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FOOD FOR THOUGHT



COLLEEN SANCLEMENTE/THE BEACON

A presentation provided students with information about how food insecurity causes problems in the lives of students through a fork installation as a kickoff to National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. The presentation was displayed on the Graham Center Lawns on Monday, Nov. 16.

Terrorist attacks in Paris generate call to action

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The Islamic State group claimed responsibility Saturday for the attacks that killed at least 129 people across Paris on Friday; issuing both written and audio statements promising that the violence was only the “first of the storm.”

If confirmed as genuine, the statements would make Friday’s coordinated violence the first major operation conducted by the group outside an area where it has a significant presence.

The Islamic State claim came as French authorities struggled to put together what took place Friday night, and security officials worried that the network that supported the attacks was still at large and planning more.

Police arrested one of the people thought to be involved in the attack trying to drive back into Belgium, where three of the dead attackers are known to have lived. In addition, Belgian police “made several arrests” of those suspected of involvement in the terrorist plot, according to French media reports.

French officials used the fingerprints of one of the dead attackers to identify him as a

30-year-old French national from the Paris suburb of Courcouronnes who had been previously flagged as having extremist ties.

Nikos Toskas, the Greek minister for citizen protection, said a Syrian passport found near the bodies of two suicide bombers had been recorded as entering Europe through the island of Leros as a refugee. The minister noted that it was not clear that the passport belonged to an attacker.

“One of the issues that we’re going to see stemming from the Paris attack in particular is the linking of refugees and terrorism,” said Brittany Gilmer, University criminal justice assistant professor.

Gilmer said that refugees will be associated with terrorism and consequently, they will have a more difficult time moving across Europe and the United States. She said there will be more of xenophobia, or fear of foreign people.

“Unfortunately, it only takes one or two bad refugees, sort of speak, to kind of portray a blanket [on] all refugees as potential terrorists,” Gilmer said. “Or at least, they’re going to be watched a lot more closely [by governments].”

The death toll was expected to rise. An estimated 352 were

wounded in the attacks; at least 99 of them critically. Medical officials called for off-duty doctors to report for work at hospitals treated the wounded.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Mark Toner said Americans were among the wounded. He would not say if any had been killed, but French news reports said at least one American student died.

The claim of responsibility was released on an encrypted online channel previously used by the group, and the banners and accompanying Quranic verses conformed with the group’s previous announcement of a major attack in Tunisia.

The logo referred to the group as the Islamic State of France. The statement was

released in French and said the attacks were revenge for French military participation in the U.S.-led anti-Islamic State coalition and perceived insults to the Prophet Mohammed; a reference to January’s attack on a French satirical magazine prone to mocking Islam by gunmen from the group’s rival jihadists, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, or AQAP.

“Eight brothers carrying explosive belts and guns targeted areas in the heart of the French capital that were specifically chosen in advance: the Stade de France during a match against Germany which that imbecile Francois Hollande was attending; the Bataclan where hundreds of idolaters were together in a party of perversity as well as

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CANDELIGHT VIGIL FOR PEACE

The Department of Modern Languages, Le Cercle Francais, Pi Delta Phi, Housing and Residential Life and the National Residence Hall Honorary are hosting a candlelight vigil for peace and remembrance for the events in Paris.

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m.
WHERE: Housing Quad

Erosion, rising sea threaten tourism

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Environmental issues impacting South Florida are raising concerns about tourism throughout Miami’s beaches and the Everglades.

Recent worries from environmental scientists about beach erosion and sea level rise, as well as pollution and water diversion, predict consequences to Florida’s main economic source of tourism in the future, particularly Miami.

Miami hosted roughly 14.5 million visitors in 2014, which is the largest amount of tourists to date, and gained \$23.7 billion from tourist spending, according to a Miami Herald article.

But if maintenance of the beaches is not kept, erosion and flooding may ruin the draw to visit Miami.

“In 20 to 30 years from now, if sea levels continue at this rate, Miami Beach won’t

be what it is today,” said Nicole Hernandez Hammer, southeast climate change advocate for the Union of Concerned Scientists, a nonprofit science advocacy organization based in the United States.

Hammer referred to last week’s King Tide Day on Indian Creek Road, a day when the tides are highest.

There were sandbag barriers holding back the canal water, threatening to spill out onto Indian Creek Drive in Miami Beach.

Hammer believes the barriers are just a band-aid that will not be sufficient for the King Tides, as they become more severe as time passes.

“We are lucky that, today, people can walk along the streets,” said Hammer.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection already

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NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

French warplanes attack Islamic State in Syria

French warplanes began a heavy bombing campaign against Islamic State in Syria late Sunday, less than 48 hours after terrorists killed at least 132 people and wounded hundreds more in Paris. The French Defense Ministry said in a statement posted on

its website that the bombing of Islamic State's de facto capital, Raqqa, destroyed "a command post, a jihadist recruitment center and arms and munitions depot," and "a terrorist training camp." It offered no estimate of casualties.

G-20 leaders skirt issue of Russian bombing in Syria

At the first summit with President Vladimir Putin since he ordered Russian forces into Syria, Group of 20 world leaders Sunday said little about Russia's controversial war tactics, which include bombing hospitals, using cluster bombs against civilians and a scorched-earth policy

that's driven 200,000 people from their homes. According to a United Nations report citing local humanitarian agencies, Russian and Syrian government bombing displaced at least 90,000 civilians from south of Aleppo in the past week alone.

U.S. targets an Islamic State leader in Libya

Military leaders said Saturday that a U.S. bombing mission had killed the head of the Islamic State in Libya. It was the first known American strike against the militant group outside Iraq or Syria. The reported death of Wissam Najm Abd al Zubaydi, an Iraqi known

as Abu Nabil, occurred Friday, one day after a separate U.S. air assault killed Mohammed Emwazi, the Islamic State executioner known "Jihadi John," in Raqqa, the northern Syrian city where Islamic State is headquartered.

