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One decade, many changes

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Staff Writer

Traffic lights, parking spaces, new buildings, more construction, incoming students— that's what the University looks like in the next decade.

As the University continues to grow in population, the need for more buildings and parking spaces increases.

The Campus Master Plan 2020 will focus on enhancing physical developments throughout the University's campuses.

"We will be addressing issues reflected in the University's Strategic Plan that represent student-centered learning, sustainability, wayfinding and circulation, architecture and landscape, which will help FIU meet its mission," said Javier Marques, chief of staff to President Mark Rosenberg.

The Master Plan includes a 10-year plan and a steering committee made up of 13 representatives led by Marques.

"We are legally responsible for doing master plans," said Steven Moll, vice provost of Academic Affairs at the Biscayne Bay Campus. "It gives the University an intelligent way of planning for its future."

The Steering Committee is responsible for overseeing the CMP 2020 process and making sure that University objectives are addressed. However, they are not responsible for running the activities themselves.

The Steering Committee will assign seven focus groups, each led by one representative from the committee.

The focus groups are: academic mission, academic program & academic and

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STOP IT



ANDRES BEDOYA/THE BEACON

University transit tests out the recently installed traffic lights.

STUDENT LIFE!

Need or no need: Financial aid refunds go many ways

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Staff Writer

After classes are chosen, tuition is paid and the semester goes underway, students still have one more thing to look forward: refunds.

While the exact amount may differ from student to student, this is the time when many

students sigh a sigh of relief because there is money to be spent.

How that money is being spent, however, is another story, considering scholarship money is on a steady decline and tuition is on the rise.

John Garcia, a junior business and accounting major, who receives Bright Futures and the

Pell Grant, spends his refund depending on his needs at the time he receives it.

"I use it depending it on what I need or want. I save some and the rest is spent on sudden whims," said Garcia.

For Nicolle Mierisch, a junior transfer student majoring in environmental science who receives Bright Futures, the

refund provides an opportunity to pay for gas, food and help out at home with bills, even though her scholarship has been cut since she started college.

"It makes me mad when people who already have an iPhone use their refund money to buy a new one or an updated one, for example," said Mierisch. "Though, I did use my refund

money to buy my first car, but it wasn't new and it was necessary since I'm a commuter."

Some students, like Jennifer Robles, a senior english major who receives Bright Futures and, recently, the Leverage Grant, does not even receive a refund after paying for classes.

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GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

USAID administrator to address University

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Asst. News Director

The administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development is announced to speak for a special address called "Students and Universities Leading the Future of Development" on Friday, Sept. 21.

Rajiv Shah, the 16th administrator of USAID, managed the U.S. government's response to the 2012 earthquake in Haiti and co-chaired the

State Department's first review of American diplomacy and development operations.

He currently leads President Barack Obama's Feed the Future food security initiative.

"[Shah] is very much interested in student participation and foreign projects and working in foreign countries.... a lot of it has to do with strengthening the ties between universities, students and his agency," said Luis Salas, associate vice president for research of the University's Division of Research.

Part of the State Department, USAID is the federal agency that handles all foreign aid and assistance.

USAID is one of the largest underwriters for the University's research portfolio, according to Salas.

"We have... grants from them that exceed 80 million dollars right now and we are one of the largest university recipients of funds from USAID in the country," Salas said.

There will be a Q&A session after Shah's

address.

"What he has talked about before is the impact of technology, of the modernization and the changes and opportunities that are available in the development field," Salas said.

The special address will take place at 3:30 p.m. at the University's School of International and Public Affairs' auditorium 125. Cost of entry is free.

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Senate bill killed due to poor communication

MELHOR LEONOR
News Director

Agencies and bureaus had a close call during the Student Government Council at the Modesto Maidique Campus senate’s Sept. 17 session.

The “Government Accountability Act of 2012,” SB 1211 was removed from the agenda before it could even be discussed.

The bill was an amendment to section 4.05 “Agencies of the Executive Branch” of the SGC-MMC statutes. Among the changes in the bill were the amendments to the selection process for directors of agen-

cies and bureaus under SGC-MMC.

In the bill, the author and sponsors requested that directors for agencies be selected through the elections code, while directors for agencies be selected solely by the SGC-MMC president.

It was addressed on Monday at the beginning of the meeting by SGC-MMC Vice President Alex Castro, author of the bill.

“Senators, I demand that this bill be extracted from the agenda,” Castro said. “I demand that this bill is never heard again this academic year. I have talked to the involved parties and they do not want Student Government to pass this bill.”

