. The system Leonard helped form was based on gown cut, style and fabric as well as designated col-

ors to represent fields of study.

For example green was the color of medieval herbs and was assigned to medical studies. Because olive is close to green, it was designated for pharmaceutical studies.

The Robe: What's with all the funny colors?

According to the American Council on Education (ACE), robes are supposed to be black unless they are the school's colors.

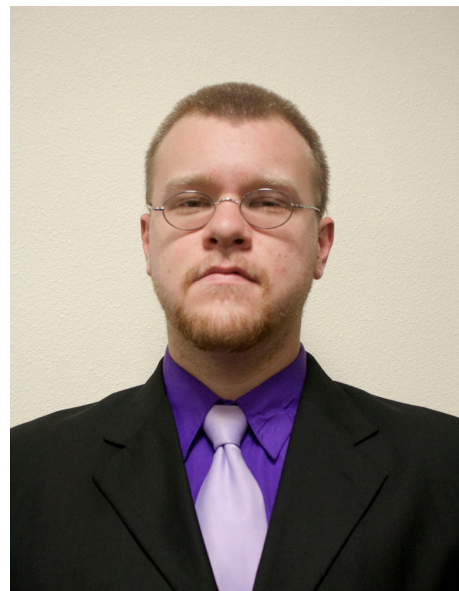
The colorful part of the academic costume is the hood. This is a piece of material that is draped down the back of the robe to indicate the school and the degree the graduate has earned.

The lining of the hood is based on the degree. Each degree has its own color, which is determined by ACE.

The field color is the first school color and the chevron is the second school color. A school may have zero to three chevrons.



FSC student Angel Smith demonstrates the difference between proper and improper footwear for graduation.



FSC student Aaron Curtis demonstrates the difference between proper and improper attire for graduation.



Final Exam Schedule						
	8-10 a.m.	10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	12:30-2:30 p.m.	2:45-4:45 p.m.	5-7 p.m.	7:15-9:15 p.m.
Monday Dec. 13	Classes that meet starting at 8 a.m. on MTWHF, MTWH, MTWF, MTHF, MT, MWHF, MW, MWF, MF, MH, M	Classes that meet starting at 10 a.m. on MTHF, MTH, MTF, MT, MHF, MF, MH, M	Classes that meet starting at 12 p.m. on MTWHF, MTWH, MTWF, MTHF, MT, MWHF, MW, MWF, MF, MH, M	Classes that meet starting at 2 p.m. on MTWHF, MTWH, MTWF, MTHF, MT, MWHF, MW, MWF, MF, MH, M	Classes that meet starting at 11 a.m. on MTWHF, MTWH, MTWF, MTHF, MT, MWHF, MW, MWF, MF, MH, M	Classes that meet starting at 1 p.m. on MTWHF, MTWH, MTWF, MTHF, MT, MWHF, MW, MWF, MF, MH, M
Tuesday Dec. 14	Classes that meet starting at 8 a.m. on TWHF, TW, THF, TH, TF, T	Classes that meet starting at 10 a.m. on TWHF, TW, THF, TH, TF, T	Classes that meet starting at 12 p.m. on TWHF, TW, THF, TH, TF, T	Classes that meet starting at 2 p.m. on TWHF, TW, THF, TH, TF, T	Classes that meet starting at 11 a.m. on TWHF, TW, THF, TH, TF, T	Classes that meet starting at 1 p.m. on TWHF, TW, THF, TH, TF, T
Wednesday Dec. 15	Classes that meet starting at 9 a.m. on MTWHF, MTWH, MTWF, MTHF, MT, MWHF, MW, MWF, MF, MH, M	Classes that meet starting at 9 a.m. on TWHF, TW, THF, TH, TF, T	Classes that meet starting at 4 p.m. on MTWHF, MTWH, MTWF, MTHF, MT, MWHF, MW, MWF, MF, MH, M	Classes that meet starting at 4 p.m. on TWHF, TW, THF, TH, TF, T	Any classes that meet starting at 3, 5, 5:30, 6, 6:30 p.m. and times not scheduled	

Features

ROTC program offers grads job security

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The common college student often wonders “what am I going to do after I graduate?” Jason Campbell, a Florida Southern College alumnus, sat in the same position last year. He recently spent his Thanksgiving in Milan, Italy, is living in Germany and has a guaranteed job for the next eight years.

