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SPEAK YOUR PEACE



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Shalom FIU holds a small pro-Israel rally outside the Graham Center ballrooms on Monday, Oct. 12.

University hosts Sustainability Day

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Aubrey Burgess grew up aware of climate change. She was shocked after learning about the melting of Arctic ice caps.

"I wasn't aware of how extreme the arctic ice was melting and how gross and dirty it has become due to pollution," said Burgess, Office of Sustainability assistant.

To learn how to make more sustainable choices and to live in a more eco-friendly environment, the Office of University Sustainability is hosting Campus Sustainability

Day. The event will take place at the main campus in both the Graham Center and the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs.

According to Burgess, the goal of the event is to help people to think about how actions affect the environment and the people in it.

"Our event is to educate students on campus sustainability and how students can reduce their carbon footprint by making greener choices."

The linear rate of decline for September Arctic ice extent is 13.4 percent per decade,

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University brings Wi-Fi access to Liberty Square

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FIU alumna Kelsey Lewis said she was never able to use the internet for school work when she lived in Liberty Square, an underprivileged neighborhood in Liberty City.

"My aunt and I lived in Liberty Square for a long time, and it was hard," said Lewis.

"I just remember never being able to leave school without my homework being done because the resources were simply not available to me."

The University has partnered with Miami-Dade County to help turn the public housing into a high-performing digital community.

Webpass, an internet service provider, built a point-to-point scaled

internet, which works like a microwave. The internet receiver channels wave signals to users on a point-to-point basis, similar to how microwaves channel heat energy to food particles.

However, the connection is not supported through infrastructure. The placement of a receiver is all that is required for access to be granted.

Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez and Commissioner Audrey Edmonson announced the establishment of free Wi-Fi access for Liberty Square residents on Sept. 9.

"I am happy to hear the County is doing something to help the community," Lewis said.

Moses Shumow, a School of Journalism and Mass Communication professor and Maria

Lovett, College of Education leadership and professional studies professor, introduced the community initiative. They provided information technology and educational training for the project.

According to Shumow, it took nearly ten years of conversation to provide internet access to the neighborhood. He also said Liberty Square is the largest public housing project in Miami-Dade County and the most historic. The County is investing more than a million dollars renovating the site.

The community is owned by the federal government, and it is ran by the County. Most of the community has been subsidized.

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IN 2009, 5 OUT OF 758 HOMES IN LIBERTY SQUARE HAD BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS.
SOURCE: SCARBOROUGH RESEARCH SURVEY



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University hosts Homecoming Week Day of Service

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As part of FIU's 50th anniversary, the University celebrates with gloves, sweat and service.

The University has created a "Give 50" campaign, which encourages students, faculty and alumni to help communities with 50 hours of service.

FIU students, MAST@FIU magnet high school students and a local Girl Scout troop helped clean up the shorelines of Biscayne Bay in April. Students from the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine traveled to Haiti to help people who had never received medical attention in March.

"Already this year, FIU has held several service activities through Miami-Dade County -- a reflection of our engaged FIU

family," said Alexandra Pecharich, Marketing and New Media senior content managing editor.

To push forward the campaign, the University will host a Homecoming Week Day of Service on Saturday, Oct. 17 at Homestead Bayfront Park. A general cleanup will take place and participants will help plant and put down mulch.

"Students will work on the beautification of Homestead Bayfront Park," said Pecharich. "This is an opportunity to help out our neighbors in the nearby Homestead community," she said.

Pecharich also said the University has already been involved in Homestead through some of its academic and research programs. She also said that many faculty, staff, students and alumni call Homestead "home."

The University hosts a Summer Research Internship program where high school students from TERRA Environmental Research Institute and MAST@Homestead complete professional

development workshops, such as preparing oral presentations for research. The workshops take place in scientific research laboratories at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus and the Engineering Center.

During the Service Day, participants will also pick up litter from the atoll pool at the park and engage in light landscaping. The list of items participants must bring includes closed toe shoes, comfortable work clothes, gloves, sunblock, bug spray and water bottles.

Bus transportation will be provided for the event at the parking lot beside the Gold Garage at the MMC campus. Buses leave at 8:10 a.m., and boxed lunches will also be provided.

"We are encouraging every Panther to come out and contribute a morning of service," Pecharich said. "It is yet another chance to make clear our commitment to all who call South Florida home."

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Gov. Brown bans concealed guns on California campuses

California Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation Saturday to prohibit carrying concealed guns on school and university campuses in the state. State Sen. Lois Wolk said the bill she introduced several months ago was needed to close a loophole that allows people with concealed-weapons permits to carry firearms on school grounds.

The new law prohibits that practice, unless school officials grant permission or the carrier is retired from law enforcement. The action comes a week after a gunman killed nine and wounded nine others before killing himself at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Ore.

Pentagon puts ‘halt’ to its disastrous Syrian training program

The Obama administration is ending a problem-plagued program to train and equip Syrians to fight the Islamic State, saying it will use the hundreds of millions of dollars from Congress to help Kurdish fighters and other groups that have had some success reclaiming territory from the militants. The strategic shift represented an admission by the

Pentagon and the White House that the \$500 million training program, which President Barack Obama heralded less than a year ago as a centerpiece of the United States’ campaign against the Islamic State, had failed despite the expenditure of tens of millions, the recruitment of thousands of Syrians, and months of effort.

Nobel affirms peace efforts in Middle East

Nearly five years on, the once high hopes for the “Arab Spring” – popular revolts that swept a Middle East long dominated by authoritarian rule – have withered to a husk. But the small North African nation of Tunisia is seen as the region’s principal democratic success, if an imperiled one. The awarding

of the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday to a coalition of Tunisian civil society groups was seen as a powerful affirmation of efforts to build an inclusive government in a country where an unemployed vegetable vendor’s self-immolation in late 2010 launched a wave of regional rebellion.

University, county brings Wi-Fi to Liberty Square

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Nearly 100 local students, which is approximately 8 percent of the community, lived without access to Wi-Fi, according to Shumow. Google maps shows two public libraries within 10 miles of the community.