In an interview with Student Media, Residence Hall Association Adviser Joe Haeffel voiced his concerns with the bill by saying it didn’t include specifics for the candidate criteria.

Haeffel also added that he doesn’t see a problem with more transparency from organizations funded by the Activity & Service fee.

If passed, the bill would also have required monthly auditing reports from all agencies and bureaus and approval from SGC-MMC for any purchases above \$15,000.

According to Castro, other concerns were

also raised by other agencies and bureaus, which lead to his decision to strike the bill.

Castro mentioned that a lack of communication lead to the unrest.

“Poor communication creates confusion and misunderstandings,” Castro said. “I have learned that communication is key, enhances comprehension and is followed by trust in the long run.”

Moses Aluicio, College of Law senator, moved to strike SB 1211 from the agenda.

The motion was passed without opposition.

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Master Plan 2020: more buildings, more parking, more students

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research facilities; Open Space, Recreation, Land Use, Conservation and Coastal Management; Urban, Architectural & Landscape Design Guidelines; Housing, Support facilities & Student Life; Infrastructure, Utilities, Maintenance; Transportation, Parking, Transit, Bicycle & Pedestrian; Inter-governmental Coordination, Advancement, Alumni Affairs.

Each focus group, made up of 10 to 12 members, will oversee its specific area and work towards enhancing and improving it.

Faculty, staff, students and members of the Steering Committee can be assigned to these groups. The initial process for the CMP 2020 will take 17 to 18 months, with students, faculty and staff encouraged to engage

and participate.

“It will be an open and transparent public process,” Marques said.

The plan will include both internal stakeholders and external members of the community, the latter including the mayors of the City of Sweetwater and the City of North Miami, among others.

“I am excited about the opportunity to be involved with such a group of talented individuals throughout the University and external community as well as members of our student body which will ensure that we have broad based engagement and participation by all,” said Marques.

The Modesto Maidique Campus experienced continuous growth and construction during the past academic year, such as the addition of the traffic circle by the entrance on 107th

Avenue and 16th Street, and the Academic Health Center 4 building that is currently under construction.

Featured projects in MMC also include stadium expansion, the satellite chiller plant, which gives chilled water to the new Academic Health Center building, among other facilities, and the addition of Parkview Housing.

The latter will create more residential housing for students, but also integrate a parking garage.

Moll explained the status of an additional entrance to the Biscayne Bay Campus. He noted that the President first proposed an opening of the 155th Street; however, the city wanted it to continue being closed.

“It would have been the least costly,” said Moll. “And the least ecological impact would be to go through 155th Street.”

The city commission had a unanimous vote of five to zero to keep the road

closed.

The other option is to expand the road on 143rd Street. He confirmed there is the possibility of expanding the one-way street and converting it to a road.

However, due to the location of this road, the action would have a detrimental ecological effect and destroy several mangrove trees in the surrounding area. There are also many changes expected within BBC.

BBC has three main programs: the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management and Marine Biology. The campus has significant growth expectations in the following decade.

They expect the SJMC and School of Hospitality to double in their student size.

The School of Hospitality currently overseeing construction to create a two-

story wine tasting center.

All construction is being paid through the efforts and profits of the South Florida Wine and Food Festival, which has raised over \$1 million, according to Moll.

The school expects one or two other buildings to be constructed under the master plan.

In contrast to the School of Hospitality, the SJMC has seen little growth over the years.

“It’s a lot harder to raise money for journalism because your primary funding sources are not doing as well as they used to,” Moll said.

Creating an additional building south of the Academic Two building to create more office space for the school is being discussed.

Other prominent issues at BBC include the Bay Vista Housing and the core curriculum availability. “We try to maintain them as best we can,” Moll said.

A definite decision has not been made regarding housing, but Moll concluded saying it would be very expensive to tear them down.

As for the core curriculum, Moll explained that all core classes are offered at BBC, but there are not enough available sections.

This creates a problem for students who reside in this campus and also for those who live near the area.

Moll said that the problem heavily relies on funding and said that in order to improve and expand, Universities need money and that is not so easily available.

“I don’t see that changing in the rest of my lifetime,” Moll said.

The CMP 2020 must first be approved by the Board of Trustees. This hearing will be held in December 2013.

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CORRECTIONS

In the issue dated Sep. 14, 2012, the Sports headline titled “Phi Kappa Phi defeats FIJI brawl,” should be “Pi Kappa Phi defeats FIJI brawl.”

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BLOOD THIRSTY



THE BEACON | Editorial

Don't think of excuses, just vote

The country will elect a president in November. Whether you are part of this game or not, the score will affect you.

