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## THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



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(Left) Students celebrate in the Graham Center Pit in 1972. (Right) Students celebrate in the Pit on Friday, April 17, 2015. The university celebrates its 50th anniversary this academic year.

## A look into the past and future of the University

### MARK B. ROSENBERG (2009-PRESENT)

For Mark B. Rosenberg, a pivotal part of his career was on April 25, 2009, when, at an 11:30 a.m. meeting, the University's Board of Trustees met and named him the fifth president of the University, according to previous reporting.

When appointed, Rosenberg became the first University faculty member to climb the ranks and serve as president.

“My vision is really an extension of what the faculty wants. The faculty wants a high impact research university that cares about its students.”

Mark B. Rosenberg  
President  
FIU

Despite this, Rosenberg was initially not even considered as one of the top contenders for the position.

Having shown interest in the position in November 2008, Rosenberg was not among the 15 chosen individuals who submitted their qualifications for the presidency.

Three days before the deadline to submit candidates to the Presidential Search Advisory Committee was when Rosenberg was added to the final group of 34 potential candidates.

Before the official announcement of Rosenberg's appointment, then-vice president of Academic Affairs and University Provost Ronald Berkman, and Carlos Santiago, chancellor of the University of Wisconsin, dropped out of the race for the position.

Under Rosenberg's leadership, the University has increased enrollment to over 54,000 students. The graduation rate has also improved by almost 10 percent. Rosenberg shared his thoughts on his administration.

He cited that being able to get both the College of Law and the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine in a short period of six years was a pivotal moment for his presidency, adding that both schools are the types that give a university added impact in the community.

“Those are things that we said could never be done,” Rosenberg said. “I think the quality of FIU that's very, very important is that we're at times naively optimistic so we believe in ourselves, we believe in our students and in our community, we believed we could get done and we did it.”

He added that his predecessor,



Modesto A. Maidique, was a master at turning the impossible into the inevitable, saying that he deserves a lot of the credit for being able to do that.

When asked why he believed the University should be on the map, Rosenberg said, “Because of our mission, because of our commitment to our students, because of our critical role in job creation in South Florida, because of the cutting edge research that our faculty are doing, because of the fact that we're the country's largest majority/minority university.”

He stated that his desired vision for the University is whatever the faculty wants, adding that he believes the faculty want a high impact research university that cares about its students.

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### MODESTO A. MAIDIQUE (1986-2009)

Modesto A. Maidique was appointed as the fourth president of the University in 1986.

During his time as president, the University grew to house over 38,000 students, which earned the school the chance to rank among the 20 largest universities in the country.

Also during his administration, the University grew from 54 to 109 buildings. Holding a tenure of 23 years, Maidique saw the opening of the College of Law, the College of Engineering, the School of Architecture, the Wertheim Performing Arts Center, the Green Library and the Frost Art Museum.

It was Maidique who launched the opening of the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. The College's inaugural class was welcomed on Monday, August 3, 2009, Maidique's last day as president of the University.

Prior to his position as president, Maidique co-founded Analog Devices Inc., Semiconductor Division. He also served as the chief executive officer of Collaborative Research, which is now known as Genome Therapeutics, and as a senior partner in Hambrecht & Quist Venture Partners, the largest venture capital firm in the



world.

Despite these achievements, Maidique faced some conflict nearing the end of his term.

When University administration initiated discussions of renaming the then-known-as University Park Campus to the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, some students took to social media to express their lack of support for the decision.

According to previous reporting, over 1,400 students joined a Facebook group against renaming the campus. Despite student disapproval, on June 12, 2009, the University's Board of Trustees renamed the campus from University Park Campus to the Modesto A. Maidique Campus.



# NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

## Bombing is first attack on US in Iraq since Islamic State took Mosul

A suicide bomber struck the U.S. consulate building in the northern Iraqi city of Irbil on Friday afternoon.

Kurdish authorities said that at least three people were killed -- a Kurdish security official at the scene said the dead were the three attackers -- and five wounded. Among the wounded were two Westerners who were in a restaurant across the street, witnesses said.

Brett McGurk, the deputy

assistant secretary of state for Iraq and Iran, said in a post on Twitter that all consulate personnel had been accounted for and that there were no reports of injuries among them. He included the hashtag VBIED, short for vehicle-born improvised explosive device.

The Islamic State, which is also pressing offensives in the cities of Ramadi and Baiji, claimed responsibility for the explosion in an Internet post.

## Iraqi security forces report killing long-sought Saddam Hussein aide

Iraqi security forces on Friday killed Izzat Ibrahim al Douri, the highest-ranking member of the late Saddam Hussein's regime to escape the U.S.-led invasion and occupation, Iraqi officials said.

A photo supposedly taken of the dead man by soldiers involved in the operation and distributed on Twitter closely resembled al Douri, including notable red hair and a red beard. But the final confirmation of his identity will come from DNA testing over the

next few days, the Salahuddin provincial governor's office told McClatchy.

A Kurdish security official who knew al Douri agreed the photo looked like the man he'd known, but he added that in light of past rumors of al Douri's death in combat or from illness, DNA testing would be necessary to confirm his identity.

No official photo was released.

### CHARLES E. PERRY (1969-1976)

When the University was founded in 1969, Charles E. Perry took the reins as president at the age of 32, according to the University's Office of the President website.

In fact, at such an age, Perry was the youngest individual to assume the position of president at a public university in the United States. Before becoming the first president of the University, Perry was the vice chancellor of the Florida Board of Regents, a body charged with supervising the university system of the state.

In his first year as

president, he had to take charge of the decision-making process that would mold the future of the 344-acre plot of land that was the University at the time.

It was through his administration that the University's master plan was created. Within the first three years of his administration, Perry and his colleagues managed to transform what was once an abandoned airport into a university comprised of six schools and colleges, with a faculty of around 300 individuals.

His administration also saw the making of history when, on the University's opening day on Thursday, September



14, 1972, the nation's higher education industry saw the largest enrollment of first year students with 5,667 students entering the University.

During his seven-year administration, the University grew to housing over 10,000 students and 134 degree programs in a campus worth around \$50 million.

