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Potential answer to Syrian crisis explored by U.S.

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Contributing Writer

The Syrian chemical weapons crisis finds a new potential solution, as suggested by Russian President, Vladimir Putin.

President Obama announced his decision to delay Congressional voting on any military action in Syria in favor of a more diplomatic approach on the night of Sept. 10. His proposal includes working with Russian and Chinese officials, along with the United Nations, to ensure that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad surrenders his chemical weapons

peacefully to international bodies.

"I think it's a smart tactic to hold off on the strike," said Michael Collado, senior broadcasting media major. "We've been in a 10-year war in the Middle East Iraq and military involvement in Syria should be pondered as much as possible."

The President also laid down what some have called a moral case for US involvement in Syria, expressing what he claimed to be the basis for involvement. He described the suffering of the victims of the attack. He also

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TRAIL OF THE TORCH



PATRICIA SEGOVIA/THE BEACON

A so-called "celebration of the Torch of Knowledge, Service and Understanding," the annual Trail of the Torch event brought about performances from the FIU band and Golden Dazzlers and several student organizations to get students involved.

President keeps it iReal with online survey about FIU

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Administration sent out a survey titled iReal to all students, faculty and staff.

The survey deals with different issues, from faculty quality, to the University's community involvement, to whether the University should lower the acceptance rate.

One of the many questions the iReal survey asks is whether or not FIU has good professors, as well as if the current system of student and peer evaluations is effective in keeping professors accountable.

Some students agreed that FIU provides a great education, has good professors, but they should be regulated and made to be accountable for their mistakes and failures, regardless of their tenure.

"The assessment for teachers is a good idea, but should not be all or nothing," said

“The University’s role is not to give business ideas, but merely inspire them.”

Gabriel Allan
Junior
Electrical Engineering

lower the profes-

would consider it a disservice to herself as well as all the students if the student population decreased, because that would just mean a smaller, less diverse school.

"FIU is already a fairly selective school," said Ortiz. "The university should work to grow as the number of willing and knowledge-hungry students do."

One solution to reduce the student to professor ratio is by offering online classes or hybrid classes.

"Students, most of whom work and commute to campus, need greater access to more flexible learning approaches such as hybrid courses," said Trevor Meylach, junior english major. "As well as fully online courses and degrees."

The survey isn't just focused on internal affairs, and has taken a view on

Gonzalez, freshman majoring in computer science. "Some students' reports will be biased, tainting the reputation of a decent or excellent professor."

The survey also asks whether FIU should have less students in order to

sor-to-student ratio.

Some students disagreed, saying that FIU is selective enough and cannot limit the spread of knowledge.

Dual-enrollment nursing major, Kimberly Ortiz, made it clear that she

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Art show brings awareness to breast cancer research

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The Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine is sponsoring an annual art show to raise awareness about late stage breast cancer detection for South Florida women.

Now in its second year, The Mammography Art Initiative 2013 is an art show that partners with local community and student artists to fund breast cancer workshops and mammograms to uninsured and underinsured women.

According to the American Cancer Society, besides skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women; about one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in

their lifetime.

A 2010 report prepared by the Disparities and Community Outreach Core estimates that in South Florida alone there are approximately 2,700 new cases of breast cancer every year.

Miami-Dade County also takes the lead in high rates of late stage breast cancer detection at 39 percent, as opposed to the Florida average of 35 percent.

"Late detection is at such a high rate due to lack of access to mammography screenings, follow up care, knowledge and education," said graduate student Yumi Mendez.

The report also shows that the five-year survival rate for women diagnosed with early stages of breast cancer is at 98 percent,

compared to 23 percent for those who detect breast cancer at a late stage.

"The College of Medicine along with the [Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHELP program, or the Health Education Learning Program,] went into underserved communities of Miami-Dade and found that many residents in the area were not educated on breast cancer awareness nor had the resources to receive mammography screenings, which is what the Art Initiative has helped fund," said Carolyn Runowicz, the executive associate dean for Academic Affairs and a guest at last year's event.

Last year's event raised \$10,000 from artwork and donations that helped fund 80 mammo-

grams, according to Mendez.

"This year we hope to raise \$25,000 to fund 200 mammograms and to provide educational programs throughout Miami-Dade, especially in areas like Opa-Locka, Hialeah and Miami Gardens where residents have limited access to healthcare," Mendez said.

Students like Charissa Kendal, a junior psychology major, are passionate about cancer awareness and pleased to have an event that informs college students about the importance of breast cancer awareness and early detection.

"My life has been touched by cancer. While not breast cancer specifically, I think this event is an amazing way for people to get informed on the important

subject," said Kendal.

The Mammography Art Initiative's second annual art show will be held at the Bakehouse Art Complex in the Wynwood Art District on Oct. 5, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. General admission is \$20 and \$5 for students.

A silent auction will be held to sell art pieces that will help fund mammography screenings, provided through the Jackson Memorial Hospital Taylor Breast Health Center's Mobile Mammovan.

"There are more and more cases of breast cancer nowadays and it is appearing in younger women. Catching it early could save lives," Kendal said.

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WORLD NEWS

“Significant progress” in Congo

The Congolese government and a rebel group have made progress in talks organized by neighboring nations, according to a statement issued Tuesday. “Significant progress has been made in the dialogue,” said the statement from the Office of the Facilitator of the International Conference of the Great Lakes, which is hosting the mediation effort in the capital of neighboring Uganda. Late last month, Congolese troops exchanged heavy fire with the M23 rebels, who occupy positions just outside the strategic eastern city of Goma. Aided by U.N. forces who pounded rebel positions with combat helicopters the Congolese were able to reclaim several areas that had been occupied by the M23, until the rebels unexpectedly declared a cease-fire, saying they wanted to resume talks.

Egyptian army kills suspects in Sinai offensive

Egyptian army troops backed by helicopter gunships attacked suspected hideouts of Islamic militants in the Sinai Peninsula on Tuesday, killing nine and arresting 10, a military official said. The latest raids raised the death toll from four days of operations to 29. Officials have described the military offensive that started Saturday as the biggest sweep of the region in recent years, aiming to weed out al-Qaida-inspired groups who have taken hold in villages in northern Sinai.

