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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 Arellano put the finishing touches on this new mixed-use building, which will be used by the College of Business and FIU Online.

The MANGO building opening is scheduled for Sept. 2014 and will serve the college of business and FIU online.

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT**

*Maria Lorenzino/The Beacon*

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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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 north side 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 at MMC parking garage if they pay an additional $160 per semester. Another issue the University tried 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.

Also, during the week of the first football game, the University's soccer team kick-starts the season Aug. 29 at 2 p.m. It is actually from noon to 2 p.m.

PARKING LOCATIONS & HOURS OF OPERATIONS

Modesto Maidique Campus:

Parking Site: Northeast corner of campus, just east of Parking Garage 5-Market Station (PG5)
Number of Parking Spaces Available: 470

Expanded Shuttle Service: Shuttle to and from the Graham Center ballroom area to the new PG5 overflow parking area.
Hours: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. (No shuttle service from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Parking Site: Tamiami Park, just east of the FIU Stadium and south of Lot 6.
Number of Parking Spaces Available: 1,500

Expanded Shuttle Service: Shuttle to and from SPSA from the western part of the temporary parking area at Tamiami Park.
Hours: 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. (No shuttle service from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

FIU Engineering Center:

Parking Site: "Park and Ride" option at the Engineering Center located at the intersection of SW 107 Ave. and Flagler Street.
Number of Parking Spaces Available: 350

Expanded Shuttle Service: Shuttle to and from the Frost Art Museum and the Ryder Business Building to the Engineering Center.
Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Information courtesy of FIU External Relations.

University rallies support for commission meeting

Health Center for research space and build more housing. Also listed is "open, recreational, or other space," but parking lots or structures are not explicitly listed.

Lumsford said that nothing is set in stone as far as planning, and that parking would have to be considered when making the decision of building these other structures. "There are no absolute plans," Lumsford said. "We mentioned what we would like to see there."

The MOU is a pending agreement between the county and the University Board of Trustees to work with the Miami Dade County Youth Fair and Expo, to relocate the fair and allow the University to "get up to 10 acres of land." The fair currently occupies 86 acres of land, and has a 99-year lease with the county, through 2040.

Despite these obstacles, the University lobbied for years to expand onto the fairgrounds, and gained more confidence when the Florida Legislature granted $10 million for the University's Strategic Land Acquisition initiative. The MOU outlines specific steps the University must take, along with the county, to relocate the Fair without invoking the cancellation option of the Fair's county lease.

For one, the University has to pay for the entire cost of relocation, and according to the memorandum, they intend to seek the rest of the money from the Florida Legislature or private donors.

Additionally, the University agreed to give $20 million to the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces department to make improvements on Tamiami Park and lease a title to the Bird Basin Property. The county's lease to the University depends on whether they get the Bird Basin Property or not.

The agreement also sets a deadline of March 1, 2015 for the county to present the University with a relocation site for the fair. Once a site is located, then the University will have a better estimate of the costs they are responsible for.

With so much on the line next Wednesday, the University will provide shuttles to the commission meeting in downtown Miami to rally up support, according to Lumsford's memorandum. Lumsford asked the public to attend and hopes students make it as well.

"We would like to see a large constituency of students, who, hopefully, want to expand," he said.
Technology is everywhere and attaches itself to our living, breathing things as unrecognizable as beads of sweat clinging to your forehead or articles of clothes 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 it could even be said that not having a phone is abnormal. We absorb the information technology supplies us with. It becomes food for our curious, content- driven minds. We are becoming bombarded with endless choices, images, and ideas on a daily basis that leave us craving like a pack-a-day smoker on his last cigarette.

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 running or the technologies you previously valued? According to Internetlivestats.com, over 86% of Americans have internet access, with an expected yearly growth of 7-10% in the next few years. With that said, there are 11.3 billion people on the internet in the world and Asia-Pacific accounts for over 37% of the world, whereas North and South America account for only 32%.

As of April 2014, River Valley Middle School in Grand Bay-Westfield announced it would be offering students courses so that they can learn to assemble a smartphone or how to program the apps that they download for their Android or iOS device. About 11% of undergraduates in the U.S. pursued a bachelor’s degree in computer science. And though there are over 42 thousand high schools in the United States, only around 2,100 of these are certified to teach Advanced Placement computer science courses. 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 accounts for over 37% of these, whereas North and South America account for only 32 percent.