For high school students, it a requirement to take an online course for graduation. The lack of Wi-Fi has been an issue.

About 30 percent of South Florida does not have access to internet and 21 percent does not own a computer, according to a 2010 Scarborough Research survey.

Miami-Dade County has less Wi-Fi access than Broward County, with 35.5 percent of Dade residents. These residents report they have no regular internet access, according to Internet World Stats. Of more than 700 homes in Liberty Square, only five families had broadband internet access in 2009.

Shumrow said there were very little funds available for this project. Miami-Dade County paid for the installation of the services to Webpass.

Service learning programs paid for

Wi-Fi routers. However, the County provides the majority of the funding.

“This is still early on in the project. In the future, I would like to do some fundraisers,” said Shumow.

He said the biggest challenge in the project was that many internet providers were not willing to take a financial risk to build infrastructure in the area. Webpass was the only provider to collaborate since it does not need to build on an area’s infrastructure.

“To log in is like when you go to Starbucks -- you agree to the terms and log in,” he said.

Shumow is designing a course for students to get involved in the new project. It would be a capstone course for digital media seniors. The students would go to Liberty Square and teach people about computer usage.

Students would also teach the elderly how to use computers and teach young people how to effectively manage their time to be more productive online.

“It’s not just about providing a service, it’s about how can the internet help better the community and even create jobs,” Shumow said.

University celebrates Campus Sustainability Day

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according to the National Snow and Ice Data Center. The nine lowest September ice extents have occurred in the last nine years.

According to Burgess, encouraging people to make greener choices is what this event is all about.

The Green Office program will have different activities where students and faculty can participate and learn how to be eco-friendly.

Some activities, such as a prize wheel, will award players if they answer questions correctly about sustainability, climate change and sea level rise. Free highlighters, pens and sunglasses will also be distributed.

“Our goal as the Office of University Sustainability is to spearhead green initiatives on campus and to make it easy for students and staff to make greener choices,” said Burgess.

“We have included many activities as to peak students’ interests and to encourage them to come check out our tables and see what we are all about.”

The Green Office program will also provide tips for students on how to reduce their carbon footprint, which is the amount of carbon dioxide released from home energy, transportation and waste. There will also be climate experts who will answer questions about the environment and climate change.

The Office of University Sustainability will screen a film called, “Chasing Ice.” The award-winning documentary talks about climate change, specifically in the Arctic.

The film takes a deeper look into the changing landscapes of the Arctic. Sea Level Solutions Center director Tiffany Troxler will also speak at the Modesto

A. Maidique Campus to answer questions related to the film.

“I personally hope that this movie will deliver that ‘shock-value’ to students and inspire them to make some changes in their everyday lives,” said Burgess.

Students will also make a pledge to improve their community and they will have the opportunity to win prizes. The Office of University Sustainability defines sustainability on their website as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

“Sustainability doesn’t just mean making environmentally conscious choices, but sustainability applies to all fields (economics, society...), which is why it is hard to put it in such simple terms,” says the website.

Ximena Sosa, a junior marketing and international business major, said the University should be more conscience of climate change and create awareness among students.

“Since FIU is a very influential campus in Florida, it can foster small changes in students and their everyday lifestyles to help stop climate change,” said Sosa.

She said the University community should do campaigns on how to recycle, how to save water and how to walk more instead of using vehicles.

“A lot of people will participate at [Campus Sustainability Day] and they will understand about climate change,” Sosa said.

“A lot of times, we don’t even know how to help with the environment because there is a lack of knowledge about it. We should reinforce this knowledge.” The event will take place Thursday, Oct. 15 at GC and SIPA from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Campus resources available to students in abusive relationships

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Abusive behavior within relationships is much more common than we'd like to admit. An unhealthy relationship occurs when one or both partners are violent or emotionally abusive towards one another.

By the age of twenty, one out of three females will experience dating violence, however, most, including males victims, are not willing to talk about it.

There are certain "red flags" or behaviors that may hint that something is wrong in the relationship.

Red flags may include controlling behavior such as checking their partner's cell phone, having to know where the other person is at all times, constantly checking on them or creating problems if the other person wants to visit family or friends.

Emotional abuse includes ignoring the other person, continually criticizing each other or threatening to hurt the partner physically or by telling a secret.

Physical and sexual abuse can also be part of an unhealthy relationship.

Dating is a part of life and for students who may find or even think they are in an abusive relationship, FIU has resources available to

assist them. Surprisingly though, many students are not aware they can receive help on campus.

Fellow student Lisett Guerrero said "Not even in my SLS class where you learn the basics, do they mention such programs. If they taught us how to properly put on a condom, they could have at least dedicated a section of the class to tell us about the programs."

As part of FIU's responsibility to foster a safe and friendly environment, programs like the Student Health Center's Victim Empowerment Program are available to give students confidential help, on campus, by a professional.

"Safety is our main priority. Our mental health professionals are trained to handle these situations in order to make sure the student is safe, whether they want to stay or leave," said Wendy X. Ordonez, Coordinator of Outreach & Educational Media.

At the Victim Empowerment Program, students can explore whether they are in an abusive relationship, seek help to leave or even get advice on how to handle the situation if they decide to stay.

Everything is on a case-by-case basis and the program provides various options for each unique situation.

Alongside the program, the school community should help foster a safe environment. For victims of abusive relationships, the first and most important thing they can do is talk about it.

Isolation is a major factor in abusive relationships, so the best thing family and friends can offer is to support and listen to them.

The majority of people suffer in silence because of the fear of not being believed, fear of retaliation or other factors.

As junior Soo Min Lee said, "Give and guide them with good information, decision making and, most importantly, let the victims know they care."

However, students still have mixed views on whether they would actually utilize the resource.

Kevin Gutt, a junior, said, "I would for sure use the FIU resource. There's many things on campus that we pay for and take for granted."

