University ups ante on sexual violence awareness

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A phone call, a text and an email in a span of ten minutes on Sept. 4: that’s how the University notified students of the most recent incident involving the bicyclist who grabs women’s behinds at night on campus.

“One or two separate occasions, an unknown male on a bicycle has grabbed two females’ buttocks at the Modesto Masidique Campus. Contact FIUPD if you have any information,” read the text alert.

This new use of the alert system in an incident of sexual harassment is part of the University’s plan to adhere to the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act.

Campus SaVE requires all universities and colleges in the United States that participate in the federal student aid program to increase awareness and transparency about sexual violence on campus.

“The fact that the University notified us about just a groping incident lets me know that the University takes this issue very seriously,” said Lorena Rivero, a senior majoring in dietetics and nutrition.

Campus SaVE was introduced in 2013, and the University is required to implement its new plans for education and notification about sexual violence by Oct. 1.

The University already has extensive programs in place that teach students how to protect themselves from sexual violence and offer counseling to victims, all of which are included in the cost of tuition.

The services can be sought out at any time during the year.

In April, since it’s Sexual Assault Awareness Month, the Women’s Center at FIU hosts a march and rally to raise awareness about sexual violence called “Take Back the Night.” Throughout the year, the Center provides other programs and services, such as the monthly “Wild Succulent Women” forum to help men and women “improve their lives,” as mentioned on their site.

Through the Office of Counseling and Psychological Services, students can seek advice and services for any emotional issues, mental health issues, stress counseling or even just someone to talk to after a harrowing exam.

Students can visit CAPS any time during the day for a walk-in counseling session with a University psychologist who will evaluate their needs and refer them to the right services on campus.

Students seeking advice or counseling on sexual violence issues are referred to the University’s Victim Empowerment Program.

“We are focused on trauma-sensitive practices, and we work with anyone who comes in citing that they’ve been assaulted, are dealing with a stalking incident, are past victims of abuse and so on,” said VEP victim advocate counselor Lisa Simpson. As a victim advocate, Simpson offers psychological counseling, escorts students to rape trauma treatment at Jackson Memorial Hospital, assists with on-campus housing arrangements for students who experience abuse at home and helps those who wish to press charges against their attacker.

VEP also hosts events on campus to educate students about how they can protect themselves from sexual violence and harassment.

“We try to make sex education appealing to students. For instance, we designed the T-shirts you see around campus that say ‘I mustache for consent,’” said Wendy Orzótey, VEP’s coordinator of outreach and educational media.

Between Sept. 15 and Sept. 24, VEP

Professor finds link to better grades

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Tia DeCerbo, sophomore special education major, does not worry about taking sloppy notes, instead just rushes to assure she gets all the information a professor is spitting out.

“Einstein didn’t have the best handwriting, but he was still a genius,” she said.

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Mexico becoming a major force in world’s automotive industry

It might be a stretch to describe Aguascalientes in north-central Mexico as the new Detroit. But it wouldn’t be a huge stretch. Mexico’s automotive sector is on the rise, and Aguascalientes is one of several cities primed by foreign car manufacturers to rev up its engines. Once a sleepy railway town, Aguascalientes now hosts two massive auto plants and a third on the way. “We’re going to produce 1.1 million vehicles just in Aguascalientes by 2020,” said Rodolfo Esan Garza de Vega, head of economic development in the state. Nearly every major global automaker now either builds in Mexico or plans to erect an assembly plant in the country. Billions in investment have arrived. Mexico has leapfrogged other auto producing nations. In 2009, Mexico was the world’s 10th largest auto producer. But it’s soared past Spain and France, and earlier this year it surged past Brazil to become the world’s No. 7 automaker.

Rural ‘no’ votes appear to doom dream of Scottish independence

The United Kingdom appeared early Friday to have survived the threat of being ripped apart, as early vote returns showed Scottish voters rejecting independence. The first returns from Thursday’s balloting, coming from the rural district of Clackmannanshire, showed a surprising 54 percent of the electorate had been counted on to vote in favor of independence. The first returns from Thursday’s early vote returns showed Scottish voters rejecting independence. The women’s center, CAPS and VEP are located at both MMC and Biscayne Bay Campus, and all services are free and confidential for students and faculty.

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SaVE Act increases University standards for handling sexual violence

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will host their annual Red Zone events, which are designed to prepare students for the first six weeks of the semester, when students are most likely to experience sexual assault on campus.

