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Parking spaces taken for new center



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Students and staff onboard the Golden Panther Express Shuttle on the road. Due to a portion of Lot 3 closing, buses no longer stop directly in front of the bus stop.

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Parking woes for students will only worsen now that the University is closing down 167 parking spaces in front of the bookstore for a new building.

The long-awaited Student Academic Support Center project will finally break ground this month, but the new building will take over an area of Lot 3, and leave students with less parking spaces available this semester.

The parking situation this fall has been hectic since a

parking lot closed to give way for the construction of Parking Garage 6, which will add 2,000 parking spaces when it opens in January.

“While we attempted to delay the start of construction until the end of the semester, we were not able to do so without adversely impacting the construction timeline and price,” said Maria Guillem-Pendas, senior project manager of facilities management and construction services, in a Nov. 7 memorandum to the University community.

The SASC building has been planned out for years,

but it took a while to put in all the money for the project. The University originally received funding back in May 2010, when it was granted \$21 million from the Florida Legislature. The last \$7 million came in in this year.

The 74,000 square-foot building will house admissions, student orientation, advising, registration, student financial services and career services.

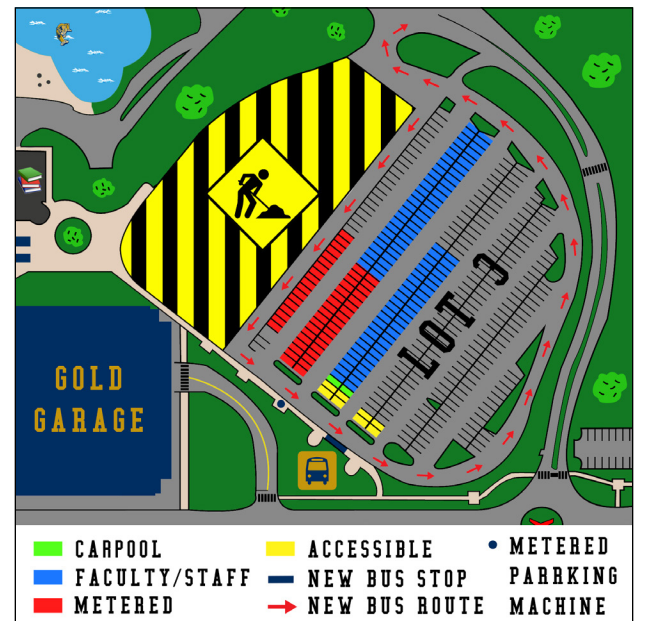
The portion of Lot 3 will be closed starting Monday, Nov. 10 and modify the rest of the parking lot to include meter parking, faculty, disabled and carpool spots.

The bus stop for both the Golden Panther Express and the CATS Shuttle will shift further south along the sidewalk of Lot 3.

The alternative parking nearby is in Lot 5 and the Lot 5 overflow. The University will be providing a shuttle service from the lots to the drop-off area between the Frost Art Museum and the Blue Garage.

The shuttle will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday until Dec. 12.

For more information, students can contact Parking and Transportation at 305-348-3615.



MAP BY KRONO LESCANO/THE BEACON

Healthcare on campus to expand with merge

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Four weeks ago, Daniel Soraluz, a senior information technology major, sprained his ankle playing indoor soccer. Rather than paying a visit to see his own doctor, Soraluz learned that his tuition covered free physical therapy on campus.

With a pending merger between Student Health Services and FIU Health Faculty Group Practice, many students continue to be unaware of the force that tends to their medical needs.

“I didn’t know they offered physical therapy, and I didn’t know if the [check up] was going to be free or not,” he said. “I knew I paid a health service fee, but I didn’t know how far that went.”

At the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, out of

the 50,000 students who attend FIU, only half have made encounters with its SHS Clinic, and only about 2,000 at the Biscayne Bay Campus clinic, according to SHS.

At the request of the University Board of Trustees, FIU health and SHS are working together to increase student awareness and make the best of University health services for students, faculty and staff.

While SHS only caters to students, FIU health is a private faculty practice run by the College of Medicine. It is not covered by student health fees, meaning it is available to anyone in the community – like visiting a doctor outside the University.