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CORRECTIONS

In Volume 25, Issue 8, in the article titled “Cheering to a good casue: Wines for Humanity,” Lee Blakely was incorrectly referred to as a male, while she is a female.

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Answer to Syrian conflict may lie with Russia and China

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quoted Franklin Delano Roosevelt, citing that the United States must stand to tyranny abroad and not let the crisis go unpunished.

“It’s a bit of a push and pull situation,” said Chavon Ellington, senior journalism major. “In one hand, I don’t think we should behave like the international police; and, on the other hand, once you see the images of the Syrian people, it’s hard not to feel like someone should step in.”

As postulated by political science professor Kevin Evans in a previous article, the president emphasized his supposed ability to strike without Congressional approval, but that he desired to turn to diplomatic solutions first and to Congress, the latter of which is required by the Constitution.

A poll conducted by CNN shows that 61 percent of Americans who watched

the speech on Sept. 10 were in favor of the president’s approach to the situation, while 37 percent were in opposition.

Most of the Americans polled also believed that this solution would work against the Assad regime.

However, 64% of Americans, according to a Reason-Rupe poll, do not trust the President’s foreign policy, citing it to be worse than his predecessor’s.

President Assad claimed in an interview with Charlie Rose on Sept. 7 that his

troops were not behind the Aug. 21 chemical attacks near Damascus, saying that Secretary of State John Kerry did not have enough evidence to suggest that his army even had weapons of the sort.

He also argued in favor of his battle against the rebels, citing it as a necessary action against what he referred to as Al-Qaeda.

However, Syrian state news reported on Sept. 10 that Assad is supportive of surrendering his chemical weapons.

Some, like Former Congressman Allen West of Florida, have criticized the President’s decision, claiming that it has gone against the ‘red line’ that he referred to in his previous speeches.

Congressman West also believes that this is capitulation to Putin and Russia, which runs contrary to the solution that Dr. Felix Martín--international relations and political science

professor--supported.

“The option for the US is political/diplomatic, not military strategy at the moment,” said Martín. “This is a golden opportunity for the US and the Europeans to put Moscow and Beijing on the defensive.”

Israeli President Shimon Peres implied that this proposal is not wise, since he does not believe Assad is reliable.

However, earlier comments by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, according to Fay Goldstein of Shalom@FIU, point to a lack of Israeli involvement unless it is attacked.

Shlomi Dinar, associate director of the School of International and Public Affairs, was not available for an interview, but pointed to a panel discussion by FIU Faculty experts that will occur on Monday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. in GC 243.

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Michael Collado,
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Broadcasting

Online survey evaluates University

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external and world affairs FIU can get involved in.

One of those global topics is entrepreneurship.

However, some students feel that the university should not get themselves involved in entrepreneurship.

“The function of a school is to equip individuals with the skills to go forward with ideas and to develop them into a reality,” said Gabriel Allan, a junior studying electrical engineering. “The university’s role is not to give business ideas, but merely inspire them.”

Kenneth G. Furton, dean of The College of Arts and Sciences, one of

the administrators involved with the survey, was unable to comment at press time.

The survey closes today, Sept. 13. Students can take the survey online at https://fiu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_5tMlv2fUAxsnDnf.

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Big student debt in unexpected places

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Don’t let the big price tags nix an application to Harvard or Yale. The average student receiving financial aid on those campuses paid about a quarter of the public sticker price and most graduates leave their ivy-covered quads with smaller debts than peers who attended less prestigious schools.

It’s not that unusual, according to statistics released Tuesday from U.S. News & World Report. In fact, some of the schools sending graduates out into the world with huge debts are campuses that aren’t the bold-faced names that top the typical best-of lists. Many of the best colleges in the country are relative steals for the lucky few who earn admission.

“Folks look at the sticker price and assume that’s what everyone is paying. The truth

is that the more elite schools have more resources,” said Amy Laitinen, a former White House education adviser now at the New America Foundation. “They have huge endowments that they often use to help lower-income and middle-income students — and even upper-income students.”

Look at Princeton University, the top school in the magazine’s annual ratings. Among students who borrowed to pay for their Ivy League education, they left the New Jersey campus with \$5,096 in debt for four years — the lowest sum for alumni leaving a national university with debts. Among the 3-in-5 students who received need-based aid at Princeton, they were billed less than a third of the advertised pricetag.

Then look northward. Among students who took on debt during college, Massachusetts’ Wheelock College topped the list with almost

\$50,000 in red ink.

Seem off?

Consider this: Some of the biggest-name universities are also those with the most successful alumni, who fund their alma mater’s investment portfolios. Interest from their endowments — 66 of them top \$1 billion each — offset the cost of tuition, new buildings, high-profile professors and new research for incoming students.

Money translates to prestige, and long-term investments offer financial stability and predictability. For high school students considering their options, a potential college’s endowment might prove more important than the recreation center or even the published price tag.

Princeton, for instance, has \$17 billion in its endowment, according to a survey from National Association of College and University Business Officers, a professional organization for college

financial officials.

Competition for those dollars is fierce, however. The university accepted just 8 percent of applicants last year, the school told U.S. News for its college edition.

U.S. News based their figures on loans taken out by students from their colleges, banks and from state and local governments. Parents’ loans were not included, nor were their contributions to their children.

Harvard University, the No. 2 school in U.S. News’ annual ratings, reported a \$30 billion endowment. That largesse, in part, helped provide 59 percent of its students with need-based aid. After those grants and scholarships, the average cost dropped to \$15,486 — a 73 percent discount from the sticker price.

There, it is even tougher to earn acceptance. The school accepted just 6 percent of applicants.

No such thing as a free smart phone app

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The application-creation market has exploded since the successful launch of the original iPhone. Today, over 50 billion apps have been downloaded from Apple's App Store alone.