### HAROLD CROSBY (1976-1979)

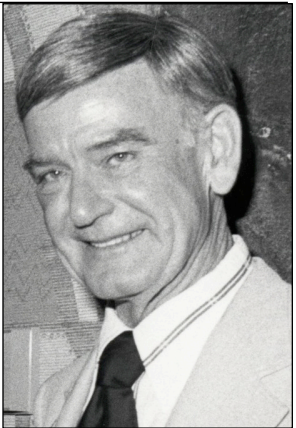
When Harold Crosby was appointed as president of the University in January of 1976, he intended to only serve on an interim basis as the University's screening committee undertook a nationwide search to find a new president.

However, by August of the same year, the screening committee had not succeeded in finding a suitable candidate, and instead recommended that Crosby take over, which he decided to do for three years.

Prior to his position as president, Crosby served as an attorney as a state circuit judge for five years before assuming a professorship in the University of Florida.

It was in 1964 that he decided to leave UF in order to travel to the University of West Florida and became its president, a position he held for 10 years.

While at our University, Crosby founded the Division of Student Affairs and created the School of Public Affairs and Services.



It was under his administration that the University managed to get its hands on a 1,700-acre plot of land in North Miami, which we know today as the Biscayne Bay.

### GREGORY WOLFE (1979-1986)

Gregory Wolfe was appointed as the third president of the University in February 1979.

A veteran of World War II, Wolfe held the position of intelligence analyst for the U.S. State Department and also worked under the administrations of John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson in the White House.

As a linguist, Wolfe was fluent in German, French, Spanish and Portuguese. Prior to being the president of the University, he

held the same position in Portland State University from 1968-1974. During his time at our University, Wolfe managed to transform the school into a four-year university, considering that it used to cater to upper division students exclusively.

While Wolfe was president, the University welcomed its first freshman class on Wednesday, August 26, 1981.

During Wolfe's administration the University's enrollment grew to over 16,500 and the faculty grew to around 600. The number



of schools also increased with the creation of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the School of Nursing and the School of Engineering.

Wolfe resigned in 1986.

## CORRECTIONS

In Vol. 26 Issue 87 on page six, the swimming photo is credited to Megan Tait. It was taken by Jeffrey Pierre.

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# Rosenberg and the bright future of the University

## ROSENBERG, PAGE 1

Students shared their thoughts on what they envision for the future of the University “I want FIU to be a household name,” said Maria Elena Salazar, a freshman biology major. “FIU gets compared a lot to places like [University of Miami,] and it’s not fair because our school should stand as its own standard of greatness.”

She added that the president of the University should work toward encouraging an environment of school pride.

Others have different ideas.

“The University has a lot to work on,” said Andres Pernia, a senior political

science and international relations double major. “The biggest issue, as I see it, is the quality of certain classes and the way that classes with large enrollments are taught.”

For Pernia, the president needs to find creative ways of working with various departments within the University to ensure that students are receiving a quality education.

And others have their thoughts on money.

Christine Arias, a sophomore majoring in hospitality management, commented on her belief that more financial aid opportunities should be made for students, regardless of whichever University administrators can aid in this effort.

‘It’s on Us’ to provide support

GUEST COLUMN



DR. CATHY AKENS

FIU’s “It’s on Us” Campaign is not just a banner, a t-shirt, a flyer or an online pledge. The campaign reflects our commitment to engage in efforts to raise awareness about campus sexual assaults.

Addressing the issue of sexual assaults and sexual violence is of the greatest importance to the FIU administration, because among the things we do, the safety and well-being of our students are most important. We want our students to have the highest quality education and to be engaged in their environment. To do that, we have to create an environment where students feel safe and supported. We know that and we focus on it every day.

Before the campaign, we’ve been engaged in efforts to end campus sexual assaults and to address the safety and well-being of our students.

In 1995, the Division of Student Affairs established what is now known as the Victim Empowerment Program. VEP is a unit within Counseling and Psychological Services that is dedicated to victim

services. They provide intensive crisis intervention and case management services for our students.

All students have access to these services. In addition, their staff and peer educators, as well as departments like the Women’s Center, Residential Life and others provide programming on the topic of sexual assault.

FIU recently piloted a new online sexual assault prevention training that will be available for all students in the fall.

Students often ask about the process that is in place when someone reports a sexual assault to the University. There are multiple methods of reporting, including talking to a person (e.g. Shirlyon McWhorter, our Title IX Coordinator or the VEP on a confidential basis), calling the hotline, filing a police report or making an online report which can also be anonymous (see contact information below).

If someone is uncertain about making a report, they should talk to a VEP counselor.

Once a report is made, the University investigates the matter and takes interim protective measures which depend on the particular case. The University does not disclose

information relating to a specific incident or students due to our privacy obligations under the law.

The University’s lack of communicating about a specific incident or students, should not be interpreted as a failure to take action.

The “It’s on Us” Campaign has provided the University a chance to increase the dialogue on an issue that is important to our community. We know the visibility of the messages has prompted important conversations, and in some cases, encouraged students to report incidents and/or seek services.

We know, however, that there is more work to do. We invite students to contact us if they want to be involved in shaping the culture of our community through dialogue, advocacy and education.

Our primary goal is supporting our students, creating a safe environment, and continuing to raise awareness that it’s on us...all of us.

If you or someone you know needs support or services, please seek us out. We are here and we care.

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THE BEACON | Editorial

Interdisciplinary studies are important

It was a great day to be a Panther when FIU won the rights to expand the University to the Fairgrounds. This, of course, applies only to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) majors.

If you are a student within the College of Architecture + The Arts, then this expansion is just another nail in the coffin for your program. In fact, if you belong to any program that didn’t benefit directly from the creation of the newest medical buildings on campus or the future blueprints of our campus then you’re definitely not going to see improvements any time soon.

Don’t get it twisted. We understand that there is a lot more than meets the eye to this particular situation.

As students of this University, we want what’s best for everybody. Unfortunately, in undertaking this noble act of making renovations for certain departments, it seems that the ones with a lucrative label are the ones that are given priority.

