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University students take up march in NYC

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Last weekend, 11 University students rented two buses and made a 24-hour trip to New York City. Their goal was simple -- to take part in one of the largest climate change marches in recent memory.

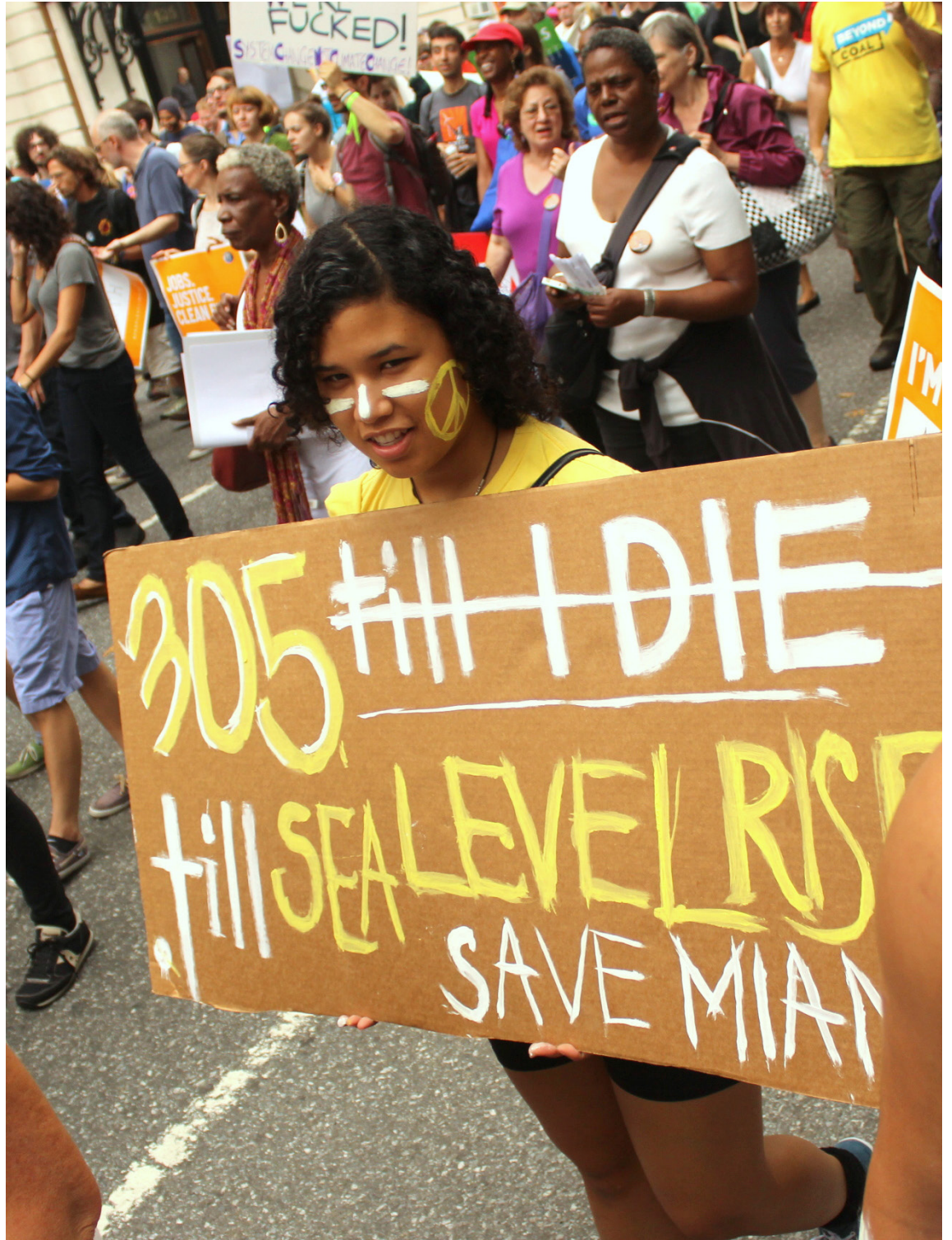
About 400,000 people were present Sunday, Sept. 21 at the People's Climate March, a protest held to demand action from the United Nations on climate change and other environmental issues. The March took place before world leaders met on Tuesday to discuss coal pollution.

way when we came back from New York we'd have a group of people who are as excited as they were in the march to do something about the issue at hand which is bringing clean energy to campus."

Benavente gave a speech on campus sustainability the day before the march at the youth convergence, an event led by the People's Climate March organizers.

Shalimar Moreno, a junior and environmental studies major and member of GLADES, joined Benavente at the march, where both felt empowered by the movement and the people around them.

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NATALIE REYES/THE BEACON

Shalimar Moreno, a junior in environmental studies, walks at The People's Climate March in NYC on Sept. 21.

“There were people from indigenous tribes, students, and people from other countries that had flown in. Everyone came together. We all believe that something needs to be done.”

Shalimar Moreno
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Members of the University's Growth of Leadership, Academics, and Diversity in Ecological Sciences put together the trip for FIU students and other members of the community to create a coalition between the university's environmental societies said Gabriel Benavente, an English and philosophy senior and member of GLADES.

"We're trying to form unity between environmental groups on campus," said Benavente. "That

flown in. Everyone came together," said Moreno. "We all believe that something needs to be done."

In solidarity with those in New York, close to 100 people marched in downtown Miami on Sept. 21.