Hebron remains flashpoint, 2 Israelis killed in West Bank

A Palestinian gunman killed an Israeli father and son driving through the southern West Bank on Friday, continuing a two-month wave of violence. Israeli police spokeswoman Luba Samri said the two victims were driving with their family south of their home in

Kiryat Arba, a Jewish settlement adjacent to the city of the Hebron. Friday's attack highlighted the role of Hebron, the only city in the West Bank where Israelis live alongside Palestinians, as a flashpoint in the current bloodshed.

Residential halls begin swipe entry

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Students who live on campus must now remember to bring their University OneCard with them when leaving their dorm.

FIU Housing and Residential Life has made a change from the use of regular key entry for residential dormitories to students using their student ID for swipe entry access.

Andrew Naylor, Housing associate director, explained that plans to switch to swipe entry access had been in the works since before he became associate director in 2014.

The change was necessary for various reasons, according to Naylor. Naylor said it provides more security because detailed records of students entering and exiting the buildings are viewed.

Naylor also said that universities across the country are already using methods for building swipe entry. FIU Housing also made the change in order for students to have

easier access to their rooms.

The Scion Group, a company with advisors for student housing, performed a study and surveyed on-campus students to narrow down likes, dislikes and preferences in housing.

The study highlights that more than 40 percent of students prefer ship entry. Along with other specific amenities, the use of a regular key is not among a preference for students.

According to Naylor, Housing strives to make effective changes for the students.

"Although costs were associated with this change, we look at this as another way to improve our buildings for the students. We are always investing in residence halls," Naylor said.

Parkview residents express their feelings about the change.

"I don't like the change. It's not easier entry for me personally. I have to dig in my bag to find my ID to swipe in and, naturally, I usually already have my keys in my hand," said Malcolm Jones, a senior psychology major.

"I just don't like that I wasn't informed. No one told me anything. I pay enough money each semester to be better informed about changes that are affecting me and my living situation," said Jessica Wyndham, a senior biology major. "I usually don't even carry my ID because I don't want to lose it."

All of the residential halls on campus except for University Apartments will now use an ID swipe entry.

University Apartments is the one exception because that dormitory has single door entry in comparison to the dormitories on campus that are buildings with one main entry for all students.

The change for Parkview Hall went into effect Tuesday, Oct. 13 with the other buildings to follow.

"I like the idea; however, someone should have told me this was happening before it did. I left for class one day and couldn't get back in because I didn't have my ID," said James Berkholder, a sophomore hospitality major.

Islamic State claims terrorist attacks in Paris

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other targets," the statement read.

"France and those who follow its path must know that they remain the principal targets of the Islamic State."

The statement also referred to the French capital as a "capital of prostitution and obscenity," and directly targeted entertainment and nightlife venues.

Terrorist groups attack symbolic sites that attract the most media attention for their cause, according to Gilmer. They want the largest audience to be aware of their strength, their power and their goals, she said.

"Paris is a cosmopolitan city. They know it's a symbol within Europe. It stands for the arts, it stands for liberal ways of living. [Terrorist groups] essentially attack symbols," Gilmer said.

She said other symbolic sites attacked by terrorist groups include the destruction of the World Trade Center in September 11, 2001 by the terrorist group al-Qaeda. The Trade Center was symbol of the country's economic power, according to "Symbolism in Terrorism," by Jonathan Matusitz.

Multiple analysts noted that the direct targeting of civilians was more or less randomly based on the venues, which were picked with obvious care and appeared in line with a previous Islamic State attack in Tunisia. This attack in Tunisia killed scores of people on vacation, mostly Britons.

The analysts noted that al-Qaida and its affiliates usually target political, military or economic targets.

Witnesses described the attackers as very specific and methodical in both selecting the targets and in executing victims; pausing to reload as they shot individual victims. They waited to detonate their explosive vests only as police closed in.

Hollande, the president of France, described the attacks Saturday as an "act of war" in a statement that vowed revenge.

"What happened yesterday in Paris and in Saint Denis is an act of war and this country needs to make the right decisions to fight this war," he said. "This act committed by the terrorist army, Islamic State, is against who we are, against a free country that speaks to the whole world."

"It is an act of war prepared and planned outside, with outside involvement which this investigation will seek to establish.

It is an act of absolute barbarism. France will be ruthless in its response to Islamic State," Hollande said.

Homegrown terrorism is the most difficult to stop, not the actual ISIS terrorist group, according to Gilmer. She said citizens who act against their country may not have a direct communication with anyone within the ISIS group, but they sympathize with their cause.

"Unless there's a friend or a family member or coworker who becomes aware of the intentions ahead of time, there's no real red flag that warns you in advance," Gilmer said.

To equip eight well-armed attackers with automatic weapons that are illegal in France and to manufacture the explosive vests the attackers wore, to say nothing of planning an operation that spanned six locations in eastern Paris, likely required a substantial network whose members likely are still at large.

Gilmer said that military or rule of law are the only tactics that could be effective in combatting ISIS and their violent acts. She said counter ideology would not work because it is hard to convince ISIS followers to change their ideology.

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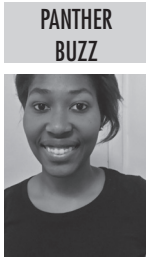
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Paris terror strikes impact FIU students

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PANTHER BUZZ

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According to CNN, 132 people have been confirmed dead, 352 injured and 99 critically wounded after a series of violent attacks across six locations in Paris Friday evening. ISIS has claimed responsibility in an online statement.

These assaults were “carried out by three teams of coordinated attackers, including one who traveled on a Syrian passport along with the flow of migrants,” as mentioned in the NY Times.

One of the terrorists has also been identified as a French national already known by police. There is belief that the raids in Belgium are linked to the Paris attacks.

France is now in a national state of emergency with 1,500 French soldiers on patrol around the country. Schools, museums, libraries, gyms, swimming pools, grocery stores and any public area will be closed all weekend for fear of a new wave of assaults.

Residents have been advised to stay inside and the border has been sealed. President Francois Hollande spoke passionately after the incident, saying “terrorists capable to carry out such atrocities must know that they will face a France that is determined and united.”

