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## Red light fines fund FSC

Amanda Royer Staff Writer

Next time you run a red light, your ticket could pay for the new Frank Lloyd Wright Tourism and Education Center.

Last summer, FSC President Anne Kerr asked Lakeland to grant FSC with one hundred thousand dollars per year for five years to build the center, according to Lakeland City Commissioner Justin Troller. As a result, a portion of the money earned from the red light cameras goes to FSC.

The City of Lakeland installed nine red light cameras in June 2009.

The cameras were installed to prevent drivers from running red lights, therefore preventing a number of accidents.

"Residents complained about drivers running red lights and the community wanted something done about it," Troller said

In order to pay for the placement and operation of red light cameras, 78 people must run the lights every month and pay a ticket of 158 dollars.

Four of the nine cameras in Lakeland do not meet that requirement. To resolve the issue, those four cameras are under consideration of being moved.

According to The Lakeland Ledger, 38 percent fewer drivers set off the cameras

during a six-month time period in 2010 compared to 2009. Troller explained that to keep their promise to Florida Southern College, the cameras must start bringing in more money.

This is one of the reasons why the four cameras are under consideration of being moved and a tenth camera will be installed for vehicles going south on North Florida Avenue and Memorial Boulevard, Troller said.

The commissioners and Mayor Fields agreed

to grant FSC the funds because they believe it will create more jobs and bring more tourists to Florida, according to Troller. The commissioners found it important to give the money to an arts agency like FSC.

Troller explained that having more cameras put in based on revenue is not the true intention he originally voted for. Troller would have liked more of the money from the red light cameras to go to local public safety offices, such as Police and Fire Departments.



One of the nine red light cameras moniters traffic lights in Lakeland.

Photo by Justin Bivens

FSC students had mixed opinions about the idea of using money from red light tickets to fund the new center.

"I thought this was a private college," FSC student Robbie Sanford said. "I do not think we should get money for the red lights [cameras] unless it's going to help out with student tuition."

## Ex-negotiator talks it out

Kelsey Tressler Editor-in-Chief

Ex-FBI negotiator Gary Noesner discussed his experience and his theory on applying negotiation skills to everyday situations in his lecture on Jan. 13.

Noesner, who graduated from Florida Southern College and worked with the FBI for 30 years, told stories from his memoir "Stalling For Time."

"A lot of friends and former colleagues urged me to write a book, and I thought by doing that I could tell about the ne-

gotiation career and how important it is," Noesner

The siege on Waco, Texas, the D.C. sniper and the hijacking of Achille Lauro are



Photo by Kelsey Tressler

 $gotiation\ career\ and\ how\$  Gary Noesner poses for photos before speaking at FSC.

among the cases that Noesner negotiated during his career. In his lecture, Noesner discussed the mistakes made in situations

such as the Waco siege and other hostage negotiations that ended without violence.

Noesner talked about the need for a calm, rational approach in negotiating hostage situations. Hostage takers, Noesner said, are distraught individuals.

"When people are angry and frustrated, with steam coming off their heads, they can't think straight," Noesner said. "[The negotiator should] create a relationship of trust, and to do that, you need to lower emotions."

According to Noesner, hostage negotiators build up an immunity of sorts to tense situations.

"If you come across a person who's in a traumatic car accident, how you as a citizen would react is different than how a trauma surgeon on the way to work would react," Noesner said. "You would be under extreme stress, but the trauma surgeon would go into practice and training."

Looking at situations rationally and detaching from emotions can

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## **FSC mourns lost student**

**Christine Simone** Senior Staff Writer

James Helm, an FSC senior, suffered a torn aorta and passed away Jan. 11 after attending just one day of his final semester of classes.



FSC will hold

an on-campus memorial service today at 5:30 p.m. in Annie Pfeiffer Chapel.

News spread across campus Jan. 12 and it became apparent that James had seemed to form relationships with nearly everyone he met.

"What I loved about James was that he was so willing to lend a helping hand," junior Lexi Gardner said. "[He was] so selfless and always willing to go out of his way for others."

In the days after the news of his death, students shared stories of instances where he helped people fix cars in rain, helped with class work or lent an ear to people he perceived needed a talk—regardless of whether he knew them previously.

People who knew James said that anyone who knew him was well aware of his enthusiasm for hockey, NASCAR and the Beatles—three things that were commonly worked into conversation.

"He was so passionate about the things he cared about and excited to share them with other people," Gardner said.

James, 49, transferred to FSC from Valencia Community College in fall 2009 and would have graduated with a communication degree in April.

