University students take up march in NYC

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Last weekend, 11 University students rented two buses and made a 24-hour trip to New York City. Their goal was simple – to take part in one of the largest climate change marches in recent memory.

About 400,000 people were present Sunday, Sept. 21 at the People’s Climate March, a protest held to demand action from the United Nations on climate change and other environmental issues. The March took place before world leaders met on Tuesday to discuss coal pollution.

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Members of the University’s Growth of Leadership, Academics, and Diversity in Ecological Sciences put together the trip for FIU students and other members of the community to create a coalition between the university’s environmental societies said Gabriel Benavente, an English and philosophy senior and member of GLADES. “We’re trying to form unity between environmental groups on campus,” said Benavente. “That way when we came back from New York we’d have a group of people who are as excited as they were in the march to do something about the issue at hand which is bringing clean energy to campus.”

Benavente gave a speech on campus sustainability the day before the march at the youth convergence, an event led by the People’s Climate March organizers. Shalimar Moreno, a junior and environmental studies major and member of GLADES, joined Benavente at the march, where both felt empowered by the movement and the people around them.

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Shalimar Moreno, a junior in environmental studies, walks at The People’s Climate March in NYC on Sept. 21.

Portable court replaces damaged Lime Court

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The legacy of the Lime Court has been put on hold with the addition of a portable floor at the U.S. Century Bank Arena. A week after the one-of-a-kind court was damaged after a fitness event, a portable court was brought in from the West Coast to bring back athletic events in the arena.

The Lime Court was out of commission after Raid Games VI, a fitness competition hosted by 911 CrossFit and Da Factory, held their annual event at the arena.

The result of weights being thrown around with full force left substantial dents and scratches throughout the floor.

In light of these recent incidents, some safety precautions Casas recommends for people are to be aware of their surroundings, not going to places alone and having their car keys ready. “If you leave somewhere and it’s late in the evening, make sure somebody knows where you’re going, more or less what time you’re expected to be there,” Casas said.

At this point in the investigation, Casas said there is no indication that the incidents may escalate. The individual involved in this incident, if caught, may be facing misdemeanor charges of assault and battery.

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Police offers safety tips in light of butt groper

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Five reported incidents about a riding groper on campus prompted FIU police to issue safety tips to the University community.

The University has issued two alerts in the last two months. At this point in the investigation, Casas said there is no indication that the incidents may escalate. The individual involved in this incident, if caught, may be facing misdemeanor charges of assault and battery.

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Colorado students leave class to protest proposed history teachings

Students at two schools in the Jefferson County Public Schools District, about 10 miles west of Denver, walked out of classes around 8:10 a.m. Wednesday. Many of them marched outside school gates, carrying signs reading “Education without limitation” and “Civil disobedience is patriotism.”

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President Barack Obama urged the world’s nuclear leaders to follow the lead of the United States in combating a variety of crises around the globe, from the threat of terrorist groups in the Middle East to the Ebola epidemic killing thousands in West Africa.

“We can renew the international system that has enabled so much progress, or allow ourselves to be pulled back by an undertow of instability,” Obama said in his annual speech to the United Nations General Assembly. “We call upon others to lead with the Board of Trustees.

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Letter to the Editor

RE: IPHONES WILL OUTLAST ANY ANDROID PHONES

Dear Editor,

“We view apps different than books or songs, which we do not curate. If you want to critici-

cize a religion, write a book. If you want to describe sex, write a book or a song or create a

to medical app. It can get complicated, but we have decided to not allow certain kinds of content in the App Store.”

That is a quote from Apple’s submission guidelines for developers. For the most part, Apple tends to not apply applications with any serious discussion on them. Apple also refuses place any sort of “copyleft-ed” appli-

cation — one that has explicitly used copyright law to prevent anyone from profiting from the distribution of the program — on their App Store such as OpenTTD which prevents any truly free app from being in the store.

The article in question seems so focused on trying to prove the iPhone’s superiority through its supposed “quality control” that it forgets or hand-waves the deleterious effects of it.

There are also a few other questionable elements: Why is the writer so convinced that it is bad or simply just meaningless to have control over your device and is it good to cede said control over to Apple? Why is it seen as a positive that older brands of Apple products hold value because they are so similar to newer ones while it is negative that old technology loses value because actual upgrades enter the market?