Sam Van Leer, founder of Urban Paradise Guild, a Miami based organization dedicated to re-creating native habitats in urban areas, said that the objective of Miami's march was identical to New York City's.

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Portable court replaces damaged Lime Court



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Workers put the temporary floor over the damaged arena.

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The legacy of the Lime

Court has been put on hold with the addition of a portable floor at the U.S. Century Bank Arena. A week after the one-of-a-

kind court was damaged after a fitness event, a portable court was brought in from the West Coast to bring back athletic events in the arena.

The Lime Court was out of commission after Raid Games VI, a fitness competition hosted by 911 CrossFit and Da Factory, held their annual event at the arena.

The result of weights being thrown around with full force left substantial dents and scratches throughout the floor.

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Police offers safety tips in light of butt groper

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Five reported incidents about a riding groper on campus prompted FIU police to issue safety tips to the University community.

The University has issued two alerts in the last month to warn students about the "FIU booty bandit," as the unknown suspect or suspects are named by social media, who has been grabbing girls' buttocks while passing on his bicycle at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

The last two assaults happened this last weekend.

When the department sent out alerts regarding the presence of the assailant, some students responded quickly.

"Both times we issued the communications to our FIU community, we received a couple of silent witness responses, which have given us some very good investigative leads to help

us solve this," said University Police Chief Alexander Casas.

Due to the fact that it is still an open case, information on suspects as well as investigation methods cannot be released to the public.

In light of these recent incidents, some safety precautions Casas recommends for people are to be aware of their surroundings, not going to places alone and having their car keys ready.

"If you leave somewhere and it's late in the evening, make sure somebody knows where you're going, more or less what time you're expected to be there," Casas said.

At this point in the investigation, Casas said there is no indication that the incidents may escalate.

The individual involved in this incident, if caught, may be facing misdemeanor charges of assault and battery.

"Assault would be the attempted unlawful touching and battery would be the actual unlawful touching," he said.

NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Colorado students leave class to protest proposed history teachings

Students at two schools in the Jefferson County Public Schools District, about 10 miles west of Denver, walked out of classes around 8:10 a.m. Wednesday. Many of them marched outside school gates, carrying signs reading “Education without limitation” and “Civil disobedience is patriotism.”

Students and teachers there have been up in arms about a proposal that would require history lessons to promote citizenship, patriotism, and respect for authority and not “condone civil disorder, social strife, or disregard of the law.”

Obama asserts US leadership at UN speech

President Barack Obama urged the world’s nations Wednesday to follow the lead of the United States in combating a variety of crises around the globe, from the threat of terrorist groups in the Middle East to the Ebola epidemic killing thousands in West Africa.

“We can renew the international system that has enabled so much progress, or allow ourselves to be pulled back by an undertow of instability,” Obama said in his annual speech to the United Nations General Assembly. “We call upon others to join us on the right side of history.”

Wesleyan will force fraternities to admit women

Wesleyan President Michael Roth has announced that the university’s residential fraternities must admit women and become “fully coeducational” over the next three years.

Roth and the university’s Board of Trustees president, Joshua Boger, made the announcement in an email Monday after a weekend retreat with the Board of Trustees.

The decision comes after two high-profile lawsuits alleging rape in fraternity houses and after the Wesleyan University student government called on the administration last spring to force fraternities to go coed or give up their houses.

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SGC-MMC Senate discusses alternative to office hours

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Although the Student Government Council at Modesto A. Maidique Campus Senate will not be holding office hours, it still has an alternative in mind.

Senators met on Monday, Sept. 22, to discuss the possibility of hosting forums throughout the year, which students may attend to get their questions answered by their student body representatives.

Alian Collazo, lower division senator and chair of the student advocacy committee, suggested hosting public meetings that would take place every three weeks or perhaps once a month.

Some senators added their own takes.

Tomas Alcala, CARTA senator and speaker pro tempore, proposed that the Senate make use of social media as another means of engaging students in the discussions, allowing students to watch the panel online or submit questions through Twitter or Facebook.

In finding a middle ground between the two proposals, Charles Perretti, Senate speaker and graduate senator, advised that both avenues could be taken.

As such, Perretti argued, the student body would have options to choose from.

“We can tell people that they’re welcome to come [to the discussion or] can watch it online, since some of our students

don’t have the capability to hang around,” said Perretti.

The discussion then turned to what level of formality the discussions would take.

“I would think casual [meetings] would be better,” said Daniel Lopez, lower division senator. “[The meetings] should be about engaging students.”

He noted that the casual setting in which students could mingle with senators would create a more welcoming environment, whereas a formal one would intimidate students.

Others didn’t agree.

Amanda Ferrer, education senator, argued that a formal layout with an organized panel of speakers would avoid the chances of students approaching senators who may not be suited to answer their questions effectively.

A panel, said Ferrer, would allow students’ questions to be taken up by the speaker best suited to answer it.

“This is only going to be successful if we market it appropriately,” said senator Alcala. “And [the work] can’t just come from the e-board or select members of the Senate and Cabinet. It has to be a joint [effort].”

Other business was also discussed.

Senators voted in favor of opening the Senate vacancy application period, which will allow students to apply for the positions of public health and social work,

arts and sciences and at-large senators.

Students interested in applying will have until Oct. 6 to submit an application, which can be accessed by visiting the SGA website.

Talk of a film minor also took place.