Watching idly as a witness to this bloodshed angered me. These people played no part in this war. They did not seek out

destruction, nor did they desire to torment any individual. They were merely reveling at the vastness of life when their existence was taken by an unforeseen enemy.

We as Americans have crossed this obscure path before, blindsided by hatred and struck down by malice. Nevertheless, we no longer see ourselves as victims, but as survivors who built a new foundation for America.

An ally has come under siege, and just as President Obama stated, “this is an attack not just on Paris. It’s not just an attack on the people of France, but this is an attack on all of humanity and the universal values we share.”

This massacre has resonated with students in the FIU community. Victoria Varela is the Social Media Ambassador of Pi Delta Phi, which is the French Honor Society here on campus. She spoke candidly about her connection to France and how this incident impacted her personally.

“One of my best friends is living in Paris now and she wasn’t too far off from one of the attacks,” she says. “I’ve never felt so helpless while watching something in real time and seeing deaths being tallied and hostages held. It made me feel sick to my stomach and worried for all my loved ones and everyone else there. It’s not fair. My heart has been attacked by this. These attacks are happening way too often. First Charlie Hebdo and now this.”

Thankfully, her loved ones are safe and sound and she has been notified of their status. The President of Pi Delta Phi, Griffin Dudley,

also shared her sentiments on this tragic incident.

“We are shocked and saddened by the horrific events that occurred in Paris on November 13th. Our thoughts and hearts are with our French brothers and sisters as well as the families of those affected,” she says. “Le Cercle Francais, the French Honor Society Pi Delta Phi, [Residence Hall Association] and [National Residence Hall Honorary] will be holding a candlelight vigil in the Housing Quad on Wednesday, November 18th at 8:00 p.m. for all students who wish to show support for those affected.”

As we all mourn this tragedy, it is important to note that when we adhere to these senseless acts of violence, we merge as one voice. These vicious occurrences vowed to honor God are essentially stances of cowardice.

Gruesome plots of terror have encountered France once again, attempting to dismantle democratic principles for which they stand for. These extremist endeavors won’t stand because this event is the evocation of the tireless war we wage to end terrorism.

As the World Trade Center gleams in blue, white and red, it solidifies the idea of unity in the face of adversity. The city of lights went dark tonight, but it will illuminate again.

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New class teaches faith in activism



ENLIGHTENED INTELLECT

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With all of the issues that plague our world today, can spirituality be a motivating factor in the fight against injustice, especially as many young people

are moving further away from traditional religion?

This brings to question as to how much efficacy young adults can actually have in changing their college, their community and, ultimately, the world. More importantly, can students here at FIU actually be the catalyst to the change they wish to see?

The Religious Studies

Department is encouraging students to engage with faith-based organizations as well as helping to prepare students to become future moral leaders.

A new class, REL 4937, titled Faith in Social Justice, taught by Professor Jeanette Smith, had its first run spring 2015 and will be offered again this upcoming spring 2016 on Tuesdays from 5 to 7:40 pm.

Smith serves as the Executive Director of South Florida Interfaith Worker Justice, one of almost seventy affiliates around the country working on issues that affect workers, particularly low-wage and immigrant workers.

Smith, along with Dr. Erik Larson, the Chairman of the Department of Religious Studies, created the course in order to provide students with a unique, hands on learning experience.

During its pilot semester, each class presented a diverse curriculum including a local Social Justice advocate from a different religious or spiritual affiliation and sometimes a leader who was not religious at all.

Faith and spirituality has often been used as a means to sustain and motivate people, particularly from minority or oppressive backgrounds, into social justice movements. One of the greatest examples of

using faith as a motivating factor in a social movement is Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s.

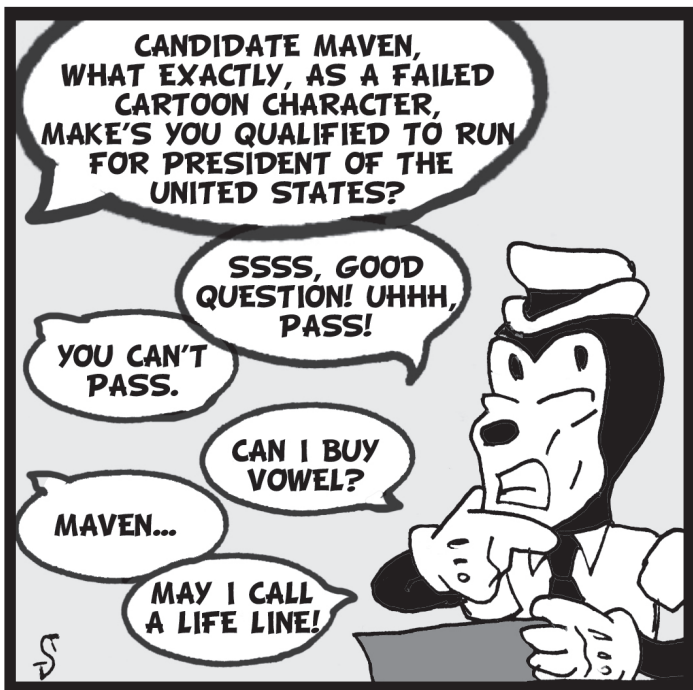
As a leader, King combined spirituality with community organizing, using his religious commitment to inspire thousands of people in the fight against inequality and lack of racial justice. Many scholars argue that it was this incorporation of spirituality into the leadership of the Civil Rights Movement that was able to bond people together into non-violent protests and to eventually make the movement a success.

At FIU, we promote the idea of a Worlds Ahead education, respect for diversity and responsibility as citizens of the world. We cannot dismiss the importance of religious education and our own spiritual endeavors, particularly when it comes to being current and future social justice activists of our time.

Enlightened Intellect is a progressive column on issues and ideas at Florida International University and beyond. For more commentary, contact Marilyn at opinion@fiusm.com

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HARD PASS



SAMUEL PRITCHARD-TORRES/THE BEACON

The importance of freedom of the press

Journalists have an important role in activism and instigating change and we should not be barred from doing our job. This is what happened to student journalists during the conflict at the University of Missouri.

