Students look forward to BBC Involvement Fair

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With over forty clubs and organizations, the university North campus welcomes numerous freshman and transfer students looking to get involved.

The week of welcome festivities at that campus usually consists of a series of events, one each day, such as breakfast, Mudden tournament, smoothies and lunch.

The Involvement Fair is one of the welcome week events where students meet and chat with representatives from all the clubs and organizations available on their campus. It usually last four hours and students who sign up are eligible for a number of giveaways including t-shirts, water bottles, sunglasses and so on.

Kaila Jospitre is a Junior Marketing who has been going to FIU BBC Involvement Fairs for the past 3 years. She participated in the Week of Welcome there and became interested in that campus activities.

“Diversity aspect [at the Involvement Fair] struck me with the most. The organizers made sure that there was something from everywhere,” Jospitre said “Being that FIU is International, they made the fair feel very homey and that’s what caught my attention the most.”

Jospitre believes that BBC is minimum compare to MMC. She is hoping that the fair this year will be just as exciting for her as it was the years before.

“This year, I am expecting a lot more people to show up. Although BBC is a smaller campus, I am eager to see how [the fair] will expand now that there is housing at BBC,” said Jospitre.

The Involvement fair at BBC is consistent and familiar according to Jospitre. “The faces that I’ve seen before, I keep seeing them again every year” Jospitre said “People actually remember you on this campus and what I loved the most was getting to know a lot of new clubs and organizations by simply going around tables.

Ashley Vilasant is a Junior majoring in Business who has participated in BBC Involvement fair in all her years at FIU. She is an active member of the Caribbean Student Association, the Haitian Student Association, and the Black student Union.

“Most of the clubs that I got involved in during my college experience, I met them at the BBC Involvement fair” Vilasant said “Vilasant said that her experience at BBC fair so enjoyable that she cannot wait for the fair this year to see what new clubs and organizations that are coming to campus.

“Sometimes you sign up for a club and then forget but then they send you emails to remind you” Vilasant said “I think the system really works on both campuses; the setting is quite welcoming and everyone can find something of interest to participate in.”

In the Spring of 2015, Nimeha Milien a Junior Hospitality Management major went to the Involvement Fair at BBC. She remembers liking the organization of the tables around the WUC ballrooms and how it was filled with students looking for information.

“I want to go again this year, because it’s not only good to get involved on campus but I want to give myself new opportunities to grow and become a better person”

After seeing the Involvement fair at MMC, Nimeha compares by saying that BBC’s fair is more “Lively, it feel more homey and familiar because of the small number of people there” She said.

Milien felt more comfortable and that she could relax while getting to know the new organizations and making up her mind as to whether she would to sign up. The fact that the BBC fair was not crowded made the experience memorable for Nimeha and she looks forward participating again.

“Always we have to have hope, I think,” said Cassius. “I think my resolution this year is to love myself more and to really connect with people.”

Cassius admits she has “an addiction for social media” and wants to leave that behind.

“Social media is a tool and it’s not bad but for me all the likes and comments are like chocolate. I needed that validation.”

Meanwhile, some students are planning for life after graduation this May. Victoria Diaz, a senior student studying mathematics, hopes to get a few internships under her belt to prepare for her job search and finish her master’s project this semester. However, she’s not sure what her future holds.

“I don’t really know what I’m going to do after this. I might live in Miami; I might not be living in Miami,” she said. “My future is extremely vague right now. It’s definitely going to be extremely different, and hopefully that’s good.”

Hector Sanabria, an electrical engineering major, also discussed his worries about the future.

“What I’m really concerned about this coming year is having somewhere to go after graduation this year and ‘looking for that career,” said Sanabria.

Some students are less excited for what the new semester has to hold. Shivani Patel, a pre-med student, has had courses consecutively since freshman year and “wanted a big break.”

“I need to remember I don’t have to study. I don’t have to fear. I’d like to enjoy my life and take all these challenges and deal with them as they come,” said Patel. “At FIU, there are so many things you can join and so many ways to get involved in. You could become an e-board member or join a fraternity or a club. All you need is to believe in yourself. If you feel like you can do it, you will.”