Students interested in pursuing the minor will have to put the thought on hold.

Although both Phillip Church, associate professor in theatre, and Alcala created a list of courses for the potential minor and identified professors who would be able to teach the courses, but weren’t able to submit the proposal for the minor by the Sept. 17 deadline.

Students should not despair.

Alcala will be meeting with Church in the coming days in order to discuss the project’s current position, and how to move forward with it in the near future.

Thoughts on money were also floating around.

Due to an influx of applications from graduate students asking for funding through the Graduate and Professional Student Committee, the committee will be meeting this week to evaluate the applications.

According to Rhett Williamson, graduate senator and chair of the GPSC, reviewing applications periodically is important, especially now as the date of the events for which students are requesting funding are fast approaching.

Brain cancer prompts Priority List

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With a diagnosis of stage-four brain cancer, University alum and past high school English teacher, David Menasche, has traveled across America to find that hundreds of his students have been marked by his teaching legacy.

For fifteen years at high school Coral Reef, Menasche not only taught English, but also important life lessons. He created a list, which he later called the Priority List, that contains 26 different ideas of life, such as love, victory, honor, respect, sex, adventure, wealth, fun, family and friends.

He would ask each of his students to organize these ideas by personal importance, numbering them from most important to least important, according to their definitions of those ideas.

His goal: to get to know his students.

“[You want] to make sure that your students are better people at the end of your class than they were at the beginning,” said Menasche at a FIU Center for Leadership and FIU Honors College lecture on Tuesday.

“Problem was, I didn’t know who they were at the beginning of class.”

He needed a quick assessment that would allow him to know his students on a deeper level rather

than just by their looks and “eavesdropping on a scrap of conversation,” said Menasche.

He said these words are abstract enough that they allow students to make their own definitions of them. With a word like love, it could be as simple as loving someone’s shoes to loving individuals.

“This would take a lot of time and a lot of thought and a lot of scratching out, because some kids just don’t want to spend time thinking about themselves or things like this,” said Menasche.

By associating the ordering of the words, he truly discovered who his 16-year old students were.

For example, if a student’s list involved the word family next to the word health, he would soon find that that student was going through a difficult situation with his or her family.

Many of his students would put the word ‘sex’ next to ‘respect’, showing how a student may feel respected with the reputation of a sexual life or that a girl, for example, does not like to be sexually harassed.

“Or similarly, if I’d see one of my boys put something like ‘sex’ next to victory, well... seven points,” said Menasche.

All jokes aside, he said that his Priority List is very useful, especially for high school students as they begin to learn to drive a car and have their first experiments on drugs, alcohol and love.

He promised them that they would not be the same, giving them the same assessment at the end of their school year allowing them to discover more about themselves.

“For a 16-year-old, who perhaps doesn’t have the best grasp of vocabulary and whose world is as slippery and thin as it is, to decide what’s more important between family and friends, between love and fun, it’s a very difficult thing for them to do, but it might have been a necessary one,” said Menasche.

Maria Zuniga, a junior business management major, had Menasche as a junior at Coral Reef in 2011.

She said she did not feel like she was in an English class.

“What impacted me about him was that his class wasn’t just rhetoric and like, English. He would take a life lesson out of everything,” said Zuniga.

“I learned about death, I learned about life. Whenever we had a reading or something, he would just take more of it -- he would go in depth.”

After learning that he was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme eight years ago, he found himself losing vision, memory and mobility, hindering his ability to teach.

Menasche decided to contact hundreds of his former students through Facebook to travel across the country and visit them to see how he has made a difference in their lives.

Within 48 hours of posting, students from more than fifty cities replied.

After 101 days of travel, hundreds received him into their homes.

“It turns out that they are very compassionate, very friendly, and kind people,” said Menasche.

“When I was a teenager, if I saw one of my teachers at Publix, I would have hidden or ran the other way.”

“But my students not only saw me and said hello, but opened up their homes to me, allowing me to sleep in their living rooms, in the center of their world, in the middle of their lives. I wouldn’t have done that.”

With all these experiences, Menasche’s book “The Priority List: A Teacher’s Final Quest to Discover Life’s Greatest Lessons” has been published.

Actor Steve Carell will be executive director of the new and upcoming film “The Priority List” where Carell will be playing the part of Menasche.

Menasche said that from his understanding, he is the longest lasting survivor of his type of brain cancer.

“I have to realize that however circumscribed my day might be by my disabilities, at the very least, I’m here to think about it, I’m here to enjoy it, and... I’m here!”

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR RE: IPHONES WILL OUTLAST ANY ANDROID PHONES

Dear editor,

“We view apps different than books or songs, which we do not curate. If you want to criticize a religion, write a book. If you want to describe sex, write a book or a song or create a medical app. It can get complicated, but we have decided to not allow certain kinds of content in the App Store.”

That is a quote from Apple’s submission guidelines for developers. For the most part, Apple tends to not allow applications with any serious discussion on them. Apple also refuses place any sort of “copyright-ed” application — one that has explicitly used copyright law to prevent anyone from profiting from the distribution of the program — on their App Store such as OpenTTD which prevents any truly free app from being in the store.

The article in question seems so focused on trying to prove the iPhone’s superiority through its supposed “quality control” that it forgets or hand-waves the deleterious effects of it.

