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15 YEARS LATER



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President of Theta Chi Sergio Molina commemorates the fraternity brothers' loss in the 9/11 attack at its vigil on Friday September 9th 2016.

SGC-MMC discusses voter literacy

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With a goal to register at least 5,000 students, the Student Government Association at FIU hosted its first "Roar to the Polls" event on Wednesday, Aug. 31 to discuss voter literacy.

SGC-MMC began this initiative, with hopes of attracting Panthers to get registered and vote on Election Day; the first day of the three-day event took place in GC 243 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"It's an initiative that we started particularly this year just because our main goal as Student Government and the main goal of our president, Alian Collazo and vice president, Michelle Juarez is to increase civic engagement," said Carolina de Almargo, SGC-MMC press secretary.

During the event, various topics were discussed including the importance of voting, creating a voting plan, as well as the voting resources available to help people become more informed on each running candidate.

Miami Dade, Broward, and Monroe County Election Representatives were also available to help students register to vote.

"We found it particularly interesting how this election year is extremely important because we are choosing our president for the next 4 years and it's been a really important election battling it out," said Almargo.

Almargo emphasizes the importance of not only being registered to vote, but to also being informed on the candidates, their political positions in government and what is it that they do.

Almargo said, "The first day focused on voter literacy and it's knowing how your vote does count and not the misconception of 'oh, your vote doesn't really count' and what it is that you're actually voting for."

Engage Miami, a non-partisan organization, was in charge of leading the discussion throughout the event.

According to Rob Biskupic-Knight, executive director of Engage Miami, the

organization's main priority is to encourage today's generation to get more involved in government and participate by voting in politics.

"Engage Miami really is focused on helping young people like ourselves understand and how to organize around their issues of choice and also understand the importance of local elections on what may be their issue or issues of choice," said Biskupic-Knight.

Biskupic-Knight encouraged those who attended the event to take a few minutes to write down topics that angered them or got them "pissed off." Many of the students mentioned topics such as abortion, Donald Trump, slut shaming and police brutality.

This activity set the background for what followed as he went on to explain how Engage Miami developed out of their founders, now their current board members, being "pissed off" because of an ordinance that would have criminalized homeless people.

"Here in the city of Miami, there was going to be an ordinance that made it illegal to have tents out on public streets, have sleeping bags and so basically it was outlawing against a lot of homeless people's existence, their humanity and so this really pissed people off and so they began to think, 'ok, how can we organize young people to change the status quo?'" said Biskupic-Knight.

"It kind of just got started with 'how do we get elected officials accountable to solving these problems and how can we get involved and find solutions ourselves?'"

Biskupic-Knight stressed that although the general election is extremely important and necessary that we all go out to vote, especially since it occurs once in four years, we should also take into account all the "smaller" elections that occur in between since they tend to impact our daily lives.

During the first part of the event, known as "Voter 101," Biskupic-Knight mentioned basic information in regards to voting and the many ways people can vote. One way to do so is by printing out a form

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BISCAYNE BAY

Career expo brings elites in their field to Biscayne Bay Campus

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The University held a recruiting event on Thursday, Sept. 8 get students involved and active in their career search and offer the opportunity to network with potential employers at The Biscayne Bay Campus.

The event had three different sections happening throughout the day. The name comes from one of the sections called "Career Smart Talks," where students were able to learn about various aspects of the professional world.

"Students come in professionally dressed and they are given opportunity to apply for jobs, internship, either full-time or part-time and it's for all majors," says Magalie Gabriel, peer career coach.

From 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., students were able to participate in the talk.

One of the professionals attending was Dr. Michael Salzhauer, otherwise known as Dr. Miami, who talked about personal branding.

Samuel Sutter, director of front office at Fontainebleau said: "We're looking for students who are driven, career motivated and wants to come in. We're also one of the biggest name brands in the whole country," said Sutter. "So we're looking for personalities that can come in and appease to our guest ... work in a team environment [and] put a smile on people's faces."

Students met face-to-face with companies and participated in personal interviews. Then, from 2 till 3

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SGA budget fails to meet expectations

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The Student Government Association had almost \$3 million more to work into the budget this year than they did the previous year – some organizations benefited, while others still faced cuts in spite of the added funding.

The SGA budget added up to \$18,668,921 for the 2016-2017 school year. Last year's budget was \$15,852,689.

"The amount of money that FIU provides for the budget depends on

the University's enrollment," said Gabriela Millan, Student Government Council Comptroller for the Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

"The money allocated for the SGA budget comes from the per-credit charge that every student pays for their activities and services fees," Millan said.

Because of the larger budget, several organizations received more funds this year than they received last year.

Career Services received over \$500,000 more than last year for a total of \$621,207. The increase was because "the governor has a new performance metric," according to Millan.

"A performance metric is basically an average of the jobs students get after they graduate," Millan said. "Based off of that measurement is how universities get funding because of the new performance metric, they received more funding to accommodate for those changes."

The number of graduates who find work after graduation is one of 10 metrics the state uses to determine a university's funding, according to the Florida Board of Governors' Performance Funding Model available

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NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Obama's pledge of additional aid for Colombia peace deal is in doubt

Colombians may not be able to count on the Obama administration's pledge of millions in additional aid to help implement their country's peace deal.