Majoring in a STEM field should not mean that one’s academic endeavors are of a higher quality than those of a student majoring in a liberal arts discipline. Interestingly enough, there are people who possess a superiority complex, considering that their majoring in a discipline that calls for high-level skills in mathematics and science warrants privilege.

Consider the case of an English major. A serious student of literature may not have to expend his or her mental faculties trying to solve a thirteen-step mathematical equation, but he or she must still share a specific skill with a STEM major: analytical abilities.

A major such as English requires much more than just reading a book and typing a report on it. The major requires that students look deeper into the text by analyzing the complex political, social and historical subject matter that permeate the text.

While STEM majors are normally concerned with practicality, liberal arts majors are concerned with ideas,

particularly their potential to be applied to virtually all disciplines to initiate a dialogue that actively examines different aspects of society.

There should never be an instance where a college student should feel like their major or passion is not respected or valued. There is a necessity behind this wide variety of subjects offered in both public and private universities.

Liberal arts courses can teach us skills that are key to being successful in our expanding job market. We learn how to communicate effectively through different channels, think of innovative ideas and how to adapt in a world that is always changing by looking at it through different lenses.

Politicians, activists and business moguls are just a few of the influential career choices that are bred from this kind of knowledge. To deny the importance of professions like these is also denying how integrated things like politics, human rights and the economy are in our daily lives.

Instead of being at war about who makes more money or who is a more “important” member of society, we should be looking forward to how these disciplines will cross paths and take us to newer heights.

With globalization and the growth of technology, this balance needs to happen sooner rather than later. Social media is a perfect example of this since sociological and psychological concepts are considered when addressing how the public will interact with this technology.

Huge corporations like Apple can create a product that can be made for maybe a few dollars here and there but it is marketing executives that can sell it for a bigger profit.

On the larger scale of things, we all have the right to choose what our life purpose is, and anyone that tries to shame that should re-evaluate their own path.

The point is, your major is powerfully relevant and we as students should take pride in them.

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FIFTY YEARS OF FIU TRADITION



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A student spins Marty’s Cube circa 1998. The cube became part of University tradition after a group of chemistry students who first spun the cube just for fun while they studied. They all received perfect scores on their exam. The Cube was removed from campus on May 22, 2014 after it had been damaged and was return the piece back to its original donor.



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The Graham Center Fountain has been the central location for students to relax on nice days over the years. As part of FIU tradition, the SGA president jumps into the fountain after they are elected into office.



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The Graham Center was finished in 1974, and had its first major renovation in 1991 (pictured, left). GC is the major hub for student activity on campus. It is said that if a student steps on the seal engraved in the front entrance, they will delay their graduation or not graduate at all.

‘Game of Thrones’ is a quality show during week two

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We are into the second week of Game of Thrones, and it seems like the directors are going further and further from the source material every episode. This episode, titled “The House of Black and White,” sees the furthest divergence from the story. On the Wall, we see what is likely the story arc remaining closest to the books. Jon Snow is given an offer by Stannis Baratheon that is a literal dream come true for him. Unfortunately, Jon’s struggle in whether to accept this deal is skipped over a bit quickly, but I guess that is one of the downsides of only having 10 one hour shows.

On the bright side though, we get a nice letter from the Mormonts that fans of the books will appreciate. They also go over the election for the new Lord Commander of the Night’s Watch, with a few laughs (Sam the Slayer does a good job of slaying Janos Slynt) and overall, we get a pretty happy time up North. Knowing this show, this won’t last. In Braavos, Arya tries to get herself into training as an assassin (fun times all around for the Stark children), yet is almost immediately turned away. It seems she is familiar with her Fight Club rules however, and sticks around on the doorstep for a few days before leaving to feed herself. After a brief

confrontation, the Faceless Man who turned her away offers to let her in and we see a familiar face that, despite only a brief appearance, has quite the fan following. The Lannister’s seem to be departing pretty far from their book counterparts. Jaime goes off to fetch Bronn in order to go out on an undercover rescue mission in Dorne while Cersei is keeping herself busy with drinking, the occasional dwarf genocide and meetings with her son’s council. As I previously guessed, Kevan Lannister was there to put her in her place; hopefully, we’ll get to see a lot more of him in the coming episodes as the only voice of reason in King’s Landing. And off in Essos, Tyrion has more drunken

conversations with Varys that, while entertaining, don’t do much to move the story along. Brienne and Podrick get a nice encounter that both doesn’t exist in the books and poses some serious questions, such as “Why is a man as sneaky as Littlefinger doing absolutely nothing to hide the fact that he’s traveling with a wanted woman with a huge bounty on her head?” However, both characters’ stories were seen as a bit stagnant to fans of the books, so maybe this huge change will serve to add some excitement. Personally, I’m curious as to what Sansa will be doing in Winterfell and what Brienne will do now that she’s essentially failed her vows.

In Mereen, Dany stumbles through ruling some more. Like Robb Stark a couple seasons ago, she’s faced with the issue of punishing allies and the people she aims to save for breaking her rules. For the first time, I actually like something to happen in Dany’s story: she’s making mistakes and burning bridges, just like her book counterpart. She’s still not quite there yet, but the show seems to have taken a step in the right direction. And we get to see the introduction of some new, but important, characters in Dorne this episode: Doran Martell and Areo Hotah. For those who have been waiting for some more diversity in the cast, look no further. Doran is

the calm headed brother of Oberyn Martell who deals with the hot headed family of Oberyn Martell, who desperately want to bring war to the Lannisters, while Hotah (the first black point of view character for the series) serves as his head guard. With the exception of the Wall, the episode had a bit of a “filler” feel to it. The portrayal of Stannis and Jon seem to be much better this season than in the past, and I’m really excited to see more of Dorne. They are making a lot of changes that, while having potential, could backfire if not handled properly. All in all, it was a good episode that seemed to fly by quickly, something I consider a sign of a quality show.



# ‘Hollow City’ beautifully creeps you out

TURN THE PAGE



MARIA GIL

“H o l l o w City” is a really wonderful book that is creepy, mysterious and thrilling and it has photographs that are usually found in antique fairs.

The photographs being one of the key factors that makes this book and it’s predecessor so unique.