There are also a few other questionable elements: Why is the writer so convinced that it is bad or simply just meaningless to have control over your device and is it good to cede said control over to Apple? Why is it seen as a positive that older brands of Apple products hold value because they are so similar to newer ones while it is a negative that old technology loses value because actual upgrades enter the market?

But truly, the biggest issue is the walled garden Apple keeps on its store. As an ex-Apple user, I believe it applies here that you can’t miss what you don’t have. So you can try to shove that “quality control” down our throats, but all of that optimization is useless if the software isn’t allowed to exist on the platform without undermining it all.

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Pescetarianism: ‘Life isn’t so bad’

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I was a vegetarian for six months before I went back to a pescatarian diet, which means the only meat I ate was seafood. I’m working my way back to vegetarianism, but food courts and certain restaurants are making my transition difficult.

Despite the rise in popularity of vegetarianism, it is hard to find places with more than one vegetarian option, on or off campus.

Almost everywhere in the U.S. you can find veggie versions of sandwiches and burgers. However, in Miami, with the prevalence of Latin American food — especially Cuban and Brazilian cuisine — it is difficult to find vegetarian/vegan versions of their most popular dishes.

It’s not an impossible mission, but at times it feels that way.

Going out with friends can even be a struggle. I had friends looking at me as if I was weird for not wanting to eat animals. That is very frustrating, but it becomes the norm. Aside from the questions about where I get my protein from, every once in a while, a person simply asks, “Why?”

Well, many things motivated me to eat nothing but veggies, but what mainly influenced my choice was the compassion I feel for animals.

Animals have a right to live, not to be

exploited and killed for food, clothing or any other reason.

You can lie to everyone about what you put in your body, but you can’t lie to yourself. But being vegetarian doesn’t stop at just food. The commitment to become vegetarian or vegan, means that you commit to a cruelty-free lifestyle.

Two big industries have been affected by the vegetarian and vegan movements: makeup and clothing.

Looking to save on food, too? Prepare veggie meals at home and bring them on the go, so you always have a healthy meal, without spending a fortune or skipping meals.

As a vegetarian/vegan, you learn to adjust.

You find communities who understand how you sacrificed something that was ingrained in you since childhood — something that seemed delicious for so long.

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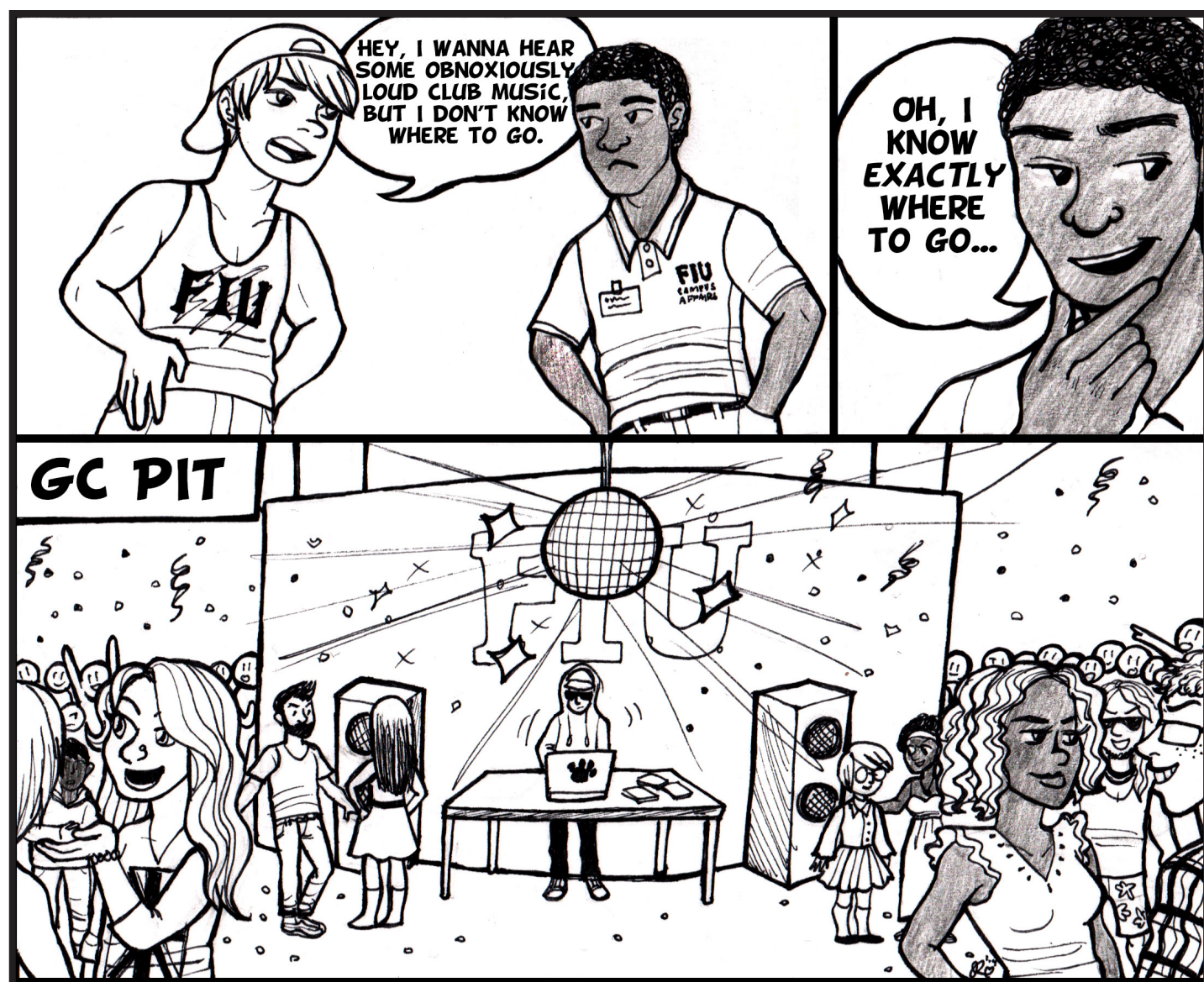
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Luckily, cruelty-free makeup is getting easier to find every day. Brands are changing, thanks to customers requesting products that don’t involve animal products or testing. And the price difference between vegan and regular makeup is minimal, which is a big benefit for frugal members of the lifestyle.

