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.

Members of the University’s Growth of Leadership, Academics, and Environmental studies 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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Portable court replaces damaged Lime Court

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The legacy of the Lime 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 in the arena.

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

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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 month to warn students about the “FIU booty bandit,” as the unknown suspect or suspects are named by social media, who has been grabbing girls’ buttocks while passing on his bicycle at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

The last two assaults happened this last weekend.

When the department sent out alerts regarding the presence of the assailant, some students responded quickly.

“Both times we issued the communications 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.

“Assault would be the attempted unlawful touching and battery would be the actual unlawful touching,” he said.

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President Barack Obama urged the world’s nations to unite to help stop the spread of the virus that has killed 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 join us on the right side of history.”

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**Brain cancer prompts Priority List**

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With a diagnosis of stage-four brain cancer, University alum and past high school English teacher, David Menasche, has traveled across America to find that his students have been marked by his teaching legacy.

For fifteen years at high school Coral Reef, Menasche not only taught English, but also important life lessons.

He created a list, which he later called the Priority List, that contains 20 different ideas, such as love, victory, honor, respect, sex, adventure, wealth, fun, family and friends.

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“[You want] to make sure that your students are better people at the end of your class than they were at the beginning,” said Menasche at a FIU Center for Leadership and FIU Honors College lecture on Tuesday.

“Problem was, I didn’t know how they were at the beginning of class.”

He needed a quick assessment that would allow him to know his students on a deeper level rather than just by their looks and “overskipping on a scrap of conversation,” said Menasche.

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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 pescetarian diet, which means the only meat I ate was seafood. I’m working my way back to vegetarianism, but food courts and certain restaurants are making my transition difficult.

Despite the rise in popularity of vegetarianism, 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—especially 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 from eating.

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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Looking to save on food, too? Prepare veggie meals at home and bring them on the go, so you always have a healthy meal, without spending a fortune or skipping meals.

As a vegetarian/vegan, you learn to adjust.

You find communities who understand how you sacrificed something that was ingrained in you since childhood—something that seemed delicious for so long.

Those are the people you form a special bond with. They understand your decision to stop supporting the mass slaughter of animals.

Life isn’t so bad as a pescitarian and a soon-to-be vegetarian. The vegetarian/vegan community and its impact make it worth it.
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Sports

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 ten, including wins against conference foes Alabama at 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 Bobu, who finished her senior year with an exceptional 25-4 season. Bobu 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 went 4-16 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 compose in conference play where she went undefeated.

Sophomore Katlin Browovich 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 Lazaro from Barcelona, Spain. Hopefully, these new 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 from Friday, Sept. 26, to Sunday, Sept. 28. After doing well in last year’s Intercollegiate Tennis Association Southeast Regionals, the Panthers want to continue their success and will have a chance to do so from Oct. 18 to 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 away 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 average their lost 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 5-4 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.

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 holding 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, University of the Pacific and Stetson University.

Beginning for the Panthers on Friday, Sept. 26, is Conference USA play. These games are the ones that matter for any C-USA team if they wish to advance into the C-USA Tournament. According to the Conference USA official website, the top eight teams will advance based on points. Head Coach Thomas Chretunts and his team will see 10 C-USA opponents from Sept. 26 to Oct. 30. Against C-USA opponents, the Panthers are an impressive 43-35-7. Last season, they went 5-6, a 1-2 away record is nothing to boast and something 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 10 all-time goalscorer 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. 19. 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 is hampering opposing teams’ chances to advance the ball past the halfway mark. 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 Volz and Shim and his team. The machine will be put to its biggest set of tests beginning this Friday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. here in Miami, Fl.
The Panthers will have one opponent on Marshall University this weekend as they hit the road for Ala. to participate in the Crimson-White tournament. There, they went up against University of Alabama at Birmingham Blazers. Kickoff is set for 1:00 p.m., and the game will be broadcast live on the new American Sports Network.

"It was nice having four straight home games," said Coach Ron Turner. "But now it’s time to go on the road and it shouldn’t factor in at all how we play. We’re gonna prepare the same way and stay focused."

On top of their first road game, Saturday also marks the beginning of conference play for the Panthers. The Panthers finished 1-7 in CUSA play last year; their lone win coming in week 5 against University of Southern Mississippi.

The Panthers come into Saturday with the top defense in Conference USA— allowing just over 300 yards-per-game. Senior safety Demarquis Perkins leads the Panthers with 29 tackles this year. He tallied a career-high 12 tackles in the loss to Louisville.

On the front lines, the Panthers are led by junior defensive end Michael Wakefield. Wakefield is among the nation’s leaders in sacks, with 4.5. He had two sacks on Saturday, against Louisville, and would’ve had three, had the referees not ruled that Cardinals sophomore quarterback Will Gardner make it back to the bottom of the conference with only 12.3 points per game.

“We’ll prepare for them just like we do anybody else,” said Turner. “First of all we focus on ourselves. It’s a 60-40 all-time against the Blazers. Their lone matchup was last season, where FIU fell 27-24 despite recording a season-high 306 yards. The Panthers will try and hand the Blazers their second loss of the 2014 season. They’re obviously a very good team, very well coached. They score a lot of points. They play good defense. They play hard and fast,” Turner said. “We’re gonna go out and play our best game; which we haven’t done yet.”

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### Panthers hope to break extended losing streak

The volleyball team resumed play this past weekend as they hit the road for Ala. to participate in the Crimson-White tournament. There, they went up against University of Alabama at Birmingham Blazers. Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m., and the game will be broadcast live on the new American Sports Network.

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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, recently named the Knight Innovator in Residence and founder of The Startup Forum, has a gameplan for 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 attest the Internet is 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 for 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 Wyllie.

Electoral 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 bring voters to the polls.

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 beautify your city? 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 TurboVote.”

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

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

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

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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.

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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.

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