Prior to his return to school, James lived a rich life of experiences including several years playing semi-pro hockey and working in the pits in NASCAR.

"The amazing thing about James is he somehow managed to pack three lifetimes into one. He did everything," said Christopher Fenner, chair of the communication department.

One of his proudest contributions was as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps from 1978 to 1986. During his service he reached the rank of Sergeant and was a strong advocate for veteran rights. While at FSC, James campaigned for a program that would potentially relocate the veteran memorials on campus.

A celebration of life service was held Jan. 16 in Windermere, Fla.

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### News

### Obama addresses Tucson shooting

Alyssa Porrino News Editor

President Barack Obama addressed the tragic Arizona shooting at a memorial service held for the six victims on Jan. 12.

Obama's address was geared toward comforting family and friends of the victims and letting them know they were not alone. He told the people of Arizona that although it was a difficult time, the entire country was grieving with them.

"I have come here tonight as an American who, like all Americans, kneels to pray with you today and will stand by you tomorrow," Obama said in his speech. "There is nothing I can say that will fill the sudden hole torn in your hearts. But know this: The hopes of a nation are here tonight."

Instead of giving a sad speech about a tragic moment, Obama did what he could to use the experience to encourage a spirit of community amongst each other.

"We recognize our own mortality," Obama said. "...and what small part we have played in making the lives of other people better."

This was a moment of establishing familiarity and comfort while bringing the country together.

"They are part of our family, an American family 300 million strong," he said. "We may not have known them personally, but surely we see ourselves in them."

Obama recognized Daniel Hernandez and Patricia Maisch for their heroic actions in those hectic moments. Hernandez rushed to assist his boss, Representative Gabrielle Giffords, who had been badly injured, but is expected to recover. Maisch, who was visiting family in Tucson, worked to separate the shooter from his ammunition in the middle of the chaos.

"They remind us that heroism does not require special training or physical strength," Obama said.

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- President Obama

He also expressed his belief that they raised the standard of what we should expect of ourselves when things go wrong. Using this moment as a reason to stand together rather than a reason to fight amongst one another.

While acknowledging the anguish felt by all those affected by this event, Obama attempted to bring some joy to the day by highlighting the good each of the deceased did for their community.

Obama spoke of Judge John Roll's 30 years in the legal system and Gabe Zim-

merman's dedicated efforts to see that senior citizens received adequate Medicare assistance.

"He died doing what he loved," Obama said. "Talking to people and seeing how he could help.

In his speech, Obama mentioned the involvement of the victims in their church. Phyllis Schnech, for example, sewed aprons and quilts to hand out at her church.

Even 9-year-old Christina Green worked toward a better world by working with charities that helped less fortunate children.

Two of the men died as heroes by doing what they could to protect their wives. Dorwan Stoddard died shielding his wife from bullets while George Morris attempted to do the same with his wife.

These individuals lost their lives when Jared Lee Loughner started a shooting spree in Tucson, Ariz. The shooting resulted in the death of six people and the injuring of six others.

Due to his behavior during the days before the shooting and the days following, Loughner's mental health is under investigation, according to Jeff Brady's article on the NPR website.

According to The Washington Post, Loughner was charged with the murder of six people as well as attempted murder. Loughner is being held at a federal correctional institution until his trial.

## Negotiator speaks

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aid an individual in everyday situations, according to Noesner. It can help people listen to the other person's point of view and avoid emotional reactions to situations.

"All human relations end in two ways—cooperation or confrontation," Noesner said. "When confrontation arises, how do we get out of it? By listening."

Noesner titled his book "Stalling For Time" because, he said, that is often what a negotiator does.

"When someone takes a hostage, they feel empowered," Noesner said. "When time passes and they realize they don't have as much power as they thought, they have to make a choice."

Part of what led to the result in Waco was the paradox of power, Noesner explained.

"The more you push, the more likely you are to meet resistance," Noesner said.

Noesner also founded the National Council of Negotiation Associations, which is made up of representatives from negotiation associations across the country. The organization helps to bring hostage negotiators together to exchange ideas, Noesner said.

### **SGA** promotes service

Kerri Stinson Staff Writer

The end of January marks the start of the Week of Impact at Florida Southern College, which is sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Dave Bollen, vice president of community and public relations, is in charge of this year's Week of Impact. This week-long event is the main reason Bollen wanted the job in the first place.

"The real reason I wanted this position was not for PR or campaign, but to rally the FSC community around a good cause to improve the quality of life," Bollen said.