Those are the people you form a special bond with. They understand your decision to stop supporting the mass slaughter of animals.

Life isn’t so bad as a pescatarian and a soon-to-be vegetarian. The vegetarian/vegan community and its impact make it worth it.

GRAHAM CENTRAL



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TENNIS

Tennis swings focus into new season

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After a fairly good 11-7 season last year, the lady Panthers Tennis Team is eager to get back on the court. The Panthers are coming off their best season, but they are hungry for more.

The Panthers finished strong at the end of the regular season, winning seven of their last ten, including wins against conference foes Alabama-Birmingham and Florida Atlantic. In the end, they came up short in the Conference USA Championship with a 4-0 loss against the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles.

This year, the team wants to bounce back and prove that it can win in conference tournaments. With only three of the seven players from last year coming back for the 2014 season, it is not going to be easy. This means that new Panthers will have to come in and step up their game.

The team will definitely miss its

star player from last year, Giulietta Boha, who finished her senior year with an exceptional 25-4 season. Boha finished the season winning her last six matches and definitely gave the team a humongous boost.

Sophomore Valentina Briceno will return as a sophomore after a rather unimpressive freshman season. She went 4-16 and she ended the season with 4 straight losses. Now that she has her freshman season behind her, she can focus on improving and playing at a high level.

Sophomore Nina Nagode is looking to better her play after a good freshman season. Nagode went 16-11 in the 2014 season, but what was most impressive was her composure in conference play where she went undefeated.

Sophomore Kaitlin Brozovich from Bowling Green and senior Yana Koroleva from Clemson look to spark up the team as transfer students. They are looking for new opportunities and better chances to succeed here at the University.

The team will consist of two

true freshmen; Nerma Caluk from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Andrea Lazaro from Barcelona, Spain. Hopefully, these young players can provide speed and passion to the squad.

Junior Carlotta Orlando is expected to play very well this season. As a junior, the team of young players and transfers needs her leadership. She finished with a 19-9 record and was incredible in conference play going unbeaten. The team will depend on her experience to guide it along the season.

The Panthers will start the season in Evanston, Illinois, playing in the Northwestern Tournament from Friday, Sept. 26, to Sunday, Sept. 28. After doing well in last year's Intercollegiate Tennis Association Southeast Regionals, the Panthers want to continue their success and will have a chance to do so from Oct. 18 to the 20 in Jacksonville, FL.

The team will have the chance to play at home for the first time of the season as they host the FIU Invitational from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2.

After the UCF Quad Tournament II on Jan. 17 in Orlando, FL., the Panthers will play in nine inter-conference matches until they face Southern Mississippi for their conference opener at home on March 3, 2015.

This will be a big test for the Panthers because they fell to the Golden Eagles last year in the Conference USA championship 4-2, eliminating them from contention. They will have the chance to avenge their loss at home and come up with a victory.

The Panthers will face a rather average University of Texas at San Antonio team at home on March 27. The Roadrunners are coming off a pedestrian 11-11 season, so FIU shouldn't have that much problem taking care of business.

On March 28, the Panthers will go up against Marshall at home for the last time in the 2014-2015 season. This will be a good test for FIU considering that the Thundering Herd went 14-8 last year and reached the conference semis. We will get to see how well our young

athletes can cope with more difficult competition.

The regular season will conclude at Orlando, FL., where the Panthers will face University of Alabama at Birmingham on April 5. The squad took care of business last time they went up against the Blazers, earning a 4-2 win.

This season, the Panthers have the advantage of having three of their four conference matchups at home— or is it a disadvantage? Last year, the team went 6-5 at home and 5-1 on the road. With preparation and support, they will be able to perform at a high level in conference clashes.

Our Panthers want to be in Houston, Texas, from April 20 to 22 for the 2015 Conference USA Championship. For now, there is a long season that still needs to play out. Hopefully, our Panthers will stay in Houston for all three days and play in the final on Wednesday, April 22.

SOCCER

Panthers lock in for conference play this weekend

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The women's soccer head coach knows the competition will be on a higher level this year, with every game holding its own weight of importance. A mindset coaches have adopted have been to start playing their best soccer come conference play and not before that. The Panthers are 5-4 after their non-conference run, which is impressive if they can carry the momentum found in games against University of North Florida, University of the Pacific and Stetson University.