“A lot of my friends who went, and are still in college, are leaving college with no jobs lined up and are graduating with huge debt thanks to school loans. They’re basically majoring in pre-unemployment,” 1st Lt. Campbell said.

He majored in criminology, and earned an ROTC scholarship. He spent his first year after graduation attending Ranger School, jumping out of airplanes and then the Army paid to move him to Idar-Oberstein, Germany.

Campbell, like many ROTC scholarship students, graduated with zero college loans payments and a job starting the Monday after graduation.

Current student, Mike Lowry, has been in the ROTC program for four years. He will commission in December as a 2nd Lt. in the Ohio National Guard.

“Leadership roles showed me what will be expected in my career path further down the road,” Lowry said.

According to the FSC curriculum, graduating seniors are required to take an internship as a way to expose them to their field outside of the classroom and make connections.

ROTC students fill this requirement and also attend a month-long, 24/7 training course in order to refine leadership skills and build relationships with future officers.

According to U.S. News & World Report, Florida Southern has a 94percent success rate for employment or continued

education after graduation. Since last year, 34 ROTC students secured jobs immediately following graduation and

FSC’s admission website states the school donates approximately \$15 million in scholarships every year. The ROTC program supports roughly 15 scholarships annually— a total of 24,162, for the 2010-2011 school year. Including book money and the monthly stipend offered by the ROTC scholarship, this estimates to a total of \$1.5 million dollars per year.

FSC students who receive the four-year, full-ride scholarship receive many benefits starting their freshman year. The scholarship includes tuition, \$1200 per year for books and supplies, a \$300-500 stipend, a meal plan, room and board.

For further information regarding the ROTC program, you can visit www.fl-southern.edu/academics/rotc or visit the ROTC building on Ingraham Avenue.



ROTC members take part in a training day at FSC.
photo courtesy of Joe Delach

Students review recent entertainment

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows- part one

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Staff Writer

“Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows” part one shocked the audience as well as the producers as it came in as the second ranked movie of the year.

According to boxofficemojo.com, the movie brought in a profit of more than \$127 million in its first weekend in theatres, \$47million more than “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.”

The movie is ranked in second place for the top November and holiday season opening weekends, following “Twilight: New Moon.”

Deathly Hallows is also ranked third in top single-day growth for a Friday.

Adding to its list of awards, it was also the fifth highest three-day gross profit in history domestically, and is the top non-summer opening across the globe.

According to Cobb Theatres Management in Lakeland, the midnight premiere of the movie brought in close to 2,000 customers.

Nationally, the premiere brought in \$24 million, \$1.8 million more than “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.”

Deathly Hallows did manage to beat New Moon at the midnight premiere in IMAX. It brought in \$1.4 million through IMAX sales alone.

Cobb Theatres opened its IMAX theatre

on Nov. 5 and nearly 40 percent of Harry Potter fans saw the new release in IMAX. The theatre is now equipped with a larger screen that will produce clearer images, as well as new speakers that will give the theatre a surround sound effect.

“The IMAX was cool because it was that much larger and in your face,” sophomore Shelly Long said.

Just like any other book made into a movie, many people wonder whether the movie will follow the book.

“I thought it followed the book really well, definitely better than any other Harry Potter movie has,” Long said.

Breaking the movie into two parts allowed time and energy to be spent on making each single detail noticeable in the

movie.

For the first time in Harry Potter history, the movie does not take place at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. It takes place in various locations of significance to the main characters.

Throughout the movie, the three main characters, Harry, Ron and Hermione, are on the run and in hiding. This creates an atmosphere for the movie that is primarily very dark and intense. It keeps the audience on their toes at all times.

Many people are now awaiting the premiere of part two

of the final movie of the Harry Potter series, which is estimated to hit theatres on July 15. This part will be made in IMAX and be available in 3-D.



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“The Crucible” - Festival of Fine Arts at FSC

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Staff Writer

Set during the Salem Witch Trials of the late 1600’s, “The Crucible,” written by Arthur Miller, has a “pertinent message that still resonates today,” Director James Beck said

The audience quickly learns that John Proctor, who is the protagonist, played by Carlos Leon, is the object of young Abigail Williams’ affection who is played by Mia Berardi desire.