These strangely developed photographs are the type of relics you would find in an attic of a creepy old abandoned building in the middle of who knows where. Personally, it was the idea of a book with pictures that made me pick up “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children.”

“Hollow City” follows the same format of the first book, beautiful attention to detail, on the cover, on the paper and of course on its photographs. The most enjoyable part of the photographs is that they do not appear until after your finish

reading the passage that describes the photographs.

I like playing the game “Is my mental image like the one on the photo?” Usually it is because Riggs does a spectacular job describing every single new character and new scenery with excruciating detail (much like J.K Rowling).

Your mind slowly creates the scene and when you reach the page with the photography the scene in your mind enhances ten times more.

Right where “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children” stops “Hollow City” picks it right up. There are no time lapses like most sequels tend to do. The reader continues on the journey with Jacob and the peculiar children as they are trying to help Miss Peregrine return to her human form.

In the previous book the reader had to be guided by Jacob as he tried to unmask the mystery of the peculiar children. The mystery of the stories which Jacob’s grandfather implanted in his mind.

In this book the reader becomes peculiar, much like Jacob and the rest on the children, and sits in the rowboats trying to figure out how to get to London.

I do not want to spoil the story; for once I give my opinions and feelings about “Hollow City” then “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children” will be ultimately ruined.

So if you are reading this right now, yes I am talking to you, and have not read “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children” please do yourself a favor and stop. Stop reading my words and get a copy of “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children” and once you are done snatch a copy of “Hollow City.” But once you are done with the first book please return to me.

I assume if you are still reading you have already read “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children.” If you haven’t...this is your last warning.

The loop has been destroyed, Miss Peregrine has been rescued from the Hollows and Wights, and the children

are stuck in the middle of a body of water trying to reach mainland Great Britain.

Jacob and Emma being the leaders of the now homeless children (not much to Enoch’s liking) try their best to keep the children safe.

Jacob’s leadership role is what made me enjoy his character much more than before. He goes through massive character development as his life and the life of his fellow peculiar friends are in danger. He grows up and matures as he has learned how to use his newly developed peculiar gift to keep everyone safe from the Hollows.

Even though he matures, the scared child inside him still lives, but this time he does not let it get the best of him. Jacob realizes that fear is part of his life now, and he has to learn to use it in his favor. Which is god-flipping-tastic. I love character development.

In “Hollow City” Riggs allows the reader to learn more intimate details about the other children. You learn more about Bronwyn’s motherly

instincts, Horace’s insecurities, Olive’s innocence, Enoch’s rotten attitude, Hugh’s age and power and Millard’s intelligence. It is no longer just about Jacob trying to figure if he is going insane or not, but about a cast of characters trying to survive as they deal with their own inner demons.

Personally that is my favorite part of any story, learning about the characters and watching them grow as they handle the situations that are thrown their way.

I have nothing to complain about in “Hollow City,” other than the ending. The massive plot twist Ransom Riggs decided to punch the readers with. I did not see it coming and it made me angry because catching plot twists are usually my superpower.

If you, my sweet reader, have not finished reading “Hollow City” and want to catch the twist...

Let’s just say...would Miss Peregrine really murder a pigeon who is part of “The Tales”?

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# New Orleans MC watches the Curren\$y flow in

RIVES REVIEWS



VINCENT RIVES

After an artist reaches a certain level of success, they feel the need to expand their creativity, which leads to a hit-or-miss release (think of Kanye’s “Yeezus” or Kendrick’s “TPAB”). Yet, Curren\$y realizes the formula to his success, and gives his fans what they expect to hear on his latest release “Pilot Talk 3.”

After failed deals with major labels Cash Money and Roc Nation, the New Orleans MC created his own buzz, releasing 12 independent studio albums along with over 28 mixtapes (which could be regarded as albums due to the original instrumentation, rather than salvaged

beats).

Curren\$y never drifts out of his lane on “Pilot Talk 3,” as it features familiar topics to his music: women, weed and classic muscle cars. Yet, its the cinema-like vibe on the album that really draws in the listener.

“Alert” sounds like it was sampled right out of the documentary “Cocaine Cowboys,” while “Cargo Planes” has a gritty feel, which paints the picture of Johnny Depp and Al Pacino running around Brooklyn in “Donnie Brasco.”

“Get Down” has a more relaxed feel to it, yet still manages to sound like the ending of “Ocean’s Eleven” when the team gets together in front of the Bellagio Fountains after pulling off the heist.

“Make sure everybody ate, the whole family

straight/Try to keep a tidy place and have it free of snakes/Cause you know they slither in here some kinda way/Some disguised as friends, masks on they face.”

Spitta gives his best Don Vito Corleone impression on “Briefcase,” reflecting on how to treat his team, and the deceit that comes with his luxurious lifestyle.

The 15-song album does have its filler tracks, which the album can go on without. “560 SL” features a subpar hook, and features verse from stoner-buddy Wiz Khalifa. “Audio Dope 5” is a recycled concept, and lacks the same inebriated drawl that “Audio Dope 2” had that made it so captivating.

Ski Beats makes his return as Curren\$y’s go-to producer to handle the majority of the

production on “Pilot Talk 3,” which propels it to its cloud-like ambience, plus this is the only album you’ll get a crane kick reference and a “HYAH” ad-lib.

“Pilot Talk 3” provides exactly what it was intended for, a smooth-Mafioso ride from top to bottom, adding yet another solid release to the discography to the Jet Life’s head honcho.

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**Artist:** Curren\$y  
**Album:** Pilot Talk 3  
**Rating:** 4/5

# The Mezingers talk tour, feedback and lifestyle

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FIUSM sat down with guitarist Tom May of The Menzingers from Philadelphia, Pa. April 4. It was the last day of the Taking Back Sunday tour, which had support from Letlive along with The Menzingers. May was able to shed a little light

on touring life, his thoughts on vintage trends coming back and their latest album.

**How has touring with Taking Back Sunday been?**

Tom: It’s been an emotional rollercoaster. It feels really good to end it here where it’s sunny out. Everyone’s ready to go home. Not that everyone is phoning it in!

