FIU’s newest building is the fruit of MMC

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Men wearing hardhats swarm the construction site behind the College of Business, rushing to complete the newest addition to FIU’s Modesto Maidique Campus—the Management and New Growth Opportunity building. There are loud noises of heavy machinery, clanking of furniture and laughter among the workers. The vibe is upbeat as the workers of OHL Artilano put the finishing touches on this new mixed-use building, which will be used by the College of Business and FIU Online.

Randy Egues, the project manager for the building, tours the building with confidence, greeting everyone he passes. Egues, an FIU alumnus who graduated with a degree in environmental studies, has been working in the industry for 12 years.

The MANGO building is located northeast of the College of Law, directly west of the Ryder Business building. Construction started at the beginning of May 2013 and the building will be ready for its grand opening by the end of September 2014.

Egues says the original due date, which was supposed to be during the summer, was pushed back because of revision requests by the end users.

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The FIU football team prepare for their first game of the season. The Panthers will play Bethune-Cookman University on Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. For more, see Sports, page 4.

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On Wednesday, Sept. 3, the Miami Dade Board of County Commissioners will discuss whether or not to let the county voters decide on Nov. 4 if they want the fairgrounds to move and let the University continue growing.

“FIU has reached its capacity at its current location and needs to expand to continue to provide a quality education to our students and contribute to the South Florida community,” said Lunsford in an Aug. 25 memorandum.

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As far as design goes, Egues says it’s very “Pantherized.”

“If I was to describe the building, it’s essentially the best thing I’ve ever seen. The building is really unique, and it’s going to be a great thing for the student body. It’s going to have a lot of spaces that are going to be great for students and faculty alike,” he says.

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NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Police: Military Surplus Program Helpful Despite Calls for Review

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and 470 next to PG-5 along Eighth Street.

The Panther Mover shuttle, which usually transports students back and forth between Charles Perry building and Panther Garage, will also pick up and drop off students at the temporary parking spaces at Tamiami Park and Lot 5.

Additionally, external relations “strongly encourages” employees to use the temporary spaces on the outside of the main campus during these first few weeks.

The CATS shuttle will continue transporting faculty and students between MMC and the Engineering Center.

When needed, the Parking and Transportation office said they would provide additional buses.

As an option for housing students with cars, there are 291 parking spaces available to MMC residents in PDTview Housing garage if they pay an additional $160 per semester.

Another issue the University tries to address during the beginning of fall is the traffic around campus.

“To move traffic in and out of campus as safely and efficiently as possible, we will have extra police officers and public safety technicians directing traffic,” the memorandum said.

Students like Giuliana Kannele, a junior psychology major, find it ridiculous to spend so much time and gas driving through traffic to find a parking space.

“It’s going and stepping [on the gas pedal], going and stepping — that’s what wastes the most gas,” she said.

LIVING in Westen, Kannele said she left at 7 a.m. thinking she would avoid heavy traffic. To her surprise, it took 20 minutes from the moment she exited the Florida Turnpike to arrive to campus.

“I should’ve expected it. I forgot that it was like that because in the summer it’s so calm. According to Director of Parking and Transportation, Lisette Hernandez, traffic during the first weeks of the semester is normal.

The need of students to buy books, change classes, make payments, and get overnights done as students finalize their schedules and create a routine, Hernandez said.

Aside from the main entrance and one on Eighth Street, the office of external relations reminds students of other options to reach campus through South- west 107 Ave., Coral Way and Southwest 117 Ave.

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Coding is the future, but America is falling behind

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Technology is everywhere and attaches itself to us living, breathing things as unacknowledged as beads of sweat clinging to your forehead or articles of clothing sticking to your skin during a hot Miami summer. The normality of carrying a phone around like a second skin has become so embedded into our society that if it could even be said that not having device on you is abnormal. We absorb the information technology supplies us with. It becomes food for our curious, content-creating minds. We are being bombarded with endless choices, images, thoughts and ideas on a daily basis that leave us craving like a pack-a-day smoker on his last cigarette. Information, information, information...