“The idea is that there would be a single standard for delivering of healthcare on the campus wherever it happens,” said Yolangel Hernandez-Suarez, chief

executive officer of FIU Health Care Network.

FIU has the fourth lowest student health fee in the Florida State University System at \$93.69 per term for a 12 credit full-time student. The state average is \$177.75.

Hernandez-Suarez is member of the University Health Task Force, a committee under the Board of Trustees. Alongside Student Government Council President at MMC, Alexis Calatayud, the committee is also working to inform students what insurance options they may have under the Affordable Care Act and if they are eligible for Medicaid.

By the end of fall, students will be given a 15-question survey to assess their access to medical insurance and what the University can do in response, said Calatayud.

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University earns millions for international studies

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The University recently received \$2.3 million in grants to enhance programs in international studies.

The U.S. Department of Education awarded the school three Title VI grants, which support foreign language and international studies, to help the University continue their work in Latin America and Africa.

Divided between two university centers, the Latin American and Caribbean Center received \$2.1 million dollars and the center for African and African Diaspora Studies received \$187,000.

Each center will use the money to create more scholarship opportunities, expand class variety, incorporate language requirements and train Miami-Dade teachers in their respective subject areas.

“They [The U.S. Department of Education] give us the designation of a National Research Center for having shown a strong commitment to — broadly speaking — to the study of, to the research of, to the teaching of, to the

outreach of, in our case, Latin America and the Caribbean,” said Frank Mora, director of LACC.

“We were selected, one out of 18 or 19 centers, throughout the country and we are very proud because this is the first time that FIU LACC is being awarded on its own — so that’s important,” said Mora.

Every year, for the next four years, LACC will use the money to implement a two-part plan of expansion.

First, the center will receive \$306,000 every year to award undergraduate and graduate students with Foreign Language Acquisition Scholarships.

The scholarship only requires students to take a course in Portuguese or Haitian Creole as well as at least one area studies course a semester relating to Latin American and Caribbean studies. The scholarship money goes toward tuition and includes a \$1,500 stipend. The deadline to apply for spring 2015 is Nov. 21, 2014.

Second, by implementing a whole series of programming, including but not limited to, a number of outreach programs, training Miami-Dade County

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NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Alexander, Corker to take on high-profile roles in GOP-led Senate

Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., the incoming chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, has pledged to make a reauthorization one of his first priorities, advocates said.

The rewrite of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act is “very much a priority” for Alexander, said Noelle Ellerson, associate director of policy and advocacy with AASA, the school superintendents’ group.

Alexander, a former education secretary, governor and university president, “has made it clear he wants to move ESEA first,” said Mary Kusler, government relations director at the National Education Association, the country’s largest teachers’ union.

Alexander’s bill would allow states to design their own accountability systems and permit them to identify the poorest performing schools and have districts create strategies to better those schools.

U.S. Postal Service says it was hacked

The U.S. Postal Service said Monday that it was hacked and employee information, including Social Security numbers, may have been stolen.

The Postal Service did not say who was suspected of breaking into its systems. It called the breach “limited in scope.”

The FBI and other federal agencies are investigating.

The cyber attack did not affect the systems that handle customer transactions, the agency said.

“There is no evidence that any customer credit card information from retail or online purchases such as Click-N-Ship, the Postal Store, PostalOne!, change of address or other services was compromised,” the Postal Service said in a statement.

However, hackers did gain access to the Postal Service’s call center data. Customers who contacted the center by phone or email from Jan. 1, 2014, to Aug. 16, 2014, may have had their names, addresses, phone numbers and other data stolen, if they provided such information.

The Washington Post reported that Chinese government hackers are top suspects. The Postal Service said the source of the attack remains under investigation and that it couldn’t comment further.

An FBI spokesman said he could not comment on an ongoing investigation.

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FIU Health and SHS collaborate

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“We still need to provide services through a ‘safety net’, like the health fee that allows you to access service even if you don’t have insurance,” Hernandez-Suarez said. “Students have long been an uninsured part of our population all over the U.S.,” she said.

This is especially important for students with chronic health conditions such as diabetes, asthma or sickle cell disease that require expensive care.