It's natural to feel embarrassed or terrified of talking about such things, but the best way for victims to eliminate the stigma is to bring to light the issue and get educated on the topic.

As Ms. Ordonez said, "Knowledge is power."

Relationships should be something that supports one's growth, not something that diminishes it.

By recognizing abusive behavior, students can stay out of trouble, protect the people around them and set themselves up for a happier and healthier life.

How a person decides to use the resources around them is the deciding factor of either healing or worsening the wound.

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Record breaking Qui-NO-a salad

Today, the University will attempt to break the world record for creating the largest quinoa salad.

Quinoa is a grain found in both Peru and Bolivia and has gained mainstream recognition as a low-fat starch that serves as a healthy alternative to meat.

Due to its versatility and nutritional value, sales in quinoa have been on the rise, tripling since the year 2006. FIU may have seen the attention surrounding quinoa as a chance for the community to partake in some positive publicity, however, the University should have taken some factors into consideration before indulging in the quinoa hype.

As the sales of quinoa rapidly increase, so does the price as it pertains to the poor citizens of Peru and Bolivia. A staple in many Peruvian and Bolivian households, the prices of quinoa have risen to the point where Peru and Bolivia's poorer citizens can no longer afford to buy the grain.

The result is imported junk food being cheaper than the quinoa grain.

In places like Lima, Peru the price of the grain has risen above that of chicken. As a result, government figures have indicated that domestic consumption of quinoa has dropped by a third within the last five years.

The exploitation of quinoa has resulted in other issues, such as land disputes among farmers and producers. Some farmers have even turned to violent means to obtain the land necessary to produce quinoa. These tensions increase as citizens of urban communities are now relocating to rural areas to grow and sell the quinoa grain.

Some argue that quinoa as a commodity can have a positive impact on the citizens of Peru and Bolivia.

Emma Banks for the Andean Information Network states that the commodity of the quinoa grain provides farmers with economic stability.

She also stated "This economic power has also translated into political power though producers' associations and cooperatives."

Although the University's intentions for gaining publicity through this record-breaking event were harmless, the use of quinoa plays into this food trend without acknowledging the impact that the quinoa fad has had on countries like Peru and Bolivia.

'Surplus' money should be used to benefit students

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Recently, universities throughout Florida are adopting the trend of developing "upscale" dormitories to attract students to campus life.

FIU takes part in this trend with Parkview Hall consisting of its own private parking garage for students, every dormitory aside from Panther Hall coming equipped with a full-size kitchen and every dorm abstaining from communal bathrooms.

FIU's housing rates can exceed the average costs with the prices of dormitories running between \$2,700 and \$5,349 – depending, of course, on whether or not one chooses to purchase a meal plan along with their housing.

A meal plan can add on close to \$2,000 per semester when combined with housing costs.

As reported by the Tampa Tribune, higher-end dorms are usually ran by private developers. This allows for financial risks to be alleviated from the University and placed on the shoulders of private companies.

Biscayne Bay's Bay Vista housing is no different, as the University has chosen Servitas LLC to construct the new dormitories.

In the fall 2016 semester, FIU's Biscayne Bay Campus housing will reopen, allowing for students who frequent the campus to stay on campus – thus avoiding the commute between MMC and BBC and the fees the commute would accumulate.

The floor plan, which is accessible online, emphasizes a sky lounge available to all future residents as well as each room boasting a view of the Bay. The floor

plan also clarifies that "FIU will have limited financial responsibility for the [Bay Vista] Project."

The university also stands to be the recipient of "surplus revenues" from the development of Bay Vista Housing.

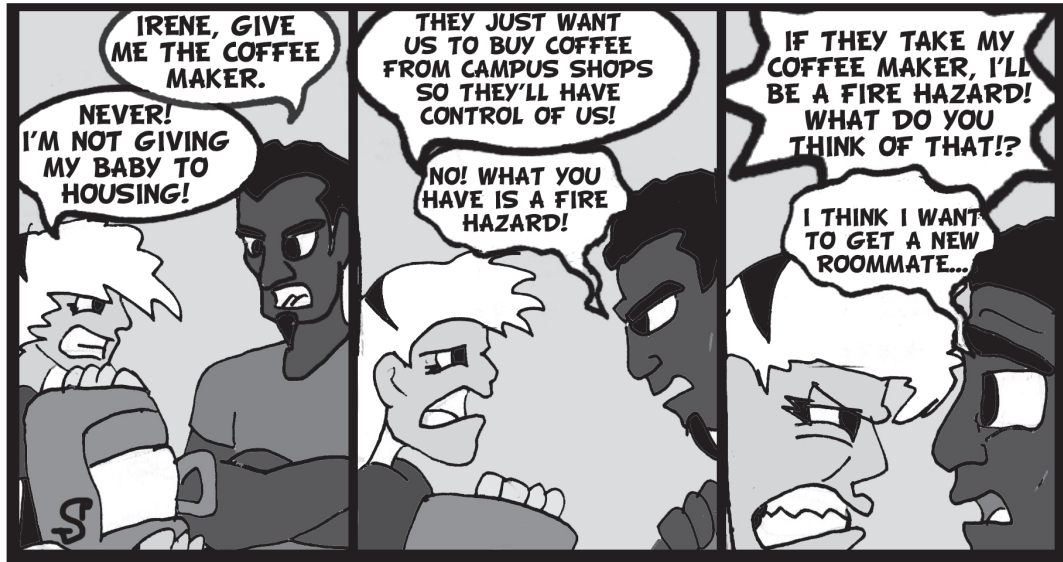
Most students would probably like this revenue to go towards increased parking spaces or even a more affordable commute on FIU's Panther Shuttle.

FIU most likely takes a luxury approach to on campus housing in an effort to shift the number of students living on campus to a higher percentage. According to U.S. News college rankings and reviews, 92 percent of FIU students live off-campus while only 8 percent of students live in "college-owned, college-operated or college-affiliated" housing.

Florida's state universities are required to charge roughly the same tuitions, so to give them a more competitive edge they are utilizing amenities to attract students and increase their retention rates.