How well do you know how to Google search, upload an image, or edit a video? Do you know the mechanics behind the programs you are using or the technologies you previously valued? According to Internetlivestats.com over 86.5 percent of American internet users have access, with an expected yearly growth of 7 percent. With 42 thousand high schools in the U.S., 80 percent of all American adults own a phone and 58 percent of all Americans own smart phones. Yet, how many people know how to use a smartphone or how to program the apps that they download for their Android or iOS device?

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projected that the percent change in employment of computer programmers in the nation from 2012 to 2022 will be 11 percent. There are around 11 million professionals working in the world and Asia-Pacific countries for over 37 percent of their wages, whereas North and South America account for only 32 percent.

As of April 2014, River Valley Middle School in Grand Bay-Westfield, New Hampshire announced it would be offering students courses so that they can better understand and adapt to a life that caters to the technologically savvy. The middle school has introduced a programming language developed at MIT called Scratch that allows students to create games and interactive stories. A social networking site for programmers did a study showing that Chinese programmers outscore American programmers in logic and math by 20 percent. Internetlivestats.com brought a 2014 poll that puts the United States in second place for countries with the most internet users trailing only behind China—whose population far outstretches the U.S., so the statistics are understandable. India, a population of over 1 billion (compared to the U.S. population of 317 million that’s quite large), comes in third place behind the U.S.

In 2013, the Wall Street Journal created a graph that displays the average number of minutes Americans spend on specific online platforms. Social Media was, of course, at the top coming in at an average daily use of 37% whereas things like online newspapers were used for only 5 minutes on average by Americans.

With Americans having more access to technology than many other countries, I find it flattering that an excess number of Americans utilize this technology for self-serving purposes.

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How many times have you been told, “No!” Too many times to count, right? The word can be very confusing and a major letdown. It’s a very scary word for some people because it’s usually the face of rejection, which when you face it makes some want to give up and just say, “Forget it.” If this sounds like you, I’m here to tell you to stop taking “no” for an answer!

Over the past year, I have come into contact with the word “no” millions of times. It has surfaced in my life when I was told something I was very passionate about. Especially when I had put my all into something or I knew deep down in my heart I was qualified for, I was not going to take that “no” for an answer.

Whenever this happens to me, there’s a feeling I get deep down in my body—I become determined and persistent to receive what I feel I deserve. I applied not taking “no” for an answer recently. I had received an email from an adviser at my previous school presenting an opportunity to work with Udek’s New Look Foundation. The Foundation helps youth excel in school, reach their dreams and goals and to become leaders in life. They were hiring for its whereabouts, where it is headed and the final exams? We will keep you up to date with the Cube gone, what new tradition will students continue to investigate the effects of traffic across campuses and its effects on students.

Biscayne Bay housing: With construction stopping for BBC housing, we will continue to update you on any future housing developments and the whereabouts of students who are yet to place a stay.

Marty’s Cube: What will be the future of the famed cube which once stood outside of the Deuxieme Maison building? With the Cube temporarily on hold, it is unclear what new traditions students will pick up in its place come mid-terms and finals? We will keep you up to date with its whereabouts, where it is headed and the future of the University’s other sculptures.

Just as we hold the University accountable, we invite you to hold us accountable. We wish you successful and enjoyable academic years to come.
First sweep through Panther football season

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Players to watch

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No. 13 QB Elgin (E.J.) Hilliard
(Shown right) Hilliard entered his senior season as the leader of the Panther offense. The Minority-Northwestern Senior High School grad looks to make a big leap this year after winning the quarterback showcase battle. Hilliard has plenty of new and old weapons to work with in 2014.

No. 36 RB Lamarq Caldwell
Caldwell carried the ball for the majority of the last season in 2013 with 334 yards on 146 attempts. He enters 2014 looking to build on last year’s total. He is listed as both the number one running back and the number two full back on the depth chart.