Williams becomes so infatuated with the idea of recapturing this married man’s heart, that she eventually sends people to the gallows after accusing them of witchcraft.

Florida Southern College’s theater production of “The Crucible” was not what student Ashley Gentile expected.

“The monologues were long and the actors didn’t do much to change the thoughts I instantly got when walking into the theater and seeing the uninteresting set,” Gentile said. The simple and dark set of “The Crucible,” designed by Beck, did not get a positive reaction.

FSC student Kaelynn Fraley was also not impressed by “The Crucible.”

“I feel as if ‘The Crucible’ was not as successful as ‘Leading Ladies’ because in all, it was not as interesting,” Fraley said. “In order to keep the interest of the young audience, plays need to have

drama or be humorous. Without one of these characteristics, especially when performing a play about the dark and deceptive Salem Witch Trials, a play is not likely to get the recognition that it deserves for the hard work and dedication of the actors and the director.”

However, FSC student Mary Gosling thought that “The Crucible” was an excellent production and she thoroughly enjoyed it.

Beck is also aware of the hard work that the cast members put into plays such as The Crucible.

“Watching the show come alive through the actors, designers and technicians [is my favorite part],” Beck said.

Beck said that the students’ balance challenging coursework with a considerable amount of time spent in rehearsals and dealing with support work [such as sets, lights, props, costumes, and sound.] “The growth of the students in their respective areas is a joy to watch unfold,” Beck said.

Amber Hancock played Ann Putnam in “The Crucible” said, “I think the performances of the play were strong, truthful, and real.”

Hancock said that as an actor, she always believes there are things she could have done better, but she was well directed by James Beck. Hancock also mentioned that she felt the audience hated her, which meant she did her job.

Upcoming performances of “The Crucible”
 Dec. 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 5 at 2:30 p.m.
 For tickets, call the Buckner Theatre Box Office Monday through Friday from 2-6 p.m at (863) 680-3089.

Sports

Cross Country

Mocs prepare for Nationals

Ashley Islas
Sports Editor

The men's cross country team qualified for the NCAA Division II Championship for a second straight time and sixth time overall.

The Mocs' journey to Nationals began with their 14th straight Sunshine State Conference title. Leading the team was senior Ben Martucci who took first place in the race and became the Mocs' third two-time SSC champion.

Drew Martucci placed second in the race giving the Mocs the top two spots. The team also had their other top three runners in the top eight — Eric Larson, Jason Patchett-Gillis, Zack Kovacik. The top 10 finishers made up the SSC All-Championship team.

The top three awards given out by the SSC were also taken by the Mocs. Ben

Martucci was named the SSC Men's Runner-of-the-Year, Chris Yanichko earned the SSC Freshman-of-the-Year award and coach Jamie Moreno was named the Men's Coach-of-the-Year award for the third straight time.

The team then went on to the NCAA Division II South Regional Championship where the team ended up with a runnerup finish.

Eric Larson was the Mocs' top runner in fifth place. Drew Martucci was seventh and Ben Martucci took eighth.

Larson and both Martucci brothers were named to the All-South Reion men's cross country team, which is selected by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

The Mocs have been training for Nationals which will take place in Louisville, Kentucky on Dec. 4.

"We're all at peak season," Ben Martucci said. "We've mastered some workouts

and cut back on the mileage for our best possible racing times."

One element that may prevent the team from having a strong showing at Nationals is the change of climate. The team has been training in the sunny, warm and sometimes humid Florida climate, but the forecast during the race is showers with a high in the 40s. The Martucci brothers look at this as being a challenge for not only the Mocs, but other teams as well.

"It's definitely going to be our biggest challenge yet," Drew Martucci said. "But given the races we've run in cooler weather I like our odds."

Ben also agrees that this race will be challenging, but that all teams will need the same "hopes for a good race."

The race's terrain may also help counter the problems the weather may cause. This year's course will be flatter in comparison to last year's hilly course.

From the sidelines

Water Ski

Two Moccasins competed in the 2010 Pan American Water Ski Championships on Nov. 22-28 at San Bernardo, Chile.

Keri McClure competed on the U.S. Under-21 team and earned a gold medal in the slalom and the bronze medal in the overall competition.