Apps can either be purchased or downloaded for free, depending on what the app creator wishes to use as his or her revenue model.

To many, being able to download free apps on Google Play or Apple's App Store makes the smartphone craze that much more appealing. However, not everything is rays and sunshine for the users.

App-users, beware, there is no

such thing as a free app.

The apps that use a "free" model must find a way to make revenue. There are a few economic models that apps use, such as having the user pay a fee for the software, in-app purchases, ads or a combination of all three.

App developers create "free" apps, oftentimes stripping them of core functions for which they then staple an in-app purchase price tag on, a model that has destroyed all other models in terms of economic revenue.

In the US alone, in-app purchases account for a staggering 76 percent of iPhone app revenue; these numbers are at 90 percent in the Asian market.

Free software is always nice,

but not when it does everything in its power to charge the user for the most basic commands. It's often cheaper to just buy the editing apps or games that come complete upon purchase than it is to download the "free" apps.

Take, for instance, the way video game development has skewed off in the mobile market to what I call a pure "cash-cow" model.

"Final Fantasy All the Bravest" is a video game app developed by Square-Enix. While this game isn't a free app, costing \$3.99 to purchase, it still has a horrible in-app purchase model that gives the players the option of either waiting three minutes per character after a knock out to continue

playing, or pay \$2 to bring them all back. It also gives the option of unlocking characters for \$1 apiece, but it doesn't allow the user to select a specific one, instead giving a random character after paying.

Similarly, "free" photo and video editing apps are released in a locked stage. Apps like "Aviary" provide some photo editing tools for free, but charge for batches of image effects, ranging from six to 12 effects apiece. The app also charges for a range of other effects, frames and sticker batches which cost \$1 each. Purchasing all of these components escalates the price of this "free" app past \$30, certainly not free.

There are many other video game apps and image editing apps

that follow this model of pervasive in-app purchases.

While the settings on iPhones and iPads allow us to block out in-app purchases, the fact that these companies get away with advertising something as free when it is in fact not is troubling.

Surely, I can't be the only one who thinks this is appalling.

Perhaps more cases like the 5-year-old British boy, Danny Kitchen, who spent \$2500 on "Zombie V. Ninja," are needed to push corporations and our government to pay attention to the ridiculously misleading "cash-cow" that has become in-app purchases.

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Alternatives for women struggling with pregnancy

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Across the state of Florida and the rest of the country, newborn babies are abandoned by their mothers. It is a crisis that not only affects underprivileged teenage mothers, but people of all ages, ethnicities and socioeconomic statuses.

Periodically, we hear about stories of newborn babies being found in dumpsters or empty parking lots.

On Feb. 21, 2013, a newborn – estimated to be between one to three days old – was found abandoned in the dirt on the edge of an empty parking lot in Pompano Beach, Fla.

The discarded baby was discovered wrapped in a blanket by a woman who was walking by and noticed something was moving; the newborn still had his umbilical cord attached, which lead investigators to believe the baby had not been born in a medical facility.

While it is not fully understood why a mother would endanger her child, psychologists have brought up two common denomina-

tors: isolation and denial.

Generally, mothers and fathers who abandon a child believe they have no other alternative.

They often believe they are utterly and completely alone. Living in isolation, they are left to wrestle with problems that they may not be psychologically equipped to handle.

As a result, these mothers keep their pregnancy a secret and then dispose of their child once it is born.

This phenomena is truly a tragedy since there are alternatives to assist people in such a crisis.

Fortunately, the Florida Safe Haven Law was passed in 2000 as a safety net which allows parents to surrender their unharmed newborn child to employees at any hospital, emergency medical service station or to any fire-fighter at any fire station within the first seven days of birth. The law protects the confidentiality of the parents, but most importantly provides a sanctuary for the newborns.

Beyond the law, there are other alternatives to assist these mothers prior to the birth of the baby.

GRADING UNIVERSITIES



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The Wellness Center told Student Media that they are limited to "disease prevention and health promotion."

Adrien Nicolas, a wellness assistant, said pregnant students would be able to find more assistance at the Women's Clinic, Victim Advocacy or Counseling and Psychological Services since they deal more closely with gynecological health and women's issues.

These programs are capable of answering these desperate parents' needs; if not directly, then they can forward them to an organization that can.

A Safe Haven for Newborns, for instance, established by The Gloria M. Silverio Foundation in 2001, is a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating infant abandonment in Florida through education, prevention and community involvement.

Partnering efforts with all of Florida's counties, the program utilizes public awareness activities and a statewide multilingual 24/7 helpline to aid in their efforts to save lives.

Since 2001, approximately 200 children have been saved and over 5,000 women have been assisted in their time of need.

For more information, you can visit their website www.asafehavenfornewborns.com or call the help-

line at 1-877-767-2229.

People need to know that they have options to assist them in their time of need. University students have options they can take advantage of on-campus and off-campus, such as the Safe Haven for Newborns. Most importantly, women who are struggling with their pregnancy need to know that they are not alone.

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Shooting for the STARS through tutoring

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The University seems to be climbing the ladder of achievements, thanks to many determined Panthers.

One group of Panthers is clawing its way to the top in achievements and learning opportunities.

The Students in Technology, Academia, Research and Service Alliance opened a chapter at the University approximately two years ago. The organization is for those in computer-based fields, in which members provide personalized tutoring to those in need. They can provide help for students taking courses in the Computer Science, Information Technology and Electrical and Computer Engineering programs.

However, STARS Alliance is not solely focused on

tutoring University students. This group works on outreach to public schools, aiming to assist in developing essential skills for life and the workplace, such as presentation-giving.

“We help them develop as individuals,” said Gio Peralto-Pritchard, a junior information technology major, the Council of Student Organizations representative and web master.

STARS reached out to Wesley Matthews Elementary School, where the students were taught how to build and program robots. By exposing these younger students to new and upcoming technologies, the organization hopes to help them determine whether or not they enjoy it and would consider pursuing the field.