However, if FIU wants to retain more students, the best course of action would be to put the money they saved from the Bay Vista project towards more than just housing accommodations. Though a sky lounge sounds nice, affordable transportation and available parking spaces sound much more appealing.

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Krishna McKay, a junior political science major, answers a question as a contestant at the Mr. and Mrs. Everglades event held in Everglades Hall's first floor lounge on Thursday, Oct. 8.

Avoid exercise addiction, do it for the right reason

Club engaging students in Japanese culture

SDA HEALTH



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Exercise is a great way to stay in shape, meet new friends and relieve all of the stress and anxiety that is overwhelming your head. But what happens when exercise and eating healthy becomes the outline of your existence and takes over your entire life?

Exercise addiction is overlooked by the majority of people. Exercise is linked with positive outcomes, like improving your mind and body.

So how can exercise be harmful?

Addictions involve cravings and loss of control while also changing the brain by subverting the way it registers pleasure and then corrupting other normal drives (motivation, learning, etc.).

Like drug addictions, some people crave the natural endorphins that are produced while exercising that trigger positive feelings in the brain.

There is a fine line between exercising for your health and exercising to satisfy an addiction.

Many of the symptoms that appear in eating disorders are often present in individuals who are exercising excessively.

The overwhelming feeling of being fat, the drive to burn off calories, body dissatisfaction, binge eating, avoiding foods and many more symptoms arise in exercise addictions.

I'm sure we have all felt one or more of those feelings, but these individuals suffering from this feel it far worse. Women who stop menstruating due to low body fat are at risk of fractures and osteoporosis in the near future.

Obsessive exercise is very common among anorexics and bulimic and can be a method of purging.

Exercise addictions are often overlooked by health professionals because they are hard to detect.

Physicians are always encouraging their patients to exercise and eat healthy every day, but how much is too much?

The people who suffer feel like they are obligated to exercise, despite injuries or family conflicts. They tend to put exercise before themselves and even their family members.

The main feature of an exercise disorder is the frequency and intensity of exercises, even if the person is an athlete.

If a person goes beyond their required training schedule on a daily basis and push through chronic fatigue without some sort of rest or break, they can be suffering from this very serious addiction no matter who they are.

A fast way to tell if someone has an activity disorder is if they show the signs and symptoms of overtraining, which include chronic muscle soreness, decrease in performance, isolation and much more.

Any concerns should be reported to a trusted health professional immediately.

Online quizzes may help you determine if you or a loved one has an addiction.

Always offer support to those around you who show signs and symptoms and listen to them if they express concern towards you, because you might not realize that you're engaging in this unhealthy behavior because you always thought exercising excessively might be a good thing.

So let's exercise moderately for all the right reasons and leave the wrong ones behind.

SDA Health is a weekly column from the SDA Club in FIU which talks about health related issues.

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Florida International University is known for its diversity in students. There are students from all over the world. For instance, students from China, Japan, Korea and other Asian countries come to FIU to study.

There are students who share an interest in these countries as well and love to learn more by befriending classmates from those respective countries and attending organizations events to learn more about their interest. FIU has a variety of organizations and societies. There is the Japan Club, Korean Culture Club, Chinese club, Vietnamese club and Asian Student union.

Erica Phillips is one of the students who joined the Asian organizations and is now part of the executive board for the Japan Club.

The Japan Club encourages the learning of Japanese culture through the means of entertainment, activities and scrumptious food. Their events allows for the FIU community and the organization's members to meet and create

friendships, enjoy food and learn more about Japan without having to leave Miami.

Phillips stated that their past events included Jdrama/anime showings, Pocky decorating event on Valentine's Day, origami workshop, Japanese language study sessions from beginners to advanced and more Japanese culture related activities. Just recently, they worked with the consulate general of Japan in Miami to bring FIU a week long, Japan: Food in Film movie event.

In regards to upcoming events, they plan on hosting a roundtable discussion on the topic of studying abroad in Japan. At this event, students will have the opportunity to ask past study abroad students questions on their experience.

In December, they will be helping out with Japan Immersion day which is an annual celebration of Japanese culture featuring workshops on Japanese bracelet making, hachi/chopsticks decorating, sumie (Japanese brush painting), Kimono try-on and much more. The event will be held on Monday, Dec. 14, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is open to the public.

Fantasy fiction writer comes to Miami

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With the Miami International Book Fair set in November, the promotional events for the Book Fair are still going strong.

The latest author event starred no other than Rick Riordan.

For those who are unaware, Rick Riordan is best known for writing the Percy Jackson series, a five book series telling the story of a boy who discovered that he is the son of Poseidon.

The series received critical acclaim and the first two books were adapted into films in 2010 and 2013.

Riordan is also acclaimed for writing the companion series “The Kane Chronicles” and “The Heroes of Olympus.” Riordan’s specialty is the modernization of ancient mythology.

So far, he has covered Greek, Egyptian and Roman mythology.

Books & Books hosted this latest author event in collaboration with The Center for Literature & Writing at Miami Dade College. It took place on

Saturday, Oct. 10, in the Building Three auditorium of the MDC’s Chapman Conference Center.

To get into the event, attendees had to buy a voucher either online or at the door. The voucher also entitled the attendee to one pre-signed copy of the book and a foam shield.

Riordan was there to promote his new novel, “Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard: The Sword of Summer.” This latest novel focuses on Norse mythology, which Riordan revealed he has always been interested in writing.

This new series reveals the story of Magnus Chase, who is the son of the Norse God, Thor.

The event was an incredible success, the seating in the auditorium packed and standing room only in the rear.

A live feed of the event was also provided on outside monitors throughout the entire building, as well as large screen projections inside the auditorium.

Riordan discussed his life, covering

his career before and after Percy Jackson. He spoke about his love and usage of mythology, which reared from his years as an English and Social Studies teacher.

He then realized the interest in mythology held by his students and decided to pursue that avenue in his writing.