A lengthy and often dysfunctional U.S. budget process, coupled with a late public vote in Colombia to ratify the agreement, leaves little time for the U.S. Congress to approve the additional funding before President Barack Obama finishes his term.

That means there's a growing chance that Obama's Peace Colombia plan, totaling \$450 million in assistance, may not be fully addressed until a new administration is in office.

Local races key as Democrats aim for gains in statehouse

Both major parties are shifting to the general election as they contest state House and Senate races, with Democrats looking to make big gains and Republicans striving to maintain their dominant hold on the Legislature.

Races in Central Florida could play a pivotal role in determining the makeup of the Legislature, and the pressure is on for Democrats. A redrawn Senate map, a presidential election year that typically boosts turnout and a controversial GOP nominee in Donald Trump make for the most favorable climate for Democratic gains in the Legislature in recent years.

GOP pushes back against Trump's growing embrace of Putin

Republicans chafed at Donald Trump's growing praise of Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday, warning that the Russian leader is no ally of the United States and underscoring an internal GOP debate a generation after Ronald Reagan made strong skepticism of Russia a bedrock principle of the party.

Trump – who has for months complimented Putin as a decisive leader, said at a town hall forum Wednesday that Putin has “been a leader, far more than our president has been a leader” and that he welcomes Putin's praise.

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

US presidential election comes down to issues

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The U.S. presidential election, to be held Tuesday, Nov. 8, is being called historic by the national press, which notes that Donald Trump is exhibiting the worst Republican showing among voters under 35 in American history.

A survey by USA TODAY/Rock, released on Aug. 14, shows Hillary Clinton beating Trump by a 56 percent-20 percent margin among young voters.

If this trend continues, USA TODAY notes, the Democratic Party could have its third consecutive U.S. presidential double-digit victory since 1952. This could result in a preference for Democratic candidates for years to come.

Strong differences in terms of background and opinions on crucial issues could explain this disparity.

Clinton, who has been a fixture on the political scene since the 1990s, held office as senator for New York for eight years and was then secretary of state in the Obama administration, while Trump has not held public office.

Clinton's level of experience seems to resonate among young voters.

“I will be voting, for the first time, for Hillary Clinton,” said senior Emily Mola. “I believe she is the most qualified candidate for this position ... with a background in law and politics, I believe [Clinton] will be able to lead the nation with a more focused vision.”

Other young voters, however, find the fact that Trump hails from outside the Beltway appealing. This view is reflected by the hashtag adopted by young Trump supporters, #NeverHillary.

Emphasis on varying issues also accounts for different preferences for

president.

According to website InsideGov, Clinton can be identified as a moderate liberal, while Trump calls himself a moderate conservative. In terms of ideology, the same site points out the candidates disagree on most crucial issues.

Clinton believes abortion is a woman's unrestricted right, the principles that guide affirmative action, and is comfortable with same-sex marriage. Trump disagrees with Clinton on these topics. In addition, Trump believes God should be kept in the public sphere and that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations are too restrictive, while Clinton does not support these views.

“As a college student, and, hopefully, future law student, the issue that is most important to me at the moment is education,” Mola said.

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“Roar to the Poll” tackles voter literacy on its first day

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from MIAMIDADE.GOV to request vote-by-mail ballots. It must be requested a week in advance of the election.

Early voting is also available by looking through the website for a list of times and locations where early voting will take place. Early voting begins 14 days prior to the nation-wide election.

People can also just wait to vote on Election Day but can only vote in the assigned polling place found on the voter identification card. All polling places will be opened from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Despite what most people have come to think, according to Biskupic-Knight, when young people are registered to vote, they turn up in higher numbers than the overall population.

“Being informed is always important and so is registration and I'll be completely honest, I work for a political non-profit and sometimes thinking about all the judges that I had to vote for the August 30 election was like ‘I don't really know a lot about them.’ It really is crucial to be informed because every meeny miny moe isn't the best voting strategy,” said Biskupic-Knight.

During the second half of the event, known as “Organizing

101,” attendees separated into teams to discuss a range of different topics including criminal justice reform, immigration reform, and economic reform.

In the end, students were able to offer solutions and/or suggestions of organizations to participate in on campus that tackled that particular issue.

For criminal justice reform, for instance, #BlackLivesMatter tied with police brutality was a subtopic referred to and how it seems that police authorities contributed more to the violence than act as mediators. On campus, the Black Student Union supported this cause.

“What we want is for people to understand that you don't have to know every little detail of politics but definitely do know who you would like to represent you,” Almargo said.

“At such a young age, you don't really think that issues can start to affect you. Also, if you're not involved in politics, don't major in international relations or aren't into law, you should understand that at least reading about presidential candidates and their positions in political issues equates to also reading about your future.”

The next two events of the trilogy series will take place on September 12 in the Kissing Bridge at 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and September 27 in the GC Pit at 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

SGC-MMC budget brings disappointment for some

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on their website. Starting this school year, universities must score at least 51 points on a 100-point scale and not be in the bottom three in order to receive new funding.

Millan said Career Services will use the additional money to hire more employees to improve the counselor-to-student ratio.