At Mizzou, the First Amendment rights of student journalists and activists clashed Nov. 9. Students and faculty alike worked to suppress and remove a student journalist from a protest led by Concerned Student 1950, a group working to end racial hostility at the university through peaceful protest.

Melissa Click, a communications professor, called for the removal of a student journalist trying to cover the protest.

Much of the problem seems to stem from the concern for privacy and that student media at Mizzou might present the protests from a negative angle.

However, as journalists it is not our job to frame stories in a positive or negative light. Our jobs are to seek out the truth and present it to the public so that they may choose what to do with it.

Although this is not always the case for all publications which claim to be journalistic, and although each publication has its own biases, banning the presence of journalists does little for activism other than cutting it off from the public eye.

As journalists for FIUSM, we would be angered if a situation like what had occurred in Mizzou were to occur on campus. We are dedicated to providing students with the information they need to not only navigate campus life but also to exercise their voice when they feel faced with injustice.

To bar journalists from truth seeking and gathering information would be disheartening for us, but would ultimately be a disservice to the public.

Freedom of the press is an important right for the public. Without press, individuals would not learn about the world around them from an unbiased viewpoint. Misinformation could easily be spread by those who simply don’t understand the importance of investigating and fact checking. The public’s voice would also go unheard or even silenced.

As journalists, we have a duty to provide the truth to readers.

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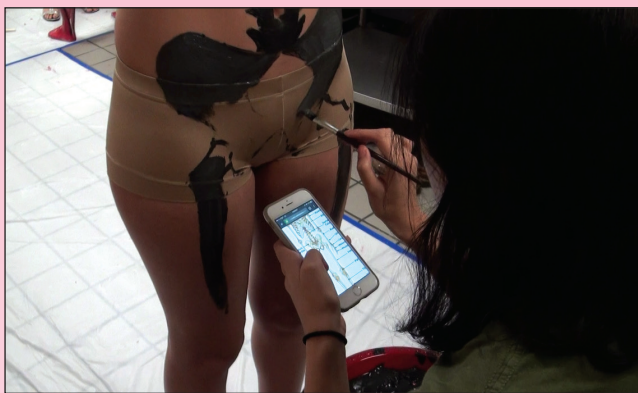
Phi Delta Epsilon hosts Anatomy Fashion Show



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Top Right: Winner of Miss Body Kristy Aguirre (Phi Mu) and Khalil Bohannon (Pi Kappa Phi) model the muscular system at the Anatomy Fashion Show Sunday, Nov. 15 at the Graham Center Ballrooms.

Top Left: Phi Delta Epsilon student Alexa Collazo paints the skeletal system on Phi Sigma Sigma student Kateleen Lopez.

Bottom Left: Phi Delta Epsilon student Alexa Collazo uses an internet reference to paint the skeletal system in preparation for the Anatomy Fashion Show.

Bottom Right: Dafi Porat from Phi Delta Epsilon paints muscular system on Nick Garcia in preparation for the Anatomy Fashion Show, which was held at the Graham Center Ballrooms.

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Pre-medical fraternity Phi Delta Epsilon hosted its fourth annual Anatomy Fashion Show to help raise money for the Children's Miracle Network this past Sunday.

All proceeds from ticket sales, concessions, donations and silent auctions went directly to Nicklaus Children's Hospital.

"It's our main event of the year," said Stephanie Olaya, vice president of finance, "We spend months putting the show together and recruiting different people from all over campus to help us out."

This is not the typical fashion show. The Anatomy Fashion show showcases models not wearing clothing, but different systems of the human body.

The model's bodies are canvases on which FIU artists and talented members from the fraternity paint detailed

depictions of what lays beneath the skin.

"It takes us about seven hours to get all the participants ready for the runway," said Aysha Supplice, event chair and producer of the show, "We started at noon and the show doesn't start until 7 p.m."

All the artwork was done using different colored latex; creating a three dimensional and textural look. Each system was featured by a male and a female model from different fraternities and sororities on campus to display the differences in gender.

While some models are assigned less intricate parts, such as the reproductive system and its organs, other models were subject to full body painting such as the muscular system.

"It's a weird sensation," said Phi Mu's Kristy Aguirre who was covered in latex from the neck down replicating the muscular system, "But it looks amazing."

The painters, such as Alexa Collazo who created the skeletal system on

Kateleen Lopez from Phi Sigma Sigma, used diagrams from the internet to draw on the models by pulling up visual representations on their phones as a guide.

The show included a performance from local singer Christopher Rojas, who sang "You'll Be in my Heart," and three special video presentations telling the stories of three children who each fought a different disease with the help of Nicklaus Children's Hospital.

At the beginning of the night, every audience member received a wristband with either a yellow, purple or green sticker, each representing a different child.

Purple stood for Melanie, a younger girl suffering from cancer; a yellow sticker represented Emiliano, a boy diagnosed with aplastic anemia; and green was for Ralphie, a five year old who spent the first few weeks of his life in the ICU at Nicklaus Children's.

"We want to motivate people to donate in every way that we can," said

Juan Bedoya, shadowing chair from PhiDE, "We have auctions, we are selling bracelets and this year we have a competition for all the models to walk around and collect as much money as they can."

This competition was a first for the Anatomy Fashion Show and was called Mr. and Mrs. Body. The female and male model who collected the most money were given the titles at the end of the night.

Andrew Bowyer, modeling the circulatory system from Beta Theta Pi, and Kristy Aguirre, modeling the muscular system, were crowned the winners.

Phi Delta Epsilon is currently in the process of calculating the amount of money raised at the event, but in the past they have been known to raised up to \$2,700. Olaya hopes they were as successful this year.

Eating healthy: go back to the basics

SDA HEALTH



MARIA BUSTAMANTE

Starting a new semester can be a very exciting time as we are faced with changes to our daily lives. Not only do we have to find our new classes, meet with our new groups for assignments and study for exams, but we also need to balance out our personal lives in order to have a successful semester.