Mario Mustafa represented his home country of Peru in the Men's Competition. He placed 18th in the slalom and eighth in the jump.

Men's Soccer

The men's team earned the National Soccer Coaches Association for America's Team Academic Award by earning a 3.32 team GPA. The award is given to those programs owning a collective grade point average of 3.00 or better during the season. The Mocs ranked fourth in the NCAA Division II.

Volleyball

Lauren Huber was named to the third-team selection on the 2010 Division II All-America squad selection by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

Basketball

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The team's first home game ended up in a devastating 75-77 loss handed to them by the Pacers of the University of South Carolina-Aiken. While the team trailed for most of the game, senior Cameron Wooten hit a 3-pointer with just over four second left to play, but the Pacers returned the shot with another 3-pointer. The Pacers have remained undefeated at 4-0.

The team's third loss of the month came from Saginaw Valley State in the Holiday Inn Lakeland South/Ledger Classic hosted by the Moccasins. After fighting back from a double-digit deficit the Mocs were still unable to score enough during a 10-minute stretch at the end of the game.

"We are playing against good teams," Wooten said. "We expected close games coming into the season."

Although the Moccasins have had to deal with overcoming close losses, individual statistics are on the rise with the help of both young and returning players.

Jenkins is leading the team with most points averaged for games at 13.6 and has even been able to contribute defensively by leading the team with 5.7 rebounds per game.

Sophomore Damon Ellison has started all seven games and is second on the team in scoring with 13.4 points average per game and is also a leader in rebound with 4.1 per game.

Also contributing to the team's upturn is

the depth from the supporting cast on the bench.

Leading the bench is Wooten by averaging 8.3 points per game and 4.0 rebounds per game. Freshman Dominic Lane has come off the bench for a total of 117 minutes to tack on an average of 3.9 points per game and 3.1 rebounds per game. Sophomore Brett Bailey is also averaging 5.6 points per game.

"We know what we have to do as a team," head coach Linc Darner said. "We have all of the components we need to make a championship team, but we need to overcome those losses in the season and to keep our statistics at a high level."

The Mocs have only four games during the month of December, but none of their opponents are from the Sunshine State Conference. The Mocs will face Division II opponents that will be great preparation for January in which the team will have nine games, including eight back-to-back with SSC rivals.

The team is looking at a month without conference play as a benefit to their schedule in the long run.

"We will have more practice time to work out certain things and to have the whole team together," Jenkins said. "These December games will be great preparation for our tough conference."

The Mocs next game is home against Ave Maria at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 8 in Jenkins Field House.