Besides Career Services, SGA, Center for Leadership and Service and Women's

Center were among those that received additional funding this year.

The SGA received almost \$1 million more for operating expenses and almost \$1,500,000 more for student recreation centers, according to the budget.

However, several organizations including the Multi-Faith Council, Student Bar Association, Student Programming Council all received less funding this year.

The Model UN received

about \$12,000 less this year, in spite of ranking fourth in the country for the second year in a row. They also received \$15,000 less last year than they did during the 2014-2015 school year.

“The SGA has its priorities,” said Model UN Director Ethan Roberts.

According to Roberts, the decrease in funding means less students will be able to go to academic conferences.

“The average cost per student is about \$600, so that's 20 less students who can go now,” Roberts said,

which he believes ultimately could have a negative effect on FIU.

“It's less prestige for the University,” Roberts said. “Less networks created by the program.”

But despite the potential negative ramifications, Millan believes the budget cuts were necessary.

“In the past year, there were budget cuts that had to happen in order to fund as many departments and organizations as possible and keep the student experience lively,” Millan said.

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Harley Quinn and the Joker are not #relationshipgoals

PANTHER HEALTH



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DC's movie, "Suicide Squad," is the biggest event in pop culture of 2016. Since Harley

Quinn first appeared as the Joker's sidekick in "Batman: The Animated Series," she has taken the superhero world by storm with her bright personality and penchant for crime. However, her obsession with the Joker, which has been just as fundamental to her character as her signature black and red color scheme, complicates things.

Harley Quinn's story is relentlessly tied to relationship abuse and mental illness, which makes her a textbook example of a victim to emotional manipulation a hallmark of abusive relationships. As her background story goes, Harleen Quinzel, a gymnast and psychiatry student working in Arkham Asylum, volunteered to analyze the Joker in a number of one-on-one sessions meant to help rehabilitate him. Over the course of their time together, however, Quinzel finds herself charmed by the Joker and swayed by his story of being a misunderstood outcast.

Quinzel eventually becomes sympathetic to the Joker's causes, decides to break him out of the asylum, then joins in his life of crime

as the newly minted Harley Quinn.

Throughout her life of crime and murder, Harley, blinded by love, would follow the Joker into danger only to have him risk her life or physically hurt her. Harley's devotion to the "Clown Prince of Crime" was once thought to be built from both characters' mental instability, but as Harley's popularity as an individual character grew, many began exploring the idea that perhaps she was struggling with a toxic relationship.

Unlike other super villains, Harley Quinn has a bright, outgoing personality and isn't too shy to start casual conversation. With the extra hype from "Suicide Squad," many see Harley as sexy and confident, but are also celebrating the abusive romance that is a central part of her story.

Harley acts like many victims of domestic abuse, but she shrugs it off because the Joker loves her. She insists that he's not trying to hurt her or that he wasn't being mean he "just gets angry sometimes."

A whole community of people, especially women, fawn over Harley Quinn and the Joker's relationship, even asserting that the point of their relationship is to be unstable and abusive.

"Suicide Squad" is just a movie, but many of the Joker's tactics are real ways people abuse their partners

in a relationship, sometimes without even knowing it.

According to the National Network to End Domestic Violence, approximately 7 million women in the U.S. are assaulted or raped by a current or former partner each year. An average of three women are killed by a current or former partner every day.

A recent survey conducted by Knowledge Networks also found that 43 percent of women in college and 28 percent of men reported experiencing violent and abusive dating behaviors in a relationship. In the same study, 57 percent of college students reported having a difficult time being able to tell what constitutes dating abuse.

Signs of an abusive relationship may include controlling behavior such as one partner checking the other's cell phone, having to know where the other person is at all times, constantly "checking in" or creating problems if the other person wants to visit family or friends.

Some indicators of emotional abuse are negative remarks made to their partner on their beliefs and/or opinions, placing blame on them for something that goes wrong in their own life, regularly pointing out their flaws and bringing up events from their past to make them feel guilty.

"Love is a very powerful thing, and abusive relationships are very

complex," Justin Santoli, an FIU senior majoring in elementary education and also a lead peer educator at the Counseling and Psychological Services Center, said to FIU Student Media.

According to Santoli, Harley Quinn does genuinely love the Joker and he's convinced her that he loves her too.

"[D]epending on which version of him you're reading/watching, Harley is always brushing off the abuse as the Joker loving her."

Yet, both men and women have a warped idea of Harley and Joker's relationship that is far removed from how toxic it really is.

"There's something about angsty, dark romances that are appealing to people. And I think they see how dedicated Harley is to the Joker and how in love she perceives them to be. The relationship, especially in Suicide Squad, has been twisted into this great, dark love story," Santoli said.

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THE BEACON | Editorial Editorial revisit: Pete Garcia's tenure should end

There are social media hashtags and profiles calling for the dismissal of Pete Garcia that have been up since 2013. Garcia, the University's athletics and entertainment director, is probably one of the most controversial staff members.

Before the switch from Sun Belt to Conference USA, he was the highest-paid athletics director in the conference. In October, his 10-year, high-paying contract is up for renewal.

Following a disappointing start to the season, including being embarrassed on national TV by Indiana University in a 13-34 loss.