His son, Haley, was the true inspiration for the character of Percy Jackson. Riordan explained that Haley had ADHD and was dyslexic and loved listening to his father’s mythology stories.

When he had heard them all, he asked his father if there were anymore. That led Riordan to come up with a character that had ADHD and was dyslexic as well.

That character would then learn that those disabilities actually made him special, because he was a demigod.

And thus, Percy Jackson was born.

He also talked about the process of launching his books and the struggles he experienced.

To the cheers of his audience, he displayed an array of artwork from his book covers and discussed the difficulty of creating the proper artistic image. In many of the books’ covers, the character’s face was turned away so that the reader could imagine what Percy’s face looked like.

Riordan answered questions on index cards from the audience about character names and the contrast of the movies to the books.

He confessed that many of the character names were those of his former students and some of the teachers who he worked with. Other names, like Annabeth, were chosen because he liked them.

As for the films, Riordan revealed that he had actually had very little involvement and was quite surprised when he received the screenplay, which had changes from the novel.

Although Fox made several modifications to the screenplay based on his edits and recommendations, the films were still vastly different from the novels. He confided that he hasn’t even seen the films, which really surprised the audience.

Riordan, a powerhouse writer, has no



COLLIN SIMPSON/THE BEACON

Rick Riordan regales a full house at Miami Dade Collge Saturday, Oct. 10.

intention of slowing down.

He announced not one, but three new future titles, including “Demigods and Magicians,” which is a collection of crossovers between Percy Jackson and Carter Kane.

The second book of “Magnus Chase: The Hammer of Thor” will be released on October 4, 2016.

But what got the crowd roaring was Riordan’s announcement of returning to the world of Percy Jackson with his new series: “The Trials of Apollo,” which will be a five book series that features characters from both the Percy Jackson and The Heroes of Olympus series.

As an exclusive treat to the audience, Riordan read the summary from the first book, “The Hidden Oracle,” which has not even been released online yet:

“How do you punish an immortal? By making him human. After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus.

Weak and disoriented, he lands in New York City as a regular teenage boy. Now, without his godly powers, the four-thousand-year-old deity must learn to survive in the modern world until he can somehow find a way to regain Zeus’s

favor.

But Apollo has many enemies—gods, monsters, mortals who would love to see the former Olympian permanently destroyed. Apollo needs help and he can think of only one place to go . . . an enclave of modern demigods known as Camp Half-Blood.”

Riordan also announced that the book will be told through a first person perspective from the view of Apollo. Also, each chapter title will start with a bad haiku and the first book will be released on May 3, 2016.

The first peek at this new book will be featured in “Demigods and Magicians,” which will be released on April 5, 2016. He then left the stage with a standing ovation from the massive audience.

Riordan was not able to do a book signing at this event, although those with vouchers were able to get pre-signed books. Still, the event was a smashing success and left many attendees more than anxious to return to Camp Half-Blood.

In the meantime, Books and Books has no intention of slowing down, with many more guests in October, including Ray Lewis, Elizabeth Gilbert and Chelsea Clinton.

Cheen-Huaye: the go to for Mexican food

BEACON BITES



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Want to go on a nice dinner with your significant other or treat yourself with some of your closest friends without driving far from BBC?

I found your place.

Located on the corner of a small strip mall across the street from school, I would have never expected to find an authentic Mexican restaurant on Biscayne.

Cheen-Huaye (pronounced chen-why-ay) meaning, “only here,” is a Yucatecan inspired Mexican restaurant that lives up to its name.

This is the only place where I look at a menu and I have very little knowledge to what they serve.

Words like “chonchita pibil” and “poc-chuc,” I knew I stepped into unfamiliar territory.

Thankfully, my waitress was more than happy to answer all of my questions.

After 10 minutes of discussing the menu, I finally decided to have the Molcajete de Pollo.

I know, that’s a long time to order, but I didn’t want to get something without knowing what it was, wouldn’t you?

Then, my boyfriend got sopa de aguacate and chicken tacos.

Even though he only came along because I needed to write for Beacon Bits, this place automatically turned it into a “date night.”

Looking around, the paintings of Mexican villages, iron light fixtures and Mexican music softly playing in the background had a traditional, yet chic and romantic ambiance.

This place definitely pulled from an older crowd, with ages that range from 35-60, but don’t worry, that just means this place has good food!

Our waitress quickly comes with fresh tortilla chips, salsa and the sopa de aguacate.

The tortilla chips were fresh, warm, golden brown and crispy.

The salsa had ripe tomatoes, diced onion, cilantro and a medium

spice.

The light saltiness of the chip complimented the salsa by reducing some of the spicy notes that made my mouth water and this was a perfect segue into trying the soup.

With diced up avocados in the soup, it was definitely something I’m not used to seeing, but the taste was very familiar.

This tasted very similar to my abuelita’s chicken soup. With the shredded chicken and light chicken broth, it wasn’t spicy, but extremely flavorful.

Then our entrées arrive.

I should have remembered that a “molcajete” is a large lava rock bowl used to crush spices, but most commonly seen as a serving bowl for guac.

My molcajete was enormous, filled with chicken, sliced avocado and golden fried cheese and all in a red and brown sauce.

On the side, I had a small container of refried beans, Mexican rice and flour tortillas. This meal could definitely be shared with

someone else, but I of course, finished it all by myself.

The grilled chicken was warm and juicy. I only distinguished a salt and pepper seasoning. Rightfully so since the sauce overpowered the meal (in a great way.)

A little sour, a little sweet and a little smokey, the salsa de tamarindo was unlike something I’ve ever tasted.

Almost like a sweeter, more complicated brother of barbecue sauce, the tamarind made the dish unique, with flavors that I wasn’t really used to tasting in Mexican cuisine.

The Mexican rice was highly seasoned with tomato paste and garlic and tasted great with the smooth and creamy refried beans.

After finishing my meal that was meant for two, the waiter asks, “Would you like dessert?”

After politely declining, because we were both extremely full, she says, “are you sure? We have churros!”

Even with a full belly, nothing

can stand in the way of me and a good churro.