No. 87 TE Jennu Smith
(Shown left) Smith finished his last season with 26 catches in 2013 with 388 receiving yards. He was also the only Panther to record 10 catches in 2013. Smith’s production could go up in 2014 as the Panthers look to expand the passing attack.

No. 45 LB Sam Medicaid
(Shown left) One of the two junior linebackers on the roster, Medicaid is currently listed as the number one long snapper on the depth chart.

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Surge of book-to-movie adaptations coming up in 2015: a good or bad idea?

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It seems that ever since the “Harry Potter” saga and the “Twilight” saga were first released as films back in 2001 and 2008, Hollywood has made a habit of turning cherished and loved novels into blockbuster films, disregarding the fans’ opinions on the action. Fifteen films, all based on novels, are scheduled to be released in 2015 alone. These include the steamy “Fifty Shades of Grey” by E.L. James, the mysterious “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children” by Ransom Riggs and the classic horror novel “Frankenstein” by Mary Shelley. Although the big screen gives the words of a novel life and its characters a face for readers to familiarize, the switch over to a different type of media leaves irreversible damage at times. For example, the original “X-Men” movie saga series before “X-Men: First Class” left an unforgettable and bitter taste in comic book fans’ everywhere for throwing away character development and, most importantly, plot. Yet there are instances where turning a novel into a film results in euphoria for the fans. A perfect example would be the previously mentioned “Harry Potter” saga. Fans of the scarred, glasses-wearing, young wizard rejoiced every time a film was released, resulting in the incredible worldwide revenue of $7,709,205,984 for all eight movies, dating back from 2001 all the way to the 2011. Interested in the opinions of fellow University students such as myself, I took to social media to question three students on their opinions in regards to the issue. Andres Lopez, a political science major, said, “Recently most of the movies coming out are book-to-film adaptations. This is not a bad thing but it is also not a good thing. On one side it allows us to have a moment of nirvana remembering our childhood and past; however the new film adaptations may not be up to par and live up to our expectations.” Emily Wong, a sustainability major, states that “I think a lot of them are trying too hard. Most of them are just ruining the books by changing things that don’t even need to be changed. I think if you’re not going to do it right then leave it alone.” Finally, Ashley Llanes, a journalism major, passionately explained that “I feel like they’re taking everything that was ever successful as a book and trying to target it to a young audience using attractive celebrities and popular bands for soundtracks just to make money and they are ruining what maybe could’ve been a good movie and what definitely was a good book. For example, ‘The Giver.’” Whether or not this surge will be pleasant or disappointing is up for all fellow book readers awaiting movie theater screens in 2015 to finally decide.

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Undeclared freshmen Alana Mantel (left) and Ryan Carson (right) take part in the ice bucket challenge during the Splash Pool Party at the housing quad.

The Maine drummer discusses Warped Tour

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mixture of songs that we thought people would want to hear.

How was the decision making in re-releasing your album as opposed to releasing a separate EP?

Pat: The main reason we wanted to do it was being on the Warped Tour because we patched it through and sold it for five bucks. So, you get 17 songs for five bucks as opposed to asking people if they wanted to buy our new record or our new EP. We just put it all together for five bucks if someone hears us for the first time on Warped Tour and for people who already have the record it’s only five bucks for the new songs.

What has been your experience on Warped Tour this year?

Pat: We haven’t been on Warped Tour since 2009. It’s been great! We really weren’t sure what to expect because we’ve been kind of away from this for so long so we weren’t sure if the people who come to Warped Tour would remember our band or care. I’ve been blown away every day by how many people come and watch us and sing along. It couldn’t have been a better time.

What are some bands that you go out of your way to see?

Pat: Finch. They’re not on it anymore but I watched them a lot the first half. There are tons of bands that we could never tour with because the sound doesn’t work on a club tour. That’s the coolest part is hanging out with bands we can’t tour with.