The Fairgrounds: The University’s continued attempts to acquire the fairgrounds. During the summer, Miami-Dade County made the Youth Fair’s change in location a priority. As of now the negotiations between the county, fair and University are at a standstill. We will continue to ask what will be done with the land should it be acquired and how the development will affect life at the University.

Your money: We pay for a good amount of money for classes and the right to access the University’s many resources. Even those with grants and other forms of aid should still be conscious of changes to their academic fees and how the money they are charged is being allocated throughout the University. With a new parking garage and an ancillary care center on the way, the negotiations and proposed land acquisition, our efforts will be placed on following University related expenses.

Parking and transit: The addition of an auxiliary care center and a new housing facility across 107 Ave at the MMC campus will bring about more foot and vehicular traffic. We will continue to investigate the effects of traffic across campuses and its effects on students.

Biscayne Bay Housing: With construction abruption alone, stopping for BBC housing, we will continue to update you on any future housing developments and the whereabouts of students who were left without a place to 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’s sudden removal, what new treatments 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.

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First sweep through Panther football season

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After a long summer, FIU football is finally back. The Panthers look to improve on their disappointing 2013 season in which they went 1-11. They’ll start their 2014 campaign on Saturday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. against the Bethune-Cookman Wildcats. Saturday’s matchup will mark the fourth time in school history that the Panthers open up the season at home. FIU is 2-1 in these previous three attempts.

The Panthers hope that home field advantage will pay off, not only on opening night but for the entire season. FIU will have a school record of eight home games this season, along with four road games. Junior running back Lamar Caldwell said the team is excited to have so many games at Ocean Bank Field.

“Their home court advantage,” said Caldwell. “This is where we practice everyday. We bleed, sweat, cry and fight together on this field. Being able to play eight home games in ‘The Cage’ is awesome.”

Caldwell is off a season in which he rushed for 504 yards and averaged 3.3 yards per carry. The 2014 roster is much more experienced than the 2013 version. The Panthers return 19 starters from last season’s offensive line, seven starters on defense and three on special teams. Another one of those returning starters is junior quarterback E.J. Hilliard. Hilliard enters the season as the undisputed starter for the first time in his football career. Head Coach Ron Turner announced last week that Hilliard won the job, beating out Alabama transfer Alex McGough.

“It was not even competing [with McGough],” said Hilliard. “It helped both of us. He pushed me, leaving there was someone behind me, eager to play. He put in extra work and off the field. He was eager to learn and I helped with anything he needed. He’s like a sponsor.”

On the defensive side of the ball, the Panthers will be without their two leading tacklers from 2013. Marquis Russell and Joel Facane.

Russell has graduated and is pursuing a career in the NFL, while Facane is currently on the Marshall Viking roster after signing as an undrafted free agent. Both will be defensive tackle targets for the 2014 season. Russell had 12 tackles in a 3-4 all-line against the Owls, including last year’s 25-8 loss in their last game of the season. The Shula Bowl is always a big game for FIU players and fans.

The Panthers enter this season as one of the team’s most successful offensive units in the past three years. The Miami Northwestern graduate, decided to come to FIU looking to make an impact at the Linebacker position. Rosado started all 11 games in the 2013 season with 119 tackles and was a first team All-University selection at Linebacker.

The defending Conference USA Champion Owls come to Ocean Bank Field for their first ever meeting against FIU. Rice will have already faced two-power conference teams in Hogg Bowl and Texas this year.

The Panthers enter this season with many critical questions to be answered. Can E.J. Hilliard be successful behind an inexperienced line? Will the defense be able to stop the Owls and their all-time leading rusher, Quinton Flowers? Can the Panthers’ special teams overcome their 2013 struggles on the return game?

How many games do you think the FIU football team will win in 2014?

Players to watch

No. 13 QB E.J. Hilliard
(Pictured left) Hilliard entered his senior season as this year’s leader of the offense. The Miami Northwestern Senior High School graduate looks to make a big leap this year after winning the offseason quarterback battle. Hilliard has plenty of new and old weapons to work with in 2014.