One important aspect of this stability relates to the foods we eat and the way they make us feel. Yet many times we forget about the importance of healthy eating in the craziness of a new semester and we get stuck in a cycle that becomes very hard to break.

Research has shown that college students tend to change their eating patterns when they start school. According to a study conducted by the East Tennessee State University, "College students are demonstrating other unhealthy behaviors such as poor fruit and vegetables intake and decreasing amounts of exercise".

The study refers to most of these changes in students dietary behaviors, are due to the fact that students feel that healthy options are unavailable on campus. The same research showed that college student's weight increased, on average, about nine pounds while they were in their freshman and sophomore year, increasing the overweight and obesity rates amongst the student population.

Additionally, students mentioned that the lack of time is another key aspect that contributes to these poor

eating habits. It is very common to find many of us caught up in the rush of the new semester. Students are leaving their homes on an empty stomach only to find themselves absolutely starving at 10:30 a.m. and feel that there is no other option than to eat that donut, bag of chips or whatever is put in front of us.

A smart way to avoid this is to plan ahead and if we become familiar with our weekly schedules ahead of time, we can certainly help ourselves by getting organized when it comes to eating; allowing us to pack a healthy lunchbox.

If we understand what our days are going to look like, we have the option to leave something packed the night before and ready to grab and go as we leave for class the next day. Also, if we know that we won't be able to eat anything until lunch, then packing a snack is an excellent choice to avoid cravings and low blood sugar levels.

An apple, a granola bar and even a handful of natural almonds or pistachios can make a huge difference in our efforts to eat healthy and balance out our nutrition. So next time you step out the door, remember to grab a fruit, a handful or bag of your favorite nuts or even a yogurt and be ready to feel the goodness of those healthy foods.

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Get your Cuban food fix at Islas Canarias

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GABBY ARZOLA

Miami, sometimes known as "North Cuba," is inundated with Cuban food. From corner bodegas serving pastelitos or the family owned bakeries making fresh Cuban bread, it's hard to find a go-to place, with so many options.

Look no further, I've found heaven on earth.

Islas Canarias, open since 1977, has served homestyle Cuban food for residents and tourists alike.

From oxtail to croquetas, Islas Canarias has it all.

As I walked in, I immediately noticed the satisfying smell of Cuban bread. With waiters bustling around the restaurant while holding colorful plates consisting of dishes like seafood paella, arroz con pollo and platanitos maduros, it was certainly busy.

As I sat down, I was treated to a basket of freshly baked Cuban bread with

butter. The crunchy exterior crumbled as I bit into it and the warm, chewy and buttered center was light and satisfying.

The waiter came and greeted me with a smile and I ordered the vaca frita with tomatoes and fufú.

Looking around, I could feel the rich Hispanic theme throughout the restaurant. Murals covered the walls with colorful profiles of famous Hispanic artists like Celia Cruz and Emilio Estefan.

As I listened to Marc Anthony songs playing softly in the background and sitting in a wooden dining chair that somewhat resembled my grandmother's, the restaurant felt like I was at home and it made me never want to leave.

The food arrived on a sizzling plate that was ready to be devoured.

The shredded skirt steak was juicy and fried to perfection. With the crispy exterior and soft interior, the dish was far from dry and the sautéed onions were crispy and sweet with light hints of soy sauce.

The tomatoes were cold

and ripe. Combined with the vaca frita, it cooled down the meal and made it more savory.

The fufú was also savory and slightly crunchy. Consisting of mashed plantains, it was sweet and soft, but with small pieces of chicharrones (fried pork rinds), added a crunchy and salty flavor that complimented the sweetness of the plantains.

The meal could have easily fed two people. I was full half of the meal was still on my plate.

Overall, Islas Canarias is a great place to get your Cuban food fix. With its welcoming atmosphere and homestyle Cuban food, it'll definitely please any hungry stomach.

Fun fact: They are known to have the best ham croquetas in Miami, but I'll let you be the judge of that.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Panthers defeat Marshall in C-USA title game

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The men's soccer team (12-6-1) captured their first ever Conference USA title Sunday, Nov. 16 in a 1-0 victory over Marshall University. In addition to earning their first conference title since 2004, the victory guaranteed the Panthers a chance to compete for a national title in the NCAA tournament.

Both Florida International University and Marshall University were unlikely participants in the C-USA championship. FIU's 3-4-1 regular season conference record earned them the No. 5 seed in the tournament. The Panthers fought their way to the title game by way of a magnificent 4-2 victory over No. 4 Old Dominion University in the quarterfinals and an upset of No. 1 University of Kentucky in the semifinals. Although FIU had defeated ODU once during the regular season when they were ranked the No. 9 team nationally, no team in C-USA had beaten the Wildcats this season prior to their loss to the Panthers.

If FIU fought against the odds to reach the title game, then one might consider Marshall's appearance a near miracle. Marshall snuck into the tournament as the No. 7 seed with a 2-5-1 regular season conference record. In the tournament, however, the Herd rallied behind goalkeeper Dominik Reining and played excellent defense, taking down No. 2 University of Charlotte in penalty kicks and shutting out No. 3 University of South Carolina 1-0. In the end, an improbable match versus the No. 5 and No. 7 seeds pitted C-USA's best scoring offense in FIU versus the conference's best goalkeeper.

FIU dominated the match at

every turn. The Panthers played an aggressive style from the first touch, totaling 11 shots in the first half and landed six of them on goal. Reining managed five saves in the first half, however and FIU was kept scoreless early on. Junior goalkeeper Arthur Clapot and his back line also turned in an impressive defensive performance in the first half, allowing Marshall only three shots. At halftime, the two C-USA underdogs were tied up at 0-0.

After the half, the two teams traded possession until FIU's attack finally produced a score in the 75th minute. The winning goal came when Daniel Gonzalez served Lopez the ball off of a corner kick. Lopez headed the ball from ten yards out into the top left of the Thundering Herd's net to put his team up 1-0. The goal was third Lopez's third of the season.