What band would you like to tour with that you can’t normally tour with?

Pat: The Word Alive. They’re good buddies of ours from back home. We used to be in other bands together in high school. It’s a little weird.

For you, what song from the deluxe CD hit home the most?

Pat: It was a song called “Ice Cave.” That’s the one we’ve played in concert for four years but we never recorded it. It just became a favorite a fans and they’d like bootleg versions of it. To have it finally recorded is a cool thing for me.

What’s next for The Maine?

Pat: We’re playing a couple dates in fall and then we’re going to go out in the desert and figure out what happens. We’re just going to go out there for like two months and get lost!

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ANIMAL FARM

(Above) Hector Matute (left) and Jose Dominguez (right), both sophomores in business, show off their dogs Nina the chihuahua and Spike the dalmatian at the art gallery in GC. They were later led outside because pets are not allowed inside.

(Below) Kelly Murphy, member of the Equestrian Team and sophomore in business management, kisses miniature horse Pee-Vee outside the Rec Center.
Subway seeks to provide healthy eating option at BBC

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Students are not the only ones returning to campus this semester.

Subway returned to the Biscayne Bay Campus cafeteria, replacing Bistro Subs and Bay Café, to meet students’ requests for a wider variety of affordable eating options from a brand they are familiar with.

“Better than what they’ve had before,” said Brian Hernandez, senior advertising major. “It’s simple, healthier and a sandwich is always good.”

The BBC cafeteria housed Subway years ago before it was removed for renovations in 2008.

Now the franchise sub shop is open and serving signature and specialized subs, various soups, as well as pizza, for students and faculty to enjoy.

Students also requested for restaurants to remain open past 7 p.m. and during weekends, but extended business hours are not on the menu.

Subway will remain open until 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and until 3 p.m. on Friday, making Moe’s Southwest Subs, various soups, as well as pizza, for students living on campus if need be.

Director of Business Services Felicia Townsend said the department regularly evaluates the operation hours, and adjustments will be made to accommodate students living on campus if need be.

Bianca Rodriguez, a junior hospitality major, said Subway is a healthier alternative to what was offered at Miami Dade College.

“It’s a completely different variety from what I was used to at my previous school,” said Rodriguez.

Faculty also spoke out on the new restaurant.

“Better than what they’ve had before,” said Jeff Krablin, assistant vice president of Business Services.

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She said bringing a panther statue like the one at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus to BBC and remodeling a space that was previously occupied by a few picnic tables is a huge deal because it shows that the campus is growing.

The plaza contains yellow tables with umbrellas and an open space for students to mingle.

There are also power outlets available so students can charge their devices while sitting outside.

Giveaways, food and ice cream will be given during the event, in addition to a special something to commemorate the date, said Felix.

Another project Felix undertook involved bringing back the 260 flags that previously hung from the ceiling in Panther Square but were removed when WUC underwent construction last year.

“A year later, I brought them back,” said Felix.

Now, a less expensive and more compact version of the flags are displayed on a glass window on the third floor of WUC, adding a pop of color to the area while representing the diverse community at FIU.

Unveiling the panther statue in the plaza

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A $3 million renovation project three years in the making is now complete and will be unveiled this afternoon.

Panther Plaza, the terrace located outside the Wolfe University Center, and a one-ton panther sculpture will be presented today in a ceremony from noon to 2 p.m.

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“I know that the students and staff were looking forward to having it back and I’m looking forward to serving all,” said Jacqueline Izquierdo, supervisor of Aramark, a University-contracted private company for campus dining.

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RESTAURANT AND BUSINESS FAIR

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(K) Students try cupcakes from Misha’s Cupcakes. Right: Xiaolin Li (left), hospitality management master’s program student, gets a taco from a Lime restaurant representative at the Restaurant and Business Fair. Held in the WUC ballrooms, the fair allowed students to sample food from local restaurants.