According to an exit poll analysis released by CIRCLE, a research center at Tufts University, between 22 million and 24 million young Americans aged 18-29 voted in the 2008 presidential election.

It was between 49.3 percent and 54.5 percent of the youth voter turnout – 66 percent of those college-aged voters supported Barack Obama.

Hefty numbers make us proud, especially when those numbers mean young students are taking advantage of their citizenship rights that others cannot even fathom of having so painlessly.

Let us consider the Arab Spring for a second. According to a report by Amnesty International, 840 people died and a little over 6,000 were injured during Egypt's revolution as former president Hosni Mubarak - president for 30 years, mind you - latched on to his seat and brutally murdered protesters in the congested streets.

In Libya, they are counting between 30,000 to 50,000 people who have died fighting against the regime of Muammar el-Qaddafi.

But what about the 2012 elections here in the United States?

At Biscayne Bay Campus, we noticed the hot and sweating volunteers of Organizing for America, standing in the sun asking every passerby, "are you registered to vote?" while still managing to muster a smile in the brutal early semester heat. And most students, from what we notice, say they are already registered or rush by, late for class. At Modesto Maidique Campus, they register around 30 students a day, according to Leonardo Curiel, president of FIU's College Democrats.

You have a voice, dear students, speak. Participate because we are tired of these dramatic, voluntary mutes in the sickening form of students who choose not to vote because they feel their vote does not make a difference. It does.

Let us go back to our reliable world of numbers, math and logic. Take one student who doesn't think they matter and add in all of the other hundreds of thousands of students who are just as "insecure," "sad," or better yet, careless. Then, we have a staggering number that would've made a world of a difference at the polls for one of the candidates.

And if you're still not sure if your vote counts, and if this damp heat does not remind you, colleagues, you live in the good, old sunshine state. Florida, with 29 electoral votes, is one of the most important swing states.

Only one time has a president won without Florida's vote and that was in 1992.

Florida is one of the most decisive states on any presidential election and you live here. You are the one that says where those 29 votes are going.

So if you still think your vote doesn't count or it's a waste of time, you are wrong.

If you're not registered, there's no excuse not to take advantage of the University's Organizing for America. They stop everyone. They are everywhere. They are right outside your classrooms, take a few footsteps and do it.

Enlarge the number of the youth vote for this coming election. If you can't register yet, no fear or insecurity, you still have a mind, therefore, speak out and campaign. Just please, make a difference.

Go out and vote in November. Trust us, it won't kill you.

The end is near, kind of

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Contributing Writer

With only three months until Dec. 21, FIU students need to be as prepared for the apocalypse as they are for their midterms, and as tenacious to survive as they are to find a decent parking spot.

Dec. 21, 2012 is the day the Mayan Calendar, which is more accurate than most metrologists, ends. This is a sign, supposedly, that the world will come to an end, or at the very least that the Mayans ran out of stone to write on.

The first thing FIU students need to do as they prepare for doomsday is create a great end-of-the world soundtrack on their

iPods. Nothing would be more depressing than walking down a long desolate highway to screeching birds and sizzling skin; now add Katy Perry's 'Firework' and your post-apocalyptic existence will be more enjoyable.

In the next three months, students should also visit the recreation center as often as possible. A lot of cardiovascular exercise will be involved in the post apocalyptic world, especially as you scavenge for food, fight bandits, and run from mutated bears.

A regular gym schedule should prepare you for the physical challenges the new world will demand of you, plus you'll look more attractive when your shirt

is inevitably ripped off - as it always is in these situations.

Post-apocalypse survivors are always lonely. An FIU student can overcome this crippling loneliness by adopting one of the turtles in the pond near the School of International and Public Affairs building.

Turtles make great end-of-the-world companions and would keep you mentally stable. This turtle could be the Wilson to your Tom Hanks.

Undoubtedly, food will become scarce and a lot of the remaining morsels will be contaminated by radiation. An FIU student should indulge in as many high-carb meals as possible, in case food cannot be found,

the body can then survive on the stored fat. Therefore, give into the temptation felt as the scintillating smell wafting from the cafeteria penetrates you. And remember to store up on Twinkies, they are non-perishable, compact, and delicious.

With these tips, accompanied by a strong will to survive and a copy of Cast Away, an FIU student will be prepared to handle existence in post-apocalyptic Miami. While others are trying to find edible morsels, and dealing with decaying sanity and loneliness, the skilled FIU student can relax with his full stomach and turtle best friend.

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CAMPUS LIFE!

