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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
Election season has arrived at the University and FIYou candidates say they’re ready to make an impact on the University community.

Once a year, the University conducts student government elections to elect the student body presidents and vice presidents, in addition to senators who will represent their respective colleges within FIU. This year, the candidates at the MMC come from FIYou, Krista Schmidt and Jordan Thompson for president and vice president respectively, in addition to senators who will represent their respective colleges within FIU.

"I ran with the FIYOU party and it was the first time I was exposed to an organization on campus that allowed me to see and create programs that will help the students," Jordan Thompson, candidate for president, in an email to Student Media.

Schmidt, Jordan’s running mate, first got involved with SGA in 2014 when he applied for the intern program. Eventually, he began a part of the homecoming agency focusing on events on and off campus. As vice president, Thompson says he wants to bring SGA to the people.

"I feel that SGA has always been an area of the University that many students never enter the realms of. If given the chance to give students access to programs through SGA, it would be the biggest contribution my University could give me and vice versa," said the junior political science major.

SGC-BBC will also hold a few events including a forum to meet the candidates un-opponented nominees. Leonardo Cosio for president and Meredith Marseille for vice president— and discuss their platforms. "The BBC elections are totally separate from the MMC elections. We have separate student governments because our councils have different priorities for our respective students," wrote Leonardo Cosio, unopposed presidential candidate, in an email to Student Media.

Cosio is the current vice president for SGC-BBC and will be participating in the presidential and vice presidential forum taking place on March 28. "Being VP of BBC has been the most challenging position I’ve had for several reasons. It has required much more of me than what it says on my job description," he wrote. "I’ve had long meetings with administrators and fellow SGA colleagues on how to make the FIU student’s life better while he or she is on campus.”

Cosio’s involvement in SGA has shaped his college experience and nurtured his love for helping others and solving problems. "I have witnessed how this election can change relationships simply because of the notion that we are competing against one another, but in actuality, we are working to better the atmosphere of our own University,” said Thompson.

For more information on SGA and the elections, visit sga.fiu.edu or their offices in GCC 211 at MMC and WUC 301 at BBC.

Candidates from FIUnited were unavailable for comment at the time of publication.

Calendar of Events

March 24
Mixer with The Candidates
4 p.m. to 7 p.m. 
WUC on the second floor.

March 28
Presidential and VP Forum
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
MaryAnn Wolfe Theatre

March 29
Presidential and VP Debate
Hosted by SGA
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Parkview multi-purpose room

March 31
Movie Night
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Bayview Housing

April 3
Meet the Candidates
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Panther Square

Election Days
9 a.m. to 7 p.m. 
MMC and BBC
The fair brings nostalgia and life to the corner of FIU year after year.

Students weigh in on their favorite foods, rides and what an experience working for the Miami-Dade County Fair and Expo provides for FIU students.

However, the debate continues on the fairgrounds property, with insight from student government, and self-proclaimed fair-goers. As an editorial editorial board, we urge both sides of the fairgrounds debate to act civil.

SGA elections are fast approaching. Students are invited to attend debates and respond to tickets with them this year’s candidates. We encourage participation in the political process at every level, national, state, local as well as student government.

Students running for candidate positions, the elections season brings promises of inclusion, as candidates have to reach out to students commonly overlooked in SGA initiatives, including students at the engineering campus. Other issues such as the elusive Full Room Break and the possibility of addressing student concerns with the Golden Panther Express is an opportunity to be heard by a truly worlds ahead in academic environment.

So we encourage students to both vote for student government this coming April and enjoy the fair.

ODISSEAS WRIGHT
SGA elections approach as the Fair returns

Senator Martina Breton
News Director

The Men’s Achieving Leadership, Excellence and Success organization wants their voice heard by SGA candidates in this upcoming election so they will host their own debate in collaboration with other minority-focused groups on campus.

“We feel that being part of the SGA election is very important being that, this year, the voting process and allows students to voice their concerns directly. While SGA will host a separate debate on March 31, the organization feels that will mostly bring them to the table so they can address the debate at the table they so can address them at the debate.”

“We reached out to the Global Indigenous Group and CSA, those smaller groups that haven’t really received a lot of attention...” said Osahar. “[Then] within their organization, they are going to come up with questions of their own and bring them to the table so they can address them at the debate.”

The organization stressed the importance of not disclosing the questions before the event to prevent anyone from scripting speeches.