Beginning for the Panthers on Friday, Sept. 26, is Conference USA play. These games are the ones that matter for any C-USA team if they wish to advance into the C-USA Tournament. According to the Conference USA official website, the top eight teams will advance based on points. Head Coach Thomas Chestnutt and his team will see 10 C-USA opponents from Sept. 26 to Oct. 30. Against C-USA opponents, the Panthers are an impressive 40-35-7. Last season, they were 5-6, a record that still allowed for entry into the tournament.

Over the next two games, Old Dominion University and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte come to town on Friday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 28 at 1 p.m., respectively. Series history against both teams is a combined 2-2 record, outscoring the ODU 4-0 and losing UNC Charlotte at 0-2 in their last meetings. These are the final two games of the seven-game home stand for the Panthers.

Old Dominion is sitting dead last in

C-USA standings with a 1-5-2 record, while Charlotte is doing a little bit better at the No. 10 spot with a 3-3-1 record. The Panthers are in seventh place on the eve of conference play.

Regardless of what the records for both ODU and UNC Charlotte may reflect, both teams have one player in the top 10 for shots and shots per game. For the 49ers of Charlotte, sophomore Perri Bonner has four goals on the season, tying her with senior Panther Chelsea Leiva. Charlotte brings C-USA Defensive Player of the Week Annika McHenry, junior goalkeeper for the 49ers. John Cullen, head coach of

the 49ers, should find solace in the fact that his team is outscoring opponents 11-8 on the season. Before coming to Miami, UNC Charlotte sees the Florida Atlantic University team to try and extend their two-game winning streak.

Old Dominion just completed their three-game Virginia tour, yet come to Miami with only one win to show against Radford University (1-0). ODU was outscored 9-3 on that trip, taking their defensive confidence down a notch. ODU has allowed a C-USA worst 15 goals compared to the Panthers' eight allowed. Leading goalscorer on the season senior

Jessie Klamut has three goals, but outside of her, scoring is scarce with only five total team goals. An encouraging statistic for ODU in the midst of this slump is their shots on goal (30). Nonetheless, a 1-2 away record is nothing to boast and something the Panthers look to exploit.

What makes 2014's run better than last season's for the Panthers? The addition of healthy forward Chelsea Leiva and her four goals will give head coaches headaches. The defense of the Panthers is stout and has helped record a C-USA best five shutouts on the season. Senior forward Ashleigh Shim is the number 10 all-time goalscorer for a reason, as well. With two goals on the season, she had two beautiful opportunities against No. 23 Long Beach State University on Sept. 21. These chances will turn into goals soon, and may come at the most needed time.

The Panther midfielders have been efficient, also. Led by senior Johanna Volz (two goals on the season), each lady Panther is hampering opposing teams' chances to advance the ball past the halfway mark. The emergence of freshman Courtney Phillips and her quick one-touch move brings a new dynamic to this team. Junior midfielder Scarlet Montoya's five assists on the season leads the team and has even found the back of the net once. Junior Madlen Weinhardt has been an ace with her set pieces and will continue to be the player orchestrating those situations.

All the cogs are oiled and ready to work in tandem with one another for Chestnutt and his team. The machine will be put to its biggest set of tests beginning this Friday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. here in Miami, FL.



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Junior midfielder Scarlet Montoya congratulates senior forward Chelsea Leiva after Leiva scores a goal against Stetson University on Sept. 19.

FOOTBALL

Panthers uncaged to face the Blazers

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The Panthers will finally be let out of the Cage on Sept. 27, when they travel to Birmingham, Alabama, to

take on the University of Alabama at Birmingham Blazers. Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. and the game will be broadcast live on the new American Sports Network.

“It was nice having four straight home games,” said Coach Ron

Turner. “But now it’s time to go on the road and it shouldn’t factor in at all to how we play. We’re gonna prepare the same way and stay focused.”

On top of being their first road game, Saturday also marks the beginning of conference play for the

Panthers. The Panthers finished 1-7 in C-USA play last year; their lone win coming in week 5 against University of Southern Mississippi.

The Panthers come into Saturday with the top defense in Conference USA—allowing just over 300 yards-per-game. Senior safety Demarkus Perkis leads the Panthers with 29 tackles this year. He tallied a career-high 12 tackles in the loss to Louisville.

On the front lines, the Panthers are led by junior defensive end Michael Wakefield. Wakefield is among the nation’s leaders in sacks, with 4.5. He had two sacks on Saturday, against Louisville, and would’ve had three, had the referees not ruled that Cardinals sophomore quarterback Will Gardner make it back to the line of scrimmage on a close play. Junior defensive end Denzell Perine trails Wakefield with four sacks on the year.

The Panthers will need that defense if they hope to contain UAB. The Blazers are third in Conference USA with 41 points per game. The Panthers offense sits at the bottom of the conference with only 12.3 points per game.

“We’ll prepare for them just like we do anybody else,” said Turner. “First of all we focus on ourselves. It’s about us, number one. When we take care of our business. Then we prepare

for what they do offensively and defensively. It doesn’t matter who we play, we have to focus on ourselves first.”

Freshman quarterback Alex McGough is coming off his first rough game against Louisville. He was 5 of 13 for 47-yards and two interceptions. Those two picks were the first of his career and they came on back-to-back throws during a Cardinals’ scoring flurry in the second quarter. He was pulled early in the third quarter after an apparent leg injury, but he was medically cleared after the game.

McGough has once again been named the starter for Saturday and he hopes to get back on track in Birmingham.