Sophomore international student Anjali Naidu Thota says she’s ready for the challenge of the new year and advises incoming freshmen to concentrate and focus on school primarily.

“Partying won’t do you any good in the long run, believe me,” she said.

As for international students, she recommends they meet new people and get to know their surroundings.

Thota also said she was looking forward to the Week of Welcome.

“I’m really looking forward to it, I mean I love the free stuff,” she said.
Work experience the leading factor for employment, research shows

At least 5 killed in shooting at Fort Lauderdale airport in Florida

Terrorfied travelers scrambled for cover as a gunman opened fire in a terminal at Fort Lauderdale’s international airport Friday, killing at least five people and injuring eight others, authorities said. The shooter was in custody.

The country’s first mass shooting of the New Year threw the busy airport into chaos, with thousands of travelers and airport staff fleeing out onto walkways and the tarmac as emergency responders and police, some heavily armed and in tactical gear, rushed to the scene.

Mark Lea, a 53-year-old financial advisor from Minneapolis, was in the baggage claim area when, he said, a man came in and started shooting.

“At first we thought it was fireworks,” he told NBC News. “Everyone started screaming and running. The shooter made his way down through baggage claim. He had what looked like a 9 mm and emptied his entire clip. People were trying to run.” Lea said police officers responded less than a minute after the shooting began and took the suspect into custody after he ran out of bullets.

“It was absolutely surreal,” Lea told NBC.

“People were scared and frantically running to avoid being shot. People were tripping over each other. They were trying to make a fast exit out of the door.”

UK’s May sent top aides to US to build bridges with Trump

United Kingdom Prime Minister Theresa May sent her two most senior aides on a secret trip to the U.S. in an attempt to build bridges with President-elect Donald Trump after a frosty start to their relationship.

May’s joint chiefs of staff, Nick Timothy and Fiona Hill, flew across the Atlantic to meet members of Trump’s team in mid-December, May’s office confirmed in an emailed statement late Thursday, of Trump’s team in mid-December, May’s office confirmed in an emailed statement late Thursday, saying it was part of the buildup to the premier’s first trip to meet the new president.

Officials in the U.K. government are said to be concerned at their poor links with the incoming U.S. administration at a time when Britain is looking to expand trade after leaving the EU.

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“Work experience is the crucial attribute that employers want even for students who have yet to work full-time,” said Cappelli.

Peter Cappelli, a Wharton professor and the author of a new paper on job skills conducted a research whose evidence suggests that when employers hire from college, academics aren’t their main concern.

During the course of a student’s high school academic career the main goal is to strive for good grades in order to get into a reputable college. Students spend their years of college focusing on getting a proper education that will in turn help them secure the jobs they’ve studied for.

However, what happens when countless years of stress and straight A’s lead them to having a newly minted college degree with absolutely no experience working in the real world?

As of recently, employers have become more selective when it comes to choosing employees who will be working in their company.

Due to this, internships have become the go-to section employers look to first when determining whether or not the applicant is suitable for the job.

Luckily, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, “sixty-five percent of bachelor’s degree graduates from the Class of 2015 participated in an internship and/or co-op” making it the highest percentage recorded for any graduating class.

How difficult is it to land an internship?

Matt Sigelman, CEO of Burning Glass Technologies, a job-matching technology firm, said it’s becoming more scarce.

In an interview with US News, Sigelman stated that it’s taxing when the demand for interns is growing, but not many internship opportunities are available.

“A [internship] will give you the necessary job experience that other employers look for. It will make you see if you would like to work in the company full-time,” explained Cisternas.

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Jorge Cisternas
Alumni Engineering

“It really challenges the notion that an internship is something that you go off to [in order to] learn job skills,” Sigelman said.

Senior journalism major Melissa Burgess has a similar stance on the shortage of internships.

Burgess explained the difficulty of finding and landing an internship opportunity in journalism because of the competitiveness of the field.

“Even though media and communication jobs really emphasize on hiring people with previous internship experience, sometimes it’s hard to find one” said Burgess.