“We want them [candidates] to answer honestly, we don’t want them to have any preparation or give any scripted answers when it comes to certain things,” said Osahar. “We want to make sure they’re supporting the right candidate... not the person that has the best scripted answer.”

MARTINA BRETON

GSAW has a theme, but it’s not the most important thing.

In order to showcase the work of graduate students, Graduate and Professional Students Committee is hosting a Graduate Student Week from March 27 to March 31.

The committee, which comprises graduate, law and medical school senators from SGC/MMC, focuses on representing graduate students and working to educate undergraduate students of the work that will be expected in grad school.

“We have guest speakers come out and we allow students to present their work that they’ve been doing while they’ve been in school. It gives them a chance to promote themselves and all the great things they’ve been doing in their courses with the help of professors and mentors...” said Mwai Osahar, the chair of GSAW.

Osahar said the appreciation week also allows whoever attends the events to take the time that the University produces.

The week of events consists of a symposium, keynote address, comedy show and networking social.

“The social is going to be on Thursday at Vick’s (sic) and they have an event that night as well which is an open mic night, so it should be fun,” Osahar said. “I spoke with the manager out there and he said that when he opened the location he had grad students in mind because there was nothing geared specifically to grad students, so it’s a very fitting location.”

In addition to the these events, there will be presentations from graduate students of each school, which Osahar says he’s most excited for.

“I like the presentations because it allows me to get familiar with the students. A lot of times when I’m in the game room for the professional world, I don’t know what’s going on in school and see if I can get more involved.”

Anyone and everyone are welcome to join,” said Sizova. “Students will meet with candidates and see what they are about. They get a chance to hear candidate platforms and have their voice and concerns heard.”

SGA, who is responsible for allocating their budget to multiple clubs and groups holds elections every year and consists of a legislative, judicial and executive branch.

“I would really like to meet the people that I could vote for,” said Gaston Israilewich, a freshman hospitality major. “Plus, I would have a chance to get a feel of what’s going on in school and see if I can get more involved.”

Leonardo Cosio, SGC-BBC vice president and underconquered presidential nominee encourages students to attend as they will gain a personal relationship with their future representatives and will be able to talk to candidates about anything they are facing, whether it be with their major or with their experience at our campus.”

“The best thing is that the candidates come to me,” said Israilewich. “When I’m not in class, I’m in the game room for the majority of my time off.”

Once candidates have been elected, there will be plenty of events for students to get familiar with their new council, Sizova said.

“They will have a chance to meet up with them, and voice their concerns about the campus and what changes they would like to see...” she said. “Of course, the new council will come up with their own events to host so they will keep you posted out there.”

For more information on the events and SGA, visit the Student Affairs page at http://studentaffairs.fiu.edu or at GC 211 at MMC and WUC 301 at MMC.

Meyer Grauberg also contributed to this report.

Club to host debate on minorities’ concerns

CAYLA BUSH
Editor in Chief

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Students ‘freak out’ over funnel cake

CHLOE GONZALEZ
Assistant Entertainment Director

The Fair opens on March 23 and after recent polls, 49 percent of students surveyed voted ‘Freak Out’ as their favorite ride and 45 percent of students voted funnel cake as their favorite fair snack.

This week, a little over 100 students were given two polls. The first asked about their favorite ride at the fair and had them pick one out of the four choices available: ‘Freak Out’, ‘Speed/Mach 3’, ‘Mega Drop’ and ‘Crazy Mouse’. Students voted the least for ‘Speed/Mach 3’ giving it only five votes but voted ‘Freak Out’ their favorite by giving it a total of 51 votes.

Interest in ‘Crazy Mouse’ and ‘Mega Drop’ fell in between these two extremes. ‘Crazy Mouse’ received 27 votes while ‘Mega Drop’ got 21 votes.

The second poll asked students to vote for their favorite snack at the fair. They had five choices to pick from including funnel cake, corn dogs, popcorn, smoked turkey leg, and cotton candy.

‘Funnel Cake’ was the snack the least voted for earning only five votes but voted ‘Freak Out’ as their favorite snack. They had five choices to pick from including funnel cake, corn dogs, popcorn, smoked turkey leg, and cotton candy.

‘Cotton Candy’ was the snack the least voted for earning only five votes but voted ‘Freak Out’ as their favorite snack.