But truly, the biggest issue is the walled garden Apple keeps on its store. As an ex-Apple user, I believe it applies here that you can’t miss what you don’t have. So you can try to shove that “quality control” down our throats, but all of that optimization is useless if the software isn’t allowed to exist on the platform without undermining it all. Sincerely,

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Pescetarianism: ‘Life isn’t so bad’

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I was a vegetarian for six months before I went back to a pescatarian diet, which means the only meat I ate was seafood. I’m working my way back to vegetari-

anism, but food courts and certain restaur-

ants are making my transition difficult. Despite the rise in popularity of vege-

tarianism, it is hard to find places with more than one vegetarian option, on or off campus. Almost everywhere in the U.S. you can find veggie versions of sandwiches and burgers. However, in Miami, with the prevalence of Latin American food— espe-

cially Cuban and Brazilian cuisine — it is difficult to find vegetarian/vegan versions of their most popular dishes. It’s not an impossible mission, but at times it feels that way. Going out with friends can even be a struggle. I had friends looking at me as if I was weird for not wanting to eat animals. That is very frustrating, but it becomes the norm. Aside from the questions about where I get my protein from, every once in a while, a person simply asks, “Why?” Well, many things motivated me to eat nothing but veggies, but what mainly influenced my choice was the compassion I feel for animals.

Animals have a right to live, not to be exploited and killed for food, clothing or any other reason. You can lie to everyone about what you put in your body, but you can’t lie to your-

self. But being vegetarian doesn’t stop you at just food. The commitment to become vegetarian or vegan, means that you commit to a cruelty-free lifestyle. Two big industries have been affected by the vegetarian and vegan movements: makeup and clothing.

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Liam Neeson steps into the accident, to the recovery, to life now in a wheelchair. James “Woody” Beckham, a Miami native, has fought battles most 26-year-olds – or people in general – haven’t. Come Saturday, Sept. 27, Beckham can add another achievement to his story.

If all goes as planned, Woodystock 2014 will be the second benefit concert that Beckham has helped to organize. Woodystock is a music festival that Beckham, through The Woody Foundation, Inc., runs to raise money, awareness and funds financial resources for local organizations helping to rehabilitate, care and paralyze, an embodiment of what the organization stands for.

Woodystock and the foundation’s inception began after a paralyzing accident Beckham sustained during the first game of Florida Atlantic University’s 2011 spring rugby season. Beckham, playing the lock position for FAU at the time, recalls the game on Jan. 29, 2011, scoring a try against his local rivals at the University of Miami.

During the middle of the second half, the atmosphere on the field changed. Scudder had wrong and Beckham knew the moment he hit the ground. “I couldn’t really breathe or talk. My neck felt like it was in a pictoral,” said Beckham, recounting the memories and holding back tears as he made his way to the stretcher to an ambulance headed to Jackson Memorial’s Baptist Tower.

“I was laying on my back on this table, and they were basically twisting these screws onto my head,” he recounted. He blacked out shortly after that, and woke up days later, still dragged up on puddle, in the Intensive Care Unit recovering and coping with that fact that he may never walk again.

During the start of his recovery process, Beckham’s spirits were low. He was going to rehab six times a week and had to learn almost every aspect of living. Those closest to Beckham at the time, however, describe him as a fighter.

In his time at Jackson, he saw how the hospital’s resources for his recovery, which included physical therapists and others were limited, or old, or broken. “They had these things called electrical muscle stimulation, and it was to prevent muscular atrophy in people with paralysis. It麻mcess to use, but they didn’t seem to care about it. It was just a throwback, a film that has a unique film. It’s also helped by its star, Liam Neeson. This is why “A Walk Among the Tombstones” such a sort-of throwback, a film that has

It was in part to prevent climate change in front of people, politicians and make it plan that Miami cares about climate change,” said Van Leer. “We need to help them live in Miami, and the more people, the more possible. According to the 2013 National Climate Assessment, Miami was listed as a high risk level by 2060, threatening the existence of the city.

“A Walk Among the Tombstones” comes off as a sort-of throwback, a film that has limited more fun, more serious. One thing that Scudder remembers the decorating task of making the house to eat and move around, and with limited use of his hands, he’s put together a resource called the “Woody Pack,” a pack filled with devices designed for people with physical challenges.

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Tennis swings focus into new season

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After a fairly good 11-7 season last year, the lady Panthers Tennis Team is set to get back on the court. The Panthers are coming off their best season, but they are hungry for more.

The Panthers finished strong at the end of the regular season, winning seven of their last seven, including wins against conference foes Alabama-Birmingham and Florida Atlantic. In the end, they came up short in the Conference USA Championship with a 4-0 loss against the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles.

