University works to fix leaks in Graham Center

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The Graham Center is undergoing roof repairs throughout the fall semester, after staff became aware that some areas were leaking water.

Areas like the Beacon office, the Student Government Association conference room, a second-floor bathroom and a few classrooms have experienced leaks since the summer.

Matr Arkins, a senior psychology major and student assistant at the SGA office, said that the GC staff acted very quickly to solve the leaks.

With the leaking problem resolved, what’s left to fix is the damage caused by them.

The leaks in the second-floor ladies’ bathroom near the GC pit caused a hole in the roof, which remains visible to students.

“If a first-time student sees this hole, it just doesn’t look good on the school,” said Samantha Rodriguez, a junior biology major.

“Why can’t [the University] afford to fix it?”

According to Carlos Carrasco, director of Facility Business and Finance at GC, the University is funding repair projects, but the bad weather has dragged on the repairs for nearly three months.

Calatayud on MMC expansion: ‘Best for FIU’

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The Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus cabinet welcomed the new academic year with the goal of gaining support for the University’s expansion into the Fairgrounds.

Dayra Carvajal, governmental relations coordinator, and SGC-MMC President Alexis Calatayud, both stressed the importance of encouraging students to voice their opinions on the issue by drawing attention to next week’s County Commission meeting.

At the meeting, Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez will share the final relocation site that his office has chosen for the Fair to move to.

If the County Commission approves, it will be up to the Miami-Dade County voters to decide if FIU gets the fairgrounds.

Carvajal and Calatayud suggested how students can get involved—sending out letters to county representatives and media outlets.

“The purpose of sending letters to the commissioner and to the Miami Herald is so we can demonstrate FIU’s interest for expansion,” said Carvajal. “And, more than anything, to give students the opportunity to express themselves, to give them a space where they can personalize their opinions.”

Students can also go to the meeting. Calatayud joined forces with Student Government Council President Jazmin Felix to address all students at the University by e-mail. They reminded students that they are free to attend the County Commission meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 8:30 a.m. at the Stephen P. Clark Government Center located in 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL.

New furniture store brings options for housing students

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Stephanie Charite, a junior studying computer science recently chose to live on campus to focus more on his studies.

However, he is struggling with the lack of storage room for basics like personal hygiene products.

Less than five miles from the Modesto Maidique Campus, the second Ikea store in South Florida recently opened. Students who live on campus or off campus can benefit from Ikea for shopping, ideas and or inspiration.

The store offers several showrooms with different styles fit for any lifestyle.

“I plan to go to Ikea in two or three weeks, once my financial aid goes through,” Charite said. “I basically want to find small items to organize and store school supplies and other things.”

University Housing Director Joseph Paulik encourages students to decorate their rooms and add their own personal touch.

“We want students to personalize their space,” he said. “We give them the bare bones, a clean and well maintained space—then they can do the rest.”

Wealth Nicholson, a second year graduate student studying higher education administration, finished most of her shopping for her dorm.

“I wish they could have opened before school started [so I could buy more things] earlier, but I plan on getting two new rugs there.”

However, when purchasing new items for their dorms, students need to be aware of the rules and regulations.

Paulik said that the school does not allow large pieces of furniture, but shelves or small items to help organize the room.
NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Number of refugees fleeing Syria war tops 3 million, U.N. says

The number of refugees fleeing the war in Syria has surpassed 3 million, the United Nations reported Friday, an increase of 1 million over the last year. The grim milestone means that one in every eight Syrians has fled across the border, with an additional 6.5 million displaced from their homes inside the country in what the U.N. refugee agency described as increasingly desperate conditions.

Study yields full genetic snapshot of Ebola virus

It’s a monster on a killing spree, and now it has a new and remarkably complete genetic mug shot.

An international team of scientists has sequenced the RNA of 99 Ebola virus samples collected during the early weeks of the outbreak in Sierra Leone. The feat, described Thursday in the journal Science, has eluded scientists who helped oversee the study. Scientists are already scorning that sequence for clues to help them design effective drugs and vaccines.

CORRECTIONS

In Vol. 26, Issue 9, the story “Unveiling the panther statue in the plaza,” misspelled SGC-BBC

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NEWS

Student Government unites to spark student interest in expansion

The University will provide shuttles for students to go to the meeting.

In their e-mail, Felix and Calatayud offer students a way to reserve their seat in the shuttle. The buses leave both the MMC and the Biscayne Bay Campus at 7 a.m.

The meeting could drag out the entire day. Felix and Calatayud warn students in their e-mail. They also ask students to display their school pride by wearing clothes that flatter blue and gold.

“[Expansion into the fairgrounds] is best for the community, best for FIU,” Calatayud said. “We are hoping, based on the recommendation of the mayor, that the relocation site will also be to the benefit of the Fair.”

The cabinet members are also whipping things up for the semester.

Since Daniela Bernal, former interim coordinator, resigned from her position to join the Provost’s Office, Breanna Grey was newly appointed to fill the vacant position, while also holding her original position as student development coordinator.