The STARS Alliance members peak the interests of the youngsters in every way possible, save for teaching them how to deci-

pher codes. Gaining their attention by discovering what captivates them when learning is one of the many goals of the organization’s members. The organization works towards kids having a sense of direction and balance along with their computer tutoring programs.

“It is truly an entire foreign language. You have to start thinking not just on terms of English verbs and nouns, but you have to start thinking [of it] as a whole other language. These are kids that barely scratch into algebra, so they know the basic arithmetic. You can’t overwhelm them,” said Terry Letterman, a graduate student and president of the University chapter. “That’s what STARS is all about. It’s outreach.”

The group’s idea is to give students multiple approaches to understanding the same topic and to give them the tools to learn, not

the answers.

“It’s not just about knowing the material, it’s being able to convey that material,” said Anthony Forns, senior information technology major.

Professional and technical development is another important aspect of the program, rather than an overload of knowledge on computers. STARS also emphasizes social skills necessary for the workforce, making them well-rounded.

“The reason why I joined STARS [is because when] the person you’re tutoring gets an ‘A-ha!’ moment, it’s the best feeling in the world,” said Forns.

Peralto-Pritchard and Forns attended the STARS Celebration 2013 in Atlanta, where schools nationwide attended and presented different ideas to each other. The conference held a series of speakers sharing ideas such as the

improvement of the voting experience and an absentee ballot system for soldiers overseas.

“We want to develop [outreach]. Coming out of Atlanta, I learned how we can better improve [that],” said Peralto-Pritchard.

FIU’s STARS Alliance chapter was ranked as a high performing organization out of all the alliances, and is in the top ten.

“We developed a website that is now being implemented in other schools,” said Peralto-Pritchard.

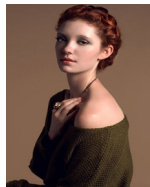
University students from any major are free to join, so long as they are interested in computers.

To join the STARS Alliance at FIU, students can check out <http://stars.cs.fiu.edu/>. The organization also meets together in the Engineering & Computer Science building every other Thursday of the month.

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September’s Trend Report for the University

COLUMNIST



ASHLEY GARNER

Walking around the FIU campus can be quite a shocking experience if one is not used to seeing a wide variety of people coming from different cultures, backgrounds, interests and modes of expression. You’ll see

jocks walking past Asian

Studies majors who are hanging out with the

Farmer’s Market peeps and tweeting about how

they are going to hang out with the Ravers later

that day.

To say the least, we are definitely a school of diversity. However, there are a few trends that I have noticed recently that seem to be intermingling with all walks of life.

I’ve never been much of a watch person because, let’s face, it we all have cell phones or iPods to tell us the time and who wants something as clunky or heavy weighing down their wrist all the time? Well apparently, half of the student body does.

I was shocked to see in the past two weeks how many people are bringing back the wrist watch. Freshman Alex del Campillo was spotted on campus pairing a classic watch with a variety of beaded bracelets, also known as Kandi, resulting in an interesting and unique interpretation of the modern wrist watch.

Other students, such as Akeem Todman who has a previous degree in fashion design, chose a watch that flowed seamlessly with his Zebra print shirt and wood block ring.

Accounting major Zi Zhang’s watch had a mind-warping monochromatic pattern that balanced well with his eclectic ensemble.

Hospitality Management major Najee Turnbull used a digital Timex watch to add a retro twist to his otherwise contemporary outfit.

Najee was not only rocking this current

watch trend that seems to be sweeping the FIU campus recently, but also the snapback style—a trend that has been around for quite a while now and refuses to go, not that anyone’s complaining.

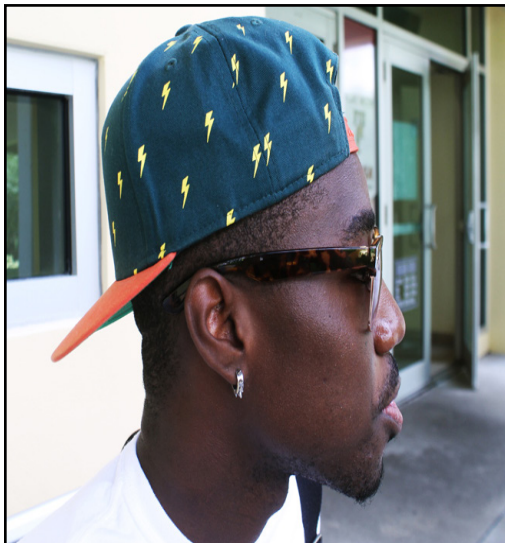
What’s great about the snapback is not only that they can be found in such a wide variety of patterns, prints, shapes, colors, but that it is an unisex item that intermingles with women and men.

Chemistry major Kriss-Ann Grant took a NY emblazoned snapback and mixed it in with her dance-inspired hip-hop ensemble.

Sophomore Drew Jones used a lightning bolt-patterned snapback to add an extra, funky twist to his otherwise relaxed outfit.

Snapbacks, wrist watches or both?

The choice is yours, ladies and gentleman. Follow the trends or start one of your own, I’ll be watching.



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Students show their style around campus with accessories like hats, bracelets, backpacks and watches.

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No more experience points please



COLUMNIST

Experience points in multiplayer shooter games have given players reasons to stay up late at night to level up or obtain new gear and weapons.

Looking back at older games, I think it's unnecessary to be rewarded for every action in multiplayer shooters.

The upcoming Playstation 4 launch title, "Killzone: Shadow Fall" will not have experience points, unlike other multiplayer shooters.

The experience points will be replaced with a ranking system and challenges for the player to complete.

While not much of a departure from the experience points in other titles, it's interesting to see a modern multiplayer shooter

abandoning experience points to show in-game progression.

Thanks to the adoption of experience points in franchises like "Call of Duty" and "Battlefield," players have become accustomed to gaining experience for actions that benefit the team such as kills, assists and completing objectives.

Because of this system, players are pushed to play more to keep leveling up. Game developers love this, because you spend more time playing their game for bigger numbers and new guns.