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Study: good handwriting leads to better grades

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Because of today’s digital era, fine motor and handwriting have been pushed to the back seat to make room for more technological guidelines in Common Core standards of elementary education. DeZebo, who has chosen to dedicate her future career in helping special needs children develop successfully, believes fine motor skills hold therapeutic values that can especially aid progress in physical strength.

Although elementary education holds a great gap to college education, handwriting versus technology based guidelines affect post institutions today. Most professors now lean on technology for submitting assignments. Joseph Lichter, undergraduate instructor, assigns written work when asking students to solve problems, but when it comes to essays will always opt for the computer-based assignments. “The reason I do so is not just because of legibility, but also because it is the way we think today,” he said. According to Dinehart, we depend on technology for so much, that we lose sight of why it is essential to learn grammar, spelling and having well-controlled handwriting.

Nevertheless, she agrees technology can be utilized to promote better fine motor skills.

“We have to stop thinking about these things [technology and traditional handwriting] as being against each other,” said Dinehart.

Career Services hosts resume critique events for students

The Career Services office is hosting a series of events for students to improve their resumes on campus.

Professionals will visit both University campuses to critique student resumes so students can improve and enhance them.

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iPhones will outlast any Android phones

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With the Sept. 19 release of the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus, the timesless “iPhone vs. Android” argument has rekindled itself through tech forums, YouTube comment pages, every day conversation, and just about any medium you can think of.

I often find nothing but superficial comments arguing over specific features such as “I can use my Android in the shower!” or specifications like “my iPhone has a better display.”

Without context, these arguments hold no water, and you are comparing apples – no pun intended – and oranges. Features and specs are not the issue.

The key issue that most do not understand is how the software interacts with the hardware. With Android phones, anyone and their mother can make their own hardware and throw Android OS on it.

Apple, on the other hand, optimizes the software for the hardware and vice versa so there is no discrepancy. That’s why in three months, Android phones perform significantly worse than when they came out of the box.

As technology gets more sophisticated, the latest and greatest versions of Android are optimized for the latest and greatest. The truth is, however, that most people don’t have the latest and greatest, but rather a phone that “was” the latest and greatest.

This goes with apps as well. Developers for Android have to optimize their apps for the latest and greatest versions of Android to take advantage of the current technology, and most people don’t have it, so the more time passes, the worse their phones perform.

Apple, on the other hand, controls the hardware and the software and has designed both to work perfectly with each other.

The problem with Android’s philosophy is that technology grows so quickly nowadays that almost no one has the correct phone or technology to run the OS or any apps the way the developers intended.

A new iPhone comes out about once a year, meaning that for an entire year technology will remain relatively the same for iOS apps and software updates, which is an eternity by today’s standards.

This is why iPhones retain their value for so long and perform much better over time. Older iPhones still sell for hundreds of dollars; meanwhile most Android phones are given away almost for free after only a few months, because there are always newer and more “powerful” phones being released.

There are ways to get around all of this with Android phones, but it’s so much work and maintenance that I got sick of it and personally didn’t want to bother anymore. My iPhone just works, and continues to work. That’s it. No battery saving or task manager apps and no fancy rooting procedures I need to hack for my phone to work the way it should.

Android users are infamous for throwing impressive specs for their phones into iPhone users’ faces. Just look at the plethora of pictures circulating online comparing the new iPhone 6 to older Android phones, but those specifications are useless out of context.

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Apple’s more “locked down” approach ensures quality control, and in the long term is a much better user experience overall. I personally don’t care that I can’t access raw files on my iPhone through Windows Explorer or my Macbook’s Finder like I could with an Android, because for my needs, iTunes sync is just fine.

I don’t care that I can’t have waders on my homescreen because what iOS does have is completely satisfactory for my needs. I enjoy the graphical user interface of iOS and enjoy the overall experience.

This may not be true for everyone but for me and a majority of happy Apple and iOS users, Apple “controlling” us is not an issue. Android users can continue to brag about their impressive and fancy features are useless if the Android software doesn’t know how to make them work.

Social media and software companies have been hiding behind user agreements to excuse blatant invasions of privacy. Facebook’s data use agreement is nearly as long as the Book of Revelations and about as comprehensible. To sum it up: in the event of anything short of an apocalypse, Facebook is covered.

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The basis for an online bill of rights must be full transparency. Social media users should have to go through 8,000 words of legalese to know what they’re agreeing to.