This year, the team wants to bounce back and prove that it can win in conference tournaments. With only three of the seven players from last year coming back for the 2014 season, it is not going to be easy. This means that new Panthers will have to come in and step up their game.

The team will definitely miss its star player from last year, Giulietta Bohl, who finished her senior year with an exceptional 25-4 season. Bohl finished the season winning her last six matches and definitely gave the team a humongous boost.

Sophomore Valentina Briceño will return as a sophomore after a rather unimpressive freshman season. She won 4-6 and she ended the season with 4 straight losses. Now that she has her freshman season behind her, she can focus on improving and playing at a high level.

Sophomore Nina Nagode is looking to better her play after a good freshman season. Nagode went 16-11 in the 2014 season, but what was most impressive was her composure in conference play where she went undefeated.

Sophomore Kaitlin Brozovic from Bowling Green and senior Yana Koroleva from Clemson look to spark up the team as transfer students. They are looking for new opportunities and better chances to succeed here at the University.

The team will consist of two true freshmen; Nerma Caluk from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Andrea Lazarro from Barcelona, Spain. Hopefully, these two players can provide speed and passion to the squad.

Junior Carlotta Orlando is expected to play very well this season. As a junior, the team of young players and transfers needs her leadership. She finished with a 19-9 record and was incredible in conference play going unbeaten. The team will depend on her experience to guide it along the season.

The Panthers will start the season in Evanston, Illinois, playing in the Northwestern Tournament with the C-USA Tournament. According to the Conference USA official website, the top eight teams will advance based on points. The Panthers will need to continue their success and will have a chance to do so from Oct. 18 to the 20 in Jacksonville, Fl.

The team will have the chance to play at home for the first time of the season as they host the FIU Invitational from Oct. 31 to Nov. 2. After the UCF Quad Tournament II on Jan. 17 in Orlando, Fl., the Panthers will play in inter-conference matches until they face Southern Mississippi for their conference opener at home on March 3, 2015.

This will be a big test for the Panthers because they fell to the Golden Eagles last year in the Conference USA championship 4-2, eliminating them from contention. They will have the chance to avenge their loss at home and come up with a victory.

The Panthers will face a rather average University of Texas at San Antonio team at home on March 27. The Roadrunners are coming off a pedestrian 11-11 season, so FIU shouldn’t have that much problem taking care of business.

On March 28, the Panthers will go up against Marshall at home for the last time in the 2014-2015 season. This will be a good test for FIU considering that the Thundering Herd went 14-8 last year and reached the conference semis. We will get to see how well our young athletes can cope with more difficult competition.

The regular season will conclude at Orlando, Fl., where the Panthers will face University of Alabama at Birmingham on April 5. The squad took care of business last time they went up against the Blazers, earning a 4-2 win.

This season, the Panthers have the advantage of having three of their four conference matchups at home—or is it a disadvantage? Last year, the team went 6-5 at home and 5-1 on the road. With preparation and support, they will be able to perform at a high level in conference clashes.

Our Panthers want to be in Houston, Texas, from April 20 to 22 for the 2015 Conference USA Championship. For now, there is a long season that still needs to play out. Hopefully, our Panthers will stay in Houston for all three days and play in the final on Wednesday, April 22.

SOCCER
Panthers lock in for conference play this weekend

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The women’s soccer head coach knows the competition will be on a higher level this year, with every game having its own weight of importance. A mindset coaches have adopted have been to start playing their best soccer come conference play and not before that. The Panthers are 5-4 after their non-conference run, which is impressive if they can carry the momentum found in games against University of North Florida, Florida Atlantic University, and University of the Pacific and Stetson University.

Unfortunately, the Panthers are in seventh place on the eve of their three-game home stand. The 49ers are in seventh place in the Conference USA standings with a 1-5-2 record, outscoring their opponents 9-3 on that trip, taking their away record is nothing to boast and some-thing the Panthers look to exploit.

What makes 2014’s run better than last season’s for the Panthers? The addition of healthy forward Chelsea Leiva and her four goals will give head coaches head-aches. The defense of the Panthers is stout and has helped record a C-USA best five shutouts on the season. Senior forward Ashleigh Shim is the number one all-time goal scorer for a reason, as well. With two goals on the season, she had two beautiful opportunities against No. 23 Long Beach State University on Sept. 21. These chances will turn into goals soon, and may come at the most needed time.