If you enjoy the game unconditionally, then these experience points probably don't mean much to you.

As someone who enjoys games that use experience points like in "Battlefield 3," and games that don't have experience points like "Team Fortress 2," I prefer the latter.

Being rewarded for every kill, assist and action

ROARY AND THE DAZZLERS



VINCENT RIVES/THE BEACON

Roary and the Golden Dazzlers dance for the crowd at the Trail of the Torch.

has gotten out of hand in modern games.

In older games like "Quake 3," "Battlefield 1942" and "Unreal Tournament," rewarding actions were points on the scoreboard, not experience points going to an ever-increasing number next to your name.

Games that don't have any incrementing numbers next to your name aren't perfect either.

You join a match and put your skills to the test without any numbers telling you if a player has spent 10 or 100 hours playing a game.

It's no fun fighting against players with hours of experience that can annihilate you without blinking.

Developers have adopted experience points because it keeps people playing.

Some players might enjoy gaining experience points for everything, although it may drive away others. Or you just probably ignore it like I do. It's just a number after all.

With games changing and adapting to what players want, maybe games that use experience points will decrease. Or they'll just keep going up.

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Victim in 1986 murder chose Fla. to pursue dream

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Angela Crowley had a lot of job offers when she graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1985, but she chose Florida because she loved the water and could pursue her dreams to travel.

About five months later, those dreams ended when William Happ kidnapped, raped and murdered her as the 21-year-old woman was traveling to meet a friend for a Memorial Day weekend at the beach in May 1986. Happ is now scheduled to be executed Oct. 15.

"I never questioned her moving to Florida. I always thought it was a good move on her part," her brother, Chris Crowley of Newburg, Mo., said Wednesday. "She loved it. That was a key thing. She had several job offers, but that's the one she chose because of the location,

because of the weather, because of the water."

Crowley helped move his sister from the small town of Oregon, Ill., to Fort Lauderdale during the Christmas holiday season. He hasn't been back to Florida since.

"After she was killed I made a vow that there was no way in the world I could go to Florida until this was resolved," Crowley said.

Now he's making plans to travel to Starke, where Happ, 51, will be executed at Florida State Prison barring any last minute appeals.

Crowley said the execution is long overdue. Another sister of his died just six days before Gov. Rick Scott signed Happ's death warrant. Their mother died five years ago. And aunts and uncles and other relatives who've been waiting for the execution also have passed away.

"I keep watching relatives drop

and he's still there. It just seems that's not the way it's supposed to work," Crowley said. "Those that were there that night when that happened, they're all gone."

Crowley remembers talking to his sister for a long time the night before she was murdered. She was a travel agent and she had her first chance to take a long weekend and he made sure she had maps and directions to get to her friend's location in Yankee-town along the north Gulf coast.

"My sister could get lost backing out of a driveway," he said.

In fact, she did get lost, making a wrong turn along the way that cost her about an hour. She called her friend to say she would be late. Her friend told her that when she got to Crystal River to go to a specific convenience store and use the pay phone to call her and she would come show her the rest

of the way to the rural home.

That call never came.

When Crowley arrived at the convenience store, Happ smashed her car window, kidnapped her and brought her to a canal, where he beat her, raped her and then strangled her with her pants. He threw her body in the canal, where a fisherman found it the next day.

He was sentenced to death in 1989 and her family has waited ever since for the sentence to be carried out.

"When my mother passed away five years ago, she said 'You stay on top of them. Make sure this thing gets done,'" Crowley said.

He set up an online petition asking Scott to sign the death warrant and began emailing Scott and his staff.

So when his phone rang Tuesday, Crowley got the news he had been waiting for more than

two decades. Scott signed Happ's death warrant.

"As soon as the phone rang and I saw the 850 area code, I thought, 'That's Florida. That can only be good news,'" he said.

Angela Crowley loved to travel and chose her job because it would allow her to do more of it. She and her mother had booked a trip to Hawaii and were supposed to leave the month after her murder.

She was also known for community service, mentoring other students at college, boating and water skiing and playing the flute.

"She has tons of friends," Crowley said, adding that he was a letter carrier and his mother was the city clerk in Oregon. The family knew a lot of people in the northern Illinois town of about 3,000. "This affected the entire town. It shook it to its core."

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Panthers look for first win against Wildcats

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No team ever wants to start the season with zero wins in the first two games. However, that’s the case for the Panthers who have given up a total of 81 points and nearly 1000 total yards of offense to two opponents so far this season.

They will look to come out with a victory against the Wildcats of Bethune-Cookman University for the first time. The two previous meetings both went to the Wildcats, 31-0 in 2002 and 24-14 in 2003.

Coming into the renewed two year series between the universities, of which both games were played in Miami, the Wildcats boast a record of 2-0 with wins against Tennessee State University 12-9 and a win last week over the Virginia Union University Panthers 66-7.

The types of the offenses that the

Panthers have faced so far will be similar to the style and speed they will see Saturday versus the Wildcats.

“All that we can do is prepare the same way that we do for every game,” Senior defensive lineman Greg Hickman said. “Once we all work hard and keep our eyes on the keys, the game will slow down.”

Head Coach Ron Turner also understands the fast paced tempo that the Wildcats are bringing to FIU.

“They show us a lot of speed on tape,” Turner said. “They play hard and are discipline. What they do, they do very well. They are capable of a lot of big plays on offense and on defense. They play a lot of man coverage and are very athletic.”

The Wildcats, under Head Coach Brian Jenkins, who is entering his fourth year at the top of the program, are favorites to win the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference this season. They are the first Football Championship Series team to play the Panthers since 2005, which

ended a two-year deal with the Rattlers of Florida A&M University.

The Panthers have a partial record holder early this season in punter Chris Ayers. Ayers holds ties for fifth and second place with the amount of punts and total yardage so far this season. 10 punts versus the University of Central Florida puts him in second place and nine punts against the University of Maryland is a tie for fifth.