With the Week of Impact a few weeks away, Bollen has created a tentative schedule of the week's events. Events will begin on Jan. 31 and end Feb. 5.

"The Week of Impact is a week-long community service and global outreach competition for campus organizations, residence halls and individuals," Bollen said.

During Week of Impact, SGA will be partnering with Sandwich Ministries for a week-long Gatorade drive. Gatorade will be donated in a bin at the Bandshell up until 5 p.m. on Feb. 5. Once the drive is finished, Sandwich Ministries will pass out the Gatorade in Munn Park and Talbot House along with sandwiches made every week.

SGA President Tonda Wooten said that SGA's goal behind it is not just to do community service for one week, but to continue volunteering after the week is over.

"The hope of the Week of Impact is [that it] informs students and campus organizations of possibilities for ongoing effort to continue the quality of life for people in the local, national and global community," Bollen said. "We want the students to realize that they are not only FSC students,

Americans, Floridians but members of a global community that can help neighbors in need."

On Tuesday and Wednesday, people will have the opportunity to donate blood on Circle Drive. On Thursday, SGA will be working with a new organization on campus, Up Til Dawn.

Friday's event will be gleaning with the Society of St. Andrews. Gleaning is when people pick fruit that is still good to eat, but no longer able to be sold in stores.

Once the fruit has been picked, it will be donated to local food banks or sold at a lower cost. For this event, SGA is partnering with Lambda Chi Alpha, who will be providing the vehicles that will drop-off the fruit in Tampa.

Currently, there is no event planned for Saturday. However, Bollen says that the event will allow students to work with either Farm Workers Ministry or Lighthouse Ministry.

Bollen hopes that the week's kick-off event will have booths set up so students can either participate in service projects instantly or learn about other service opportunities available. Bollen hopes to have campus organizations such as Sandwich Ministries and Habitat for Humanity present as well as off campus organizations, like the United Methodist Relief Center and the Lighthouse Ministries.

At the end of the week, the winning organization/team will receive 500 dollars that they can donate to the philanthropy of their choice as well as an additional 500 dollars for their organization.

Participation packets will be placed in organizations' mailboxes on Jan. 21 and are due in the Bandshell on Jan. 28. For more information contact Dave Bollen at sga@flsouthern.edu or at 813-245-1375.



## **is here!**Let's get it started at FSC!

Friday, Jan. 21
ACE presents Magician Derek Hughes
7 p.m. Bandshell

Saturday, Jan. 22
CSI and MEISA present
Shell Shock - Battle of the Bands,
7 p.m. Bandshell
(winner receives \$600 and the title of
winner of the 2011 Battle of the Bands!)
T-shirts and giveaways!



## **Opinions**

## 'Total Frat Move' is a 'What Not to Wear,' total waste of time

opening it. The background is a soft cream color dotted with baby blue sailboats. 'Total Frat Move," also known as "TFM," written in a sophisticated script, emblazons the banner on the top of the page.

Seems harmless enough, right?

However, upon scrolling down and reading the short, individual entries that are supposedly posted by fraternity and sorority members themselves, I immediately see the reason for the cute, little sailboatsand it's not cute.

Apparently, these self-proclaimed "Frat Daddies" proudly flaunt their expensive taste in clothes, hobbies and alcohol by partying, spending money, looking down on those who aren't in fraternities or sororities and then publishing these ridiculous jaunts via crass posts on TotalFratMove.

The first thing that shocked me about these posts is how there isn't A Southern a morsel of shame in any of them. These people are posting obscene

tidbits of their lives that do nothing more than tarnish the way other people see them. If there is a stereotype of frat brothers and sorority sisters, then these people are doing nothing but making it worse.

There is a gap between Greeks and non-Greeks, but it shouldn't be as gaping and ominous as this site makes it seem. Of course there will be separation between a group of people who spends so much time together and a group of people who doesn't. It will always exist.

It shouldn't exist, however, with a sense of bitterness and negative tension attached. TFM hauls in the animosity by the boatload in a way that enforces the idea that Greeks are better non-Greeks, that flaunting superior social status is okay, and that common courtesy and decency are beneath those wearing letters. This behavior is unacceptable and I'm glad I don't see it at

As I continued to scroll through the pages, I found myself becoming furious. So many of the posts outlined the ways in which a frat brother was treating a "GDI," a sorority sister or a pledge poorly, and I wondered why some people think that it's okay to brag over a public circuit about be-

The website looks harmless enough upon ing—for lack of a better word—a crappy human being.