**How is it, touring with such a diverse lineup?**

Tom: It’s interesting to play. One problem that happens is that people begin to pigeonhole things to the point that it is not productive. It’s working against your interests when it’s like, “I can only tour with this kind of band or that kind of band.” In the end, when you’re looking

at it, no one is playing music that is that different.

**You’re releasing an album on vinyl. How do you feel about the reemergence of vinyl?**

Tom: We’re releasing an EP of an electronic album we did a while ago. It’s funny, because it’s an industry that was so big, but a lot of the equipment that was used isn’t

being made anymore. People mostly like to hold something in their hands and vinyl bridges the gap between CD, which is on its way out. The natural compression of the vinyl sounds good!

**What’s something, like vinyl, should be brought back?**

Tom: I think it just might be your brain’s natural

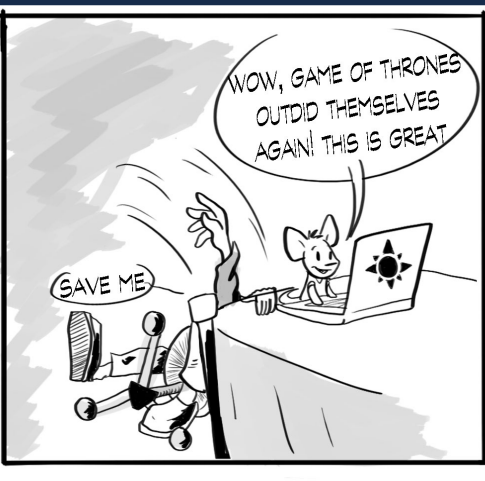
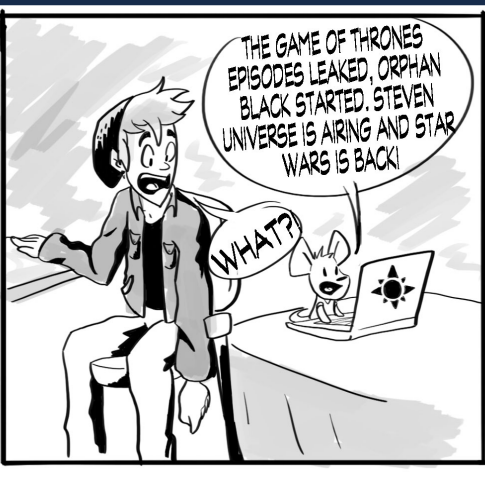
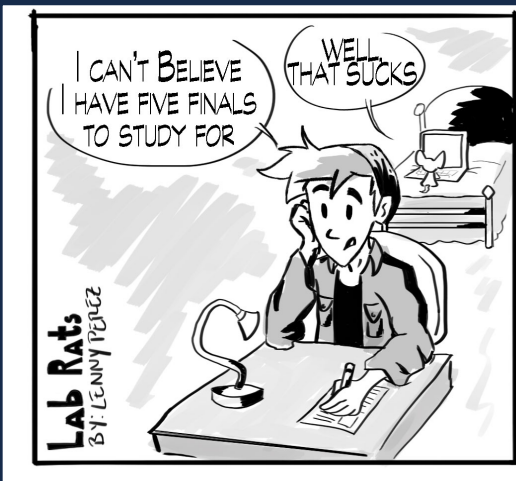
inclination to systematically categorize things. They do say the pendulum swings back and forth. Sunday drives and good cocktails should come back. I remember when I was a kid we would pile in the car and just drive somewhere and go on country roads!

**How’s it been being on Epitaph?**

Tom: It’s fantastic! It’s a very historic label. I got into a lot of the punk bands because of compilation CDs they’d released. Bands like Bad Religion and Bouncing Souls were on Epitaph at one point or another and it’s surreal to be a part of that. They started to sign a bunch of bands that we’re friends with and it’s so cool!

To watch the full interview, go to FIUSM.COM. The Menzingers are on tour now with “Rented World” available for purchase everywhere.

## LAB RATS





## FOOTBALL

# Annual spring game highlights team improvements

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The annual FIU Spring football game took place under the lights of Ocean Bank Field on the night of April 17, 2015 giving fans a first-hand look at all of the improvements the team has made since beginning Spring practice last month.

“Tonight was really fun,” starting quarterback Alex McGough said after the game, “especially because we never really had anything like this. We didn’t have any open practices [aside from an open Friday night practice a few weeks prior] that were big like this, so it’s cool to show everybody how much progress we’ve made in the spring. And I think it showed today just how much progress we

made.”

As is the case with every Spring game, this was a glorified scrimmage pitting the offense against the defense. There was a very unique scoring system that awarded the offense points for big plays and the defense points for stopping the offense, and the final score ended up being 34-22 in favor of the offense.

Walk-on wide receiver Shawn Abrams was the main highlight for the Panthers offensively, as he caught seven passes for 84 yards, including a 29-yard touchdown pass in the corner of the endzone from quarterback Bud Martin.

Abrams has been on the football team’s radar for a couple years, but an off-the field issue kept him off the team for the past couple seasons. Now that he’s past that, Coach Turner feels he can be a key part of this team.

“He had to grow up,” Turner



KRONO LESCANO/THE BEACON

Sophomore wide receiver Thomas Owens and junior center back Wilkenson Myrtill fight for control of the ball during the FIU Spring football game on Friday, April 17. The game gave fans a first-hand look at all of the improvements the team has made since beginning Spring practice last month.

## FOOTBALL TIME



(LEFT) BEACON ARCHIVES (RIGHT) KRONO LESCANO/THE BEACON

Alfonso Field at FIU Stadium opened in 1995, and became the home venue for the Panthers when the football program started in 2002. The Stadium saw its largest attendance on October 1, 2011 when a crowd of 22,268 came to watch the Panthers play the Duke Blue Devils football team for the team’s 2011 homecoming game.

said. “It’s been two years, and he’s been unbelievably persistent. I certainly think he can help us as long as he keeps progressing.”

Both Turner and McGough went on to praise Abrams for how great of a spring he’s had since the beginning, and stated that his performance in Friday’s spring game was no fluke.