The Panther midfielders have been efficient, also. Led by senior Johanna Volz (two goals on the season), each lady Panther ishampering opposing teams’ chances to advance the ball past the halfway line. The emergence of freshman Courtney Phillips and her quick one-touch move brings a new dynamic to this team. Junior midfielder Scarlet Montoya’s five assists on the season leads the team and has even found the back of the net once. Junior Madlen Weinhardt has been an ace with her set pieces and will continue to be the player orchestrating those situations.

All the cogs are oiled and ready to work in tandem with each other and in unison. The machine will be put to its biggest set of tests beginning this Friday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. here in Miami, Fl.
Panthers hope to break extended losing streak

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The volleyball team resumed play this past weekend as they hit the road for Alabama to participate in the Clemson-White tournament. There, they went up against University of Alabama, Clemson University and San Diego State University. The team was looking to turn things around after dropping the home opener last Wed., but that seemed hard to believe when sizing up their opponents. Unfortunately, the Panthers lost all three matches and extended their losing streak to seven games, their record now standing at 3-11. Not much looked right for the Panthers when they started the tournament against Alabama, as they consecutively lost all three sets. Alabama was coming into the tournament on a winning streak with a 9-2 record. The Panthers were outplayed by the Crimson Tide, 42 kills to 27 kills, and failed to gain offensive momentum as Alabama held them to a .204 hitting percentage. That gave the team a 2-8 record when they were hitting below 200.

Things did not change in their next match against Clemson, as they lost the next three sets in a row. Clemson was another opponent that was close games for the Panthers as this could be a turning point of their season. Tigers had their way on the offensive and defensive end. The only difference in this match was that the Panthers were able to stay in these sets and have a chance to win. But they weren’t able to close out sets and take commanding leads as the unforced errors came back to haunt them. This was another rough tournament to handle for the Panthers as they lost all three matches and got swept in each one.

What hurt the Panthers in this match most were unforced errors. For example, serves of the ball into the net and hitting out of bounds. If such was avoided, the Panthers would’ve had a fighting chance. On the last day of the tournament, the Panthers were looking to salvage a win against fellow struggling team, San Diego State. The Aztecs had a losing record of 4-6 and it seemed like a game where the Panthers could be victorious. As luck would have it, the Panthers did not win a single set again.

The key matchup for this game will be Beaver for Marshall and junior Panther Gloria Levori. Levori has been on a hot streak, stepping up her game whenever junior co-captain Lucia Castro hasn’t been.

On a brighter note, this was the last non-conference tournament and from here on out it will be only conference play. The Panthers will have one non-conference competition on their website, which was not affiliated with CrossFit Inc.

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Area construction postponed, temporary court arrives

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As a result, the volleyball team was forced to play their next match at the Rec Center, while the men’s basketball team was forced to practice on a side practice court inside the arena. The Raid Games had originally attempted to hold their event at the Rec Center but were declined entrance after concerns of the protection of the indoor courts. Though described as a CrossFit competition on their website, the event was not affiliated with CrossFit Inc.

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New Knight Innovator in Residence joins FIU

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A new figure responsible for designing workshops, organizing classes and hosting lectures on the use of social and digital media joined the University. Alex de Carvalho, currently named the Knight Innovator in Residence and founder of The Startup Forum, has a gameplay for students looking to explore opportunities in the digital world.

As social media sites increasingly provide a medium for young professionals to build portfolios, platforms like Facebook and Twitter are more often used for selling one’s professional image.

“Social media offers a way for you to create a name for yourself,” said de Carvalho.

On Monday, Sept. 22, students and faculty welcomed de Carvalho in Panther Square. During the event, he gave a speech on his plans as Knight Innovator, followed by a question and answer period and light snacks.

De Carvalho said students can use the web for more than just personal and private connections. As a volunteer of nonprofit organizations like Feynlab, a computer science program for young adults, he can use the Internet as a gateway for both profitable and voluntary projects.

He helped coordinate Ignite Miami, a technology event for entrepreneurs to showcase solutions to global and social issues with a five-minute presentation.

De Carvalho also co-wrote “Securing the Click: Networking Security in the Age of Social Media,” served on the Board of Directors of the New Leaders Council, and was the Regional Development Director for Constant Contact South Florida, a web-based marketing company.

“You have to create your own startup, your own project and your own brand to see what works and what doesn’t,” he said.

He also advised students to keep separate social media accounts for personal and professional inquiries.