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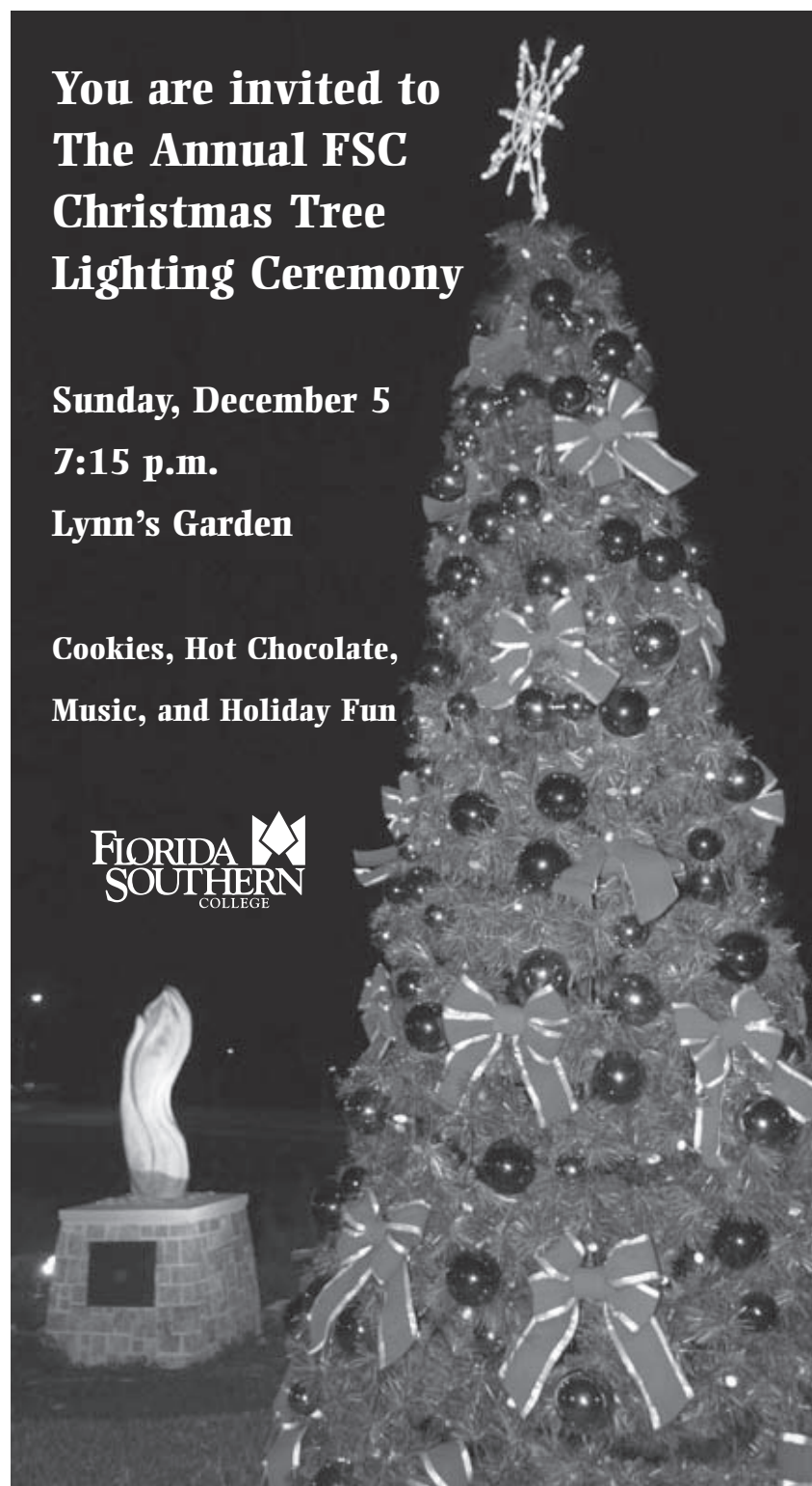
Music, and Holiday Fun

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From the desk of the Sports Editor...

In an online poll on The Southern's website, it was found that the most read section of the newspaper was the sports section. I try my hardest to cover each of the amazing Moccasin team's we have on this campus, but as one person this is not always possible.

If you are one of the Moccasin fanatics who attends games throughout the semester, then let me offer you a proposal. Write up an opinion piece about one of our teams, a feature on your favorite athlete or just submit your latest action photo. Any questions? Email me at aislas@flosouthern.edu



Sports

Men's Basketball

Mocs finish first month above .500

Ashley Islas
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team has been able to finish the first month of their season with a 4-3 overall record. The team started the season with a season opener loss on the road and a home opener loss.

While the Moccasins were undefeated at home last season, this season has been plagued with injuries and opponents that have stronger programs than previous seasons.

Many all of the team's players are recovering from injuries, which contributed to the team's shaky start.

Senior co-captain Rion Rayfield is the most notable Moccasin starter to have been limited by an injury. Rayfield did not start the first game of the season and was limited in play time to allow for a better recovery. According to the Florida Southern Athletics' website, Rayfield is now averaging 12.1 points per game and leads the team with 15 steals.

The injuries, including those of starters and those from the bench, have also made it difficult for the Moccasins to maintain a consistent pace on the court. This inconsistency has not completely devastated the team, but has made it difficult for players to establish a form of play that can show

their progress since their first losses of the season.

"We've gotten off to a little rough start," senior co-captain Brandon Jenkins said. "Some days we don't know who's going to be ready for game day."

The opponents the team has faced also include teams that were undefeated before entering Jenkins Field House or were nationally ranked during the pre-season.

The team's first loss of the season came from the Chargers of the University of Alabama-Huntsville who were picked to win the Gulf Coast Conference and were ranked 21st in the National As-

sociation of Basketball Coaches preseason poll. The Chargers are still undefeated at 7-0.