> I've heard the website be compared to FMyLife.com and TextsFromLastNight. com, and while I see where people find random humor in all three sites, there is a major and unjustifiable difference. The other websites act as outlets for people to laugh at themselves where as "Total Frat Move" permits people to laugh at the expense of others.

> Another thing I quickly noticed about the website is that a lot of the posts refer directly to Greek life at schools in the south. It was encouraging to see that Greeks all over the country don't make a fool of themselves the way the ones on the website do, but here we are—in the south.

> I attended another southern school before transferring to Florida Southern, and the stereotypes that these frat brothers brag

> > about in their posts did more than just exist there-they were everywhere.

> > It's wrong for me to lump all of these

people into an undesirable pile, because I didn't know all the Greeks at this particular university. And truthfully, in the grand scheme of things, my opinion of their whereabouts really doesn't matter.

One observation is worth noting, however. The tidbits of Greek life published on this site reminded me of the Florida university I previously attended and not the one I currently attend. After becoming irritated after aimlessly clicking around this site I found immediate solace in the fact that I'm not surrounded by a juvenile, stereotypical Greek student body.

Again, I'm not an all-knowing individual and the evidence I use to support my argument that FSC's Greek life is far from the "Total Frat Move" type of Greek life could be inaccurate. I don't see tension or malice and if it exists it must be in miniscule amounts

I'm used to the existence of a grossly exaggerated student body hierarchy and the proudly reinforced ideas that are presented on TotalFratMove.com, and I'm pleased that I can scoff at this website because I don't have to deal with any of it.

-Olivia George

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## fashion is confidence

**Kelsey Tressler** Editor-In-Chief

I have a confession. I love watching reruns of What Not to Wear, that makeover show on TLC with Stacy London and Clinton Kelly.

I don't even know if they still make new episodes anymore, or if TLC just plays the old ones over and over on an endless loop because viewers haven't stopped paying attention yet. Whatever the case, I snuggle up on the couch to

watch anytime I pull up my TV guide and see "What Not to Wear" on the listings.

My brother teases me about this because the show is repetitive by nature. The hapless contestants wear bad fashion, get makeovers and emerge at the end looking entirely different.

It's not the change in looks, though, that makes the show magnetic. It's that each participant feels differently by the end of the week and the change is visible to viewers. They walk stronger, smile more and stand confidently in front of the mirror as they absorb their new haircut and stylish dress.

I love fashion, but "What Not to Wear" and I have an understanding that a lot of people don't grasp. It's not about the clothes at all, not really. It's about how you feel in the clothes-how knowing your shirt is flattering and your jacket fits well gives you that extra boost of self-confidence. A lovely dress or a slick leather jacket says something that sweatpants and a hoodie, however fleecy and comfortable,

It's not about being rail-thin with edgy platinum blonde hair and risky clothes.



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It's about wearing something that, when the material slides onto your body, makes you like that body more. Fashion is for anyone at any size with any body shape. It just takes knowing what looks good on you and what will make you feel better about yourself.

"What Not to Wear" is also really smart with their makeovers because they pick women of all different sizes and show them how to dress. Current fashions are, let's face it, often geared toward the very slender. There are, however, types of clothes that will always be in style because they will always be flattering to a wide variety of women. Shirts and dresses that cinch at the waist—the smallest part of a woman and flow away from the body are a good example.

So however vain fashionistas appear, however impractical their spiky heels might seem, there is a method to putting extra effort into how you dress. People who love to dress well don't just love the clothes-they love the feeling they get from wearing an outfit that looks flawless.

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## **Upcoming Events**



Artist	City	Venue	Date
Linkin Park	Tampa	St. Pete Times Forum	1/22
Hinder	Orlando	House of Blues	1/25
NOFX/Bouncing Souls	Orlando	Hard Rock	1/27
The Used	Orlando	Hard Rock	1/28
Escape the Fate	Orlando	Firestone	1/29
Jimmy Eat World	Tampa	The Ritz Ybor	2/2
Jimmy Eat World	Orlando	House of Blues	2/4
Clay Aiken	Orlando	Hard Rock	2/11
Miranda Cosgrove	Orlando	Hard Rock	2/16
Miranda Cosgrove	Orlando	House of Blues	2/17
Sister Hazel	Tampa	Tampa Theater	2/19

## THEATER

ShowCityVenueDateWest Side StoryOrlandoBob Carr2/1-2/6WickedOrlandoBob Carr2/23-3/27Wizard of OZLakelandYoukey Theater3/17



ComedianCityVenueDateJeff DunhamTampaSt. Pete Times Forum2/24

## **Upcoming Events**



Jimmy Eat World has been around since 1994 and is still making music and touring. The band recently released their seventh full-length album, "Invented," and will soon be on the road again on tour. They will be in Orlando at the House of Blues on Feb. 2 and in Tampa on Feb. 4.