According to an August 2014 data collected by the FIU Healthcare Network during Week of Welcome, out of 460 students surveyed, 70 percent were insured – 47 percent of which through their parents’ insurance.

However, despite the benefits that SHS offers through the health fee, students don’t seem to take as much interest.

“Some people see [looking for information] as a burden since they don’t have the time,” said Soralez. “Or they think they don’t have the time.”

Therese Boyd, director of SHS at BBC, said that a merger with FIU Health would give greater access to student health services at BBC. She said that since there is a smaller volume of students at the BBC, there are more limited resources there than at MMC.

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“The problem for students at BBC is that you don’t want them to travel 30 miles [to get service],” Boyd said.

Kevin Garrick, a junior sociology major, said SHS at the BBC referred him to the MMC one because no one was able to attend to his skin problem there.

Without insurance, Garrick knew that he could use student health fee to receive medical attention. Boyd said that SHS at BBC lacks a gynecologist, a pharmacy and an acupuncture physician. For Garrick, there is only one dermatologist and the person is located at MMC.

Nevertheless, Boyd said services at BBC are basically the same to those at MMC.

Global centers to offer scholarships

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teachers in relevant area studies and languages and supporting visiting law professors, LACC will demonstrate why they are a NRC, deserving of the Title VI.

“[LACC programming] not only engages the FIU community, but it engages the community outside of FIU as well,” said Mora.

The African and African Diaspora Studies Program has major plans in motion as well.

They include hiring two part-time language professors to teach Swahili and Wolof, funding research trips to Africa for faculty members, developing about seven new Africa-oriented courses and providing a \$1,500 stipend to five students each year for participating in the study abroad program.

“The program from which we applied for the grant requires the applicant to develop connections with institutions locally so that the impact of the grant will not be limited to FIU, but will impact, as well, all the entities locally,” said Jean Rahier, director of the program.

As the director of the African and African Diaspora Studies program as well as a professor of anthropology and courses dealing with the diaspora, Rahier has dedicated his life to expanding the offerings in this area and is eager to spread awareness about the improvements to come.

However, faculty members are not the only ones who are passionate about Latin American, Caribbean and African studies.

Ashley James, a senior majoring in international

relations and political science, speaks on behalf of the undergraduate point of view, by acting as the official undergraduate representative for the African and African Diaspora Graduate Studies Association.

“I definitely would like to see greater advocacy for

these programs because we are often lost in the background to larger programs like in the STEM department or Hospitality [and Tourism Management] department,” said James.

In addition to increasing advocacy, James expressed the need for a greater variety of classes and

more scholarship funds, and thanks to the Title VI, she will begin to see those improvements emerge.

For more information about LACC or the African and African Diaspora Studies program, visit <https://lacc.fiu.edu/> or <http://africana.fiu.edu/>.

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Photoshop takes the blame

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Countless young women have protested the use of Photoshop in high-end fashion and beauty magazines for some time now. At as young as 14-year-old girls have begun petitions and held demonstrations that remarkably enough receive acknowledgement from some magazines.

These young activists are not alone – a large number of magazine readers do not appreciate the edited images because of the negative effect they have on young women. Fashion and beauty magazines are infamous for being recognized as the experts of showing what society believes people – yes, including men – should look like. In turn, society is pinning the glossy, edited images of 100-pound models with perfect skin as the perpetrators, causing an epidemic of

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young girls who are diagnosed with anorexia and bulimia.

The issue of looking a particular way is not a question of whether or not Photoshop should be used; it is a question of what society has done to make us believe that looking a certain way is the only acceptable way. The idea of Photoshop lives on in other places besides a photographer's computer and a published magazine. We all “edit” ourselves everyday when we fix our hair,

put on makeup, and wear slimming jeans.

The treacherous process of getting ready in the morning takes place because we want others to perceive us in certain light – and that does entail being truthful with those we come into contact with. Thanks to using airbrushes, contouring, and flicking the eyeliner in the correct direction, an illusion of the face is created. With the right makeup and styling, an image might as well have a label that says, “Model is wearing makeup and skinny jeans.”