“We gotta work on the basics [with McGough],” said Turner. “Techniques and fundamentals. Just stay with the basics like we’ve been doing.”

The Panthers are 0-1 all-time against the Blazers. Their lone matchup was last season, where FIU fell 27-24 despite recording a season-high 396 yards of offense. The Panthers will try and hand the Blazers their second loss of the 2014 season.

“They’re obviously a very good team, very well coached. They score a lot of points. They play good defense. They play hard and fast,” Turner said. “We’re gonna go out and play our best game; which we haven’t done yet.”



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Freshman linebacker Anthony Wint and senior safety Justin Halley tackle Cardinals sophomore wide receiver James Quick during the Sept. 20 game against University of Louisville. The Panthers lost 34-3.

VOLLEYBALL

Panthers hope to break extended losing streak

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The volleyball team resumed play this past

weekend as they hit the road for Ala. to participate in the Crimson-White tournament. There, they went up against University of Alabama, Clemson University and San Diego

State University. The team was looking to turn things around after dropping the home opener last Wed., but that seemed hard to believe when sizing up their opponents. Unfortunately, the

Panthers lost all three matches and extended their losing streak to seven games, their record now standing at 3-11.

Not much looked right for the Panthers when they started the tournament against Ala., as they consecutively lost all three sets. Ala. was coming into the tournament on a winning streak with a 9-2 record. The Panthers were out-hit by the Crimson Tide, 42 kills to 27 kills, and failed to gain offensive momentum as Ala. held them to a .095 hitting percentage. That gave the team a 2-8 record when they were hitting below .200.

Things did not change in their next match against Clemson, as they lost the next three sets in a row. Clemson was another opponent that was coming in on a winning streak and had a record of 10-1. None of the sets seemed to be close games for the Panthers as Clemson had their way on the offensive and defensive end.

What hurt the Panthers in this match most were unforced errors. For example, serves of the ball into the net and hitting out of bounds. If such was avoided, the Panthers would’ve had a fighting chance.

On the last day of the tournament, the Panthers were looking to salvage a win against fellow struggling team, San Diego State. The Aztecs had a losing record of 4-6 and it seemed like a game where the Panthers could be victorious. As unlucky as it was, the Panthers did not win a single set again.

The only difference in this match was that the Panthers were able to stay in these sets and have a chance to win. But they weren’t able to close out sets and take commanding leads as the unforced errors came back to haunt them.

This was another rough tournament to handle as the Panthers lost all three matches and got swept in each one.

On a brighter note, this was the last non-conference tournament and from here on out will be only conference play. The Panthers will have one more match away as they take on Marshall University this Sunday, Sept. 28.

Marshall has hit their own rough patch, losing their last three matches, making their record 6-9. Marshall will look for their standout player, sophomore Cassie Weaver, to help them get back on track. Weaver leads the team in kills and is in the top five in all defense and offense categories on her team.

The key matchup for this game will be Weaver for Marshall and junior Panther Gloria Levorin. Levorin has been on a hot streak, stepping up her game whenever junior co-captain Lucia Castro hasn’t been.

This is a must-win situation for the Panthers as this could be the turning point in the season.



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Outside hitter and freshman right side hitter Lea Montavon prepares to spike the ball during the game against Florida Atlantic University on Sept. 17. FIU will play Marshall University on Sept. 28.

Arena construction postponed, temporary court arrives

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As a result, the volleyball team was forced to play their next match at the Rec Center, while the men’s basketball team was forced to practice on a side practice

court inside the arena.

The Raid Games had originally attempted to hold their event at the Rec Center but were declined entrance after concerns of the protection of the indoor courts. Though described as a CrossFit

competition on their website, the event was not affiliated with CrossFit Inc.

The portable court, brought in from the Honda Center in Anaheim, California, will receive a FIU logo and lose some, if not all, of its NCAA imagery

before athletics can return to the arena. The unique Lime Court beach design will resurface at the arena, but not until after the basketball season.

New Knight Innovator in Residence joins FIU

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A new figure responsible for designing workshops, organizing classes and hosting lectures on the use of social and digital media joined the University.

Alex de Carvalho, recently named the Knight Innovator in Residence and founder of The Startup Forum, has a gameplan for students looking to explore opportunities in the digital world.

As social media sites increasingly provide a medium for young professionals to build portfolios, platforms like Facebook and Twitter are more often used for selling one's professional image.

"Social media offers a way for you to create a name for yourself," said de Carvalho.

On Monday, Sept. 22, students and faculty welcomed de Carvalho in Panther Square. During the event, he gave a speech on his plans as Knight Innovator, followed by a question and answer period and light snacks.

De Carvalho said students can use the web for more than just personal and private connections.

As a volunteer of nonprofit organizations like Feynlab, a computer science program for young adults, he



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Knight Innovator in Residence Alex de Carvalho (right), gets interviewed by senior broadcast and intern at The SJMC Wire, Pattrik Simmons (left), during Meet the Knight Innovator in Panther Square on Sept. 22.

can attest the Internet is a gateway for both profitable and voluntary projects.

He helped coordinate Ignite Miami, a technology event for entrepreneurs to showcase solutions to global and social issues with a five-minute presentation.

De Carvalho also co-wrote "Securing the Clicks: Networking

Security in the Age of Social Media," served on the Board of Directors of the New Leaders Council, and was the Regional Development Director for Constant Contact South Florida, a web-based marketing company.