The churros come out quickly and oh-my-God it was the most beautiful thing I have ever seen. Four warm, long, golden brown churros covered in cinnamon sugar and drizzled in dulce de leche.

It was crunchy, warm and soft in the inside. The sweet cinnamon sugar and dulce de leche made it into one sugary stick of heaven.

Cheen-Huaye definitely won me over. With the unique and authentic flavors that made me step out of my comfort zone, this place didn’t disappoint.

Even though it’s a bit on the pricier side, it is a go-to date place, or even if you want to treat yourself after a long day at school, Cheen-Huaye is the place to go!

Beacon Bits is a weekly column about affordable and easily accessible food places for FIU students. Gabby Arzola pays for all meals. For suggestions, email Gabby at gabby.arzola@fiusm.com.

MEN'S SOCCER

Panthers' defense crumbles in second half vs. UAB

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The formerly ranked men's soccer (7-4-0) team blew a two-goal lead on Saturday, Oct. 10 in a 4-3 loss to the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

After ripping off a seven-game winning streak in which they produced the highest scoring offense in the nation, the Panthers have now dropped two games in a row to sub-.500 C-USA opponents.

Florida International University's offense came out strong on Saturday evening. Junior Luis Betancur continued

his terrific season when he converted on a wide-open shot with an assist from sophomore Brad Fountain in the 16th minute.

Fountain then scored on a header in the 31st minute to put his team up 2-0.

UAB senior Ian Ivan Svantesson scored his team's first goal in the 38th minute to make the score 2-1.

Fountain then scored his second goal of the night in the 42nd minute to put the Panthers up 3-1 going into the second half.

After a solid first 45 minutes, the Panthers' defense completely collapsed in the second half.

The Blazers converted on a penalty kick in the 58th minute to close the lead to 3-2.

FIU then allowed UAB junior Henrique Sposito to score the equalizer and the first goal of his career just a minute later.

The Blazers' game-winner came in the form of a Svantesson header in the 81st minute to put the Panthers in a definitive 4-3 hole.

Both the Panthers and the Blazers took 14 shots in the contest, but the Panthers managed to get only five on goal while the Blazers landed nine.

FIU also committed 14 fouls and received three yellow cards in the match.

The men's soccer team has struggled in their past two matches after a nearly month-long stretch of dominant play.

Tuesday, Sept. 29, FIU was ranked

as the No. 14 team in the nation by the National Soccer Coaches of America Association weekly poll.

The Panthers were riding a seven-game winning streak at the time and in possession of the highest scoring offense in Division I soccer.

A 1-0 defeat at home by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte 49ers, however, took them out of consideration for a spot in the top 25.

Saturday night's loss to the Blazers dropped them to 2-2 in conference matches and fifth place in C-USA.

FIU will continue their C-USA slate of games when they host Old Dominion at home on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL

UTEP destroyed in conference USA home opener

JAKE'S TAKES



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If you read my column last week, you would know how down I was on FIU football after they got absolutely embarrassed by the University of Massachusetts. I said they needed to respond in a major way in their next game if they wanted to have any chance to save their season and they did exactly that and then some.

FIU had a record-setting afternoon on Saturday, Oct. 10 in their Conference USA home opener, demolishing the University of Texas at El Paso Miners by a score of 52-12.

Everything was working for the Panthers all day long, especially in the first half and it ended up being one of the best games FIU has played in years.

You could tell right away that FIU was a much better team than UTEP, as sophomore running back Alex Gardner led the offense down the field in the impressive two minute and 37 second opening drive, capping it off with a two-yard rushing touchdown.

Gardner, who finished the game with 56 rushing yards on 10 carries with a rushing

touchdown, also led the Panthers in receptions (five) and receiving yards (96). He touched on how important it is for him to be a dual threat back in both the running game and as a receiver at the postgame press conference.

"It's big," Gardner said. "I came in wanting to help more in the passing game, because last year I only had [eight receptions]. This year's coach is really putting me in the best position to make plays and I'm glad he is."

The success of the FIU offense didn't stop with Gardner. Quarterback Alex McGough set a career high in passing with 270 yards and led the Panthers to a touchdown on each of their first five offensive possessions. For an offense that looked horrendous against UMass just a week prior, the whole group drastically improved across the board.

After the game, a visibly lighthearted McGough discussed just how well his offense was clicking throughout the day.

"We executed almost to perfection," McGough said. "We played our best game, probably since I've been here [at FIU], as far as the offensive line, wide receivers, running backs and myself included; and I think it showed."

It absolutely did show, as



BRIAN TRUJILLO/THE BEACON

True freshman Anthony Jones leads with the ball at the match vs. University of Texas at El Paso football game on Saturday, Oct. 10 at the FIU Stadium, where FIU won with 52-12.

the Panthers set a school record for most points scored in a half with 42. FIU has an incredible amount of talent on offense, from McGough, to Gardner, to tight end Jonnu Smith, to wide receiver Thomas Owens and the list goes on and on. This game was really the first time we saw this group play up to their ability and it made for a special afternoon.

Mixed in with those five offensive touchdowns in the first half was also FIU's first defensive touchdown of the season.

They thrived on creating scores off takeaways a season ago under former defensive coordinator Josh Conklin, but the defense hadn't looked as aggressive through the first five games of this season. That changed against UTEP.

Senior cornerback Jeremiah McKinnon, who has been one of FIU's best defenders all season long, jumped a route perfectly early in the second quarter and took it all the way to the house for

a touchdown. This was one of the many defensive highlights for the Panthers on Saturday afternoon and McKinnon described how he wasn't the only one who put forth a great effort on the pick six.

"Basically everybody did their job," McKinnon said. "I couldn't do it without my defensive line and linebackers. [Then] I just looked at the quarterback and he took me where I needed to go."

FIU slowed down a bit in the second half, focusing a lot on the running game to chew the clock and bringing in redshirt senior Trey Anderson to relieve McGough midway through the third quarter.