Clubs are socially and academically beneficial

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The Wolfe University Center ballrooms were decorated in 1950s theme last week, so clubs and organizations there were rockin' and a-minglin' all day long.

On Sept. 12, the 1950s-themed ballrooms were host to every major club at the Biscayne Bay Campus. They gathered so their members can mingle and discuss individual activities in their representative organizations. The theme presented classic swing music and festive décor that made you feel like you were in the latter part of "Back to the Future."

Many circles were formed consisting of the Student Organization Council, Student Government Association, Theater and Film Club, International Japan Association, and many other clubs. Inside the ballroom, it was the get-together of the ages.

From an larger perspective however, it seemed like an isolated part of the campus, untouched by those who have yet to learn anything about clubs.

For as long as BBC existed, it was always the underdog of the two campuses in its extra-curricular activities, and according to recent studies, it may be because of student disinterest. Out of about 50 students surveyed, over half did not have any involvement in any form

of club activity and had no clue on how to start one, despite its surprisingly easy process. Some students have even reported that they would like to make clubs that already exist.

Many of the students are unaware of the many experiences and benefits that being in a club would provide them.

Student clubs are far more beneficial on a college level than on a high school level. They give students opportunities to work within their majors in addition to their personal interests, as well as providing an excellent networking experience. Extracurricular clubs not only benefit students, but also their learning environment as the clubs also have an effect on BBC itself.

As Tariq Darwish, president of the theater and film club put it, "Thanks to [BBC's] smaller size, there is more of a chance to build longer lasting relationships and stronger friendships, which can be forged with more clubs to join, which is why clubs are even more beneficial here than there."

The recent degradation of club popularity might also be from underwhelming marketing. "It depends on how you promote the club. One of the biggest problems is that they don't do their research. Now that you're in FIU, you have to do research and see how to make yourself a club. Some of them are under-marketed, so it's more difficult to find out about them," said Richard Azimov, peer career coach.

In an attempt to drum up student interest

in clubs this fall, the Student Organization Council has not only launched the usual fall

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Students are also able to create lifelong friendships and relationships with people who have the same interests as them.

Michael Aquino,
President
Student Organization Council

semester club fair, but also a club mixer. "We're always having different events to start and join clubs," said Michael Aquino, president of SOC. "Today we're having our mixer, 1950s style, to mix and mingle clubs and collaborate with each other and with different councils and departments as well."

One of the prime reasons for the SOC's existence is to facilitate the ease of student-run

clubs and organizations. The process of forming a club is relatively simple; all a student would need is a constitution, five founding members, a staff/faculty adviser and an Orgsync account for the club. Once this is completed, a club application form becomes available at the SOC office for the newly founded club. This club will then join the host of others at BBC and help enrich the University.

Additionally, clubs can also benefit students academically. "Joining or creating a club can absolutely help with one's major. Students are able to find out more information, meet fascinating and professional people and host amazing events regarding their major. In essence, put into practice what they learned in the classroom," said Aquino.

When asked in what other ways clubs at BBC can help students, Aquino added, "Besides the learning experience, the SOC has an amazing internship opportunity in which students get to learn how to manage a council and shadow a member of the SOC Executive Board. Students are also able to create lifelong friendships and relationships with people who have the same interests as them. Students are able to enhance their leadership abilities by becoming part of an e-board and have an amazing time with their members, whether it's in academics, religious, cultural, or social organizations."

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SPC brings Hispanic Heritage Month to the University

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The stew of cultures at the melting pot that is FIU has a very Hispanic flavor.

The Latin influence can be seen everywhere from the Latino Student Union, to the guava pastries sold around the University. The Student Programming Council will host its annual Hispanic Heritage week from Sept. 25 through Oct. 3. Each night, an event celebrating Hispanic Heritage will occur on different locations on campus.

“This year we’re trying to make it land within Hispanic Heritage Month because it hasn’t been in it in past years,” said Marice Diaz, senior and vice president of programming for SPC.

When asked about the events, Diaz added, “They will be like normal SPC events, but will contain some form of Hispanic background, like a Hispanic movie or like a Hispanic performer.”