“It isn’t really a record that I am going for. It’s not good if I get in the game a lot even if I want to,” Ayers said. “If I have to go in 15, 10 or even nine times then it isn’t good for us because we are giving them the ball back. My leg is also being used a lot more than usual with almost 20 punts two weeks into the season and that isn’t good for the long run.”

Quarterbacks Quentin Williams, Jackie Wilson, and Brodrick Waters all saw playing time for the Wildcats in the 66-7 win. Each had, at minimum, one touchdown in the game but Williams had the best stat



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After losing to Bethune-Cookman 31-0 in 2002 and 24-14 in 2003, FIU looks to pick up their first win against the Wildcats this Saturday.

line on the day with 73 yards on four completions with a touchdown and an interception in the air and 32 yards on four carries and a touchdown on the ground.

On defense, members of the defensive backfield had two defensive touch-

downs off of interceptions from Nick Addison and Erik Williams. Along with the backfield, defensive lineman Dyron Dye had two sacks for the Wildcats defense in the win over the Panthers of VUU.

A decent amount of the Wildcats will be in their

hometown on Saturday as 15 players went to high school in either the Miami or Ft. Lauderdale area.

The game is set for a 6:00 p.m. kickoff at FIU Stadium Saturday night.

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USF transfer gives men’s soccer team a boost

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The FIU men’s soccer squad (2-2-0) has gotten off to a sizzling start on the offensive side of the ball; they are currently tied for fourth in the nation in total goals scored.



ALTERIO Tied for the nation’s third ranked scorer, Junior midfielder Roberto Alterio has been a main contributor to the Panthers revamped offense as he has been responsible for a team high four goals.

“I think that we have a very aggressive and talented team,” Head Coach Ken Arena said. “We have a couple new pieces and they have good instincts going hard to goal when we move the ball. We just try to take advantage of our strengths.”

The Panthers ranked a mediocre 125th in the nation last year with just 22 goals scored all season. To put that into perspective, this year FIU has already tallied 11 goals and is on pace to score 46 after playing just four games.

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“We’re definitely a more athletic team than last year, they’re probably six or seven guys that can run with the best of the country.”

Ken Arena
Head Coach
Men’s Soccer Team

athletic team than last year,” Arena said. “They’re probably six or seven guys that can run with the best of the country.”

The Panthers did some serious remodeling this off-season when they added 15 new players to the team. The newcomers look to be flourishing in Arena’s offense as they have accounted for seven of FIU’s 11 goals this season.

“Roberto has obviously scored some great individual goals, but the other ones are just him running hard to the goal when the ball turns over. He’s also had two goals where he’s scored within the six yard box,” Arena said. “So he’s done a good job running hard off the ball and taking advantage of the rest of our team moving it forward, but he also has the ability

to score on his own.” Alterio understands just how important his performance is to the team.

“I looked for other options after last semester,” Alterio said “After talking with coach Arena I decided to come here because he offered me a good thing here and I’m seeing it right now with the team., after each game we are getting better.”

Alterio led the University of South Florida in scoring last year before transferring to FIU and is well on his way to doing the same with the Panthers. Although he is a scoring machine, he maintains a team-first mindset.

“You got to be there to make the goals but we have a lot of players that have been playing

really good, it’s not only me,” Alterio clarified. “Anybody can score, that’s the good thing about this team.”

The Panthers have plenty to look forward to with this young and exciting team. The first step toward a successful future will be taken Saturday as they look to defeat in-conference rival Florida Atlantic Owls in Boca Raton.

“I’m very excited these are the games that really count,” Alterio declared. “That’s our goal, to win the conference and get to the nationals.”

Last year, FIU was unable to pick up a single win in conference play (0-7-1). This year, they will get their first crack at a conference win Saturday against the Owls. For the Owls, it will be their first season in the Conference USA.

“The conference is extremely important to us and getting three points is our number one priority,” Arena explained. “We’re continuing to work on how we need to improve and I think if we do that, we will be successful.”

If last year’s match-up against FAU is any indicator of things to come, then coach Arena will be pleased, as FIU demolished the Owls (5-0) their previous season.

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TEAM	W-L-T
UAB	3-0-0
New Mexico	2-0-1
Tulsa	3-1-0
Florida Atlantic	1-0-1
Charlotte	2-1-0
Kentucky	2-1-0
FIU	2-2-0
South Carolina	2-2-0
Old Dominion	1-1-0
Marshall	0-3-1

*All records up to date as of Sept. 9

NCAA STATISTICS

NATIONAL LEADING SCORERS		
Player,	Games	Goals
Goals		
Caringi, UMBC	4	8
Clarke, Gardner-Webb	4	5
Alterio, FIU	4	4
Behrad, UCSN	4	4
Carter, Presbyterian	3	4
Delgado, Delaware	3	4
Djabi, Lipscomb	3	4
Lev-Ari, UCSN	4	4
Martinelli, Temple	3	4
McNamara, Clemson	4	4

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Women's basketball excels above the competition

Panthers' past success shows team is heading in the right direction

The women's basketball team had yet another successful season last year going 19-13 and earning another bid to play in the postseason.

COLUMNIST



RUBEN PALACIOS

The Panthers eventually lost an opening round game in the Women's National Invitation Tournament to a much bigger, faster and all around more talented team out of a bigger, faster and all round more talented conference the Southeastern Conference. That team was the Florida Gators.

And to be quite honest, this was a game the Panthers probably should have won. Behind the heroics of Junior all-star Jerica Coley, they had a stranglehold on the game up until the very end and the Gators won 75-68.

My point is that when you take a quick look around athletics, you see a vast majority of programs struggling. Men's basketball is dealing with a postseason ban due to poor academics, football is having trouble putting their best players on the field because of legal and academic issues. But there is a bright side.

That bright side is the tradition of winning that the women's basketball team has stood by since the beginning of Head Coach Cindy Russo's lengthy tenure some 34 years ago. That last line is eye popping, I know. Russo has been behind the wheel of the program since before the majority of anyone attending this university was born.



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The FIU women's basketball team, led by Jerica Coley (above) looks to continue its on the court success in Conference USA.