We, as an editorial board, have examined the statistics of the sports in which the University participates, from 1995-2016 to provide an objective analysis of Garcia's tenure.

More than half of the sports have seen a decline in national performance and recognition, and therefore we believe Garcia should not be considered for another contract.

There have been four teams that saw better performances before Garcia (baseball, men and women's basketball and men's soccer,) three that improved after (football, women's soccer and swimming and diving), and three that haven't seen a statistical improvement or decline (softball, cross country, and volleyball).

The baseball team made an appearance in the NCAA Division I Super Regionals the one and only time before Garcia was hired, in 2001, and seven NCAA Division I Regional appearances before Garcia from 1995 - 2002; six of those seven appearances were consecutive, from '97-'02. Since Garcia took over in 2006, there have only been three Regional appearances in 2010, 2011 and 2015.

The women's basketball team truly shined before Garcia came to the University. There were four consecutive NCAA Division I Tournament appearances 1995-1999, and another in 2002. They also were Sun Belt Conference Tournament champions and regular season champions in 2002, which was the last time that the team won its conference.

The University's men's soccer team reached the Division I Championships in 1996 as a Division II program. The team then made appearances at the NCAA Division I Tournament from 1996-1997, 2001-2004. It wouldn't be until 11 years later that the men's soccer team returned to the tournament in 2015.

Football, probably the most-watched and most talked-about sport for the University, is probably most known for the lack of attendance at the games. The inaugural game in 2002, was played in front of 17,314 viewers, and ended with a 27-3 win. Since, the Panthers have only made it to the Sun Belt Conference championships and won in 2010 and seen a sharp decline in attendance at home games, under Garcia's tenure.

The University's swimming and diving team won back-to-back C-USA Championships in 2015 and 2016. Volleyball has been another sport to shine since Garcia's tenure, claiming two of its three NCAA Tournament appearances in 2008 and 2009 but only claiming a conference championship in 2001, before he was hired. Sand volleyball, which was started in 2013, has also seen two national championship appearances.

While there have been some growth, there is not enough to justify paying large amounts of money to Garcia. We believe this money would be better suited to finding a replacement that will put together coaching staffs that ensure the safety and success of student athletes.

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WELCOME BACK, ALLIES



Top Left: Member's of Latino's Salud interact with other participants at the LGBTQA Welcome Back Reception, held Wednesday, Sept. 7.



Above: Ashley Grimes, assistant director on Orientation and Parent Programs, spoke to guests at the Welcome Back Reception about the offerings and support of Orientation and Parent Programs.

Left: Morgan Duncan, a freshman studying special education, plays rock, paper scissors with other participants at the LGBTQA Welcome Back reception.



Right: Freshman attendees get to know each other in a circle during the refreshment portion of the night's events. "We reached a lot of new students today, which is part of our goal," said Gisela Vega, associate director of Multicultural Program and Services. "We were able to connect a lot of community folks with them, as well some of our faculty and staff."

Theatre degree 'the most transferable arts degree offered' in university education

COLUMNIST



STEFEN SUTTLES

When I tell people I'm majoring in theatre, their first response is often a question about my financial future. Everybody wants to know how an actor or designer expects to survive in a society that is trying its utmost to sweep arts and arts education under the rug.

Which begs the question: Why theater? Why do we do it? Why do we dedicate ourselves to an art form that has stigma against it of financial insecurity? Well, first things first, it isn't an accurate stigma.

According to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, theater majors gain skills such as time management, adaptability and flexibility, ability to work under pressure, a sense of personal discipline, among many others. In fact, a degree in theater is becoming the most transferable arts degree offered in postsecondary educational institutions.

But, of course, the reason why we do this transcends simple monetary issues.

"Theater is where it all comes together," said Michael Yawney, a professor in the Theatre Department. "I've had to learn how a cathode tube works, the politics of mid-century Chile,

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I don't need to go to medical school for eight years. I don't need to go to law school. But I do need to understand my fellow man to be human,

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female film directors in the silent era, evangelicals, and frog extinction. I'm mentally restless and there aren't many professions where ongoing

learning and ongoing thinking are as essential as in theater."

The idea that theater is a place accepting of the many rings true for many theater

artists. Oftentimes, theater artists are displayed as a merry band of misfits, pulling together for a common goal, and while this portrayal tends to be exaggerated, the core idea is still accurate.

"People stumble onto theater because it's a very tolerant community," said Wayne Robinson, the head of the Theater Performance program.

According to Robinson, for many, the idea of theater is to examine ourselves. It's a opening for self expression and exploration.

But what about the students? It's easy to speak about an art

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Joining Greek organizations ‘inspiring’

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When it comes to pledging for a sorority or fraternity there is often negative stigmas and prejudice that comes with the idea.

Fraternities began as a way for students to come together outside of the classroom to have friendly debates about topics they were learning about in class while allowing them to express their thoughts freely. After a while they began to talk about topics

other than the ones they were learning in class and formed tight-knit friendships.

Eventually, women wanted to join in on the action and thus sororities were born.

Before joining a sorority or fraternity one must go through the process of recruitment which is simply a way to best determine which organization suits everyone’s preferences.