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SGA FRAMES THE FUTURE

pursuing’ student concerns

“Radio staff brings ‘roar’ to Miami Youth Fair and Expo

SGC-MMC wants extended break in fall

JOSHUA CEBALLOS
Assistant Entertainment Director

The Fair is arriving soon to MMC, and one of our own is helping to ensure that it gets up and running, and that the music stays pumping. Quiana Major, junior mechanical engineering student and assistant engineer at “The Roar,” is currently working in tech services for the upcoming Miami-Dade County Fair.

“I build stages, I set up sound systems, and I run the sound systems. Unofficially, it’s pretty much just like coordinating different things that run around those stages and the music production that happens on the stages,” said Major. Major said that her job at the fair fits well with her career goals, as she has the opportunity to work with heavy machinery and repair audio systems for the various stages, which relates well to her aspirations in sound engineering.

The Fair arrives on Thursday, March 23, and engineers like Major have been hard at work to get things ready.

“In preparation I’ve had to load out and build stages, I’ve had to run wires across different stages. Like yesterday, they had me up in the rafters scaffolding up yesterday, they had me up in the rafters scaffolding up and hiding wires, which was pretty fun,” said Major. Major said that she got her job by word of mouth. She was recommended by a friend of hers to the staff of the upcoming exposition.

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For someone like Quiana Major who grew up attending the annual fair, working for the fair is a fulfilling experience.

“I’ve been going to The Fair since I was a kid, and I always wanted to work there [because of] the nice sounds and lights and people having fun; it’s just an enjoyable experience. I always wanted to be a part of that in some way,” said Major.

The Miami-Dade County Fair opens to the public on March 23. Students pursuing the performance stages might be able to see Quiana and the other sound engineers making sure that the show goes on.

Students might remember the Miami Youth Fair last year for a number of reasons, including the heavy traffic and relentless sound of amusement ruins their walk to and from classes for 3 weeks straight. For those students who plan on attending the annual fair, here are some tips for making the most of your visit.

“Just the Tip” is a visual column of life hacks and tips for navigating college life successfully.

By Joseph Ceballos/Panhther Press

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FIU DAY

“Bring your FIU ID to get free admission to the fair

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So, is all this money really worth another engineering center or new dorms? If FIU really needed more space, FIU should have accepted the 30 acres the Fair offered when it came up with the idea of splitting the fairgrounds, voters said, but the University must ensure that “no county funds be and frankly, it just sounds too expensive: relocation alone is estimated to cost $115. 2 million to $32.3 million depending on what location you look at. These figures also don’t include the purchase of land. Plus, while the actual Youth Fair may only come once a year, it hosts 70 events yearly at its convention center and shares a portion of its revenues with the county. If it’s moved to the wrong location, the county could lose a considerable amount of money.

FIU’s expansion, financially speaking, would only benefit FIU as more space would lead to more enrollment. And let’s not forget that tuition increases tend to be connected to enrollment.

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Some reasons why the relocation of the fairgrounds would help the university are because of academic and research space, incubator, entrepreneurship, and data research, undergraduate student housing facilities and support space, according to expand.fiu.edu. With this new land, we could build a few parking garages and lots so that faculty, staff and students can find parking spaces comfortably without having to tear each other’s hair off—literally.

Plus, the added bonus of having more housing on campus! How great would that be? No more waiting lists for those eager students who are excited to live on campus, but can’t because it takes forever.

Lving on campus would accommodate some students better because it would cut costs on commute and gas, which could be invested toward living expenses and meal plans.

Even the voters of Miami-Dade county are with it! “Miami-Dade County voters approved a plan from Florida International University that would let the school expand onto part of the fairgrounds on 107th Avenue in Miami-Dade County,” according to nbcmiami.com. With 62 percent of the precincts in Miami-Dade County reporting, the yes vote garnered 65 percent support, while the no vote came in at 35 percent.

President Mark B. Rosenberg was even quoted by NBC, stating his excitement about this upcoming venture. “The voters have spoken and they have said ‘Yes’ to FIU,” said FIU President Mark B. Rosenberg. “We are thankful for the support of Miami-Dade voters, including the FIU students, alumni, faculty, staff and the entire FIU family. We also would like to thank the county commission and Mayor Carlos Gimenez and his staff for their hard work and the vision they have shown for the future of FIU and Miami-Dade County.” It has even been reiterated, for those who are concerned about the cost of this relocation, that “FIU said no county money will be used for the expansion work.”

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MIKE SULLIVAN/MIAMI HERALD

The Fair offered when it came up with the idea of splitting the fairgrounds, voters said, but the University must ensure that “no county funds be used for FIU’s expansion and the youth fair’s required location.”