It would help to have a shorthand summary of a user agreement in plain language. If something jumps out at users, they can read the whole thing. The Federal Trade Commission should look at requiring this, along the lines of the Food and Drug Administration labels that summarize the ingredients of food products.

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Companies such as Facebook and Google contribute enormously to Silicon Valley’s economy, creating services used by hundreds of millions of people a day. They’ve made billions by mining the data they collect from those users and selling it to companies that profit further from it.

Good for them. But they owe their customers basic honesty. And they shouldn’t play mind games with the people from whom they profit.

The European Union is ahead of the United States in protecting personal information. Brazil passed an Internet bill of rights in April limiting the data that online companies can collect from users.

Silicon Valley should take the initiative to offer Americans the same protections. It doesn’t have to. The indus- try’s reputation will continue to unravel. And companies won’t be able to blame NSA snoops for it.

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Online customers, users want honesty

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Creepy doesn’t begin to describe Facebook’s 2012 psychological experiment on 700,000 of its unwitting users. Any attempt to manipu- late the emotional state of consumers is unconscio- nable. It reflects poorly on the entire tech community, confirming privacy activists’ worst fears.

This public relations disaster, coming on the heels of the National Security Agency spying revelations, reasserts the pressing need for Silicon Valley to produce an online users’ bill of rights. The alternative is an inevi- table downward spiral of confidence in tech compa- nies and their products. Could government regula- tion be far behind?

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Facebook CEO wants more students to explore technology

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Facebook hopes to attract young techies like Rosie Valencia, a Sequoia High junior who interned at Facebook this summer and interviewed Zuckerberg on stage Thursday.

"I really want more girls to be able to code because when I started none of my friends even knew what I was doing," Valencia told the audience.

Jim Wunderman, CEO of the Bay Area Council, a business advocacy group, said Facebook and other tech firms are trying to expand the pipeline of local tech talent.

"The more they can find qualified, talented people, the more successful they’ll be in developing new products, new ideas and new approaches," Wunderman said.
Finding good food at an affordable price near FIU’s Biscayne Bay Campus initially seems like a challenge.

Most students attending BBC, like myself, are likely to ride the bus or drive to campus, go to a class or two and then head back home.

But for students with breaks in between classes and who want options other than Grille Works, Moe’s Southwest Grill and Subway, there are various places to choose from.

Sports Grill is one of these options.

Recognized mostly by its locations in Kendall and the Bird Road area, the popular franchise north to 2995 NE 163 St. - a few street lights from campus. The restaurant is located in a small shopping center, with large green sign visible from the main road. Beneath them is a mid-sized terrace that absorbs the breeze coming off the Biscayne Bay, along with a large flat screen TV that never turns off.

Banners surround the entire roof, in addition to posters, jerseys, and of course, more flat screen TVs to encourage the sportsmanship spirit. There are even several Panther and Roary banners hanging from the roof in support of FIU.

The décor, however, does not compare to the food. The chicken wings, known to be the house’s specialty, have a great homemade taste and come with several dipping sauces varying in spice and flavor. The Miami Heat sauce is a match for the courageous, made up of five spices.

The Buffalo Style goes for those who like tradition. Beware, though, the Buffalo Style will leave your fingers as sticky as honey, as the sauce engulfs the plate. The Garlic style wings are mild and traditional. They are an interesting mix of garlic and parmesan – free of spice, but full in flavor.

The wings are $1 each, and the orders range from five all the way to 50 wings. On Monday’s from 4 p.m. until closing, wings are 65-cents a piece.

On Tuesdays, Miami Dade County employees can enjoy a night of free beer at 7 p.m., while kids eat free on Wednesdays all day and selected draft beers are just $1. There is also a full bar for those 21 years and older, offering draft and bottled beers, specialty drinks and more.

Overall, Sports Grill is a pretty good place to eat for a good price – especially if you’re waiting to see a Panthers’ away game, or just any sports match for that matter.

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Winging it off Biscayne Bay Campus

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While the Panhelcicnic Council hosts formal recruitment once a year, the Interfraternity Council hosts recruitment once every semester.

“It’s a different process altogether,” said Victor Javier Rodriguez, senior and IFC President. “All we ask is that men who meet the eligibility requirement of 2.75 [GPA] high school or 2.5 [GPA] FIU while taking nine credits register for recruitment on our website.”

Once the man is registered, he is welcome to speak in any fraternity of his choosing while attending events throughout the week. Each organization can then distribute a bid to potential members.