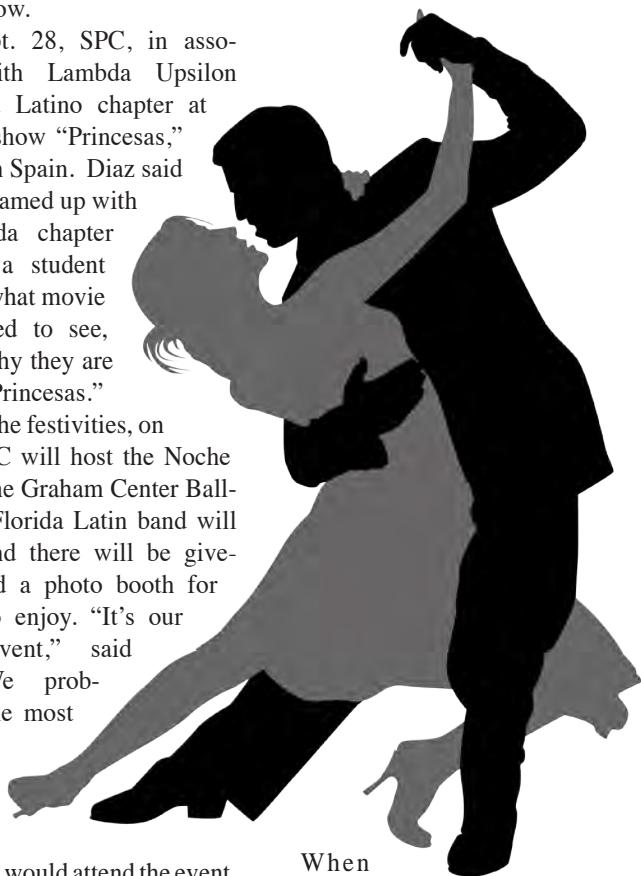
On Sept. 25, the Hispanic Heritage Kickoff will take place on the Housing Quad. Salsa Kings will perform and give salsa classes. Additionally, on Sept. 26, there will be a Hispanic Heritage

comedy show.

On Sept. 28, SPC, in association with Lambda Upsilon Lambda, a Latino chapter at FIU, will show “Princesas,” a film set in Spain. Diaz said that SPC teamed up with the Lambda chapter and took a student vote over what movie they wanted to see, which is why they are showing “Princesas.”

To end the festivities, on Oct. 3, SPC will host the Noche Latina in the Graham Center Ballrooms. A Florida Latin band will perform and there will be giveaways and a photo booth for students to enjoy. “It’s our biggest event,” said Diaz. “We probably get the most students in that event.”

When asked if she would attend the event, freshman Christa Currins said while she has never heard about it, she would look into the events happening around that week. Junior John Dalva added that he would definitely be attending the Noche Latina.



When asked about the turnout of students, Diaz confidently said, “The turnout is always good. It’s like, our Kickoff starts it off, and when we get to the Noche Latina, we see a lot of people.”

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What university students do with their refund money

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In fact, paying for classes is usually divided between her parents, with her mother paying off the difference after the scholarships are used and her father paying for textbooks.

“My parents pay tuition and textbooks using credit cards. It’s so stupid when people use their refunds for other things when I’m having to pay \$2,000 for summer classes,” said Robles. “My brother can only pay for his classes through loans and though we both work, it’s not enough.”

Aniza Cantillo, a freshman social work major who also only receives the Leverage Grant and pays the rest of her classes through Florida Prepaid, uses her refund for gas and acknowledges the usefulness of the refund in paying for new textbooks she might need after the beginning of school.

“I carpool, so my refund is used for gas,” said Cantillo. Sometimes I have to pick up my sister and then go run errands, but my parents usually pay for any school related things I might need.”

Victor Guerrero, a junior anthropology major who also uses loans to pay for expenses, has had to pay some of his classes out of pocket, although he saves any refunds he receives.

“I save it for textbooks, school supplies, etc. because I’ll have to pay it back eventually, so it’s better to save as much as I can when I can,” said Guerrero.

For Guerrero, students who receive scholarship refunds should have the right to decide what they choose to spend it on.

“I didn’t work as hard as I could’ve in high school, but they did, they earned it. Although it is kind of messed up when people can use it for other reasons when they could donate it to another student or an organization. There are always other ways to spend the refund,” said Guerrero.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Unbeaten streak comes to an end in loss versus Furman

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Staff Writer

After reeling off five consecutive wins to start the season, the FIU men's soccer team saw their perfect record come to an end with a loss to Furman on Sept. 14 and a draw against University of Missouri - Kansas City on Sept. 16.

Furman 2, FIU 1

The Panthers began their quest for their sixth win of the season in Fort Myers, Fla. where they played Furman (4-2-1). But the Panthers soon learned that gaining their sixth win of the season would be easier said than done.

The first goal of the game came in the 45th minute, off the foot of forward Martin Ontiveros. The goal was off a free kick that went past FIU's goalkeeper Robin Spiegel.