They ended up putting up 52 total points, but with the way the first half went, there's no doubt in my mind that they could've finished with at least 60 or 65 points if they so chose.

This was overall probably the best game I've ever seen FIU play. Yeah, it was against an injury-riddled UTEP team that will finish near the bottom of the

C-USA standings, but there's a difference between just winning a game you're supposed to win and completely destroying your opponent.

Moving forward, FIU will need to take the momentum from this huge win and apply it to their upcoming C-USA games. If the Panthers continue to play like they did on Saturday, they truly can be a legitimate sleeper to win the conference.

It all comes down to consistency - will we see the FIU that manhandled UTEP throughout the rest of conference play or will the FIU that got humiliated by UMass return? Only time will tell.

The Panthers will head back on the road for another very important conference matchup on Saturday, Oct. 17 against the 2-4 Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raiders.

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Quarterback Alex McGough at the game vs. UTEP on Saturday, Oct. 10 at the FIU Stadium. The next game will have the Panthers travel to Nashville to play against Middle Tennessee.

VOLLEYBALL

Panthers end homestand with commanding win

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Fresh off a victory in the first set and down early in the second set, the Panthers could not afford to lose momentum and split the first two sets.

Trailing 1-3 in the second set, the team did not panic; instead, it dominated down the stretch and won 25-15.

This fueled the team's intensity and helped lead the Panthers to a 3-0 sweep against University of North Carolina at Charlotte on

Friday, Oct. 9.

The Panthers defeated the 49ers with scores of 25-21, 25-15 and 25-20, improving their record to 11-7 (5-2 in Conference USA).

The team is 4-0 this season against C-USA opponents at home.

The Panthers completed their homestand with a stout 3-1 record, only falling to non-conference opponent, Florida Gulf Coast University.

Aside from defeating Charlotte, the team also downed Marshall University and University of Texas at El Paso, outscoring its opponents 9-1 in its victories.

Head Coach Rita Buck-Crockett explained, "This was a very big win for us because we are in

the middle of the season and it's hard to sustain focus. We've been kind of up-and-down, which is normal so it was really good to get this win when we are not playing at our best."

In the first set, the numbers were fairly even. The area that FIU stood out in was the kills column.

The Panthers out-hit the 49ers 17-11 and were able to control the set. Senior, Lucia Castro, led the team with five kills to start off the match.

Buck-Crockett made a setting change in the middle of the first set, putting sophomore, Kiona McSwain, into the game.

Together, McSwain and freshman, Katie Friesen, shared the setting load throughout the rest of the

match. The team's depth at the setter position allowed for this change to be made.

"It's huge (to have three setters ready). At any given round they could just have an off time and then they get nervous. Once they get nervous, they need to be able to come out, calm down, see the game and go back in", Buck-Crockett said.

The Panthers started the second set slowly; however, their defense helped them throughout the set.

The team totalled six blocks and junior, Katie Hogan, accounted for four of them, with two solo blocks and two assisted blocks.

In the final set, the team was led by senior, Gloria Levorin, Castro and

Hogan. The Panthers put up an astounding 20 kills in this set and their offense proved to be too much for Charlotte down the stretch.

For the night, Castro finished with 14 kills and 11 digs, Friesen collected 23 assists and senior, Adriana McLamb, tallied 14 digs, a match-high.

As a team, the Panthers finished with 51 kills and only 15 errors, giving them a .277 hitting percentage. They also nearly doubled the 49ers' block total at 10 to six.

The team will be traveling to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to take on Southern Mississippi University. The Golden Eagles are 17-5 (4-1 in C-USA).

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Panthers sweep weekend, improve to 7-2 at home

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Talia McMurtie scored her first two goals of the season to carry the Panthers (8-7-0, 4-2 C-USA) to wins against Southern Miss (3-9-3, 1-5 C-USA) and Louisiana Tech (9-7-0, 2-4 C-USA) over the weekend.

The Panthers started their home stand against the Southern Miss Golden Owls on Friday. The first half was quiet until the 37th minute, when Alyssa Robinson had a gorgeous strike from outside the box that rattled off the top post and into the hands of the keeper. Southern Miss took an advantage of the miss and took off on a counter attack, in which they almost capitalized in as they had their first shot of the game and it just missed over the goal.

FIU out-shot Southern Miss 10-3 as the first half came to a close with the score leveled at zero. However, it wouldn't stay that way for long. Lyrik Fryer sent a beautiful cross directly to Talia McMurtie, who had an emphatic left



MEGAN TAIT/ THR BEACON

Midfielder/Forward Talia McMurtie makes the first goal of two at the game against Louisiana Tech Lady Techster Sunday, Oct. 11 at the FIU Soccer Stadium. The next home game will be against Florida Atlantic Sunday, Oct. 25.

footed strike into the back of the net. The 47th minute goal marked McMurtie's first of the season.

The rest of the second half would easily belong to FIU. The Panthers out-shout Southern

Miss by a total of 17-6, including another close call in 78th minute right outside the box. The call was centimeters from being a penalty, but it led to a Panther cross into the box that almost resulted

in a 2-0 FIU lead after the header barely went wide right of the goal.

FIU would end their two game losing streak with a 1-0 victory over Southern Miss, then carried their momentum

into Sunday's matchup against the Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters.

The Panther's offensive tempo was at full effect in the first half, as they controlled the game with seven total shots, three on

goal in which Kylee Seto of the Lady Techsters had to save. Louisiana Tech would have one lone shot in the first half. Despite the Panthers domination, both teams headed into the half with the game notched at zero.

Talia McMurtie would break the second early in the second half yet again for FIU. McMurtie headed in a cross from senior Malden Weinhardt, and it marked her second goal of the season and weekend. McMurtie's 50th minute header put the Panthers up 1-0.

In the 83rd minute, Scarlet Montoya delivered a gorgeous cross to Ellen Crist, who beat the keeper and had an open net goal. It would be Crist's fourth goal of the season and it would give the Panthers a 2-0 lead and eventually the win.