Sylvia-Nicole Cecchi of Phi Mu said recruitment wasn’t anything like she had pictured prior to joining.

“I went in blind which is

the best thing for someone. It gives them a real genuine experience. I didn’t expect to become so attached to different organizations and I didn’t expect to find a group I liked,” said Cecchi.

Nelson Barahona of Beta Theta Pi said he decided to join a fraternity after graduating from high school and looking for a place to fit in. Joining was more than the parties and wildness that was the expectation of many.

“Knowing that in both the best times in life as well as the worst times in life I have these

77 guys that I can turn to and call my brothers is truly an inspiring thing,” said Barahona.

Edwin Jiron, a member of Pi Kappa Phi, said most people aren’t aware of the philanthropic work Greek organizations are involved with which he finds to be one of the main benefits of joining.

Jiron’s fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi, works directly with The Ability Experience which raises awareness and money for people with disabilities.

“It helps you grow as a person, it lets you get involved both on

and off campus, and it opens you up to much more people with a lot more resources than you would have by yourself,” said Jiron.

Joining a Greek organization has long-term benefits, according to Cecchi.

“A long term benefit is being able to transform into a woman you’re proud of. Becoming a leader not only in your sorority, but also in your community,” said Cecchi.

Theatre major more than a hobby, allows students to ‘understand fellow man’

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form that you’ve dedicated the majority of your life to, but what about those who are only just beginning their journey? Well, it turns out theater students can wax just as eloquent as their mentors.

Take Anderson Freitas, who simply responds, “What else is there?”

When it comes down to choosing something artistic over something that might be more conventional and expected, the senior bachelor of fine arts major feels that theater offers something more profound.

“I don’t need to go to medical school for eight

years. I don’t need to go to law school. But I do need to understand my fellow man to be human,” said Freitas.

This sentiment is shared by Matthew Alexander, a junior bachelor of fine arts major.

“When you choose something like theater ... you have to be sure that it’s something you really love,” said Alexander.

This impassioned topic even piqued the interest of Joel Murray, the head of the Theater Department.

“Some people would say, ‘that’s a hobby,’ but when you throw your heart and soul into it, it’s not a hobby,” said Murray. “I can play golf and I can stop

playing because I suck. But I can’t stop writing. I can’t stop teaching. I can’t stop working with artists. It’s not something you choose; it chooses you.”

After all the arguments and debates, we still get the questions, the worried looks, the secondhand fears and anxieties that others have about our own futures and how we will survive. People tell us that everyone has things they love to do, but sometimes, you make sacrifices in this life to survive.

So why? In a world full of living practically and striving toward the middle ground of mediocrity; living a comfortable life, but sacrificing, perhaps,

part of your soul in the process; why would we decide to go against such an overwhelming status quo?

“Because I love it,” said Ruki Ett, a junior bachelor of fine arts major. “Because doing something else would be more costly to me and my life than doing something I love.”

We can swing through this revolving door of

discussion endlessly, but in the end, we all have to live our lives to the best of our abilities and doing what we feel is the best for us. The only difference is that some take more risks than others.

I could go on for days; I could fill an entire newspaper with my thoughts on this, but, instead, I’ll leave you with the concise words of

one of FIU Theatre’s vocal coaches, Rebecca Covey: “To free the voice is to free yourself.”

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Campus Life gives away Late Day Lattes

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On Sept.14, Campus Life will be hosting a free event, “Late Day Latte” at Wolfe University Center in Panther Square on The Biscayne Bay Campus. Complimentary coffee, snacks and food will be offered for those who attend.

Ivy Siegel, the assistant director at Campus Life and the supervisor of Late Day Latte, said “This event is geared toward students who attend classes later in the day.”

Although it starts in Wolfe Center, the event has previously been held in Academic Center One and Two as well as the library, offering some motivation for nightly study sessions.

Late Day Latte has been happening for years, on a monthly basis, according to Siegel. Students who attend classes at around 4 to 6 p.m. are offered this small break to relax and revitalize themselves before their classes in the afternoon.

Every month, the theme changes to a

new geographical location. September’s subject is influenced by Italy. In addition to free continental coffee and snacks, many clubs will be attending Late Day Latte according to the theme.

“The themes are selected based on collaborations with other departments, internal councils and events occurring” said Siegel.

She said the planning for the events and themes comes from related events such as Hispanic Heritage Month, surveys and vendors that lend themselves to educational purposes. Upcoming themes might include Greece, Puerto Rico and China.

“My favorite [theme] has been our Chinese one during the Chinese New Year month.” Siegel says.

The event isn’t just for that mid-afternoon pick up, Siegel also describes the experience as an opportunity for students to “grab some coffee, a snack and learn about other cultures.”

The event is expected to have about 100 students as attendees. Since Late Day Latte is in the afternoon, it’s always expected to receive a small crowd of 80-150 students.

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OPEN DIALOGUE

Johnny Louis, a senior mechanical engineering major, Malcolm Jones, an architecture graduate student, officer David Sydnor and Alexander Casas, Chief of FIUPD discuss student and police relations following the NPHC Black Lives Matter Forum on Wednesday, Sept. 7.