According to Tavi Gevinson, editor of the online magazine Rookie, with regards to images in a magazine, “Language is [just as] powerful.” While people are focusing on the images in a magazine, they are overlooking the countless “health” articles that concentrate on how to look like the girl in the picture.

If you flip through any magazine at the beginning of fall, you are bound to find the “back to school” section that thoroughly explains how to get ready for school again. The articles tackle topics such as what to wear, how to style hair and makeup, and how to diet. Clearly, there should not be a certain way a young girl must look in order to go back to school. Her body image and weight have no concern in going back to school in the fall because obsessing over a flat stomach is not going to help her pass her classes.

If we want to bring up the health issue and change the way young women look at themselves in the mirror, let's talk about the insane diets people follow for a week to obtain that “perfect look.” Along with those back to school articles, there are the year round ones explaining the latest trends in diets, cleanses, and fasts. When a model is interviewed and gladly states she hit the gym twice a day and was on an all-liquid cleanse for 9 days before a runway show, it is published under the health tips. Because it is impossible to Photoshop a real life body walking down the runway, we are led to believe that the routine and diet are true and the look is attainable. Young women are led to believe that this kind of dieting is okay, natural, and healthy enough to partake in.

Forbidding a high-end magazine from editing images will not eliminate the portrayal of what editors want. They will simply look for other models who are able to look skinny, pretty, and flawless with the right makeup, clothing, and lighting instead of with Photoshop. Magazine images would need to be accompanied by a never-ending list of labels explaining what was done at the photo shoot. Instead of putting all of our energy in getting magazines to change their ways, we should be the ones making changes. Photoshop or not, the young girl who reads Teen Vogue and Seventeen will still want to be that girl in the magazine who is styled to look “perfect.” We must divert the issue from Photoshop to establishing a society and culture that raises young women to not idealize how they see others.

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The battle is won, but not the war

With the results of the Nov. 4 elections, the University and its community have leapt over one of the many hurdles in their path towards expansion.

After nearly five years of negotiating the potential relocation of the Miami-Dade County Fair and Exposition with Youth Fair and Miami-Dade County officials, the voters of Miami-Dade came into the picture as a beacon of hope for the University, having approved a referendum that would allow the University to relocate the Youth Fair and expand onto the 64 acres currently occupied by the fair.

With reason, President Mark B. Rosenberg, along with several members of the University, took to celebrating the small victory on Wednesday, Nov. 5, holding up large “Thank You” signs to the community passing along Southwest Eighth Street towards Southwest 107 Avenue.

But we remind the University and its members emphasizing that this is indeed just a small victory along the way to expansion.

Many unresolved issues remain, all of which will further delay the actual expansion of the University onto the 64 acres of land.

First and foremost, perhaps the most important step is that the University must find a suitable relocation site for the Youth Fair. To put things bluntly, without a relocation site, the fair is staying exactly where it currently is.

After that is determined, the second most important thing to settle is how much this relocation will cost after all. Two prices are being thrown out there by the University and Youth Fair respectively, both significantly different from each other.

While the fair places the cost of relocation at more than \$200 million, Rosenberg has stated that the amount the University would spend is somewhere between \$45 and \$50 million.

Once the land itself is acquired and the University is finally able to expand onto it, issues no longer remain so much as questions.