Marshall dominated possession in the last 15 minutes, but could not produce a goal. Sunday's match was the first time Marshall had been shut out by a team since Oct. 19 when the Thundering Herd was defeated 1-0 by Florida Atlantic University.

Gonzalez was named the tournament's offensive Most Valuable Player for his assist and goal against Old Dominion, goal against Kentucky in the semifinals and assist in Sunday's match against Marshall.

The win gave FIU its first appearance in the NCAA tournament since 2004, when they received an automatic bid for winning the Atlantic Soccer Conference. The Panthers were eliminated from that tournament courtesy of the University of Central Florida Knights in the first round. The Panthers are set to play the University of Tulsa in the first round of the tournament.

FOOTBALL

Marshall embarrasses Panthers in road loss

JAKE'S TAKES



JACOB SPIWAK

FIU is no stranger to blowout losses. Throughout the football program's 13-year history, FIU has been on the losing end of quite a few lopsided games. However, the Panthers had avoided being blown out in 2015, as they at least had a fighting chance in just about every one of their losses this season. That all ended Saturday, Nov. 14.

The Panthers (5-6, 3-4) travelled to Marshall University (9-2, 6-1) over the weekend with hopes to win their sixth game of the season and become bowl eligible for the first time since 2011. Instead, a motivated Thundering Herd team dominated in their final home game of the season, shutting out the Panthers 52-0.

Before I discuss everything that went wrong for FIU, you have to give credit where credit is due. Marshall is a fantastic football team who is one victory away from winning the Conference USA East Division and it would've been very difficult for the Panthers to win this one even if they brought their A-game. Plus, the Herd were playing with the extra motivation to honor the players, coaches, boosters, etc. who were killed exactly 45 years before Saturday's game in the crash of Southern Airways Flight 932, the largest sports-related tragedy in American history.

With all of that being said, I literally do not think FIU could've possibly played any worse than they did. After being praised by head coach Ron Turner just one week

ago for outplaying the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in every phase of the game, Marshall did the exact same thing to the Panthers. FIU was outmatched on offense, defense and even special teams, as they allowed Marshall's DeAndre Reaves to return a punt for a touchdown and continually lost the field position battle with the Herd.

It's bad enough that FIU didn't score any points, but that doesn't even tell the whole story of just how inefficient the offense was. Sophomore Alex McGough has been having a historically great season for an FIU quarterback and he actually passed Wesley Carroll for the FIU single-season record in passing yards on Saturday.

Unfortunately for McGough, that's just about the only good thing that can be said about his performance against Marshall. He was missing two of his top weapons once again in Jonnu Smith and Ya'Keem Griner, but there's no excuse for a player as talented as McGough to only complete 11 of 25 passes for 98 yards with zero touchdowns and an interception. Hopefully the Panthers' coaching staff allows McGough to throw the ball deep more in the regular season finale, because clearly running a bubble screen every other play isn't fooling anybody.

Another key player for FIU who looked like he didn't make the trip up to Huntington, W.Va. this weekend was sophomore running back Alex Gardner. A big part of his struggles against Marshall were due to the offensive line not being able to block Marshall's defenders and create running lanes, but Gardner had just 14 rushing yards on nine carries and only caught one pass for one yard.

Gardner is by far the best option FIU has in their backfield and he's played very well all season long. In the future, however, he's going to need to learn how to make something out of nothing and run effectively against good defenses. Gardner certainly has the potential to be a great running back, but great backs are able to shine even when their offensive line lets them down.

There's not much I can say about the FIU defense that I haven't said before. This group just doesn't look even close to their dominating form of 2014 despite returning most of their key starters. Injuries happen and missing Michael Wakefield in the first half of the Marshall game certainly didn't help FIU's cause. But losing 52-0? Allowing a true freshman quarterback to pick apart your defense like a savvy veteran? That just did not happen all that often when Josh Conklin was in charge of this defense, so it's hard not to think that a lot of the blame has to fall on new defensive coordinator Matt House.

After getting demolished by the Thundering Herd, time is running out for FIU and their chances at becoming bowl eligible. This loss to Marshall leaves them with only one more chance to reach six wins.

The Panthers will return home for their final game of the season in what's sure to be a very difficult contest against the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21.

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Donte McGill goes for the hoop at the Men's Basketball game against Trinity Baptist Friday, Nov. 13 at the FIU Arena, where FIU scored 71-39.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Great bench play instigates home opener win

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In the bowels of the US Century Bank Arena, there is a small, well lit room with a long desk and eight chairs or so in front of it. At the desk was a grinning Janka Hegedus and perhaps the only person happier than her, new FIU women's head coach Marlin Chin. The Panthers had just finished trashing Florida A&M (81-65) in their season opener and there was an optimism uncommon for the women's basketball team.

"I am happy. It was a lot of fun and felt really good to play. I am so happy, I am still in the game", said Hegedus who had a team leading 25 points and seven rebounds.

It was a huge win considering that this FIU team had not won since December of 2014 and it was the first victory for coach Chin.

"I couldn't be more proud of our ladies. They played hard", said Chin following the game. "We wanna score 80 points a game, we pushed the tempo."

FIU pushed the pace all game and managed to force 22 Florida A&M turnovers, allowed for fast break and open court opportunities. The Panthers scored ten fast break points

and got 27 points of Florida A&M turnovers.

Junior guard Taylor Shade may not have had a great statically game, but her ball handling was key in the Panthers victory. Not only going coast to coast off rebounds, but as a primary ball handler getting FIU into their offense early as well as moving the ball.

FIU had 21 assists as a team compares to Florida A&M's 9. FIU also had five players in double figures, including Shade and the surprise of the game, sophomore Jade Cheek. She had 12 points on eight shots off the bench and shot 2-4 from three, giving the Panthers a floor spacer to help Shade's penetration game and Hegedus's paint game.

When asked if Cheek had a green light to shoot Marlin Chin smiled and said "Jade shoots the basketball. If she is open we want her to shoot her."