FIU discusses presidential election

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"I agree with Hillary Clinton's platform on education because as college costs continue to rise, the need to take out loans in the future is also increasing."

"It is imperative for me to know that I will not end up in debt at the end of my education. [Clinton's] plans on making college more affordable for low-income students and ensuring that interest rates stay low on loans are some of the reasons why I support her stand on education."

Mola also cites Clinton's commitment to reducing the gender wage gap as a reason for her support for the Democratic nominee.

Young Trump supporters, on the other hand, seem more concerned about the economy, national security, and immigration.

At a Trump rally in Youngstown, Ohio, notes the website BuzzFeed, young voters held up placards stating that their greatest concerns revolved around "[the] need [for fewer] illegal aliens," "nukes, North Korea and Iran," "ISIS and the expansion of

radical Islam," national security, illegal immigration, trade, and jobs.

Some young political observers, including those who are not U.S. citizens and will not vote this upcoming election, do not agree with Trump's approach.

Junior Tomas Calderon, who cites foreign policy, taxation, the economy, and immigration as the most important issues this upcoming election, said he agrees with nearly all of Clinton's policy positions.

"[Clinton] is extremely well qualified," Calderon said.

However, some Panthers do not find either candidate politically compelling.

"Neither candidate has the potential to lay the foundation for the strongest economy in the world," said senior Antoine Parrant.

Disappointment with both candidates is voiced by both young Democrats and Republicans.

Despite Clinton's double-digit lead over Trump among voters under 35, USA TODAY notes she still lags behind former potential Democratic nominee Bernie Sanders among these same voters.

According to an article published by the Associated Press on July 12, headlined "Poll Shows Hillary Clinton is Struggling to Convince Young Voters," 18 to 30-year-old African- and Asian-Americans tend to have a favorable view of Clinton, while whites and Hispanics are weary of the former secretary of state. According to the AP article, only 26 percent of young whites and 49 percent of Hispanics have a favorable opinion of Clinton.

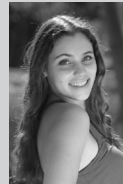
According to Decode DC, these same supporters understand that they contradict most Millennials' endorsement of the Democratic nominee, but question whether young voters will impact the election.

Some young Republican voters express similar disappointment for Trump. An Aug. 15 article on website Decode DC stated, "supporting Trump simply comes down to picking the lesser of what they consider to be two evils."

"[Whether] young voters turn out in droves for Trump or not, [millennials] still think Trump has a solid chance," the website explained.

Health made easy

SDA HEALTH



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Getting into a healthy routine after having a summer full of adventures and eating out can be very difficult.

Most people have trouble starting a healthy routine, let alone keeping it up. It takes determination and self-control. Being college students, it is important that we create a healthy routine to keep balance in our busy lives. There are three very simple, important things we can do to create a healthy routine in college.

The first is to set aside time each week to de-stress and clear your mind from all your responsibilities. It is scientifically proven that people who take time for themselves are actually more successful in the long run. It is like hitting a refresh button once a week.

It's meant to give you that extra burst of energy to be able to attack the week with a more positive attitude. There are many different things you can do to achieve this, such as: going for a long walk, getting a massage, going out to a local coffee shop, trying out a new Panther Fit class at the rec center, or going out to lunch off campus with some friends. Anything that gets your mind off of anything you may be stressing about will definitely help you to have a more successful semester.

The second thing is to create an exercise plan. Whether you enjoy lifting weights or running, it is extremely important to stay active. There are many wonderful opportunities to be active at FIU. The gym and Panther Fit classes are free

to all FIU students. There are running paths, intramural sports, and even different trips you can attend for skiing, snorkeling, or white water rafting. The most important thing is to create a plan and set a schedule so that you know when and for how long each week you will be getting in some exercise. It is proven that people who exercise regularly are happier, more positive people because of the endorphins that are released during physical activity.

The third, most important aspect of a healthy routine, is what you eat. The typical diet of a college student consists of pizza, macaroni and cheese, and crack cookies. While most college students are on a very tight budget, there are many ways to incorporate healthier options without breaking the bank.

Simply by consciously adding in fruits and vegetables into your diet can make you feel better and slowly transition you into a healthier diet. Allowing yourself to have a sweet treat once or twice a week instead of everyday can also make a difference. Little things like this begin to train your body to realize that it will only get treats once in a while, so that when you do have them, you will enjoy them so much more because they are a delicacy to you now.

By incorporating these 3 things into your busy schedules, you will see a big difference in how you feel and your success in the upcoming semester.

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Students attend Career Expo at BBC

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there was one last Career Smart Talk.

"This is my first time; I've been to a few tables and they've been very informative and nice," said Samiyah Black, a senior studying digital media. "Only thing is, it's kinda heartbreaking because they aren't looking for my major."

Another student, Noemi Reyes a junior marketing major said, "It's nerve racking because as a student who doesn't know about all these different companies and jobs, you really have to put yourself out [there]. It's like a blessing because not a lot of school have these career fairs."

In addition the the students, the employers also responded positively to the career expo.

From the Village of Pinecrest Police Department, Jorge Paez, police officer and background investigator said, "It's great. This is our second time we've attended. We were here during spring time. I believe we got a big response from people."