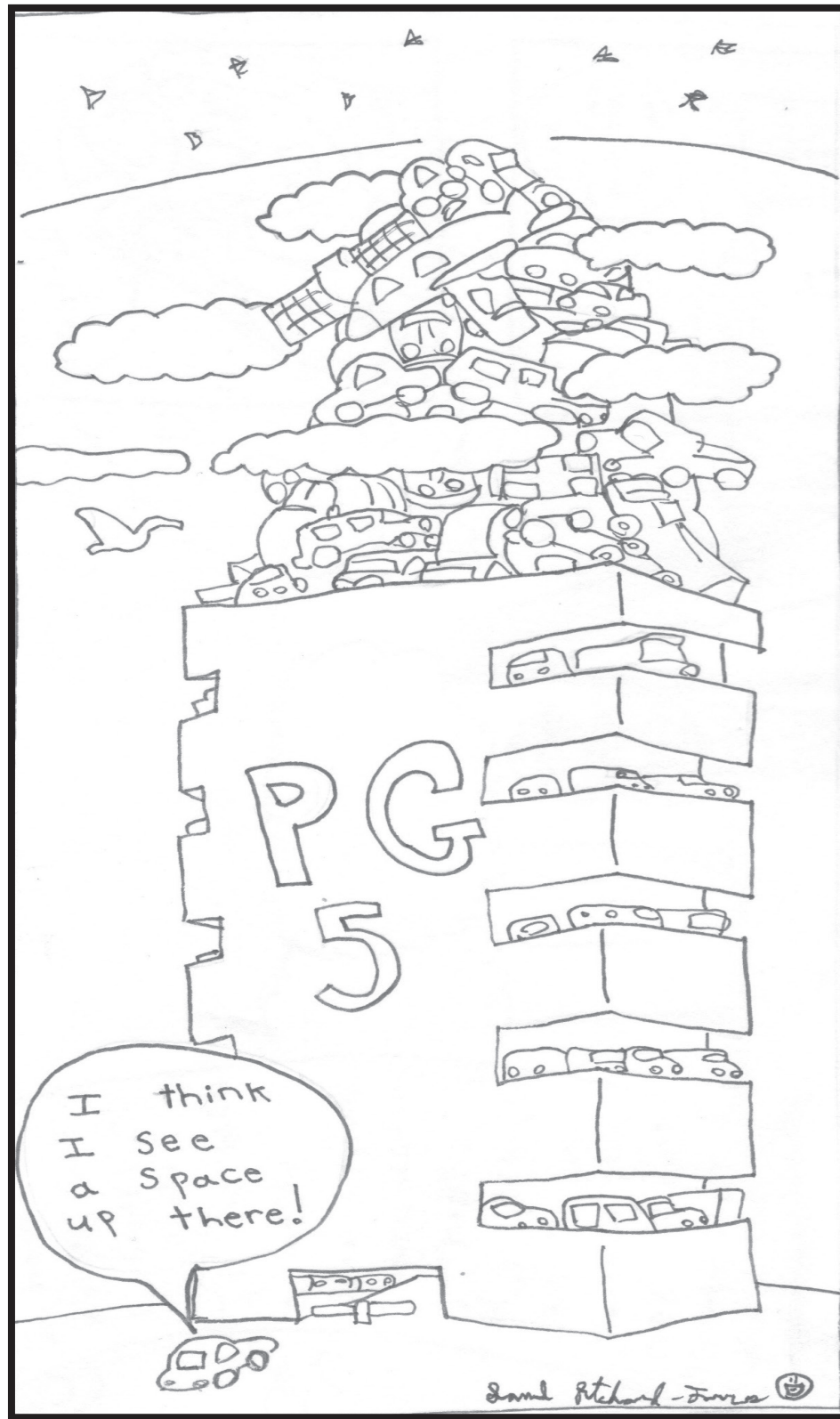
The utilization of the land is a means of expanding our programs and colleges, such as the College of Engineering and Computing.

With this in mind, we can't help but wonder what this will mean for the locations separate from the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, especially the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Moving forward from here, the University is facing a lot of uncertainty and we only suggest that it is not quick to hail victory.

Gaining the approval of the voters to expand onto the 64 acres was a monumental win in the grand scheme of things, but by no means does the mission stop here.

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RING THE ALARM

Student takes initiative to eliminate violence against women on campus

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Some University students have taken a vigorous stand against the butt grabbing incidents at the MMC campus.

Gabrielle Card, a meetings and events management major, says incidents like the University groper forced her to re-think sexual violence on campus.

"I was interested in organizing an event geared towards women after the recent events of the butt

grabber on campus," said Card, a volunteer for the Women's Center. "I wanted to create an event where students can learn how to protect themselves against violence."

Card took the initiative in reaching out to the Women's Center to organize "These Hands Don't Hurt," an event during the International Education Week to help promote awareness on the existing worldwide violence against women and provide services as self-defense signup from the FIU police to help

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Gabrielle Card
Volunteer
Women's Center

SING IT



ALEX VELIZ/THE BEACON

Students from the Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School Starlight Singers perform "Salmo 150" by Ernani Aguilar at the FIU Choral Arts Festival Extravaganza on Friday, Nov. 7. Seven high schools participated in the event and throughout the day high school students participated in rehearsals, masterclasses with vocal faculty, and choral clinics.

students protect themselves on campus.