Cheek went as far to draw comparisons of herself to reigning NBA MVP Steph Curry. She only played a total of 28 minutes in her freshman campaign before she played 12 minutes in the first game of the new season. Cheek was not the only contributor off the bench, as Soraya Page scored 10 points on 4-8 shooting while grabbing six rebounds. Despite not being a starter

she played the second most minutes on the team at 29. Her pick and roll game excelled with Shade's aggressive play as she was the recipient of a few of Shade's five assists for the game.

Defensively FIU was dominant in the first half, holding Florida A&M to 20 points on 21 percent shooting. Shade and Page were the most impressive on defense as Page made all the correct rotations and Shade with good perimeter defense.

Most notable on Florida A&M starting guard Victoria Nguyen, who Shade defended most of the afternoon. Nguyen shot a woeful 2-6 from the floor and was forced into six turnovers in her 22 minutes of action.

Even though FIU lead wire to wire and had a lead as large as 31, the second half and most specifically the fourth quarter was an area of concern. The Panthers got outscored 22-10 in the final period and allowed multiple Florida A&M runs.

"We have things to work on. We need to take care of the basketball and clean a few things up", said coach Chin.

Despite all of that, the Panthers have something to look forward to. They got their first win of 2015 and they take on the UCF Knights on Tuesday night looking to start the season 2-0.

FIERCE WIN FOR FIERCE PLAY



KRONO LESCANO/THE BEACON

Senior criminal justice major Shana Dabney (middle) and senior biomedical and mechanical engineering major Leandria Ates (right) at the FIU Women's Rugby Club game against UF Saturday, Nov. 14. FIU won with a score of 44-6.

VOLLEYBALL

Panthers finish regular season with second straight victory

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In the final game of the regular season Saturday, Nov. 14, the Florida International University women's volleyball team defeated the University of North Carolina at Charlotte 49ers in straight sets with a score of 25-20, 26-24 and 25-18. With this win, the Panthers (15-12, 9-7 in Conference USA) clinched the seventh spot in the C-USA Tournament.

To start off the match, the Panthers took the tightly contested first set. The team finished with a hitting percentage of .353 and was led by senior middle blocker, Gloria Levorin, who tallied five kills.

Defensively, senior libero, Adriana McLamb, collected nine digs.

The Panthers took a 2-0 lead after trailing late in the second set 22-15. Outscoring the 49ers 11-2 in the final stages, the team was able to grind out the victory. Junior middle blocker, Katie Hogan, brought life to the team as she finished the set with six kills and two blocks.

The Panthers picked up where they left off late in the second game and cruised to a three-set victory after handling Charlotte in the final set. Levorin helped lead the charge as she posted four kills and two blocks.

As a team, the Panthers finished with a hitting percentage of .291, which included 44 kills and only 12

errors. This is the second-straight game where the team finishes with 12 or fewer errors. The team also posted seven blocks and seven aces.

Freshman setters, Katie Friesen, who finished with 16 assists and Dominique Dodd, who finished with 12 assists, spread the ball evenly. Levorin and Hogan both finished with 13 kills, and sophomore middle blocker, Jennifer Ene, tallied seven kills. Defensively, sisters, Adriana and Maria McLamb, combined for 27 digs.

The 49ers finished with a hitting percentage of .203, gathering 39 kills and committing 14 errors. The Panther's defensive presence was shown, as no Charlotte players finished with

double-figure kills.

This win completes the sweep of Charlotte, as the Panthers outscored the 49ers 6-0 in as many sets played.

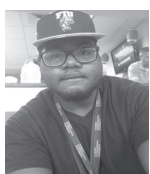
The team won't play again until Friday, Nov. 20, as they travel to San Antonio to compete in the C-USA tournament. The team will face off against host school and No. 2 seed, University of Texas at San Antonio. Earlier in the season, the Panthers fell to UTSA 1-3, as the Roadrunners proved to be too much to handle.

The Panthers return to the conference tournament after not qualifying for it a year ago. In 2013, the team defeated Middle Tennessee State University in the quarterfinals before being eliminated by the University of Tulsa.

FOOTBALL

Marshall man handles the Panthers, shut out

PETE'S PICKS



PETER HOLLAND JR.

Thundering Herds in Huntington, W.Va and loss in a 52-0 shut out. Marshall dominated the entire game

The Panther's football team came into last week one win away of bowl eligibility for the first time in four years. On Wednesday, Oct. 14, they faced the Marshall

from three phases of the ball, which are offense, defense and special teams. Now the Panthers are 5-6 (3-4 in C-USA) and are in a tight spot.

Marshall clearly was the better team and played like they had a lot to prove finishing the game undefeated at home, 9-2 (6-1 C-USA) record and dedicated this game to the victims 45 years ago when the football team, boosters and administrators died in a plane crash in 1970. The Panthers had been outscored 21-0 in the first

quarter. One of them came from a 69 yard punt return for a touchdown by Marshall's punt returner Deandre Reeves. Their starting QB Chase Litton finished the game 16-23 169 yards and three touchdowns.

"They are a very very good football team," head coach Ron Turner said to David Neal from the Miami Herald. "We knew coming in that we would have to play our best game to have a shot."

The Panthers' offense had no

answer to Marshall's stout defense, which is No. 2 in Conference USA in sacks coming into this game. The Panthers were without their starting tight end Jonnu Smith for the third straight game. Third string tight end Akil Dan-Fodio led the team in receptions, finishing the game with four catches for 45 yards. Sophomore QB Alex McGough finished the game with a season low 11-25 for 98 yards. He has also been sacked three times that game.

With this game finally behind them, they now have to focus on Western Kentucky University (8-2 6-0 C-USA). This will be the Panthers final game of the season. At 5-6, they are one win away of bowl eligibility and are undefeated at home. The game will be on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 2:30 p.m.

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Students should understand the ‘T’ in LGBT

THE GROWL



ERICA SANTIAGO

FIU’s LGBTQA Initiative will be hosting an event titled “Understanding the ‘T’ in LGBT” Nov. 19 at the Biscayne Bay

racism is added to the different layers of oppression she may face. A dangerous misconception about trans people is that they are inherently deceitful. This notion has often lead to deadly responses to their identity. In our pop culture, trans people are often represented as one gender masquerading as another.