There were over 70 employers and professionals in

attendance, including United Airlines, Fontainebleau, Peace Corps and Geico.

"Our relationship with employers is huge. We have companies coming back cause we have quality students willing to work," said Gabriel.

The career expo is only one of the various opportunities offered to students to get a real-world experience.

"It's very great to see the [University] helping us out in so many ways." Said Jose Galindo, a junior accounting major.

Before the career expo, the University hosted several events to help students prepare for the expo, with workshops on resume building, networking and job searching. The Career and Talent Development Department also teamed up with other departments to create games and activities.

For future career expos, students are required to bring their resumes, panther ID and professional attire.

For students who do not own or can not afford professional attire, contact the Career and Talent Development Department office. They are located in the Wolfe University Center, room 255.

SWIMMING

Head coach and swimmer grateful for Rio Olympics opportunity

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With her country's flag in one hand and her coach walking alongside, FIU swimmer Naomi Ruele made her Olympic debut as she waved to a Brazilian crowd during the Opening Ceremonies in Rio de Janeiro.

The Redshirt sophomore qualified for the Olympics in Rio when she completed a time trial inside of the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center on March 20, qualifying with a time of 26.07 seconds. Ruele's coach, FIU's swimming and diving head coach

Randy Horner, joined her when he accepted an offer from Botswana's Olympic Committee to be the coach for the country's two swimmers.

"I was very overwhelmed heading into the competition," Ruele said. "In the opening ceremonies, you would walk out and there would be 500 cameras and a packed stadium waiting to greet you. Because the ceremonies were so extravagant, I couldn't register in my head that I was at the Olympic Opening Ceremonies."

In Rio, Ruele competed in one event: the 50-meter freestyle. In the event, Ruele placed second in

her heat with a time of 26.23 seconds. While her time was not fast enough to earn a place in the semi-finals, Ruele was able to break the top 50 times at the Rio Olympics, posting the 47th-overall fastest time.

"After my events, I went and watched several other sports I would normally not be able to watch," Ruele said. "I watched the USA men's basketball team play against Serbia and women's gymnastics. I believe gymnastics to be one of the toughest sports to master and seeing those athletes master it with such precision amazed me."

Horner left his family

at home to coach Ruele for the 50-meter freestyle and Nova Southeastern University swimmer David Van Der Colff for the 100-meter backstroke.

"My wife was jealous of me going to Rio," Horner said. "So much so, that she booked a trip to California to visit friends and run a half-marathon. She enjoyed herself over there."

Horner took full advantage of the perks of being an Olympic coach. He walked alongside all of Botswana's athletes during the opening ceremonies and watched other Olympians compete during his downtime. Horner said he watched all

of the swimming events he could and several other sports.

"I watched the USA men's basketball team play against China," Horner said. "I also saw Usain Bolt win the 100-meter for the third time and watched women's gymnastics. It was amazing to see athletes nail their respective moves with such precision and skill. It was fun to watch."

Ruele was satisfied with her stay in the Olympic Village; her room, which she shared with two Botswana runners, was free of any electricity or leakage issues.

"It was a smooth stay," Ruele said. "It wasn't the most extravagant of

places, perhaps because they were fitting 14,000 athletes, but it was a nice place to stay and relax in between training and events."

The Swimming and Diving team begins its season Sept. 30 against the University of Miami in Coral Gables. The first event is scheduled for 6 p.m.

"Our goal for this season is to repeat as Conference USA champions and make the NCAA tournament," Horner said. "Our swimmers have grown a lot during the offseason, and we have all of our sprint swimmers returning, which was our greatest strength last season."

MEN'S SOCCER

Soccer player and team aim for a memorable season

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Luis Betancur, forward for the FIU men's soccer team, is looking to making his final season, a historic one. Following a strong season his junior year with 19 points – 9 goals, 1 assist – Betancur wants to leave with his name forever remembered in the books.

Nandi, as his teammates and close

friends call him, strives to be the best, often working on drills after practice to improve his game and ensure a great season with the team.

The Panthers currently find themselves ranked No. 23 in the nation, ending the season with 12 wins, 7 losses and 1 tie. For this upcoming 2016 season, Betancur and his teammates want to go even further as they defend their Conference USA title.

"After last year, having a great year, it was a good turn around for my college

career. I realized it's my last year, who knows if we could do it again? We only had two of our seniors leaving ... We have a big returning group, so I felt like if we use what we did last year and do more, we can get further in the NCAA tournament and try to win conference again," Betancur said.

With a widely diverse group of players, Betancur believes having players with different backgrounds and cultures only make their bond more special.

"We are from everywhere, we are from Colombia, Jamaica, France, Germany, etc. My recruiting class we were like 14 guys, and then we have been a family ever since, this [is] like a brotherhood. We are together as a team on and off the field," said Betancur.

The Panthers will play against the University of Kentucky on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

TURNOVER TO VICTORY



Santiago Patino, sophomore forward, before scoring the first point for the Panthers after a turnover by Wisconsin.



Paul Marie, junior defender, attempts to steal the ball from Wisconsin defender.

The men's soccer team received its second-straight win of the season after defeating the University of Wisconsin Badgers 1-0.