Offensive stars such as McGough, running back Alex Gardner, and tight end Jonnu Smith didn’t see a great deal of playing time.

McGough played for a few series and threw a touchdown pass, but since he has already been named the starter, Coach Turner let the potential backups get most of the reps.

Smith saw even less of the field, as Turner was likely limiting the chances of his top offensive player getting injured.

After suffering a season-ending shoulder injury against Marshall last year, Gardner was just excited to be back on the football field in front of fans

again, regardless of his reps being limited.

“I’m feeling great,” Gardner said. “This was really my first time getting back into full speed contact since that Marshall game so I’m feeling really good. I’ve gotten bigger and put on more weight since last season, and I’m able to break a lot more tackles now. That’s definitely something I couldn’t do as well last year.”

Defensively, the Panthers looked just as solid as they did all of last season. This is expected to be a team led by their defense, and the Spring Game made that even more clear.

Mark Bruno led the charge for the Panthers defense, recording five tackles and intercepting a pass from Christian Alexander.

On the very next possession, Jordan Guest jumped a route and picked off Bud Martin. Guest recovered a fumble as well, which happened to be forced by a hit from Bruno.

Defensive leader Richard Leonard didn’t get a ton of reps, but the star cornerback/returner

played a few series on defense and fielded punts. Other players who have become some of the main guys on defense for the Panthers like Jeremiah McKinnon and Michael Wakefield were on the field as well, though the Spring Game gave a lot of chances to some younger players who don’t usually get that sort of playing time and exposure.

Now that spring has come to an end, the Panthers will continue to work over the summer leading into a 2015 season that has many FIU fans feeling extremely optimistic. The Panthers will officially open the season with a night game on Thursday, September 3, 2015 against the University of Central Florida Knights.

## BASEBALL

# Marlins mull replacing manager Mike Redmond

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As invariably happens when a team with high expectations gets off to a poor start, speculation turns to the manager’s job security.

Thirteen games into a disappointing start by the Miami Marlins, that has already happened with manager Mike Redmond. The Miami Herald reported that Redmond’s job may be in jeopardy and that team officials are already mulling a replacement.

The Marlins, who were active in

upgrading the roster in the offseason and viewed as a playoff contender, are 3-10 after getting swept in a four-game series against the Mets at Citi Field.

According to the report, Wally Backman, the Mets’ Triple-A manager, is a possible replacement.

A Marlins official said he was unaware of any discussion of a managerial change.

While 13 games would seem premature, owner Jeffrey Loria has a history of pulling the trigger quickly.

The Marlins were 16-22 in 2003 when Loria replaced Jeff Torborg with Jack McKeon. They went on to finish 91-71 and win their second World Series.

Loria fired Joe Girardi and Ozzie Guillen after one season. In June 2010, with the team struggling he replaced Fredi Gonzalez with Edwin Rodriguez.

Redmond, who was the back-up catcher on the 2003 team, led the team to a 15-win improvement last season, his second at the helm. Seeking a run at their first postseason run since the championship season, the club signed young stars Giancarlo Stanton and Christian Yelich to long-term contracts and acquired players such as Dee Gordon, Michael Morse, Martin Prado, Dan Haren and Mat Latos.

Adding fuel to speculation were

comments by Stanton after Friday’s loss to the Mets that the team lacked fire. Redmond is known for his laid back style. Backman is a more fiery personality that could appeal to Loria.

A strong showing in the three-game series in Philadelphia against a similarly struggling Phillies team could be vital to Redmond’s future.



## SOFTBALL

# Softball team barely avoids sweep versus WKU

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The FIU softball team (27-22, 8-13 C-USA) took on the Western Kentucky Lady Toppers this past weekend and won the last game of the series to avoid being swept.

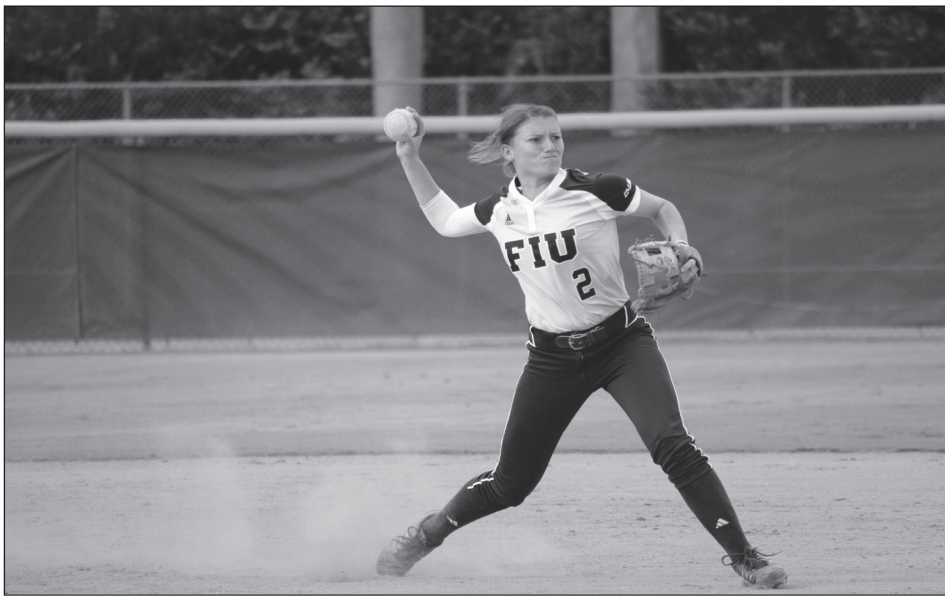
Freshman Rachel Dwyer (3-3) started the first game for the Panthers and had a strong first inning before giving up a grand slam to WKU's Danielle Pugh in the second inning.

Sophomore Brianna Bartuccio pitched the final 3.1 innings and gave up three earned runs in the run-ruled game that ended 11-0 WKU.

It would have been a no hitter for WKU's Miranda Kramer until freshman Ashley Belans hit a single to right.

The next game, the Panthers looked to come back but fell short once again as junior Corinne Jenkins (17-9) pitched her 41st career complete game.