But since FIU is a tax-funded state school, we’re not in a “legal position” to promote the Fair any money since Tallahasse decides the university’s yearly budget, said Richard Perez, a Holland and Knight attorney representing FIU in an interview with The Miami Herald.

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BATTLE OF THE CENTURY

Students living in pro-expansion bubble

Our destiny: take over the fairgrounds

In Talk

MICHELLE MARCHANTE

The bubble we live in makes it almost impossible for us to consider that FIU’s expansion to the fairgrounds might not be as beneficial to the Miami-Dade and University communities as it seems.

In the last semester, we’ve run many pro-expansion columns, with valid reason. FIU is a growing university, with about 56,000 enrolled students, and needs space to continue its academic growth.

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So, is all this money really worth another engineering center or new dorms? If FIU really needed more space, FIU should have accepted the 30 acres the Fair offered when it came up with the idea of splitting the land. Or perhaps we should take a page out of former University president Modesto Madique and focus more on internal improvements than expansion. More dining options at BBC and someone track faculty sound like good places to start.

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Keshia St. Louis Creative Director

Public Relations Student Society of America

If not, where would California and Nevada be? Non-existent. But in all seriousness, there are many benefits to expanding Modesto Madique Campus. You know all those parking complaints that students have? Maybe now they can stop if we relocate the Miami-Dade Fair and Exposition to someplace more convenient. Better yet, a place that will not interfere with any public territory.

Public Relations Senior and Creative Director of Public Relations Student Society of America, Keshia St. Louis, thinks expanding onto the fairgrounds would give the university a lot more potential.

“I’m for the campus being expanded. There’s a lot of landscaping here. I read an article online on the reason why they wanted to expand the university. It’s unfortunate that the Fair is only here for a month throughout the year and the rest of the year, the fairgrounds stay empty,” St. Louis said.

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Wait for it

Oh, I think you didn’t mean something...
The battle with the Fair needs to end

SAGA is your voice

Since its establishment in 1973, FIU Student Government “has continued to strive for excellence on behalf of all Panthers.” Despite SGA existing to represent students and act in their best interests on academic, extracurricular, and social issues, many students don’t know about SGA or what it is they do.

As part of the FIU community, fellow Panthers should know and understand SGA because it’s the bridge between students and administration.

To better represent students, SGA is divided into two councils – SGC-MMC, which represents the interests of students at the Main Campus and the Engineering Center, and SGC-BBC, which represents the interests of students at the Biscayne Bay Campus and FIU at 1-75 Center.

SGA works in coherence with the idea of checks and balances, thus is divided into the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches. Each school year, SGA works tirelessly to expand our university’s efforts, engaging local, state, and federal officials to help accomplish goals.

In order to do so though, SGA requires the concern and participation of the FIU student body because only we can say what needs to be fixed and what can be enhanced.

Several students I spoke to had no idea what SGA was or what it did, while others felt like SGA was inactive or inefficient. As a result, they wondered why SGA does not do more to promote their elected student officials for help, do not care to keep up with what their student government is doing, and do not vote to student government elections.

Panthers should care about SGA because we all attend FIU, and in the end, we are the ones that can make or break FIU.

It’s because of SGA that funds are properly disposed of for the benefit of all students because of the fact that the expenditure of the senate discretionary fund is observed and spent efficiently. It’s because of them that there is representation of the student body.

However, it’s understandable that students are not always happy with the decisions of SGA, which is why we end up not caring or giving up in participation in SGA events.

Last year, FIU approved the construction of two practice fields over the northern part of the Nature Preserve to which the FIU SGA had agreed to contribute $500,000 towards its construction.

This left students feeling like SGA represents the interests of administration rather than the interests of students.

But why does all this matter? Your student government matters because it’s what speaks to school administration on your behalf, determines action on everyday aspects of campus life.

SGA provides more to college life than just classes and academic work: it is a group of students representing students. They are the voice of the FIU body. Your voice, and you should use your voice. If there is an issue that concerns you, if you have a suggestion to improve campus life, or if you feel passionate about something, contact your elected officials.

Just as it’s the SGA’s responsibility to represent us, it’s our responsibility to push them to fulfill their responsibilities. And that is why we should care.

Maytinee Kramer is the Assistant Opinion Director for Panther Press. Her column, Panther Health, is commentary on maintaining one’s health during college.

has it been MMC or MLC?