Forward Santiago Patino scored the first goal of the game after the Badgers created a turnover in the fifth minute, setting the Panthers up for a victory.

The Panthers' next game will take place on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. against the University of Kentucky.

WELLNESS & REC

POP, LOCK AND DROP IT

Former Heat dancer mixes choreography and fitness



the women say, ‘oh my God that was amazing.’ I want them to learn confidence because as women we always look at things as negative. I want women to embrace everything and just let it giggle.”

Although the class focused mainly on the glutes, Jackson made sure to include crunches and bicycles performed on mats and arm movements to help sculpt students’ core and build arm muscles.

When students started to feel the burn she would say, “I know you feel it, but you’ve got to do the other side.”

“You don’t realize

weights,’ and I’m like ‘no, I’m just dancing.’”

Jackson is going on her second year working at FIU. She came down from North Carolina and tried out to be a Miami Heat dancer; she made the team and danced for the Heat from 2009-2010.

Along with being a fitness instructor at FIU, Jackson has her own nonprofit organization named “Love Dolls.” The organization is for girls ages 18 and older and gives them the opportunity to be apart of a dance team without having any background experience. Jackson says that “dedication can’t be taught, but the dancers can be taught

FIU trainer Tiffany Jackson teaching students a choreography that included voguing, a type of dance that imitates striking a series of poses like a model on a catwalk.

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Former Miami Heat dancer and current FIU trainer, Tiffany Jackson, wants to see your booty work.

Her class doesn’t include jumping jacks and lunges. Instead, she creates a choreography and makes students perform it multiple times to get their hearts

pumping and glutes jumping.

She includes hip rolls, ‘90s moves and a form of voguing called waacking, which consists of moving the arms over and behind the shoulder to a music beat. Although students get their workout in through choreography, Jackson makes sure to emphasize technique in all of the moves.

During her class, Jackson made students forget they were ever working out by

letting them freestyle while doing her choreography and telling them to have facial expressions.

“I took her in the spring, and I try to come to her class twice a week,” Junior Victoria Padron said to Student Media. “What I like a lot is the enthusiasm, and once you leave the class it really helps with any insecurities.”

Padron said that she hopes to gain “more confidence”



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from the class, and Jackson does her best to make sure that’s what the students learn.

“I’m doing what I love,” Jackson said. “I love when

how much calories you’re burning just by dancing,” she said. “I don’t work out my arms. People see my arms and they’re like ‘you’re ripped, you must lift

technique.”

The Booty Work class is open to students for free and is held on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the BBC Wellness and Rec Center.

MEN’S SOCCER

Head coach ‘committed,’ serves as mentor and ‘makes it easier for team to balance school and soccer’

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Entering his third season as the head coach of the men’s soccer team, Scott Calabrese has brought success to this program in little time, but has also been a mentor off the field for his players.

In only two seasons, Calabrese transformed the Panthers from a middle-of-the-pack conference team to Conference-USA champions and a team now ranked No. 22 in the nation.

Calabrese’s ability to bring the best out of his players on the field isn’t the only thing that stands out to the team.

“One of the most important things that he does that a lot of coaches don’t pay attention to, is more of the off-the-field stuff,” says redshirt freshman midfielder Andrew Booth.

Calabrese, according to Booth, makes it easier for the team to balance training, matches and school - a quality that is “really unique.”

“I’ve never had a coach who is this committed,” Booth

said. “Always making sure we sleep the right amount, eat the right things, and keep us hydrated before games, our training regiment is great, so we’re not worried about injury.”

From his days as assistant coach for Clemson and North Carolina, to his days as the head coach at East Tennessee State and FIU, winning seems to follow Calabrese. The Bryant College graduate has had success at every level of the game, and his players take notice of his commitment to the game.

“He’s different than any coach I’ve had. Tactically and as a person,” said defender Juan Benedetty.

The 5-foot-5 senior leftback owes a lot of his success at the collegiate level to Calabrese. Considered undersized by many, Benedetty significantly improved his game over the course of his four years with FIU, and Calabrese was a big part of that, even helping him reach, what he called, his “new prime.”

“I think it’s been great for everyone with Scott being here,” Benedetty said. “On a personal level, last year up until I got injured, he had me playing the best I had ever played. It was like a new prime and obviously Scott has a lot to do with that. He gives me confidence and allows me to play with aggressively.”

A goalkeeper in his playing days, Calabrese remembers what it was like being a student-athlete and how difficult it can be balancing sports, school and a job.

“I don’t think it changes, it gets even harder when you get older and have kids and a job,” Calabrese said. It’s why he focuses so much on being a mentor in all areas of his players’ college life.

Calabrese has watched players, namely Daniel Gonzalez, graduate from FIU and continue their career at the next level. He’s also given us the opportunity to witness cinderella-like moments with walk-on defensemen Patrick Lopez, a player Calabrese brought in, who scored championship-winning goals.

The first two seasons under Calabrese were successful turnarounds for FIU, and as his third season is underway, there is no reason to believe it won’t continue to be this way for this program.

FIU’s next home game will be played Sept. 17, as the University of Kentucky comes down to Miami for a C-USA battle. Kick-off against the Wildcats will be at 7 p.m.