The event will commemorate "International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women," a day recognized by the United Nations to encourage other nations to create awareness on violence against women. It will be held on the BBC campus on Wednesday, Nov. 12, featuring an award winning speaker and child trafficking activist, Sandy Skelaney.

The event is part of international education week with ISSS.

"These Hands Don't Hurt" will also be featured as one of the activities during the event; it is a complimenting way to integrate men in the movement where they will write solidarity messages on their hands. "The Clothesline Project" will give victims the chance to express themselves by decorating and hanging shirts on a clothesline

for exhibition as testimonies to viewers.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wolfe University Center Ballrooms and Panther Square.

"These Hands Don't Hurt" event will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Keynote speaker, Sandy Skelaney, will begin her speech 11 a.m. "The Clothesline Project" will be carried throughout the day.

Nonprofit Unestablished seeks to aid young artists

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They typically live on minimum expenses —starving artists, that is— either for a lack of business or because all their disposable income goes towards art projects.

There's an unspoken cool-factor that looms over the lives of the creative. The starving artist lives a life of passion, but being broke and starving is a bit overrated, which is why Unestablished was founded.

As a nonprofit organization,

Unestablished was created by artists, for artists. Founded by Miami-Dade College film student Ashley Suarez-Burgos and freelance industrial designer Ian Duffy, their goal is to find local students passionate in art film and music and give them a space to come together.

On Dec. 5 to Dec. 6, as a part of the 2014 Art Basel Event, Unestablished will have a gallery exhibition, and the plan is to have over 100 local artists together under one roof. The aim, according Suarez-Burgos, is to give young artists the opportunity to present their art and network with other

local artists, with the hope of creating a community of local talent.

"Being that the arts are interconnected, we all need each other. As a filmmaker I need artists to draw out storyboards, musicians to provide sound for my films," Suarez-Burgos said. "We have the ability to create a network where we can all work each other."

With a demographic of young adults, Unestablished also wants to teach their talent about the business aspect without regular industry settings. There is no submission fee, and the artist keeps 100 percent of the profit off anything they sell during the exhibition.

The plan is to teach students about business and legality issues, how to be able to make their craft a full-time career, and become financially responsible off what they love to do.

The visual art that will be showcased will vary between film, photos, paintings, drawings, performance art, sculptures, mechanical art, and 3d art. During the event there will also be a 3-D printer workshop, thanks to a partnership with 1-Click 3D Print.

Last year, the mechanical art piece featured a motorcycle and this year they plan on displaying a 62 Fiat as part of their Interactive Art section, which features art that people can walk up and touch.

Suarez-Burgos and Duffy found the inspiration for Unestablished after attending an event Performing Arts Exchange on Calle Ocho. Though they liked the idea of

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Ashley Suarez-Burgos
Founder
Unestablished

communal art, they didn't feel the same way for the commercial art that was on display.

Unestablished is meant for young artists and raw talent. Not someone who's doing it for the finances, but out of the love one has for their craft. Which is why submission is open to everybody and anybody, "we want to see what this city has to offer."

The deadline to submit is November 16.

UNESTABLISHED GALLERY

Deadline: Nov. 16
Fee for Submission: Free
Date of Gallery Exhibition: Dec. 5-6
Where: 7212 NW 35 Ave, Hialeah FL



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Ashley Suarez-Burgos, a Miami-Dade College film student and co-founder of Unestablished, is working to build a gallery in a warehouse in Hialeah on 7212 NW 35 Ave. From Dec. 5 to Dec. 6, as a part of the 2014 Art Basel Event, Unestablished will have a gallery exhibition. The plan is to have over 100 local artists together under one roof. The space will host the work of college students around Miami.



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BASKETBALL

Panthers scrape by with win against Barry University in exhibition game

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FIU women's basketball narrowly escaped a loss as the Panthers beat Barry 60-57 on Friday, Nov. 7. The season's last exhibition game proved to be a nail-biter with the game coming down to the final seconds.