"Wicked" puts a new spin on "The Wizard of Oz" and follows the unlikely friendship of a strange outcast and a beautiful, popular girl in Oz. Music and lyrics were written by Stephen Schwartz. "Wicked" will be at Bobb Carr in Olrnado on Feb. 23 and 27.

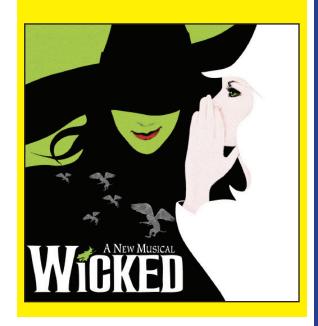
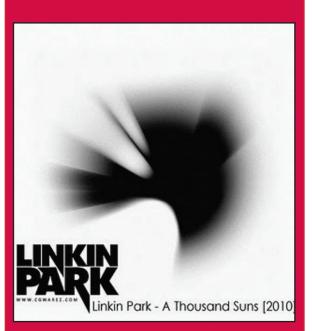




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Jeff Dunham's comedy tour prominently features his ventriloquist dummies. He uses them to represent different stereotypes like Bubba J the redneck and Walter the irritable old man. Dunham will be at the St. Pete Times Forum on Feb. 24.

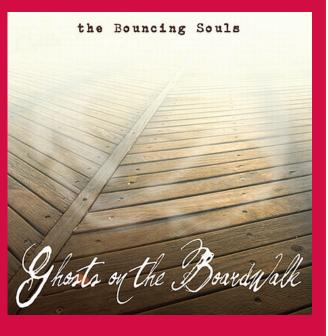


Linkin Park is making a comeback from their hiatus by going on a world tour to promote their brand new album, "A Thousand Suns." Their song, "Waiting For The End" has been most popular music and alternative radio stations around the country. They will kick off the tour in Tampa, Florida on January 22.



Sister Hazel released "Heartland Highway" in Aug. 6, 2010. It is their seventh album. Sister Hazel will come to the House of Blues in Orlando on Feb. 19.

The Bouncing Souls released "Ghosts on the Boardwalk" on Jan. 12,2010. This is their eighth album, coming after "The Gold Record", which was released in 2006, according to the band's website.



### **Features**

## Students to 'Write Love' at convo

**Danielle Burch** Assistant Section Editor

Jamie Tworkowski, the founder of To Write Love On Her Arms, will be speaking to students on Jan. 26 at Florida southern College's convocation.

To Write Love On Her Arms is a nonprofit organization aimed at helping those struggling with depression and self-mutilation as well as substance abuse.

The organization has responded to over one hundred fifty thousand messages from people who are reaching out for help in their time of crisis. Tworkowski and his team have also given more than 850 thousand dollars to treatment and recovery of those who need help.

"There is no real way to measure exactly how many people have been helped but we hear from people pretty often telling us they are still alive because of [To Write Love on Her Arms], so that is what encourages us to keep doing what we do," Tworkowski said.

The journey of TWLOHA began in 2006 with a story about Renee Yohe, 19, who

was struggling with drug addiction, depression and self-injury.

"To Write Love On Her Arms was the name of a story I wrote about five days that I spent with her. From there, I made a MySpace page to give the story a home and started selling shirts to pay for her treatment," Tworkowski said.

From there, TWLOHA has grown from just the story of Yohe and her struggle to one of the most recognized nonprofit organizations in the world.

"I remember, early on, hearing from people in Australia and the UK and it was such a surprise," Tworkowski said. "The Internet has allowed people all over the world not only to find out about us—it also allowed us to become a source of hope and encouragement to people all over the world," Tworkowski said.

The Internet is not the only source of growth for the non-profit organization. Tworkowski also credits many bands who wear the famous TWLOHA shirts to spread the word to their fans about help for the struggle with addiction and depression.

"[Many people] found us because of

the support of Switchfoot and Anberlin," Tworkowski said. "Beyond the bands and shirts and the Internet, I think the heart of the matter is that millions of people struggle with the issues that we talk about, and we are talking about thing that most people tend not to talk about."