Panhelcicnic recruitment is different in the sense that women must complete the week long process which includes visiting each organization and learning different characteristics of each.

Every night the potential new member releases organizations they don’t feel match their values or personality until they are left with one that extends a bid to membership.

The Interfraternity Council currently has 12 national fraternities. They are in the process of expansion and three new organizations will be joining FIU’s Greek community over the next two years.

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Interfraternity Council

The kick-off event featured all fraternities in the FIU Betty Chapman Plaza. Each organization was able to bring a table, tent and paraphernalia in order to promote Greek life as a whole.

A more intimate event, “Meet the Fraternities,” was a night when fraternity men and alumni had the chance to share their current stories, some about life after college.

“The best part about it all? It’s free.”

Rodriguez said.

After accepting membership, each fraternity has their respective dues and new member education process. The new member education process varies, but for the most part includes the history of the fraternity, open meetings, creed and beliefs.

“Managing the 12 fraternities on campus and over 600 fraternity men is my main role, alongside working with the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life to promote a healthy and successful greek community experience,” Rodriguez said.

There are 12 nationally recognized fraternities at the University, all part of the Interfraternity Council. They are in the process of expansion and three new organizations will be joining FIU’s Greek community over the next two years.

“Two events during the week in order to promote Greek life as a whole.”

The time period is also a learning process about yourself and the man you want to be known for at FIU,” said Matt Atkins, a junior and new member educator for Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Outside of formal recruitment week, men are allowed to accept bids until Oct. 2, according to the IFC rules put forth.

‘Black-ish’ redefines ‘the black experience’

‘Black-ish’ has fun with what defines “the black experience,” with what is and isn’t “appropriately black.”

It’s a question that Ross has dealt with in real life. She is the daughter of legendary vocalist Diana Ross and music business manager Robert Ellis Silberstein, who is white. She says early on she began to identify as being black (and is best known for her eight years as a star of “Girlfriends”), a comedi-drama with a black cast and perspective.

Why?

“Myself because I couldn’t identify as a WHITE woman,” she replies, bursting into laughter. “But while I’m very comfortable identifying as a black woman, I’ve really had no interest in identifying as ANYthing. On my college application, I checked ‘Black AND White.’”

She laughs again. “I haven’t had to answer any of these questions for so many years. Then, all of a sudden in the context of this series, because we say my character is a ‘mixed’ woman and apparently this is a ‘black show,’ it’s a conversation I’m having again.”

Not that she’s complaining: She loves the show’s message, which extends beyond laughs.

“I think what we’re really influenced by is class, culture and the tradition each of us comes from, as opposed to race,” she says. “We’re in a new dialogue around these things, and I think this show represents it.”
Panthers fall to Owls in home opener

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Sophomore setter Anabela Sataric (right) and junior Gloria Levorin (left) walk back to the bench together after a tough play. The team lost 1-3 to Florida Atlantic University Sept. 17.

Cursed Panthers: Series of lost home openers lead to a belief in bad luck

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Let’s start with the women’s soccer team, who began their season at home against Arizona, and experienced a 2-0 loss. The Panthers got to produce various opportunities, but in the end, Arizona was a much stronger squad.

The football team opened up the season on the Ocean Bank Field at FIU with a 14-12 loss versus the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats. The team was extremely close to winning it late in the game, but a last second missed field goal attempt ended the contest.

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Freshman running back accomplishes his ‘big goal’ and breaks records

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Running back Alex Gardner has arrived at the University, broken the freshman single-game rushing record and earned a starting job – all before his 19th birthday.

His birthday was celebrated Sept. 8, two days after he helped the University earn their first win of the season against the Wagner College Seahawks. It was also the Panther’s first win at home since Sept. 8, 2012.

Gardner is just a humble kid from Jacksonville, Florida. He attended William M. Raines High School, where in his senior year, he rushed for 1,335 yards and 10 touchdowns.

He received offers from Florida Atlantic University, University of Massachusetts and Appalachian State University, but quickly decided to become a Panther.

“I chose to come here for a few reasons,” said Gardner. “It was close to home and I thought I could come in here and compete for some playing time.”

Gardner has done more than compete, he’s a starter. After a strong camp, Gardner’s 138 yard rushing performance against Wagner impressed the coaches enough to give him the starting role.

“It was great,” said Gardner when asked about breaking FIU’s single-game rushing record. “That was one of my big goals coming into this year. I’m real happy I was able to accomplish it.”