In an article written by Danielle Douglas-Gabriel of The Washington Post, Georgetown center researchers have found that sixty-three percent of college graduates who completed a paid internship received a job offer as opposed to thirty-five percent who did not pursue any internship during their time in college.

Engineering alumnus Jorge Cisternas is just one of the many FIU grads whose internship transformed into a full-time offer from Lockheed Martin; a global security and aerospace company that works mainly with the U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. federal government agencies.

Cisternas secured his internship through a career fair FIU had and began working on the latest technology for one of the most important aircrafts Lockheed is developing.

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Engineering is just one of the many fields that prioritize internships over GPA, major, volunteer work, and more.

Junior education major Yeslien Garcia has already gotten a head start.

“I feel like education majors should find a job that’s related to their field. I’m working as a teacher assistant where I’m able to observe the teacher I work with and gain knowledge through her” explained Garcia.

The Chronicle of Higher Education released a chart displaying the emphasis certain industries place on college graduates when hiring.

The industries with the highest emphasis on internships during college were media/communications followed by science/technology, and service/retail.

Education majors have to go through field experience by visiting and working at different schools and must complete a teaching internship during their last semester where they’ll gain more experience as an educator, Garcia said.
There are ways to make education affordable

I have scholarships and grants, education otherwise. Although and if you spend responsibly," Melissa Alzamora thinks so. When I transferred to FIU, I decided to take out loans because I wouldn’t be able to pay for my education otherwise. Although I have scholarships and grants, it wasn’t enough to pay for my tuition. Taking out loans can help a lot of students but it all depends on how much loans you receive and if you spend responsibly.

According to trends in higher education, tuition and fees in a public four-year institution are averaged annually at $9,650 for in-state students. For out-of-state students, it is priced at $24,930. FIU’s annual rate for education is $6,160 for Florida residents, and $18,566 for non-Florida residents, according to onestop.fiu.edu.

Plus, FIU has more than $180 million in financial aid each year, according to the Admissions Office. FIU offers many alternatives for students who may not be able to pay for their education and gives the necessary tools to succeed. There are merit-based scholarships for freshmen, namely the Presidential and Ambassador scholarships, offered to students who show outstanding achievements in academics.

There are also national recognition programs for students who have taken the PSAT and have demonstrated high academic achievements. All of this and more information can be found on admission.fiu.edu.

In addition, the University offers work study programs, which help students earn a portion of their educational expenses through employment on and off campus.

So, for those who are wondering if it’s worth it to get an education, it is. There are so many opportunities offered to students who are willing to take the time and effort to look for them. Don’t let your cravings at an education pass you by. Go out and get it.

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OPINION
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POLITICOBUZZ
T hat’s probably one of the scariest things a student could have following them for the rest of their life. There are some situations where student loans are necessary to finish one’s education, but is it worth it? Senior psychology major Melissa Alzamora thinks so.

“Taking out loans can help a lot of students but it all depends on how much loans you receive and if you spend responsibly,” Alzamora said. When I transferred to FIU, I decided to take out loans because I wouldn’t be able to pay for my education otherwise. Although I have scholarships and grants, it wasn’t enough to pay for my tuition. I am not happy about it. I wanted to do my undergrad without the fear of a growing money monster lingering behind me for the rest of my days. Now I worry that the more time I let pass, the higher my bill will be and I will not be able to pay off my student debt.

Alzamora also does not believe the University is fair in terms of charging students for unnecessary fees in their tuition.

“I don’t think FIU provides enough opportunity for students that don’t have money. My reasons are the following: As an FIU student, I have to pay for things I don’t need, such as the gym, parking, and health services,” she said. “Those extra fees to have to pay for are unfair because I will never utilize them. The money would be better spent on my classes and books. Many times, I must pay out of pocket because I had to pay for unnecessary services.”

However, tuition is three times less here and more affordable for students than the U.S. average.

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NEW YEAR, NEW GOALS
Members of the University share their resolutions for 2017

University to host 17th annual Jose Marti Breakfast

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It’s the start of the new year and once again, the University will host the “Jose Marti Breakfast,” an event dedicated to a man who fought and died on the battlefields in Cuba. Controversial and poetic, his legacy lives on and will be celebrated on Jan. 28 during the 17th annual event at The Biscayne Bay Campus.