So in a nutshell, she has forgotten more about basketball than most of us will ever know.

In her time at FIU, she has led the program to 22-consecutive winning seasons from '81 to '03 and her teams have

won at least 20 games on 18 occasions.

Russo has led her teams to six NCAA Division I Tournament berths, seven post-season WNIT's and two NCAA Division II Tournaments, in addition to winning eight regular season conference titles and seven tournament crowns. Russo enters the 2013-14 campaign as the ninth-winningest active coach in Division I women's basketball. She owns a career record of 689-364 over 36 seasons, and a record of 649-342 in 34 seasons at FIU.

With that being said, someone should ask her how she does it. She has won almost 700 career games! Please, someone from each struggling program ask this lady how does she run her ship so well.

Ask why her student-athletes are featured on the news its for POSITIVE reasons and not because they're in trouble. Simply, just ask how to keep winning on such a consistent level.

Someone has to take action because I cannot be the only person noticing all this success surrounded by so much failure.

Russo took an under-recruited Coley, that other schools said she was too short to play point guard at the collegiate level, and helped mold her into a two-time All-American and Conference Player of The Year.

Oh, and Coley is just her latest (and possibly greatest work) but it's not a fluke. She has produced a ton of WNBA caliber talent during her tenure. Coley is just the seventh All-American she has coached, I repeat just the SEVENTH!

It's just so simple to see, there are no APR scandals, no parking lot shootings, no National Park nude fests, no kidnappings and most of all no losing going on when you look at the women's basketball program.

Someone should ask Russo how she does it.

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Dolphins making most of stout defensive front

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DAVIE, Fla. — The Miami Dolphins, who face four of the NFL's top quarterbacks in the next month, figured it would be wise to come up with something fast.

So defensive coordinator Kevin Coyle created a package named "speed."

The scheme gets ends Cameron Wake, Olivier Vernon and Dion Jordan into the game together, which gives the Dolphins a formidable pass rush and considerable flexibility. Miami unveiled the alignment in Sunday's season-opening win at Cleveland, and Coyle said it will be used more in the weeks to come.

"We can do a lot of things with those guys on the field," Coyle said. "We had a lot of fast guys on the field with that particular group. We can cover with those guys because they are all athletic; you might have seen Dion dropping into coverage a few times. We just scratched the surface with that."

The speed package is one of many schemes designed to take advantage

of the depth and versatility in Miami's defensive front seven, which is the strength of the team. But the group will be sorely tested by the upcoming schedule, beginning Sunday when the Dolphins face Andrew Luck in Indianapolis.

Then come Matt Ryan and Atlanta, Drew Brees at New Orleans, and Joe Flacco and Baltimore.

If the Dolphins are still above .500 when that stretch ends, they'll be well-positioned for a run at only their second playoff berth since 2001.

"We aren't going to get a whole lot of sleep here over the next month," Coyle said with a laugh.

The goal is to make sure opposing offensive coordinators don't get much sleep, either. Video of the Dolphins' defensive performance at Cleveland might do the job.

Miami had six sacks, made three interceptions and allowed Cleveland to convert only one of 14 third downs. A swarming defense made life miserable for Brandon Weeden, and the Dolphins will need the same sort of pressure against more proven QBs in the weeks to come.

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Brent Grimes
Cornerback
Miami Dolphins

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of times Sunday," cornerback Brent Grimes said. "Any time you can do that, it will put the halt on a lot of offensive attacks."

The performance was just what Coyle and coach Joe Philbin envisioned from their front seven, starting with strong performances by the ends. Pro Bowler Wake had 2½ sacks, Vernon applied constant pressure from the other side, and first-round draft pick Jordan came off the bench to earn his first NFL sack.

"Our defensive ends are among the most athletic guys there may be in the league," Coyle said. "They aren't the biggest guys, but they are very strong and play with great leverage."

While they controlled the flanks, Jared Odrick, Paul Soliai and Randy Starks dominated inside while rotating at the two tackle spots, and new linebackers Dannell Ellerbe and Philip Wheeler gave Miami more speed and blitzing options at their positions.

Coyle can use a wide variety of personnel combinations — for example, Odrick might line up at any of the four spots on the line. That makes the Dolphins even more difficult to block.

"We kept some cards in our back pocket throughout the preseason," Wake said. "But when we started this offseason, we looked at our room and

we knew we had a lot of guys that can do a lot of things pretty well, not just always line up and do the same thing. We have guys who can stand up, drop, rush the middle, rush the outside.

"All the guys have athletic ability to do a lot of things, and keeping the offense guessing will help our whole team."

Such versatility can keep Coyle guessing, too. He said his options are so appealing it's sometimes tough to choose.

"Did you ever go to Baskin-Robbins?" he asked with a laugh. "Is it a tough call when you are looking at all the different flavors and you want to pick one but you can only have one? Yes."

Notes: Starks said he regretted making an obscene gesture toward the Dolphins' bench during Sunday's game. He said was joking with teammates and didn't get fined for the gesture. Starks denied being unhappy with his role or contract situation. ... Rookie cornerback Will Davis (toe) and third-string quarterback Pat Devlin (ankle) returned Tuesday after missing practice last week.

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University offers a new alternative to stress

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Contributing Writer

FIU is now offering students and staff Mindfulness Meditation, a one hour session that allows students and staff to focus on the present moment.

“Oftentimes we are thinking of the past or the future and when we are constantly doing this we place judgement,” said Jose Miranda, clinician and a member of the Office of Employee Assistance. “When we focus on the present moment, there is no judgment – just

facts.”

The program was started in 2010 by Kate Kominars, director of the OEA, and other members of the department.

According to Miranda, the idea for these sessions came from a workshop hosted by Lindsey Hart, a psychologist who uses mindfulness-based stress reduction in her practices.

In one of these sessions, students are placed in a quiet atmosphere while audio instructions and peaceful melodies are played to assist students to reach that mental state

by focusing on the present moment.