Grey has already created a calendar of events for the future interns in the fall semester. Among her plans are to invite various speakers, including President Mark B. Rosenberg, to offer advice to the students, and to educate the interns on the mechanisms of SGA.

“I want students coming in from high school don’t have much of an idea of how [SGA] works at the university level,” Grey said.

Applications for the internship program, which are due on Sept. 8, are available online on the SGA website.

MIA-MI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday, Sept. 3
WHERE: Stephen P. Clark Government Center located in 111 NW 1st Street, Miami, FL
Shuttle Service: Both at Modesto Maidique Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus
Time: pick-up 7 a.m.

New Ikea store opens near MMC

Ikea, Page 1 are okay.

Daniel Pela a sophomore chemistry student living in Everglades Hall, said that spacing can be an issue in the smaller dorms.

He plans to buy items at Ikea so he can make the most of it.

“Some of the dorm rooms on campus can be small, and Ikea offers tools to make the most out of a small space,” said Pela.

According to the student handbook for housing and residential life, shelves or other items cannot be attached to the walls or ceilings.

This regulation is meant to prevent damage, other specific regulations have also been placed to prevent fire hazards.

Sophomore Sophia Gonzalez, a history major has never been to an Ikea because “I look forward to visiting.”

Her major has already created a fairgrounds and now it’s over 30 miles from MMC.

“Ikea is convenient because it’s cheap and now it’s closer, I’ve been looking at prices online,” Gonzalez said.

“I look forward to visiting.”

Ikea staff not only hope that students will shop there, but also want to work at the store.

“Representatives from Ikea attended an FIU career fair during the summer and again visited the campus during the first day of fall, offering part time and full time positions to students.”

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Simply because I love doing it anyway doesn’t mean I should not get paid to do it. While it is a love, it is still a labor. There is a process artist goes through when creating a piece.

The process of buying art.

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The last stage is comprised of fixing things here and there, spraying protectants on a line art – outlines – and coloring.

Don’t forget about those who are (hopefully) getting to class on time for your professors.

The answer is definitely. Some artists are quicker and some are slower, but what I’ve recognized to sit next to, that’s the annoying type.

Why am I telling you this? Why are you coming in.

Why can the traffic and police departments not be more efficient?

Your car is a bit too shaky, so you go to a mechanic. You don’t know how to play a guitar and want to start a band, so you pay for guitar lessons.

As for commuters who are not well acquainted with the parking horrors on campus, they are sure to be annoyed by the officers telling them they cannot leave the University. Meanwhile, the light above the street is signaling, “Go.”

Perhaps these two departments can make better use of their services during one of the busiest weeks of the semester.

Next semester, allow freshmen to follow their commuting paths to grant drivers the right of way, disgreasing green lights and causing traffic congestion along University roads.

Police interference is supposed to minimize car accidents, but all it has done the past couple years is clog up traffic and aggravate drivers. Parking officials also hinder the flow of traffic during the first week of the semester.

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Once a commercial failure, Peter O’Toole propels ‘The Ruling Class’ to prominence

CULT CLASSICS

Released in 1972, based on the stage play by Peter Barnes, directed by Peter Medak and starring Peter O’Toole, “The Ruling Class” is a weird, bizarre, out-there black comedy that shamelessly makes fun of the upper British crust. The film was a commercial failure but has since gone on to become a cult classic, no doubt thanks to O’Toole’s performance and the odd nature of the film itself.

“The Ruling Class” concerns an heir (O’Toole) to a lordship possession in England, and the other members of his family that want to stop him from getting it. Jack, the heir, has been in a psychiatric ward for seven years because he completely believes himself to be God; this sort of thinking allows his relatives to easily declare him unfit for lordship and all the inheritances that go with it. His psychiatrist tries to cure him before any other plans get into effect, which then results in the more sinister half of the film.

This is a hard film to recommend, as it is making fun of something that only really exists in the United Kingdom. If you know and understand the system and so forth, you should at least get what they’re poking fun at. On a basic level, “The Ruling Class” is making fun of the titular class and class obsessed Britain in general, showing how ridiculous these people are and what they might actually be like.

They see people who view anyone below them as in need to be controlled, since people these days are doing nothing but control. But only the characters are put of the top percent, preserving family honor and keeping up appearances is of utmost importance.

Peter O’Toole might be the only real reason to watch this film: he’s amazing, hilarious, insane, and completely the character(s) he plays. He ranges from being the sweetest(?) to辅导 an absolute and frightening threat. Without saying too much, O’Toole is the best actor in this well-acted film, probably being the only character not restricted by some norm or type. Since Jack is pretty much the antithesis of what almost every character wants, he’s allowed to be beyond crazy and go against all the things the other characters deem appropriate. To an extent, every character but Jack has a sort of way of being, a way that almost never changes and stays constant throughout all that Jack does. Jack, on the other hand, is a schizophrenic, and as a result, unpredictable.