“This is an event we started to celebrate Jose Marti’s birthday, a Cuban patriot,” said Raul Moncarz, one of the creators and organizers of the event. “This event is for Cubans, older people and younger people to remember Marti and what he did in his life.”

At the free breakfast, University students are rewarded with scholarships ranging from $200 to $1000. To receive the scholarship, students must write about Marti at the beginning of the school year. “I will be attending the breakfast again this year; it’s a lot of fun and a celebration of the Cuban culture,” said alumnus Andres Bermeo, who works in the Marketing Department of Campus Life at BBC. “There will be music, food and usually some theatrical aspect to it. They have had in the past dancers flown in from Cuba.”

This year, Student Affairs has been very involved with organizing this event in an effort to promote more student involvement. While the event has grown in popularity, starting with about 10 attendees and growing to 150, the idea is for young people to be informed and carry the torch, Moncarz says. “The only place I feel this event belongs in destiny is at BBC [with the students]. I hope one day, we can just create one, the only place I feel this event belongs in destiny is at BBC [with the students]. I hope one day, we can just create one, ”

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‘The Pursuit of Abstraction’

“The Pursuit of Abstraction” exhibit invites audiences to not only view but feel. Held at the Wolfsonian until April 16, 2017, it features works that seek to express metaphysical notions and highlights artists such as Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, Ida O’Keefe, Gertrude Hermes, Mabel Alvarez and Georgia Engelhard.

The 80 featured pieces were all created during the first half of the 20th century, when at the height of and as a response to industry, artists were seeking a more philosophical, psychological and mythological approach.

The exhibit includes a wide range of mediums: paintings, prints, a sculpture, postcards, a perfume bottle and decorative art. They are all presented together to create a dialogue of abstract thought and feeling that ran in stark opposition to the very concrete events occurring in the world at the time.

Moreover, dissatisfied with the way in which society was turning away from religion and becoming increasingly secular, there was a fervent desire to turn back to spirituality and represent the holy and immaterial with motifs from ideologies such as Christianity, Buddhism, and theosophy.

These artists created works “which seek to reinsert mystery, mysticism and religious feeling into everyday life,” as described by Wolfsonian Curator Matthew Abess. The pieces not only invoke the spiritual through their subject matters, but also through the way the artists arranged the compositions.

Kirchner’s theater curtain, for example, portrays a Dionysian scene but Camillo Cerri’s desk is reminiscent of the anthroposophical belief in the spirituality of angular forms. Sexto Canegallo’s “Energia Sociale” makes use of color to invoke religious undertones.

Agnes Pelton’s “Radiance” is a commentary on the artist’s belief that there is a positive force in the universe that should be made apparent to everyone. There is also an attempt at presenting music as the most spiritual art form.

“... Art that lends itself to what has historically been called ‘a religious-aesthetic experience’ as an introduction to being overwhelmed by a piece is awesome. Art as the experience of some ineffable emotion or feeling is one of my favorite takes on art.”

The exhibit has received great reviews from FIU students who have attended.

“I’m a big fan of Kirchner so I had come just to see his work but then I was completely taken aback by all the other pieces,” Danielle Arnwine, a junior English major, said to Student Media. “It was a really emotional experience, actually.”

Francisco Lopez, a junior majoring in philosophy, echoed that sentiment.

“The exhibit includes paintings, prints, postcards, a perfume bottle and decorative art.

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**FOOTBALL**

### Hilton named NFL’s receiving champion

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**Staff Writer**

With six catches for 96 yards and a victory over division rival Jacksonville Jaguars, former FIU football star T.Y. Hilton was crowned NFL’s top wide receiver in the peak of his career with the Indianapolis Colts.