There, the game was decided by some critical free throws from a few clutch players.

The Panthers, led by junior guard Taylor Shade, came out firing in the first half. A 14-4 run appeared to have given the team some breathing room, until Barry came fighting back just before half time.

The tide had begun to turn in the Buccaneer's favor as Barry hit consecutive three pointers fueled by several solid defensive plays.

Despite an impressive defensive performance from Barry, who held the Panthers to a field goal percentage of 31.4 percent, FIU managed to keep control of the game and the lead, ending the half with a score of 26-23.

In the third quarter, Barry continued right from where they left off before going into the half. This time, however, they succeeded in taking the lead from FIU, after a progressive start where they knocked down three consecutive field goals.

This dominating pattern continued throughout a large portion of the second half.

Still, the Panthers fought



CARL-FREDERICK FRANCOIS/THE BEACON

Junior guard Destini Feagin sets up a play in the game against Barry University on Friday, Nov. 7, where the Panthers won 60-57. The Panthers play Middle Tennessee State University on Friday, Nov. 14, in the home opener.

back, creating second chance opportunities from 20 total offensive rebounds and even more scoring opportunities by forcing 15 Buccaneer turnovers in the game.

Eventually FIU overcame the nine-point deficit in the fourth quarter and tied the game at 57-57.

And at the end of the game, they put themselves in a good enough position to just sneak by Barry with the help of some critical last second free throws

from junior guard Destini Feagin, senior guard/forward Zsafia Labady, and senior forward Tynia McKinzie to ensure a victory for the Panthers.

McKinzie led the way with 25 points, 12 rebounds, and 2 steals, while senior forward/center Marita Davydova recorded 18 rebounds.

Both women played an important role in Friday night's victory by setting the tone on the offensive and defensive sides of

the ball thanks to their efficient rebounding effort.

FIU finished with 46 total rebounds and 18 second chance points coming from their 20 offensive rebounds.

Feagin, Labady, and sophomore guard Nikolina Todorovic also impacted the game with their scoring. Labady and Todorovic both finished with eight points, while Feagin finished with nine.

Shade finished with four assists and two steals. Shade and McKinzie contributed to the defense with their respective steals, adding to the 15 recorded turnovers.

The 16 points that came from these turnovers, along with 18 second chance points, may have been the difference between a win and a loss in such a tight game.

The Panthers will be returning to the U.S. Century Bank Arena on Friday, Nov. 14, at 5:30 p.m. to host Tennessee Tech in their first regular-season game.



CARL-FREDERICK FRANCOIS/THE BEACON

Sophomore guard Nikolina Todorovic shoots a free throw against Barry University. Todorovic's scoring impacted the very close game.



CARL-FREDERICK FRANCOIS/THE BEACON

Senior forward/center Marita Davydova receives a pass in the paint in the game against Barry University.



SETTING THE STAGE

BRIAN TRUJILLO/THE BEACON

Freshman setter Kiona McSwain sets the ball for senior outside hitter/right side hitter Martyna Gluchowicz at the game against Middle Tennessee State University on Friday, Oct. 17. The game was the first of the Panther's nine game losing streak. FIU plays Florida Gulf Coast University on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

CLUB SPORTS

Wrestling becomes active after two year hiatus

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Ten FIU students have set a high goal for this winter season: to revive the once forgotten FIU wrestling team. Not only to revive it, but to bring victories home as well.

FIU wrestling has been inactive for two consecutive years. Max Dalcy, a senior mechanical engineering major, has found the time to take part in this fresh team of wrestlers. Although practices are held late nights at the gym, he has found it rewarding to come back to the mat.

a team and I became determined to work on it," said Baron.

"When you ask about FIU wrestling people answer, 'Who?' They don't know there was a wrestling team. We're taken lightly. Our biggest weakness is actually getting enough momentum to keep this thing going. We have to show them we're about it, we're in this," said Baron.

Although FIU wrestling is not the most popular sport at FIU, they do have experienced wrestlers working towards the same goal, whether it is practicing past 11 p.m. or sacrificing weekends for tournaments.