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Left: Senior captain Brandon Jenkins has been both an offensive and defensive component of this year's Moccasin squad. Jenkins leads the team in points per game at 13.6 and rebounds per game at 5.7. Jenkins also has six steals this season.



Right: Sophomore Damon Ellison is second on the team with scoring with 94 points and averages 13.4 points per game. Ellison also has seven steals this season.

Photos by Ashley Islas

Haters, where is your evidence?

Ashley Islas
Sports Editor

I will be the first to raise my hand and admit that when it comes to certain teams and players I am a hater. Just because I can admit that does not mean that I always try to justify my ill comments about those I dislike. I can allow the words "I'm just hating to be completely honest" escape my lips.

For those of you who try to back up your hate with whack statistics taken without perspective, show me real evidence or sit down.

For those of you who try to back up even more of your hate with direct quotes from commentators on ESPN — yes, I have had people come at me like that — just be quiet or formulate your own opinion.

Let's take the Miami Heat's current situation. Coming into the season everyone looked at Miami as being the team to moni-

tor. What has happened? A shaky start. What is the reaction? "Miami ran their mouth too much."

I am sick of hearing how this first month would be the deciding factor in whether they would go on to become this year's NBA champions. How anyone can decide that they should be written off now is complete nonsense.

If I remember correctly, LeBron did not say that they would take the East in one month. If I remember correctly, D. Wade they would go undefeated. If I remember correctly, Bosh did not say that he would be able to adjust to a lineup packed with such skilled players overnight.

Before you throw your sorry statistics of Miami's bench putting up only four points at the end of November or their barely

above .500 record, let me put this into perspective for you.

As of Nov. 30, Miami was sixth in most points allowed per game, fifth in outscoring their opponents and 12th in points per game. Now marinate in that for a minute before you try to write off a team after the first month.

Oh, and want to get on LeBron's case about loyalty or not being able to do it on his own? Last time I checked, if you ask your management for help on the court and they don't come through for you in any way, then you've done your part.

Oh, and how can one man cover five on a court? He would have never been able to do it in Cleveland so get off his back. As if you wouldn't jump ship to be a part of championship contending team either. We all want to act like we'd stay loyal, but be real.

Want a different sport? Let's talk about the NFL.

Right now if you thought you knew who was going to make it to the Super Bowl I bet you are re-evaluating your decision.

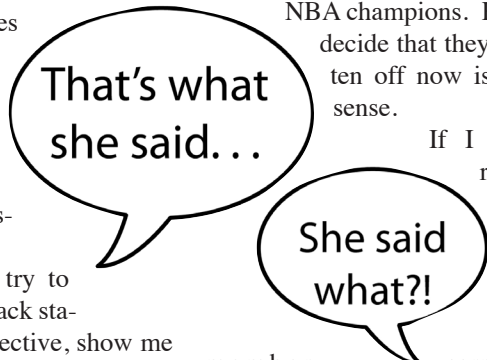
Have you seen some of those final scores? It has been a beautiful season — except for those select few who think football is becoming soft.

The path to the Super Bowl is wide open, but only people who care enough to look at statistics from teams other than their favorites can realize that.

I have had people try to debate me on who would make it to the Super Bowl with a team's record as the basis of their argument. Sounds outrageous, right? People do it though!

Right now there are enough teams searching for redemption that they are causing the top teams to tremble under pressure. Do you think those underdogs care what another team's record is when they step on the field? If anything that makes them want to be the upset of the week.

What's the moral of the column? Do not come at those of us who are well informed on sports issues and can actually rebuttal you by spurting out hard statistics. If you do, we have no problem with proving you wrong with a smile on our face.



December Home Athletic Events

Wed.	Dec. 8	M. Basketball	vs	Ave Maria	Jenkins Field House	7:30 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 11	W. Basketball	vs	Flagler	Jenkins Field House	2 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 18	W. Basketball	vs	Indianapolis	Jenkins Field House	3 p.m.
Sat.	Dec. 18	M. Basketball	vs	Talladega	Jenkins Field House	2 p.m.
Sun.	Dec. 19	W. Basketball	vs	St. Augustine's	Jenkins Field House	2 p.m.
Sun.	Dec. 19	M. Basketball	vs	Tuskegee	Jenkins Field House	7:30 p.m.