"You have to create your own startup, your own project and your own brand to see what works and

what doesn't," he said.

He also advised students to keep separate social media accounts for personal and professional inquiries.

As the Knight Innovator in Residence, de Carvalho hopes to expose students to a world where social media can be used to express individualism and professionalism.

Born in France to a Finnish mother and a Brazilian father, de Carvalho is fluent in English, Spanish, French, Finnish and Portuguese. It is unique and useful skills such as these that should be showcased on social websites to one's advantage.

This year's Knight Innovator will teach digital media courses and host workshops on web design and the logistics of creating small businesses -- available to School of Journalism and Mass Communication students and companies in the area.

De Carvalho is certain that the new era of social and digital media will open the doors to new jobs like web developers, back-end developers and social media community managers.

Apps like Vine and Instagram already offer a new category of digital media careers that didn't exist a decade ago.

De Carvalho said there are no longer "jobs for life" and using project management tools, such as WhatsApp and Skype, can help people work collaboratively on multiple projects.

"The one important thing is to manage your own career, manage your own brand," he said. "Manage your personality online and position yourself so that new opportunities come to you."

SGC-BBC keeps students informed on voting

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The battle between Republican Gov. Rick Scott and Republican-turned-Democrat former Gov. Charlie Crist is almost at a stand still.

According to a Quinnipiac University poll released on Wednesday, Sept. 24 and published in the Miami Herald, 44 percent of likely voters prefer Scott, and 42 percent prefer Crist, while 8 percent say they'd vote for Libertarian Adrian Wyllie.

Election officials and candidates are now looking for new ways to bring voters to the polls.

On Tuesday Sept. 22, Florida's 67 election supervisors released a report calling on the state legislature to find new ways to promote online voter registration; however, that system might not come into play until 2016, according to The Miami

Herald report.

Ashley Reid, the Biscayne Bay Student Government Council Comptroller and senior biology major, also has her eyes set on improving the voter turnout numbers among students; and equally as important, she's looking for ways to inform voters on who exactly is running and where they stand politically.

On Oct. 27 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wolfe Center Ballrooms, SGC will host a Know Your Vote information session, where candidates from the City of North Miami, Aventura and Miami Gardens, will have the chance speak to students on their political aspirations.

"We want to know, what are you doing to improve crime rates? What are you doing to beautify your city? What are you doing as far as education?" said Reid. "Things that citizens on a daily basis think about."

The atmosphere of the event should be light, according to Reid, but adds that, "everyone will have the time to speak about

their [political] stance, and at the end there will be questions." Along with Know Your Vote, Reid and SGC-BBC have been registering students to vote on campus. Voter registration began on Sept. 22, and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., members of SGC-BBC will be tabling throughout the Wolfe Center.

"We're asking the students if they're registered to vote, and if not, we have a system connected through the iPad called Turbo Vote."

Turbo vote, a project launched by a nonpartisan and nonprofit called Democracy Works, sends voter information straight to the supervisor of elections for Miami-Dade, Penelope Townsley.

Democracy Works is an organization looking to bring the awesomeness of the Internet to the process of democracy. TurboVote was launched in September 2010.

Students can also register to vote with paper forms, and SGC will provide pre-stamped envelopes that students can mail in.

Adventure X shows why BBC is the place to be

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FIU has always been an institution that honors the environment that surrounds it.

Especially the Biscayne Bay Campus with the Adventure X series hosted by BBC Campus Recreation, providing exciting water recreation excursions for students, faculty and community members at least 16 years old.

The program consists of day kayaking, night kayaking, day paddle boarding and night paddle boarding trips.

Adventure X programs take participants across the Biscayne Bay surrounding BBC, and immerses them in the wildlife that inhabits the beautiful Oleta River State Park.

Lifeguards show participants how to maneuver all the equipment at the kayak launch behind the University's Biscayne Bay Aquatic Center, while reviewing safety measures in case of emergencies.

Whether it's a friendly dolphin, a soaring ibis or hungry raccoon, the bay's brackish water and uninhabited islands give a wonderful experience to any who enjoy the wildlife and nature of South Florida.

No experience is needed to participate in any of the events.

Registration for Adventure X programs is on www.active.com.

The first kayaking trip is at 10 a.m. and the second at noon. Paddleboarding trips are at 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

University students and faculty pay \$5 and community members pay \$10.

Due to the program's popularity, all trips for Kayak Day on the Bay on Sept. 27 are sold out, along with other upcoming Adventure X trips.

However, on Sept. 28, registration for the last day-kayaking trip of the season -- which will take place Oct. 25 -- will open. The same applies for all other excursions.

No personal kayaks are allowed on the trip, but refreshments and bottled water are welcomed.

Arrive on time, because once the boats reach the water, the journey begins. Once on the water, rec center lifeguards will guide the journey of a lifetime.

Miami's beautiful blue skies pave the trail to wonders many South Florida residents never knew existed.

Dolphins and terrapin have been spotted by former groups, as well birds swooping

in for a midday lunch.

Be ready to get wet, as areas of the bay include a sandbar and Beer Can Island, a popular leisure site for locals and tourists alike.

Disembark the tandem kayak onto the scenic island to peer over city and residential buildings and the campus from a memorable vantage point.

Adventure X will also bring kayak trips to students who want the experience of paddling under the stars.

Nature has different novelties during various times of the day, so don't miss out on the last trips of the season.

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