No. 36 RB Lamar Caldwell
(Right) Caldwell carried the ball the second game in 2013 with 354 yards on 147 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
(Pictured left) Smith enters his junior season in 2014 with 138 catches in 2013. Smith’s production could go up in 2014 as he kicks the pass catching attack.

No. 45 LB Sam Meadlock
(Pictured left) Meadlock is one of the few returning starters on defense. He is currently listed as the number one long snapper on the depth chart.

No. 32 S Justin Halley
(Pictured right) Halley looks to make an impact at the cornerback position. Rosado started all 12 games in 2013 and hopes to complete the same task this year while adding to his total of 44 tackles from a year ago.

No. 12 QB Alex McGough
(Pictured left) McGough returns after his freshman year as the number two QB on the depth chart. He is expected to push E.J. Hilliard for the starting job and could go up in 2014 as the Panthers look to expand the passing attack.
The Maine talks album re-release

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This past July at the Vans Warped Tour in West Palm Beach, I was able to sit down with the drummer of The Maine, Pat Kirch. The Maine hails from Tempe, Arizona and just finished its set on the Warheads stage when we sat down with its members. They released their fourth album, “Forever Halloween,” on June 4, 2013. However, they recently re-released a deluxe edition with new songs to make fans’ dreams come true for music until the next full length album. After a whole summer with the Vans Warped Tour, The Maine will be headed out on tour in Europe in support of the re-release.

You guys are from Tempe, Arizona. What's the biggest difference between there and Miami?

Pat: The biggest thing is that, each day, we wake up early and make a sign that says what time we’re going to play. It was the most humid day of my entire life. I was just dripping with sweat. Phoenix is really hot, but it’s not very humid. You walk off the bus and instantly sweat!

You guys are releasing a new album?

Pat: Yeah, we just did a couple weeks ago at the beginning of the tour. We put out a deluxe edition of “Forever Halloween,” our most recent record, with a bunch of extra tunes.

You guys recorded this differently than most bands using a live tape. How was that experience?

Pat: Yeah, well basically it felt like playing a concert. It was the five of us in a room just playing. It was weird! It was like, generally, we record the drums and then the guitars, the bass and then the vocals and you’re just sitting there concentrating on your individual part. It ends up sounding more of like a perfect song and there isn’t much energy to it because you’re not playing at the exact same time. It just gave a vibe to the record that we couldn’t get if we did it how we did our old albums.

What are the main differences with the new songs that didn’t make it to the original release?

Pat: Some are just really old that we just didn’t put on other records or were songs that we’ve been playing in concerts all the time and there are some that are completely new. So, it was just a

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

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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’ eyes for throwing away character development and, most importantly, plot.

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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.

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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 came 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

(DRaja Saavedra-Rosas/The Beacon)
Subway seeks to provide healthy eating option at BBC

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Students are not the only ones returning to the Biscayne Bay 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 signatures 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 Grill the restaurant that closes the latest -- at 7 p.m. during weekdays and at 4 p.m. on Friday.

“At the moment, Moe’s has always been the preferred option,” said Jeff Krablin, assistant vice president of Business Services. “Better than what they’ve had before.”

Laura Krablin, assistant vice president of Business Services. “There is always an opportunity to change hours in the future.”

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 Campus cafeteria, replacing Bistro Subs and Bay Café, to meet students’ requests for a wider variety of affordable eating options.

“Better than what they’ve had before,” said Rodriguez. “It’s a completely different variety from what I was use to at my previous school,” said Rodriguez.

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Subway returns to the Biscayne Bay Campus food court after a six-year leave. The franchise sub shop was removed from the cafeteria in 2008.

“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.

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.

So far, the most successful addition to Panther Plaza is the panther statue, which is made of bronze and weighs around 2 tons. Originally located outside the Wolfe University Center, the panther statue like the one at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus to BBC to make the space outside WUC more inviting, according to Felix.

Jasmine Felix, Student Government Association president at the Biscayne Bay Campus, said the plaza renovations are to accompany the recent Panther Square renovations in WUC.

“We had to go to the outside,” she said. “We couldn’t just leave it hanging.”

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