Sophomores Stephanie Teixeira and Gabby Spallone each singled in the first



MEGAN TAIT/THE BEACON

Freshman infielder Ashley Belans passes the ball during the game against Western Kentucky University on Saturday, April 18. The panthers lost saturday's game 0-6.

but would be left stranded on base.

In the third, sophomore Ashley Leon and junior Aleima Lopez both hit singles

and along with Spallone's fielder's choice, loaded the bases. Risky baserunning that led to a rundown tagout left the Panthers

with goose eggs on the board while WKU took the game 6-0.

Jenkins pitched two complete games back to back this weekend. On Sunday afternoon, she went out to the circle again and competed in what could have been her best performance.

It was a pitchers' duel, and WKU broke the scoreless game in the top of the fifth 1-0 but Jenkins forced a shallow fly out to left that senior Rebekah Sanchez easily caught and left two runners stranded for WKU.

Freshman Jessica Hallett carried the Panthers in the bottom of the fifth with her first career home run to tie the game at 1.

Sanchez worked a two-walk out and stole second to move into scoring position and Spallone singled to right to bring Sanchez home and pull the Panthers ahead 2-1.

The FIU softball team will host the Florida Gulf Coast Eagles for a Senior Day Saturday doubleheader from Felsberg Field at FIU Softball Stadium.

## TENNIS

## Panthers team fell short during semi finals

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The FIU Tennis team has fallen short this past weekend in the semifinals of the Conference-USA tournament. They fell to 30th ranked Rice Owls with the final score of 4-1 on Saturday afternoon. The owls lead all the way starting with the victory in the doubles portion match when junior Carlotta Orlando and sophomore Valentina Briceno

lost to both Solomiya Zinko and Savannah Durkin 8-1, and both freshman Nerma Caluk and junior Kaitlin Brozovich fell to Allison Ho and Lindsey Hodge, 8-2.

The owls extended their lead to 3-0 with two consecutive wins. Briceno fell 6-3, 6-1 to Zinko, as well as Brozovich, who lost to Durkin 7-5, 6-1. FIU was finally on the board when senior Yana Koroleva beat 21 ranked Natalie Beazant, 6-2, 6-4, at the no. 1 position.

Rice clinched the win 7-5, 6-4 as Rice's own Katherine Ip defeated Orlando for the no. 2 spot.

## NBA BASKETBALL

## Pat Riley: 'We should have made the playoffs'

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April 20--Miami Heat President Pat Riley called out himself and the entire organization Monday about failing to make the playoffs for the first time in seven years.

"There is not a person in the organization who doesn't think we should have made the playoffs," Riley said at AmericanAirlines Arena. "We always come to win a championship. I don't care what the odds are; I don't care what the prognosticators say.

"Nothing's changed from the standpoint of what our philosophy is from year in and year out.

That's what our job is right now, to continue to try to do so."

Riley said the road back begins with himself. "I challenge myself more than anybody else to make sure what happened this year won't happen again," he said. "I think we'll be right back competing, unlike a lot of people think we can."

And he said he is prepared to stay in for the fight.

"I am 70," he said. "People try to make me older than I am. It makes me feel younger."

Riley also would not chalk up the season's failures to injuries, with the Heat eventually losing Chris Bosh, Josh McRoberts and Shabazz Napier for the season.

"I don't want to hear any excuses about anybody," Riley said.

But Riley also seemed to question players perhaps not pushing themselves through injuries and ailments, with the team without Danny Granger for extended periods before he was dealt at midseason.

"I'd like to change the narrative for our team and get back to the reality to what being a professional athlete is about," he said. "You might not always feel well."

Then there is guard Dwyane Wade, who played at career levels when healthy, but also missed a quarter of the schedule due to injury.

"He's got to change the narrative himself on his body and missing games," Riley said.

"There's no doubt we're going to need Dwyane every single night that he's available."

Riley referenced never getting to see Bosh and Dragic and the full projected season-ending lineup.

"You would have liked to see the team, one game, intact," he said.

Riley said he is confident of Dragic returning as a free agent, having already committed to future first-rounders to the Phoenix Suns, both potential lottery picks.

"If he doesn't sign," Riley said laughing, "my ass is going to be in that [media] seat and I'll be writing about it.

"We're in a very good position to offer him more than anybody else."

## NFL FOOTBALL

## Ndamukong Suh reports for first day of Dolphins' voluntary workouts; Dion Jordan does not

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April 20--Ndamukong Suh got the memo: Voluntary spring workouts are by definition not compulsory, but in Miami, they're important.

After skipping them habitually while in Detroit, Suh was among the dozens of players to report for the first formal lift of the year Monday -- and the Dolphins made sure the outside world knew about

it. They tweeted out a picture of Suh in the gym, working his abs.

There were no pictures of Dion Jordan, meanwhile. That's because Jordan wasn't there, according to a league source. It was not immediately clear why Jordan elected to miss the first workout of the year.

Jordan has yet to justify the Dolphins drafting him third overall in 2013, either on the field or off. Jordan, who has just three sacks in two NFL seasons, is one

more failed drug test away from a lengthy suspension; he was forced to sit out the first six games of the 2014 after twice failing tests. Plus there's the added mystery of where exactly Jordan will play in 2015; the Dolphins have toyed with moving him to linebacker, but Joe Philbin indicated at the owners' meetings that the team still sees him as a defensive end.

Like Suh, the Dolphins' other big offseason acquisition tight end Jordan Cameron and wide receiver

Kenny Stills were also in the building Monday. Ryan Tannehill, Mike Pouncey, Branden Albert, Cam Wake, Olivier Vernon, Reshad Jones and Brent Grimes were among the others to participate.

Yet the biggest storyline of the day, by far, was Suh's decision to show up. It's a big deal when players do not, particularly highly paid ones. Mike Wallace missed the first day of last year's voluntary program to deal with a personal issue, and it was a story (Wallace

was back for Day two).

Suh's absence from these workouts in Detroit was more of the rule, and not the exception. Some questioned his leadership last year after he skipped the first voluntary mini-camp of new coach Jim Caldwell's tenure with the Lions.

It'll be much of the same for the next two weeks, as the league limits teams to strength and conditioning activities and physical rehabilitation only for the first phase of the offseason program.