Campus.

The event is part of the LGBTQA Initiative’s 3D series and will take place in WUC 155. The event will be an opportunity for students to learn and explore what it means to be transgender and to understand the stigma that comes with being trans.

David Capote of the Stonewall Pride Alliance believes this traces back to the “man in a dress trope” commonly present in storytelling. The man in a dress trope is when a male character dresses as a woman to entice and deceive another male character.

It’s important for students to understand the “T” in LGBT because transgender identity is arguably the most misunderstood identity and has the most deadly ramifications; especially for transgender women.

“This perception of trans people as deceivers, as harmful [and] as tricksters, is a big part of the violent murders,” Capote said.

According to the “The Advocate,” an LGBT-interest magazine, since the start of 2015 over 21 transgender women of color have been murdered.

This idea that trans people are “tricksters” often comes up in the fight for trans rights, particularly in the fight to allow them to use public bathrooms that match their gender identity.

Transgender women face transphobia layered on top of sexism. If the transgender woman is also a person of color, then

Many believe that allowing trans people to use the bathrooms that match their gender identity, rather than the one on their birth certificate, will open the door for sexual assaults to occur in

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William Penn House, Jr., Entertainment Specialist at Penn House Productions speaks at the Kick Off event for International Education Week at Panther Square Monday, Nov. 16.

public bathrooms. The fear is that someone will lie about their gender identity, “deceive” their way into the bathroom and then prey on people in the bathroom. Once again, trans people are portrayed as predatory deceivers.

It is important to understand that the way we discuss trans identity is an indicator as to how we view and treat trans people. At FIU, we should want to foster a safe place for trans people and anyone else in the LGBTQA spectrum because they are also part of our student

body as our classmates, professors and our friends.

By using language that perpetuates the stereotype that trans people are out to deceive the public, we make it difficult for trans students on campus to feel safe and welcome at the university.

The LGBTQA Initiative’s “Understanding the ‘T’ in LGBT” event is a great opportunity for students learn what it really means to be trans, dismantle any misconceptions students might have of trans folk and to

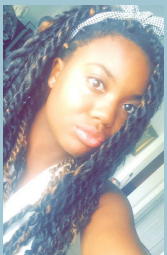
understand how they can foster a safer learning community for trans students.

Students will learn what they can do to make to make FIU, and the world, a safer place for trans people everywhere; an important aspect as to what it means to be “worlds ahead.”

“The Growl” is a commentary on campus issues. Erica Santiago is the Opinion Director for FIUSM. For more commentary, email her at erica.santiago@fiusm.com.

‘Master of None:’ masters comedy and commentary

NETFLIX BINGE



CAYLA BUSH

A television show that rings true to life and mirrors the struggles of everyday people can either go widely unknown and fly under the radar, or be a colossal hit worthy of the masses.

“Master of None” is the latter.

Netflix’s latest original series stars Aziz Ansari as Dev Shah, a thirty-year-old actor living in New York.

Ansari’s portrayal of a first-generation adult navigating the “real world” is ripe with dry humor and “I know the feeling” moments that are sure to have audiences anxiously awaiting the next season.

“Master of None” premiered on Nov. 6, without much promotion or announcement. In fact, I only found the show because I was looking for a Netflix original to review in this column.

I’m glad that I found the show, as it’s definitely on my top 10 list for A-1 shows to watch.

The show begins awkwardly, I won’t lie - the first scene of the pilot episode had me wondering if I’d somehow skipped to a middle scene. The subsequent introduction credits made me think it was a series of shorts.

But I promise, if you power through the first few minutes of awkwardness, it’s totally worth it.

The thing is, Dev deals with issues that any average Joe can understand - the awkwardness of a ripped condom during sex, feeling guilty about not understanding and appreciating the sacrifices of your parents, even dealing with friends who have kids and making you feel like you’re not mature enough.

Another shining feature of the show is the great commentary that the show makes. For example, an episode in which Dev refuses to “do” an Indian accent for a part, he highlights the pressures of some minorities to portray a certain stereotype to the masses.

It’s these everyday, run of the mill stories that make the show worthwhile.

It doesn’t hurt that comedy stars such as Eric Warheim and H. Jon Benjamin team up with Ansari as series regulars or that other Netflix faces make appearances such as Danielle Brooks.

The show is thirty minutes of great commentary delivered through dry humor and relatable stories. Ten out of ten would recommend.

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Miami tourism damaged by environment

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spends a minimum of \$25 million yearly for restoration projects for eroded beaches. Now, it estimates that 407 miles of Florida’s beaches are facing coastal erosion.

Stephen Leatherman, a coastal scientist at the University, said in a Travel Weekly article last month that quality of sand is not the same as it was before and the restoration projects are becoming more expensive.

“Tourists might not think it as that much of a problem, but people who have been coming there a lot are going to want to see the same sand,” said Leatherman in the article.

Hospitality and tourism students at the University are also taught to be aware of environmental sustainability.

“It’s such an alarming issue for our futures,” said Mariam Santamaria, senior hospitality major who has been required to take sustainable tourism and South Florida ecology classes. “I plan on working in Miami Beach. If, in a few years, the hot spot for vacationing is no longer

nice enough to visit then a lot of people are going to be out of jobs. People need to realize that the environment has huge impacts on lives, too.”

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s public claim is to “ensure that Florida’s coast is as valuable to future generations as it is today,” while the Everglades Trust states that its purpose is to achieve a clean water supply for the natural systems that feed the Everglades as well as drinking water for South Florida.

According to a Pew Research center survey, only 45 percent of Americans consider climate change a problem.

“It’s good that FIU is taking part in bringing awareness to our sea level rise problem,” said Stephanie Coretto, student in the Professional Science Master’s in Environmental Policy and Management.

“These issues are not only going to affect Miami’s economy, but the daily lives of citizens. If tourists don’t want to come here anymore, what does that mean for the people actually living here?”