The true meaning of TWLOHA is not how popular the organization is or which bands wear the TWLOHA shirts, but rather how it impacts people in their everyday

TWLOHA's mission statement is not only to find help for people who are struggling with depression and substance abuse, but to educate others about it.

"We didn't invent the ideas we talk about. We don't own the patent on hope or the idea that people need other people. There are simply things that we believe deeply and it is a privilege to be given a platform to talk about them and it is something incredibly special every time we are reminded that people are encountering hope and truth at one of our events," Tworkowski said.

Not only will Tworkowski be speaking

during convocation, but he will also be holding an evening program in Branscomb.

This evening program will feature a number of speakers, including Tworkowski and TWLOHA counselor Denny Kolsch and Aaron Moore, who runs Solace Counseling in Orlando. Dustin Kensure, from the band Thrice, will be performing at the

"Dustin is coming all the way from California just to play at Florida Southern and our whole team will be driving over from Cocoa to be there, so it is one we are very much looking forward to," Tworkowski said.

Tworkowski would like FSC Students to know that they matter and they are not alone, no matter what.

"More than anything, our hope is that people leave encouraged, believing that we deserve people who know us and walk through life with us, believing that pain is part of begin human-it is nothing to be ashamed of. And believing that their life and the lives of the people close to them are worth fighting for," Tworkowski said.

### **Phoenix Down rises**

Jessica Kaepernik Staff Writer

In a dorm room filled with guitars, amps and a Jimi Hendrix poster, the members of Phoenix Down get together to reminisce about their past, talk about their uncertain future and tell funny stories about the antics of one particular band member.

Anthony Spero, drummer for Phoenix Down, joins the group via Skype. Michael Kanago, guitarist, sits on his amp while the other members of the group lounge around in the tiny dorm room. Deej mates at their first show. "DJ" Peterson, guitarist, is also there along with Tyler

As for the name of the band, Kanago wants the world to know that is not about Final Fantasy 7.

"I want to set the record straight. It is not a Final Fantasy 7 reference and never will be a Final Fantasy reference," Kanago said. "I always thought of it as a metaphorical thing."

Phoenix Down hit a road bump regarding their practice space this year when Spero graduated from Florida Southern.

"It's kind of hard to practice right now. We used to practice down on Nicholas first floor because that's where Anthony lived, but because he graduated, we actually practice in Clermont," Kanago said.

"The problem with that is it's about 50 miles away, which isn't that bad, but with gas prices the way they are now, it's getting a bit more difficult. We're going to wait before we do anything drastic, but for right now we're practicing at my house, in my living room."



the few spots available in Deej Peterson plays guitar with his band-

Photo courtesy of Trenton Moore

The band has had difficulty keeping Grimmel, bass, and Alex De La Torre, lead members together in the past, but Spero suspects that there is something unique about their group. Despite the distance challenge, Spero believes they have the ability to get far.

> "If I ever thought we had the potential of making it as a band, this is the band that's gonna do it," Spero said.

> Despite the distance, this group finds ways to stay connected outside of practice.

> "We have events where we get together and color in coloring books and feed ducks or something like that, to keep the band together," Peterson said.

> There is, however, one more secret ingredient to keeping the band alive.

> "I keep Anthony chained up in my basement. He has nowhere to go," Kanago said. "We keep him in the basement, give him a drum set, tell him to practice for ten hours and keep his chops up."

> Phoenix Down is playing Battle of the Bands on January 22 at the Bandshell and they are performing at the Bring Me the Rock Festival Jan. 29- Jan. 30.

## **Best of 2010**

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**Mercedes Zoller** 

"It's a great movie to go see with the

closer. The characters were still amazing and the plot was just as entertaining as

whole family and it brings everyone

"Toy Story 3"

the others."

Freshman

Music

### **Movies**

"The Book of Eli" "The character, Eli, is very captivating and the plot is phenomenal." **David Bollen** 

Senior



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"Maybe" Sick Puppies "The melody and beat are excellent. It's talking about moving on and changing for the better."

Sabrina Poteet Sophomore



"Drop the World" Lil' Wayne and Eminem

"It's a great song to listen to before my

**Lance Cline** Junior



"Oddities" "It's just so weird and interesting." **Gabrielle Watson** Sophomore



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### **Sports**

### **Sports Briefs**

## Swimming, women's basketball earn wins over conference rivals

Ashley Islas Sports Editor

As the spring semester begins students scurry to classes after shuffling out of bed and a dedicated few scurry to practice before classes and again after a long day of classes. Holding up the Moccasin winning tradition are the men's and women's swimming teams and women's basketball. All the teams have posted recent wins over opponents.