As the second half of play began, the night would only get worse for the Panthers young goalkeeper. In the 61st minute, the Paladins increased their lead with a header shot off defender Walter Zimmerman. For Spiegel, It was the first time he didn't record a save in a game.

The Panthers tried to make a comeback with a goal from team-leading scorer forward Quentin Albrecht. For Albrecht, it was his sixth goal of the season. But FIU would not get another goal past Furman's goalkeeper Doug



JONATHAN SEGAL/THE BEACON

The Panthers, now 5-1-1 will head up north to take on Stetson on Sept. 22 in DeLand at 7 p.m.

Ryan, who ended the night with a shutout while collecting three saves.

For Head Coach Kenny Arena, it was just a case of bad luck and not being able to cash in on missed opportunities by Furman.

"We gave up only three chances the entire game, we gave up two goals on re-starts and they were the only two shots on goal," Arena said. "Unfortunately it put us down two goals, we earned one back and could

have gotten more, but sometimes the ball just doesn't roll your way."

FIU 0, UMKC 0

FIU (5-1-1) hoped to bounce back against UMKC (1-4-1) in their second home game of the season.

The scoring started in the 19th minute when midfielder Mo Ramahi scored off a 10-yard pass from forward David Sarabia, that cleared the left side of the net for the only goal of the first half.

During the second half, the Panthers tied up the game with a goal from forward Nicolas Rodriguez off a penalty kick. For Rodriguez, there was only one thing going through his mind.

"I'm going to score, I'm going to make it," Rodriguez said jokingly. "You have to stay positive because when a penalty kick comes the other team is telling you everything to get into your head."

But neither team was able to score again behind the great

work of their goalkeepers. The Kangaroos' goalie Kevin Corby ended the night with six saves only allowing one goal. The Panther's Spiegel collected four saves, also allowing one goal.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw with both teams exhausted from a very physical battle.

"You're allowed to foul, last time I checked it it's not illegal to foul hard," Arena said. "Our guys played hard and we've had to deal with teams defending us like this all year, and today was probably even more extreme and I'm very happy that our guys kept going."

For the fourth straight game, the Panthers once again found themselves trailing at the end of the first half.

Arena said it was just a case of earlier fatigue combined with a marathon-like mentality.

"I think that in the first half the other team has energy, so as the game goes on I see our fitness and style of play really come through and start to show us playing better," Arena said. "But early in games I see teams throwing everything they have at us and so it looks a little combative and hectic."

FIU will continue to look for their sixth win of the season when they play Stetson University (3-3) on Sept. 22 in DeLand, Fla. at 6 p.m.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Panthers shutout in weekend road trip to Arizona

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FIU traveled across the country to Tucson, Ariz., to take part in the Loews Ventana Canyon Cats Classic and face two Pac 12 squads in Arizona and Arizona State. Never having faced these teams proved costly as FIU came away with two losses after not scoring a single goal all weekend.

Arizona 2, FIU 0

The Panthers hoped to continue their winning streak after their last win at home against Idaho University on Sept. 9 where FIU showed great offense and defense. The first game of the Classic was a 2-0 loss against Arizona that came into this weekend 3-3-0.

The Panthers offense did not show up, totaling five shots for the game. The Panthers are 0-3 when they shoot less than 10 shots in a game. Arizona took advantage of the lack of offense and put the pressure on the Panther defense, recording 21 shots in the game.

The constant barrage of shots gave FIU goalkeeper Kaitlyn Savage plenty of action in the game, collecting eight saves. Arizona attacked the entire game but only two quality shots made it past

Savage. Candi Osei-Agyemang scored the first goal with an assist from Emily Lai in the 32nd minute. Julia Glanz scored the second one with an assist from Osei-Agyemang in the 77th minute.

FIU didn't shoot much but was able to

make three of five quality shots almost hitting net, but Arizona's goalkeeper Gabby Kaufman recorded all three saves.

ASU 3, FIU 0

The second game of the Classic was



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FIU conceded five goals in their trip to the state of Arizona this past weekend.

against Arizona State on Sept. 16 where the Panthers lost their second consecutive game 3-0.

ASU's defense shut down the Panthers offense, taking the shot advantage 16-6. With no offense, the Panthers had to fall back on their defense to make plays.

The Panthers had a total of 18 fouls in the game trying to push back The Sun Devils, hoping for a spark or a play leading to more offense.

Leading the tough defense again was goalkeeper Savage who recorded another six saves for the Panthers but allowed three to hit net.

Miah Mollay scored the first goal in the 40th minute to go into halftime with a 1-0 lead.