The Panthers improved to 4-2 in conference play and 7-2 at home, winning their last four home contests. Over the weekend, the FIU defense had two clean sheets, and the team is now at five clean sheets for the season.



TEACH ME HOW TO STROKE



SUDYEN NAVARRETE/THE BEACON

Eric Horowitz (left), a freshman business management major, Ibrahim Sultan (middle), a sophomore business marketing major, and Brian Wu (right), a freshman undecided major take swimming lessons at the BBC Aquatic Center.

Spirit Week pushes for pride at FIU I-75

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Allhan Mejia, Biscayne Bay Campus Student Government Council president, said FIU students do not have enough University spirit except during Homecoming week.

“Personally, I think it’s sad that FIU students don’t have much spirit for the university that they attend. FIU [students] should always have spirit for their university,” said Mejia.

“The other day, I was at the Chick-Fil-A inside of FIU, and I saw this guy wearing a [University of Miami] shirt at FIU. It was kind of insulting.”

In spirit of Homecoming, Student Life Coordinator Diana Arcentales and BBC-SGC are preparing for Panther Pride Week at FIU at I-75 Campus.

Panther Pride Week will kick off Monday, Oct. 19, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Miramar campus and will end Thursday, Oct. 22.

During the week, Campus Life will distribute free University Homecoming t-shirts and food. There will also be individually wrapped cookies designed with a Panther Paw, or a number 50 that celebrates FIU’s 50 anniversary.

“Since it is FIU’s 50 anniversary, we wanted to incorporate that in our Homecoming festivities as well,” said Arcentales.

Arcentales said the University is not hosting any activities at I-75 during the week because students are always in a rush there.

“It’s in the nature of the location, where the students have a small

time frame and have a ‘grab and go’ mentality,” Arcentales said. “So, we’re going to be available during their time frames, so they can get a shirt, a cookie and go.”

Mejia said that student government does not want students at I-75 to feel left out of campus activities.

“We are trying to incorporate more events, so that the students have more exposure to FIU spirit,” he said. “Not only are we trying to do that, but also we are trying to attract more students to attend that campus.”

According to Arcentales, Panther Pride Week will show FIU at I-75 what Homecoming is about.

“We’re tiny, but we’re mighty. And if students didn’t have Panther Pride before, they definitely will catch Panther Pride now,” she said.

Antonio Fierro, FIU at I-75 OneStop Enrollment generalist and FIU alumnus, decorates the walls of the campus. He designed timeline decorations inspired by the University’s anniversary.

The theme is, “Carousel of Progress, Unleash the Spirit,” which displays the different decades of when the University started in the 1960’s to now.

“I took the time to research every decade. This timeline isn’t just about FIU, but what was happening historically at the time,” said Fierro.

Fierro is a top 10 nominee for Homecoming King of University faculty and staff.

“I grew up watching college football, and if you know about that, you know you have to support the school you attend,” Fierro said. “I see

a lot of people inside of FIU wearing shirts from other schools, and I hate it. Over the years, the spirit and pride for FIU isn’t as strong as it used to be. So, as a team, we’re trying to promote more Panther Pride.”

Karina Castaneda, a sophomore biology major, celebrates Panther Pride with her sorority sisters.

“I truly believe the students at FIU show a good amount of school spirit. However, us Greeks truly know how to bring out our Panther Pride like no other!”

“Homecoming is a time to show off Panther Spirit,” Arcentales said. “Whatever location the students are at, they are always welcomed into the FIU family,” she said. “[Homecoming] is a time for excitement, activity and to show pride for the university they attend.”

Metal bands in South Florida excite fans

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Metal shows are more common than people think, regardless of the consensus amongst the general public. Despite South Florida’s past contribution to various genres of metal, the scene has been lacking in recent memory.

Thankfully, we’re glad that bigger bands are able to make the trek from up north and west of Miami to play for the multitude of metal fans that exist from under the floorboards.

Churchill’s Pub, a popular local venue for bands of all genres, hosts concerts almost every night of the

week with a broad range from indie rock to hardcore punk. Wednesday night, sludge metal giants Kylesa took the stage and performed a decent number of supporting acts.

Each act improved progressively, leading up to Kylesa. The first of the supporting acts, Irata, played an interesting set of brooding, thumping songs that got people in the spirit for the next acts to come. Next came Indian Handcrafts, who played a set of aggressive headbangers that was much faster.

With two respectable opening acts out of the way, I was wondering how the next act, Inter Arma, would fare. I had heard from a friend that they’re quite a good group.

When the lights dimmed, what played next was not what I expected at all. Inter Arma put on one of the best shows for an opening act I’ve ever seen.

They played their 45 minute epic, The Cavern, and I felt completely immersed in the music. It started off strong, followed by an intimate guitar interlude before building up to the next part of the song. Then, the epic peaked again.

I personally felt unprepared for the show, needing a break to get earplugs because of how loud the show got. After Inter Arma’s set ended, I was more than ready for Kylesa to hit the stage.

Kylesa walked up, grabbed

their instruments, and positioned themselves. Without any introduction, they began their set with a slow build up. The two drummers began tickling their cymbals to create the atmosphere.

Then, the guitar played distorted notes at a low key. This is a common characteristic of most sludge metal music. The tempo rose with the drummers until the music came in at full force with the vocalist howling on cue.

It was a great set to witness, as it went from song-to-song from each of the band’s seven albums throughout their fourteen-year tenure as a band. A lot of it was devoted playing songs from their newest album, Exhausting

Fire, but past songs were incorporated.

One of the highlights of the show was Phillip Cope, the lead vocalist, played an electronic instrument called an Electro-Theremin. It’s a common instrument amongst psychedelic bands. Lemmy Kilmster is one of the most notable users of the Electro-Theremin. Cope used it to create eerie tones that crept up on listeners.

Kylesa played songs that expanded over seven albums worth of material. Inter Arma rivaled Kylesa in the quality of the performance.

Overall, the concert was an extremely enjoyable experience and shows why Kylesa is still one of the biggest bands in sludge metal today.