Housing students face dilemma with Fair

Coral Way and SW 107th are still expected to have similar congestion as in previous years. But, lot five is still being utilized until April 24 which is one of the primary lots students and housing residents use when it is in full, so there is still a serious parking issue, even if it’s lessened. Parking has been extended by FIU to the Greek Housing Lot and the PGC over flow lot, but that’s a long walk for someone with groceries to get to the dorms.

It’s no secret though that the Fair and the Housing Fair have been on bad terms. Efforts were made last year to offer students the chance to relocate the fair, to no avail. In 2014, voters approved a referendum to move the Fair elsewhere, an idea Mayor Carlos Gimenez, amongst other notable members of the county, strongly supports. The last year students created a petition to attract attention and improve the situation.

Obviously, none of this has done more than to fuel the fight over the 90 year lease the Fair has on Tamiami Park.

At the time of publication, FIU’s Parking and Transportation offices were unreachable for comment as to what FIU got out of this agreement with the Fair and why it was extended for another 50 years.

But, no matter the reason, the Fair should have never been allowed to use our parking lots. The property universities occupy are for academia, yet sporting events and fairs take priority over the educational environment and disrupt living situations for students who have already paid to reside here.

Where else do we store our vehicles if all the parking in taken? How do we get inside our dorms if we have trouble parking on-campus and out of our cars?

Moving the Fair is the only reasonable answer. Grievances will only be exacerbated if this fight continues.

Aubrey Carr is the Sports Director for Panther Press. Her column, The Leveler, covers global social justice and political commentary.
As the Nature Preserve has come to an end, new practice fields for FIU athletics are on the works. The University is planning to build new practice fields for the athletics and recreational program. The fields will be located at the Northern region of the Nature Preserve located right in the center of all the athletic fields.

President Mark Rosenberg, administration and board of trustees supported the endowment of the Nature Preserve and the renovations for athletics. Some athletes believe this would help expand FIU, too. "You can’t go anywhere without seeing any construction," said senior linebacker Anthony Wint. "It’s good to see the University building and growing. I think we’re like the fifth big university and by the time all the construction is done, we might be the second behind Arizona State. That’s big things having more people come to our school, more alumni, and a bigger atmosphere."

In addition to a new practice field, the program is also adding brand new turf inside Ocean Bank Field, and a jumbotron to the stadium to attract fans, according to first year head coach Butch Davis. "It’s exciting to see all the projects that we got going on," said Davis. "Adding the jumbotron will be great for the fans and will give great videos during instant replays and a lot of school board and advertisement. The two new practice fields, we’re anxious for that. We get a chance to practice on grass as well as field turf." Rosenberg is all in with the new beginning for the football program and the Butch Davis era, according to Davis and a couple of the returning starters from last season. "It means a lot for our president to sign a check and all that to let us know that the school is behind us and want us to achieve great things," said senior quarterback Alex McGough. "I know that he cares about us as individuals. It’s not the first time he talked to us. He probably talked to us four or five different times since Butch Davis got here. So, he really cares and we’re starting to see that and it’s really helping us a lot." Alian Collazo, president of the Student Government Association, supported the students who wanted to keep the preserve. Knowing that the University is limited with spacing, Collazo also understands the necessity of practice fields for the athletics. "I would have preferred that the preserves weren’t touched," said Collazo. "But there is big massive need for both athletes and recreational sports and the thing about FIU is that there’s isn’t enough space. That’s the reality."

Even though the North side of the preserve is gone, the Southern region of the preserve, where it is filled with swamped grass and damp areas, is still intact. Collazo and SGA are working on projects involving it, according to the SGC-MMC president. They will develop what is called the green project, in which they will be adding more wetlands and a natural lake that is instituted with the reserve. "We want the Southern portion to be organized around and what was in the Northern part, being the same type but better and wetlands still existing," said Collazo. The SGA president didn’t comment on the costing of the project, but is grateful of the funding that was received for the project, along with other projects in the future. Even though the Nature Preserve is lost, Collazo is looking forward to developing the green project as he reaches toward the end of his term as SGA president. "The best thing that came out of this was the money given to the green project will be in for sustainability that would not only affect the preserve but all of the MMC campus," said Collazo.

SGA and FIU athletics will still be working together going forward despite the disagreement of the preserve. The renovation is under construction and the date has yet to be announced on when the the practice fields will be ready.