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## BISCAYNE BAY

### A slow-to-grow campus



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Since 1983 during President Gregory Wolfe's administration, the Biscayne Bay Campus housed over 500 students at Bay Vista Housing. However, due to its poor construction, it presented health-safety issues for student residents. Bay Vista Housing is now managed by the Royal Caribbean Cruises.

The new housing, Bay View Hall, was expected to be completed by this fall. However, due to late financial planning, it is now planned to be opened by fall 2016. Its main features includes study rooms, classrooms, a game room, a clubhouse, a resort style pool area and a view of the bay.

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Walking alone through Academic One, President Mark B. Rosenberg felt he was being spied on in the empty building.

"It was Christmas Eve and I had forgotten some files up there. I looked at the main steps going up the second floor and there was a family of racoons sitting on the steps looking at me, wondering what I was doing," said Rosenberg.

It was during this time in 1994 that Rosenberg was appointed founding dean to a newly-proposed College of Urban and Public Affairs at the Biscayne Bay Campus, then called North Miami Campus. He also founded the Latin American and Caribbean Center and wrote several books on Latin America.

"We had a vibrant college that was rapidly growing. It was a great place for me to work and to do my research," Rosenberg said. "There's only one Biscayne Bay in the world and we have the privilege of being on it," he said.

The campus was inaugurated in 1977 during President Harold Crosby's term, just five years after the Modesto A. Maidique Campus opened and the University came alive.

"It was an extraordinary piece of property that had significant potential in the northern part of the community for a FIU presence," Rosenberg said.

"It was always intended to be an important location for FIU and its become that with the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the Chaplin School, with the Creative Writing program and with the School of Environment, Arts and Society," he said.

The campus site was originally projected to be a part of a cultural trade center called Interama. Construction dredged the bottom of the Biscayne Bay and acres of undiscovered mangroves were flattened.

The Interama dream soon died and North Miami signed a lease with Munisport Inc. to create a recreational facility over the 1,700 acres. However, Munisport got a permit to turn the site into a sanitary landfill, turning it into a toxic waste.

In the end, the site was divided between FIU and the county.

Rosenberg said that in the future, he would like to see student enrollment at the BBC double to roughly 15,000, the SJMC and the SEAS have their own buildings, a hotel, a gallery and a new MAST @ FIU Academy.

"This is not about today or tomorrow. It's about what we have to build for the sons and daughters of the graduates of today who will want to stay in Miami and get a great 'world's ahead' education," he said.

The current School of Hospitality & Tourism Management building housed the campus library, the University administration and a health clinic. Meanwhile, the Chaplin School was located at the MMC as the School of Hotel, Food and Travel Services.

It wasn't until 1996 that the Chaplin School moved to the BBC, settling its own building to allow room for expansion at the main campus.

The son of a Russian immigrant and an acknowledged internationalist, President Gregory Wolfe played a significant role in establishing the Biscayne Campus in 1979. The campus was called the Bay Vista Campus.

With his charisma and "movie star" looks, Wolfe presided over Academic One, the first new major building begun during Crosby's administration. He won approval and funds to move the University from an upper division to a full, four-year university.

Wolfe increased student enrollment at the BBC, built Bay Vista Housing in 1983, a new student center, an Aquatic Center and a library.

"Dr. Wolfe is one of the smartest and

nicest people that I've ever met," said Steven Moll, vice provost for the BBC. "He would always say [that this campus] is our diamond in the rough," Moll said.

Moll, who was appointed Vice Provost as the last administrative decision by President Modesto Maidique in 2009, said the campus was built by leaders with great visions.

"I found a picture from 1978. It was my first year on the faculty [and] I was 'the kid'. I looked at the picture and more than half of the people in the picture are dead," Moll said. "So through the years you have these people who are mentors, friends, guides who made an impact on your life," he said.

Raul Moncarz, University vice provost emeritus, was part of the International Banking Center which was formed during President Crosby's term in 1978. He and other professors studied the impact for foreign banks on the economy.

He became the BBC interim vice provost until 2006 after serving as chairperson for the Department of Economics.

"When I was chairperson of the Economics Department [at the MMC], I was mainly thinking of my research and my work, but thanks to the opportunity that I got [as interim vice provost], I started to think more about the students," Moncarz said.

Moncarz also said that at the BBC, he helped increase the number of classes and programs.

Moll said that he would like to continue seeing more students and facilities on campus, as well as housing which is currently under process.

"But universities don't typically move at a very fast pace which is kind of the charm of them. They're very slow and deliberate, but they try to do things right the first time and get it right the first time," said Moll.

Nevertheless, Moll said he is excited for new housing called Bay View Hall which is expected to be ready by fall 2016. Bay

Vista Housing is now managed by Royal Caribbean Cruises for its employees as part of the University's partnership with the company.

Over 200 students were forced to leave by May 1 of last year, leaving the BBC without any housing available for students. However, students were presented with health-safety issues like mold.

"I had a great roommate, I had a great space, I had my own room and we shared the kitchen and bathroom for a low cost," said Magalie Gabriel, a junior hospitality major.

Gabriel was also a resident assistant and she said that despite of the facility issues, maintenance did a good job of keeping housing together.

"[Compared to the MMC], the community aspect in the dorm here is one, it's not like ten. Everyone knew each other, everyone helped out," said Gabriel.

She hopes that the University will have a café for the new residence hall. She said that when she lived in Bay Vista Housing, students struggled to get food unless there was an event happening on campus.

Seneka Jean-Jacques, a nursing sophomore major, said she cannot wait for the new housing so that she can be a RA.

"If they keep steady progression, I think there will be a lot more students. With the renovations, we get more students involved," said Jean-Jacques.

Jean-Jacques was voted Lower Division Senator this spring, hoping that there will be more student campus life involvement. However, she said she enjoys the smaller more quiet environment of the campus.

"Versus other colleges that I've been to, I love the Biscayne Bay. You can always find a quiet spot, everybody knows everybody [and] it's not like an awkward hello," Jean-Jacques said. "I feel like a small fish in a big pond when I'm at MMC," she said.