"Everyone is pretty experienced, they

started in mid October and ends late February. However, their season goes all year because they compete in various USA tournaments. They will kick off their

season at a University of Central Florida tournament Saturday, Nov. 15. where FIU will meet Florida Gulf Coast, University of South Florida and UCF at the mat.

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Business Management Major
FIU Wrestling

"I think we'll do really well, we're willing to wrestle come to practice and put in the effort," said Dalcy.

The team is made up of a group of men who want to work hard and dedicate their time to not only keeping the team active, but to competing at a collegiate level, and very possibly winning championships.

There have been a few freshmen who have become involved with the team, continuing their experience from being on their high school teams. Business management major Joshua Baron serves as a great example, and someone who has quickly gained leadership skills on the team.

Baron was forced to decline his scholarship to Oklahoma and came to FIU as a second choice. However, he did not want to exclude wrestling from his life after working for two years on the Miami Killian Senior High School team. "I started looking for options, I saw FIU had

still have some kinks to work out but they're all in pretty good standing," said Dalcy.

The effort put forth by these men has served as not only a way to get ahead in tournaments but for life skills. "This has really helped me develop as a person, not only getting this team off the ground but assuming the position of leadership. Improve my skills for leadership for the future," said Baron.

FIU wrestling is under new management this season, yet this has only made the team stronger.

"Our coach is head strong. This is the first time we actually go into competition, and he's been preparing us for that," said Dalcy.

"We're not here to vegetate. There are a lot of mountains we have to climb and nationals is definitely within our grab this year," said Baron.

FIU wrestling's collegiate season

PANTHERS FOOTBALL



MT VS. **FIU**

DOUBLEHEADER PANTHERS BASKETBALL

FRI. 11/14

WOMEN 5:30
VS. 

MEN 7:30
VS. 

SATURDAY

NOV. 15TH @ 3:30 PM

OCEAN BANK FIELD AT FIU STADIUM

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Friend-finding an important skill to develop in college

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Humans evolve in communities, not separated from everyone. That is why it is important to have friends and finding the “right” friends is a skill college students can develop while in school.

I like to be around people I can relate to. I try to surround myself with people who share

hobbies and other interests with me. This ranges from recreational activities to more creative avenues like music.

The places where I have met most of my friends varies. However, what they all have in common is that at these places and events, I met a pool of people with which I shared at least one interest.

I have not made friends where alcohol is the prime focus, such as clubs or bars – they’re not my kind of crowd because I don’t share the joy of drinking with those people.

At football games and other University events organized by different clubs – such as journalism clubs, environmental clubs, music clubs, etc. – I was able to mingle with different crowds with whom I shared one or many interests.

The time you spend in college is one of the best times to form friendships. You’re able to meet peers with interests similar to yours, and can even share similar struggles.

Later in life, we will have careers with rather strict schedules, giving us less time to explore the world. We will be tossed into a group of people we don’t choose to spend time with, also known as co-workers, and be forced to work collaboratively. This

doesn’t have to be a bad experience, but as college students, we have a variety of people to meet and form friendships with.

Bonding with people during my college years has become very important to me. When I was a freshman, I had a hard time making friends and not having the same friends the next term. After traveling and living in three different states in the past four years, friends have become family and made a home away from home. This is why I value finding friends in the “right” places.

For me, great places to meet people are in the great outdoors. Kayaking has worked out really well for me. When strong currents hit, it is frustrating and a little bit scary. But sharing this moment with a stranger creates a bond that is based on trust – which is different from the friendships I have built in a classroom or while partying. It’s activities like these that have lead me to meet my most reliable friends.

In college, students graduate at different times, the friends we make in our first semester might be there for several years or just a few months.

My advice is to explore different events and find out what you like best. When you know what you like, you will know what people you want to surround yourself with. Go to events you enjoy, that is where you will meet the people you might celebrate your birthday with and the ones you want to spend Thanksgiving with when you’re away from home.

The people you share many interests in college with might become friends for life.

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The Panthers swimming and diving team beat Illinois State 174-126 on Friday, Nov. 7, and are now at a perfect 4-0 in dual meets. FIU will compete in the Mizzou Invite in Columbia, Missouri from Thursday, Nov. 20, to Saturday, Nov. 22.

1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are sexually assaulted in college

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