#### Men's Swimming

The men's swimming team (2-5) defeated Saint Leo — taking eight of 11 events — at their Jan. 14 meet at the Nina B. Hollis Wellness Center Pool.

Lance Cline, Jeb Halfacre and Walter Rumans each posted double wins to lead the men. Cline won the 1000-yard and 500-yard freestyle. Halfacre won the 200-yard and 100-yard freestyle. Rumans won the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yeard butterfly.

Four other Moccasins stepped out of the

pool with wins, as well. Thomas Nguyen won the 100-yard backstroke. The 200-yard medley relay was won by Nguyen, Miguel Ferreira, Bruce Janzen and Zach Edwards.

The Moccasins will jump into the water on Jan. 22 at a duel meet against Rollins at Winter Park.

#### Women's Swimming

The Lady Mocs (5-2) were able to dominate Saint Leo in all but two events on Jan. 14 in the dual meet with the men on campus.

Cara Potter and Mary O'Sullivan each had two wins. Potter won the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle events and O'Sullivan won the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly.

Six other Lady Mocs were able to secure wins in both individual and relay events. Kaitlyn Smith won the 1000-yard freestyle, Rae-Lyn Sheffield won the 200-yard individual medley, Taylore Reynolds won the 100-yard backstroke and Carlee McDonald won the 500-yard freestyle. Reynolds

olds, Sheffield, Kelsey Duncan and Kelly Ruf earned the win for the Lady Mocs in the 200-yard medley relay.

The Lady Mocs will travel with the men's swimming team to the dual meet in Winter Park on Jan. 22.

#### Women's Basketball

As of Jan. 15, the Lady Mocs were undefeated in the Sunshine State Conference. The team was tied with Tampa for first place, but battled for sole possession on Jan. 19 — results were not available at time of publication.

Leading the Lady Mocs in points is transfer Emma Cannon who averages nearly 15 points per game. Cannon also leads the team in rebounds with just over 10 per game.

Michaela Hawley and Chelsea Johnson are also leading the team in points per game.

Reserves Taylor Maldonado and Sofie Lundberg have also proven to each be a critical part of the team.

## From the sidelines

#### **Swimming**

Two Moccasins earned Sunshine State Conference Swimmers of the Week after posting individual wins over Saint Leo on Jan. 15.

Senior Cara Potter was named the Sunshine State Conference Women's Swimmer of the Week award. Potter won both the 200-yard and 100-yard freestyle. Sophomore Walter Rumans earned the Men's Swimmer of the Week. Rumans won the 50-yeard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly.

#### Women's Tennis

Head coach Trish Riddell will represent the United States in the International Tennis Federation's Seniors World Team Championships in New Zealand in February.

#### Sunshine State Conference

The SSC leads all NCAA Division II conferences with an Academic Success Rate (ASR) of 86 percent.

Upcoming Start Dates for Moccasin Athletics **Jan. 22** Track at Daytona State **Feb. 2** Men's Tennis vs. Webber **Feb. 4**Baseball vs. St. Thomas

**Feb. 5**Women's Golf at
Tusculum Intercollegiate

**Feb. 5** Lacrosse at Jacksonville Feb. 6 Women's Tennis vs. Lynn

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### **Sports**

### **Men's Basketball**

## Team strives to stay atop of conference

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The Moccasins (12-4 as of Jan. 15) have managed to recover from a less than stellar start and stay atop the Sunshine State Conference.

After battling possibly their greatest opponents — their own injuries — the team has managed to rally back from their 3-3 start at the beginning of the season.

"At the beginning of the year we had a

lot of players on the team injured, so it was year," Wooten said. "We can work out harder forming chemistry in practice," senior Cameron Wooten said. "Now we are all healthy and things are starting to click

As the team's chemistry strengthens oncourt, the team has managed to climb to the top of the SSC, but have yet to enter the bulk of their conference match-ups. The Moccasins have 11 games left in the regular season and 10 are against conference rivals.

> Instead of allowing the schedule to make an unwelcomed visit, the team is welcoming all of their remaining games against conference oppo-

"At the beginning of the year, our coach likes to schedule a variety of teams with different playing styles to get us ready for the second half of the our kinks before we get into conference

Hoping to keep the team strong through the end of the season is an array of of players who often times rotate starting spots in the lineup and come off the bench as re-

Terry Jenkins is the Mocs leading scorer through the team's first 16 games by averaging 15.2 points per game. Rion Rayfield is second on the team by averaging just under 14 points per game.