The transition from high school to college is never an easy one. When asked what he thought was the toughest part about being at FIU, Gardner said,

“Most people would think it’s the heat, but I’m from right up the road, so the heat is about the same. I’d have to say the toughest part would have to be managing my time. It’s a lot different from high school.”

Even with his busy schedule, Gardner makes time for himself and his friends.

“If I’m not studying or in the film room, I’m usually singing with some friends. Either that or hanging out with some of my teammates, playing video games and stuff like that.”

Student attendance at Panther games has been down the last two weeks. The tailgates are full of school spirit, but it doesn’t always find its way into the stadium. Gardner believes that people in the stands will give the Panthers a better chance to win.

“I know [fans] want to see wins. The more support we have, the more energy the team is going to have,” he said. “If they come out and help us, then we’ll go out and get that win for them.”

This week, Gardner and the Panthers are preparing to welcome the Louisville Cardinals. Gardner was not here for last year’s game against the Cardinals, but he already knows how tough the Atlantic Coast Conference opponents can be.

When asked about his game plan for the Cardinals, Gardner said, “I’m just going to put my team in the best position to win.”

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“Students at university level almost depend on instant access to information and almost all of them are carrying around at least one mobile device at all times.” Le Duc said.

“REC*IT is a resource that is providing real-time information to students and we were never able to access this in the past.”

Oestreicher brought the free app to the intramural community in the hopes of making a “game changing difference” in the way that communication was handled. The app now provides real-time announcements including class cancellation notifications and meeting dates and times.

“Now you don’t have to scroll through a bunch of junk to get what you need,” Oestreicher said. “You can have your desired sport or activity right in front of you in real time... No one at FIU really brings this to students, so we stood up and made this commitment to this campus and over 800 other ones.”

Initially, the app was launched as a back-to-school program. But Oestreicher and other rec directors are surprised and pleased at the positive feedback the app has received.

Sheena Harvey, member information for students and administrators.

“Everyone seems to be enjoying the usability of the app,” she said. “With the stress-free access and use, individuals can stay connected and gain easy access to what’s important to them – their recreation activities.”

University student Kristen Magnus, a junior psychology major, agrees with Harvey and believes that the app is probably one of the best things at the University.

“It’s so great that we finally have this,” she said. “I don’t have to go to my Zumba, spinning or pilates classes without knowing that they won’t be cancelled. It sucks when I drive all the way to campus and there’s no class. I’m definitely going to continue using this all semester.”

The app, available for iPhones or Android devices, is easy to use. Users log in as a guest, or with their IMLeagues account and type in their institution’s name. Once they do that, the app finds all activities and sports available within that school.

Even though the app has just been launched, Oestreicher hopes to launch a REC*IT 2.0 – this time with a lot more information for students and administrators.

Jason Incorvaro, associate director of Campus Recreation at the University of Massachusetts, is another administrator that thinks REC*IT has saved time and made information readily available to students and staff.

“It’s the best thing since sliced bread,” he said. “I think the challenge for the college administration is finding ways to communicate that will reach their audience. It’s hard to train staff. REC*IT is the next step in the evolution and I’m sure there will be more.”
Student Event Planners Association, Turnberry Associates, B.R.E.W. FIU, High Speed Rail America Club, and the Four Seasons were among the 60 plus companies present.

International business junior Demetrius Villa was at the event to gather research and promote High Speed Rail America, a group dedicated to change what they claim is to build connections and expose oneself to different businesses.

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Their resumes. “Try to do everything you can to broaden your knowledge,” said De Groot. “Always put more details on your resume, like where you volunteer, if you’ve done work at a homeless shelter, if you’re willing to travel to different locations for a company.” De Groot said, “It tells a lot about a person and what kind of character they have.”

Beatrice Correa, a public relations junior and Study Abroad representative, said the most important thing to remember is to build connections and expose oneself to different businesses. “You’re not going to get there by just going to classes,” Correa said. “It’s so important to get involved and put yourself out there.”

Scarlet of CSI Management Services said, “Put your foot in the door while you’re still in school. Managers look for students who have that exposure and experience.” Hospitality management junior Shai-Lea Penta never thought she would hold a degree in baking and pastry arts from The Culinary Institute of America six years ago. She encourages fellow students to always follow their dreams and never settle. “You never know what will happen,” Penta said. “The sky is definitely not the limit.”

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