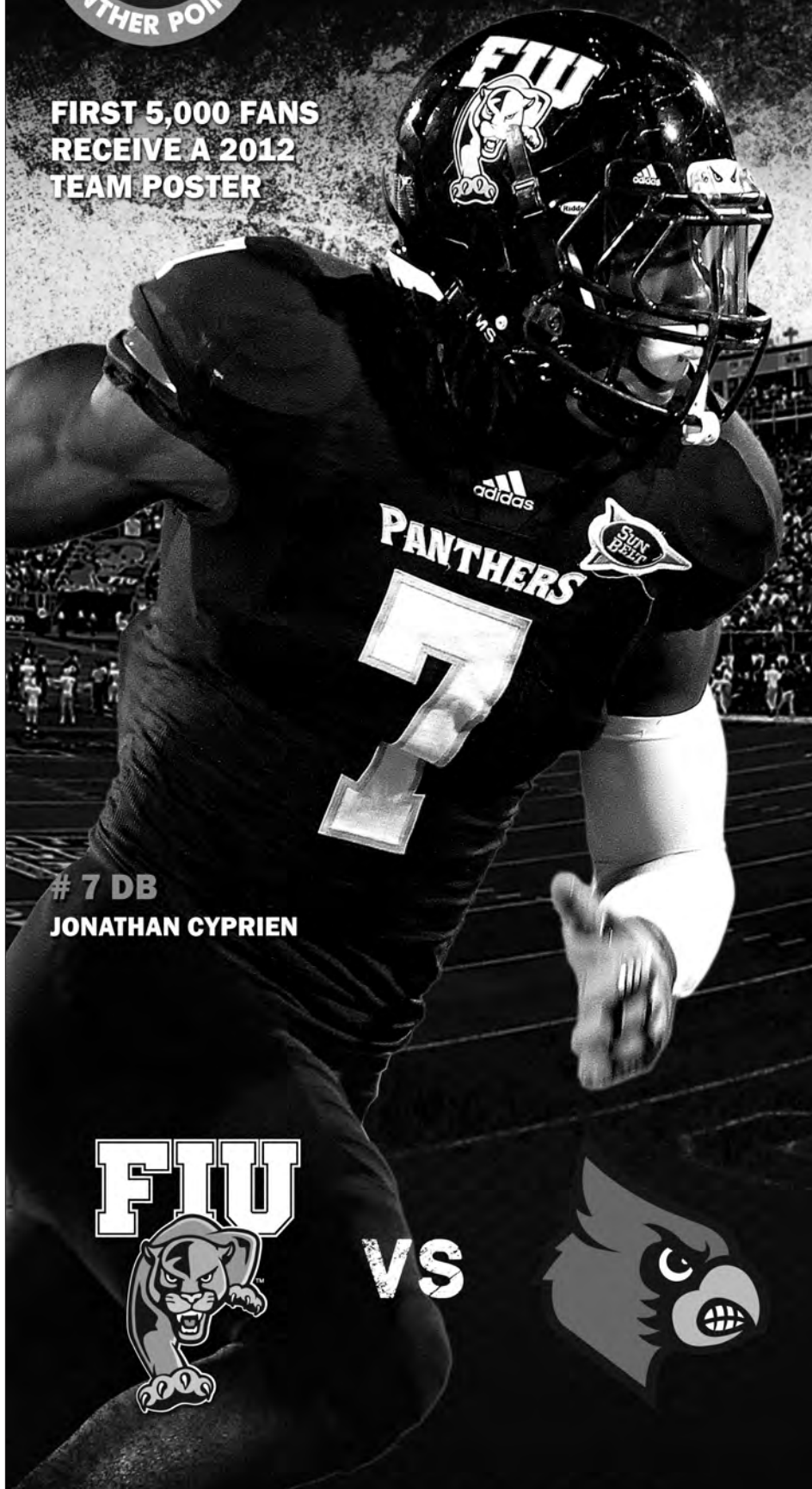
The next goal was made by Devin Marshall with assists from two other Sun Devils Holland Crook and Courtney Tinnin. The last goal of the game was made by Crook with the assist from Marshall in the 66th minute.

This loss adds to FIU's bad road record at 0-4-1. The Panthers will have to put this weekend behind them and prepare for major conference play next weekend in two away games against South Alabama University and Troy University.

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The mechanized voice of a woman introduces the date, the time, the number of voicemails, the phone number and gives a complimentary “here is your message.”

With text messaging and newer technology, students are utilizing faster, more fluid ways of sending and receiving messages.