Hilton finished the season with 91 catches, a career-high 1,448 receiving yards and six touchdowns. With the NFL loaded with elite superstars in Hilton’s position, his receiving yard numbers beat out Julio Jones from the Atlanta Falcons (1,409), Odell Beckham Jr. from the New York Giants (1,321) and Antonio Brown from the Pittsburgh Steelers (1,367), Mike Evans from Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1,409), Odell Beckham Jr. from the New York Giants (1,321), and Antonio Brown from the Pittsburgh Steelers (1,367). Hilton leads the only Colts player to be known as “The Ghost”, joins some of the Colts’ greatest former players such as Reggie Wayne (2007), and the coaches are very nice.”

As a receiving champ, Hilton was selected to play in his third consecutive Pro Bowl and was named to the 2016 AP All-Pro team. Hilton also went on and set school records for the South Florida Sun-Sentinel’s Dwayne O. Andreas | Diverse in Population. Singular in Purpose.

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**TENNIS**

### Player’s goal is to ‘reach NCAA tournament’

**ALEXANDER DEL VALLE**

**Contributing Writer**

For freshman tennis player Ulyana Grib, being nearly 12 hours away from her home in Minsk, Belarus, has not affected her mindset one bit.

“Here in the United States there are more opportunities, coaches, tennis centers, [and] the weather here is better for tennis,” said Grib. “I miss my family, but not home or my country or my city. Of course I love it but it’s not that hard for me.”

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PILOXING PARTY

Pilates, boxing infused class leaves students feeling ‘sexy’ and ‘sleek’

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Fusing boxing and standing pilates exercises, Piloxing is shaking up the exercise industry one punch and kick at a time. First created in 2009, the class is now taught by certified instructors in over eighty countries, and is being added continually in different locations. Piloxing landed at FIU and is being taught by instructor Ana Rodriguez.

Offered at the BBC Wellness and Recreation Center on Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m., the class uses a cutting-edge routine to promote muscle toning in a high-energy environment, set to upbeat dance music.

The workout can burn up to 1200 calories per hour, and works to increase cardiovascular abilities, build lean muscle and improve balance and posture, according to piloxing.com. Piloxing allows students to improve their core’s ability to throw powerful punches, find equilibrium and enhance flexibility. By fusing some of the more controlled, dance-inspired exercises of pilates with some of the classic “one-twos” of boxing, everyone leaves the class feeling as if they can float like a butterfly and sting like a bee.

Rodriguez lead the class with an enthusiastic and lively demeanor that perfectly matches the up-tempo music. Students exercised to the sounds of remixed Britney Spears and Selena Gomez tracks which, combined with Rodriguez’s coaching, raised heart rates as well as class stamina. The class started with a warm up through aerobic exercises, and signature boxing combinations were introduced shortly after. Footwork was intertwined with fast-paced rounds of uppercuts and side jabs. The class stamina.

Exercises like jab cross shuffles and standing side crunches kept students engaged in working their core and obliques. In the last quarter of the class, the rhythm slowed down to allow for targeting specific muscles through leg lifts and abs floorwork.

Piloxing instructor Ana Rodriguez performs leg lift workout routine with two FIU students during class.

Piloxing landed at FIU and is being taught by instructor Ana Rodriguez.

A healthy and light pasta dish is good before her long rehearsals; carbohydrates give athletes energy.

In addition to eating well, the dancer also works out regularly outside of ballet class. Katie Garcia does a series of core workouts at home such as pilates and yoga. This not only builds muscle, but she said it helps her with balance and flexibility.

“Dancing my whole life does come with sacrifices,” Garcia said. “I spend most my days practicing and working on my technique in the studio. Although it’s hard to balance dance, school and a social life, I wouldn’t trade ballet for the world.”

The ballerina began and continues her ballet career at Ballet Etudes Company of South Florida, the same studio her mother, Kim Garcia, danced for. She spent most of her time in 2016 preparing for her studio’s 42nd annual production of “The Nutcracker”, where she performed the lead role “Clara.” Because it was her best of my ability. Ballet dancing is so much a part of me, she said. “I am constantly improving my technique and body for the art,” the ballerina said. “With the Nutcracker right around the corner, I needed to be conscious of my health so I can perform to the best of my ability. Ballet for me is truly a way of life.”