“Mindfulness is a process of focusing attention on the here and now,” said Kominars. “It’s about intentionally focusing on a single thought and being able to notice the loss of focus so it can be regained,” said Kominar.

Mindfulness Meditation is available to students and faculty members every Tuesday and Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. On Tuesdays, the sessions take place at the Biscayne Bay campus in room 246B of Academic II, and the

Wednesday sessions are at the Modesto Maidique Campus in the Graham Center, room 314.

With no set instructor, participants have the freedom to bring yoga mats and their own peaceful melodies to share with others.

The OEA department encourages students to take advantage of this health opportunity.

“There is always a need to find good relaxation techniques,” said Miranda who elaborates on how great amounts of stress can come from anything.

For example, incoming freshmen become stressed transitioning to FIU and students become stressed juggling work and school.

The average amount of participants that are in the sessions ranges from seven to eight. Mindfulness Meditation has been promoted at health and wellness fairs at school with emails sent via University mail.

“Everyone who continues to come speaks very highly of Mindfulness Meditation. One of the real problems that we have is people taking the

time out to come,” said Kominar.

FIU is offering Mindfulness Meditation as another asset for students and staff to maintain a good balance of health. “I think there are lots of different ways that people can improve how they cope with stress, and mindfulness is only one of them but for the people whom it really works, it works well,” said Kominar.

If you want more information on Mindfulness Meditation visit oea.fiu.edu.

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FIU students experience the best of Bordeaux wines

COLUMNIST



DANIELA WALTER

On Sept. 6, William Hebrank, lecturer for The Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, hosted two Bordeaux seminars and tastings at the Southern Wine and Spirits Beverage Management Center. Hebrank has a deep passion for the Bordeaux area, and it clearly shows in his two outstanding courses taught at FIU: Wines of France and Italy and History of Wine. In these courses, he often emphasizes that Bordeaux, the main wine port city in France, is “the best wine region of the world.”

Last year, Hebrank got his Bordeaux certification in France, where he met the presenter of both seminars, Wendy Narby, a specialist and consultant in Bordeaux wines as well as a tour guide and teacher for L’ecole du Vin in the southwest France. In addition, she also does private presentations and tours to groups and corporations. Her knowledge is immense.

The purpose of the first seminar was to inform the public and students of the amazing, affordable wines produced in the Bordeaux area, thanks in part to

major investments in the 19th century to fight the most common diseases that affected the vineyards, and that in fact correspond to 95 percent of the total area’s production.

But why is this busy commercial port town--where tradition and modernity often complement each other--considered the best wine region in the world?

The French would simply say one word: terroir, a term that incorporates location, climate, microclimate and type of soils. The location where Bordeaux is positioned is a key to its success. The temperate climate makes most of the grapes suitable for growth. The gulf stream warms the temperature when necessary and influences the climate while the pine forest protects the area against Atlantic storms. The location presents warm and sunny summers, gorgeous autumns and mild winters where frosts are rare. Once, the French noticed that for each type of soil there should be a suitable type of grape to be planted for better quality and growth.

The diversity of the soil in the area is immense, but the main types present are gravel, limestone and clay. The gravel soils are predominant on the left bank. It absorbs the warmth, encouraging ripening making ideal for



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Wendy Narby, specialist in Bordeaux wines directing the Bordeaux seminars at Southern Wine and Spirits Beverage Management Center.

Cabernet Sauvignon.

The limestone is more predominant on the right bank where it has the ideal condition for Cabernet Franc. The clay soil is also concentrated on the right bank; it is more suitable for Merlot since it is fairly cool and humid.

The most dominant red grape varieties are merlot with early maturing, high sugar levels, supple tannins, aromatic red fruit, cherries, violets, truffle and herbs.

The next is Cabernet Sauvignon with a slow and late maturing, powerful tannins, good acidity, aromatic blackcurrant, paprika and spices.

Finally, Cabernet Franc offers elegant tannin and aromas. The whites include Semillon, with a golden color, elegance and richness; Sauvignon Blanc, whose lighter color helps the fresh acidity and citric aromatic complexity; and the powerful floral aromas and discrete acidity of Muscadelle.

Bordeaux translates itself as the elegant art of blended wines, where acidity and tannin balance each other to create the perfect wine.

In a food pairing note, spiced and structured wines go perfectly with red meat and strong cheeses.

My two suggestions are the white Chateau D’Archambeau 2011, Graves and a red that showed great value: Chateau Roc de Segur 2010, Bordeaux for \$13.99. For those willing to spend a little more, you should definitely try Chateau du Tertre 2006, Margaux for \$100.

You should decant most of Bordeaux wines one hour prior to serving.

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‘Yoga at the Bay’ during National Yoga Month

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September is National Yoga Month and the Student Health Services at the Biscayne Bay Campus will celebrate by offering the students Yoga on the Bay.

The event will take place on Sept. 13 behind the Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and it will be taught by yoga instructor Bonnie Quiceno, who has been providing yoga classes for FIU alumni four times a week for over a year now at

the Recreation Center.

Yoga classes aren’t new to BBC.

However, it is the first time the class will be given outdoors.

“Bonnie’s classes are incredible,” said Donny Boulanger, global strategic communications major, who has been attending Quiceno’s yoga classes at the Bay since January. “Her yoga classes are unique and always different because she asks her students for special requests at the beginning of class.”

The event can also provide students

who have never taken a yoga class at the Bay with an insight of what the classes are like with instructor Quicero during the week.

“Many alumni enjoy Yoga at the Bay and it is a great stress relief technique,” said Sarah Kenneally, Student Health Services Coordinator.

The Student Health staff provide mats for the yoga class, but they will be giving free sports bottles for attending.

University students are encouraged to remember to bring athletic attire and

refreshments.

According to Kenneally, there is no requirement and no registration for students to attend the class.

The class is free and space is unlimited. In the event it rains, class would be moved indoors to the Recreational Center.

For questions and further info on the event, students can contact Sarah Kenneally of Student Health Services at (305) 919-5620 ext. 4.

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