“I do not use voicemail. It is faster and easier to check a text message – simple as that,” said Carol Rock, a junior and public relations major.

According to data from the internet phone company Vonage, leaving a voice message has dropped 8 percent and retrieving a voice message has dropped 14 percent among users from July 2011 to July 2012.

“Texting is trumping voicemail because of its speed of access and the fluidity of the message,” said Carlos Suris, media instructor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. “It has become habitual.”

Students are guilty of avid texting, but they credit voicemail for its professionalism.

“I do not like voicemail if it is from friends or family, but I think it is [appropriate] for a business, my job, or doctor’s office to leave a voicemail,” said Rock.

Although voicemail use is waning, it may not signal an end to this medium of messaging altogether.

“You have to use the right tool for the right situation,” said Michael Sheerin, a professional in the new media industry and member of the Journalism and Mass Communication Department.

Sheerin mentioned an alternative to voice and text messaging, VOXing which converges these techniques into one. It is a walkie-talkie like application where the user sends an instantaneous voice message accompanied with a text version of the statement.

Sheerin explained that texting and voicemail are both useful for communicating different things. Text messages are best when a conver-

sation is not needed, while voice messaging can give a better, extensive explanation.

“I continue to use voicemail,” said Laurie Ramirez, sophomore and journalism major. “I like to leave a voice message when I am communicating something that is important, requires an explanation, or has to do with business.”

Some students are willing to put in the extra effort to listen to a voice message that relates to a job or an important appointment, but it is clear that texting is the go-to form of messaging for daily communication with friends and family.

“I think people do not like voicemail because they are too lazy to check their messages. The process takes up too much time,” said Ramirez.

Suris said that this generation should not be characterized as lazy for leading the revolution of messaging. In fact, this generation is not doing anything revolutionary by abandoning voicemail for texting at all.

Suris explained that this pattern has existed since the beginning of communication. The split of communication from transportation with the invention of the telegraph is relevant to today’s split of messaging from voice with technology like text messaging and VOXing.

While some students hold onto voicemail as a more formal way of communicating, others have no intention of resorting to this form of messaging.

“I do not leave people voice messages anymore,” said Laura Duque, junior and international relations major.

Duque said if she wants to catch-up with a friend she will use the application Hey Tell! on her iPhone. This application is similar to VOXing and combines the traditional voice of a phone call with text messaging.

“Texting is a lot easier and more efficient than having to listen to a voicemail and jot things down from the message,” said Duque. “Voicemail is dying out more and more everyday with new methods and technology.”

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CAMPUS LIFE

BBC: Stand up for some comedy

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Students can expect the absurd and the vulgar at this year’s closing event at Fall Fest.

Friday, September 21 at 7 p.m., the Student Programming Council at Biscayne Bay Campus will host a comedy show at the Wolfe University Center Mary Ann Wolfe Theater featuring comedians Raneir Pollard and A.G. White as headliners and with Chello Davis as the host.

“We chose the comedians by watching tons of YouTube videos and asking students who they liked. We narrowed it down to 10 and then we finally chose the two headliners,” said Sofia Bodniza, a freshman in hospitality and the SPC-BBC comedy director.

The show is free to students and guests.

Host Marcellus “Chello” Davis is a Miami local who regularly hosts the open mic night at The Playwright Pub within Gulfstream Park and Casino. He made his comic debut on Black Entertainment Television’s “Comic View” and has performed for 106 & Park audiences.

According to Bodniza, Davis will be the emcee of the show, keeping his routine to a minimum.

Comedian Raneir Pollard is also a Miami native and best known for his openly gay comedic material and catch phrases like “Black and Gay All Day.”

“Raneir Pollard is naughty and vulgar and extremely hilarious,” said Bodniza.

He is also recognized for his YouTube video “S*** Black Gay Guys Say,” that mocks the stereotypical view of homosexual black men.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New

York, A.G. White’s comedic debut was on the television show “It’s Showtime at the Apollo.” Since then, he has been featured on the HBO comedy series “P. Diddy Presents: The Bad Boys of Comedy,” Showtime’s “White Boyz in the Hood,” and BET’s “Comic View.”

White’s comedic routine centers on ethnic personas that he takes on. His impersonations of Latinos, Jamaicans, Arabs, “homeboys” and “homegirls” play with stereotypes and turn them into a comedy routine.

“SPC has worked really hard to have the show run smoothly and wants to bring students and the public together at FIU for some fun,” said Bodniza, “and the show ends at 9:30 p.m. so it can serve the beginning of your night.”

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