The leading rebounder is Brandon Jenkins who had exactly 100 at the 16 game mark. Brandon is also the only player to start all 16 games.

The top reserves include Wooten who averaged 7.3 points per game through the first 16 games and Brett Bailey who averaged 6.3 points and just under four rebounds per game.

Bailey also came off the bench to start against Eckerd on Jan. 12. Bailey scored a career high 17 points in his first career start as a Moccasin. Wooten also started for the first time this season in that game,

The team's next game is against Rollins at Winter Park on Jan. 22 at 4 p.m.



Photos by Ashley Islas

Brett Bailey earned a spot on the starting lineup for the Moccasins and posted a career high 17 points in his first game as a starter.

## The top NBA teams to be weary of are.

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At the end of the last semester, I stated that I do not make predictions at the end of the first month. We are nearing the end of January and it is time to look back on

That's what

she said...

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what?!

Brandon Jenkins leads the team in rebounds with

over 100 and by averaging over six per game.

the first half of NBA season and the teams I consider to be the most dangerous at this point — in no particular order.

**Boston Celtics** 

With a cast of veterans that are still able to run with the best of rookies, Boston is still a contender for this year's title. Although the team lacks a starter under 30, the team's experience makes up for the absence of a young starting lineup.

The Celtics are leaving behind their opponents by just over seven points per game and maintaining the best record in the Eastern Conference.

### Miami Heat

After a rough first month, the Heat were the joke of the NBA. They came into the

season with one of the strongest lineups in the league, and yet still managed to find themselves at the wrong end of a .500 record. Now where are they?

They sit atop their division and close to the top of the Eastern conference. They are not perfect — as can be seen through the King's absence — but when at full force are completely unstoppable.

LeBron James could easily be named the MVP at the end of the season, Dwayne

Wade is providing the leadership needed for a team with such a young roster and Chris Bosh has continued to prove that he just need a few games to adjust.

### Los Angeles Lakers

The Lakers have nearly always been the team to beat in the West and this year has proven to be eactly like all the years that they dominated the West.

While they may not possess the best statistics in the league they are still managing to win game after game with a few bumps along the way.

### Chicago Bulls

While they may be in the worst division in the league - at least according to records - the Bulls have a clear shot at the Championship just like any other team leading

Derrick Rose is averaging over 24 points and eight assists per game and seems to only be gaining momentum. Carlos Boozer is currently averaging a double-double to help continue the upward stride.

### Atlanta Hawks

The Hawks are sneaking chasing the Heat for sole possession of the Southeast and threatening the Heat's trio.

While the Hawks will definitely need to prove themselves against Eastern conference rivals if they remain focused then they could possibly cause enough problems for other teams in the East to make their way to the Finals.

### Orlando Magic

It pains me to say it, but the Magic will continue to be the team the Heat need to be weary of until an Eastern Conference champion is decided.

After playing with the roster, the Magic have decided to get back to the fundamentals of basketball with players who needed just a few games to adjust.

### San Antonio Spurs

The Spurs just love proving critics

wrong. Tony Parker was suppose to have off-court drama that would destroy his oncourt hopes. Manu Ginobili was suppose to be losing his game. The Lakers are too good for anyone else to even tip-toe up behind them. Wrong.

The Spurs have had the strongest record in the League for almost the entire season. Their bench has provided enough support for their starting lineup. While other lineups are often overly exhausted, Parker and the gang can rest just enough to gather a second wind when the second half comes

### Oklahoma City Thunder

While the Utah Jazz may be posing a serious threat to the Thunder, they have still managed to stay atop their division.

With Kevin Durant leading the league in scoring and still managing to not impress his colleagues, then Durant must have more talent up his sleeve. If we were to see it then I guarantee everyone else would take the Thunder as serious as I do.

Aside from Durant, point guard Russell Westbrook is averaging over 22 points, eight assists and five rebounds per game. Now, that's swag.

### **Home Athletic Events**

Wed. Nova Souteastern+\* Jenkins Field House Jan. 26 Basketball 5:30 p.m. **VS** 11 a.m. Sat. Jan. 29 Daytona State Wellness Center Pool Swimming VS Palm Beach Atlantic Basketball 5:30 p.m. Sat. Jan. 29 Jenkins Field House VS Wed. Feb. 2 M. Tennis Webber **FSC Courts** 3 p.m. **VS** Henley Field Feb. 4 Fri. Baseball St. Thomas 6 p.m. VS

+ indicates doubleheader with women and men

\* indicates Sunshine State Conference opponent