As the Knight Innovator in Residence, de Carvalho hopes to expose students to a world where social media can be used to express individualism and professionalism.

SGC-BBC keeps students informed on voting

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The battle between Republican Gov. Rick Scott and Republican-turned-Democrat former Gov. Charlie Crist is almost at a standstill.

According to a Quinnipiac University poll released on Wednesday, Sept. 24 and published in the Miami Herald, 44 percent of likely voters prefer Scott, and 42 percent prefer Crist, while 8 percent say they’ll vote for Libertarian Adrian Wylie.

Election officials and candidates are now looking for new ways to bring voters to the polls.

On Tuesday Sept. 22, Florida’s 67 election supervisors released a report calling on the state legislature to find new ways to promote online voter registration; however, that system might not come into play until 2016, according to The Miami Herald report.

Ashley Reid, the Biscayne Bay Student Government Council Comptroller and senior biology major, also has her eyes set on improving the voter turnout numbers among students; and equally as important, she’s looking for ways to inform voters on who exactly is running and where they stand politically.

On Oct. 27 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wolfe Center Ballrooms, SGC will host a Know Your Vote information session, where candidates from the City of North Miami, Aventura and Miami Gardens, will have the chance speak to students on their political aspirations.

“We want to know, what are you doing to improve crime rates? What are you doing to be sure your city is safe? What are you doing as far as education?” said Reid. “Things that citizens on a daily basis think about.”

The atmosphere of the event should be light, according to Reid, but adds that, “everyone will have the time to speak about their [political] stance, and at the end there will be questions.”

Along with Know Your Vote, Reid and SGC-BBC have been registering students to vote on campus. Voter registration began on Sept. 22 and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., members of SGC-BBC will be tabling throughout the Wolfe Center.

“We’re asking the students if they’re registered to vote, and if not, we have a system connected through the iPAD called Turbo Vote.”

Turbo vote, a project launched by a nonprofit and nonprofit called Democracy Works, sends voter information straight to the supervisor of elections for Miami-Dade, Penelope Townsley.

Democracy Works is an organization looking to bring the awesomeness of the Internet to the process of democracy. TurboVote was launched in September 2010.

Students can also register to vote with paper forms, and SGC will provide pre-stamped envelopes that students can mail in.

Adventure X shows why BBC is the place to be

FLU has always been an institution that honors the environment that surrounds it.

Especially the Biscayne Bay Campus with the Adventure X series hosted by the Career Development Center. Recreation and Sport Services is an exciting way to meet new people, take new classes and have fun.

The program consists of day kayaking, night kayaking, day paddleboarding and night paddleboarding.

Adventure X programs take participants across the Biscayne Bay surrounding BBC, and immerses them in the wildlife that inhabits the beautiful Oleta River State Park.

Lifeguards show participants how to maneuver all the equipment at the kayak launch behind the University’s Biscayne Bay Aquatic Center, while reviewing safety measures in case of emergencies.

Whether it’s a friendly dolphin, a soaring ibis or hungry raccoon, the bay’s brackish water and uninhabited islands give a wonderful experience to anyone who enjoy the wildlife and nature of South Florida.

No experience is needed to participate in any of the events.

Registration for Adventure X programs is on www.active.com.

The first kayaking trip is at 10 a.m. and the second at noon. Paddleboarding trips are at 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

University students and faculty pay $5 and community members pay $10.

Due to the program’s popularity, all trips for Kayak Day on the Bay on Sept. 27 are sold out, along with other upcoming Adventure X trips.

However, on Sept. 28, registration for the last day-kayaking trip of the season -- which will take place Oct. 25 -- will open.

The same applies for all other excursions.

No personal kayaks are allowed on the trip, but refreshments and bottled water are welcomed.

Arrive on time, because once the boats reach the water, the journey begins. Once on the water, rec center lifeguards will guide the journey of a lifetime.

Miami’s beautiful blue skies pave the trail to wonders many South Florida residents never knew existed.

Dolphins and terrapin have been spotted by former groups, as well birds swooping in for a midday lunch.

Be ready to get wet, as areas of the bay include a sandbar and Beer Can Island, a popular leisure site for locals and tourists alike.

Disembark the tandem kayak onto the scenic island to peer over city and residential buildings and the campus from a memorable vantage point.

Adventure X will also bring kayak trips to students who want the experience of paddling under the stars.

Nature has different novelties during the very season of the day, so don’t miss out on the last trips of the season.