“The Ruling Class” is definitely a must-watch for fans of Peter O’Toole; for everyone else, it’s best that you look into it first before embarking. It’s a strange film, but occasionally had trouble putting my finger on; one with terrific musical numbers, strange scenes, enjoyable characters and nightmarish moments. If there is one thing I can pin down about “The Ruling Class,” it’s a spectacular black comedy, or as O’Toole himself put it “a comedy with tragic relief.”

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Baltimore’s 3PM breaks through generic radio tunes

3PM is a fairly young band from Baltimore that is poised to take over with their brand of punk that comes with a hint of nostalgia. This band started when drummer Brandon Millman hooked up with guitarist Scott Montgomery and later found vocalist and bassist Brennan Stark (no relation to Ned Stark) through the magic of social media. In 2012 they released their first album “Change of Plans” in early 2013, but were eager to return to the studio to release their follow up album, “Slow Me Down,” in the summer of 2014. Jumping in with producer Paul Leavitt — who has also worked with All Time Low, Senses Fail, and The Dangerous Summer — they were able to concoct an exceptional sophomore album.

My first thought of “Slow Me Down” was that it felt like listening to Blink 182 or Yellowcard when they were first trying to get their names out. In fact, both of these bands are big influences for these musicians. This is something new that feels like something old, but in a good way. There are dozens of bands coming out of the woodwork these days trying to emulate what the older bands accomplished in a new era. There are some that break from the pack of generic rockers and 3PM is one of them.

3PM offers a high-speed sound that showcases these very talented musicians. I challenge anyone to find a spot in this album where it dramatically slows down. Stark displays his groovy bass skills with some of the best handwork that comes with it, which could make fun of the upper Greeks, have a higher on campus involvement rate, Sofia Sanchez, Panhellenic President, a senior studying Public Relations and Marketing said. “Our women are in Student Government, Student Programming Council, Dance Marathon, Homecoming, Relay for life, Panther Camp, Peer advising and more.”

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The second weekend of recruitment comprises of Sisterhood & Traditions night, Preference Night and Bid Day. These nights are more intimate nights as potential new women will be able to learn more about each organization’s values, how their sisterhood challenges women to be the best version of themselves and how being Greek has been influential and impactful change on their lives.

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Men’s soccer seeks to return to former glory

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Last season was anything but positive for the FIU men’s soccer team. Unfortunately, they took a step backwards in trying to recover a soccer culture that once was accustomed to winning.

The team finished with a record of 6-10-1 placing them eighth in Conference-USA and four points short of a conference tournament berth.

Now, lead by the team’s newest addition Coach Scott Calabrese, the Panthers find themselves starting the season on Friday Aug. 29, traveling to the state of Michigan to take on two well-known opponents at the University of Michigan State University.

Heading into the new year, the Panthers will look to improve in many areas this season and keep their focus on conference play, an area that has been detrimental to this team’s success the past two seasons. FIU has failed to make the C-USA tournament for two seasons running, with the 2012 team failing to record even one conference win the entire season.

Before arriving in Miami, the experienced Coach Calabrese lead East Tennessee State University to two Atlantic Sun Tournament Championship appearances and even a few NCAA tournament appearances. This year under his guidance the FIU’s men’s soccer team will rely heavily on its more experienced players to find glory for this struggling program.

Just like last season, Panthers expect big things from their lead striker senior Quentin Albrecht. Albrecht, who was named to the C-USA preseason All-Conference team, has been the team’s primary scorer and best player the last two seasons; this one conference season he looks to be in the spotlight again for a team that could use a leader now more than ever.

Along with Albrecht, senior midfielder Roberto Alterio and sophomore defender Marvin Hezel are guys that will need to step up in order for the team to succeed this season.

Alterio lead the team last season in goals (7) and tied with Albrecht in total points recorded (16) holding down the middle of the field in his 11 last year.

At 6-foot-3, Hezel is the tallest player on the squad, making his responsibility anchoring the defense and holding down the back lines while also providing an offensive attack on set pieces and corner kicks.

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with travel and time convenience. Capestany is an original Panther Aikido member from years ago and Ariano works to share it with others.

She suggests everyone should have a certain instinct to protect themselves. Not only for protection, this thing and I wanted to offer that to students,” Ariano said.

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Aikido: the martial art unlike most others

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Panthers fall in season opener at “The Cage”

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FIU fell to Bethune-Cookman University 14-12 in Saturday night’s opener at Ocean Bank Field. The Panthers trailed for most of the low-paced game but still had a shot to steal it at the end of regulation.

With five seconds left to play, the Panthers lined up a potential game-winning field goal. The Wildcats called a timeout right before the snap as Austin Taylor put the kick through the uprights.

On their second attempt, holder Chris Ayers was unable to handle the snap from Brendan Taylor. The Panthers recovered the ball as time expired.

Starting quarterback E.J. Hilliard struggled in the limited action he saw. Hilliard was 3-of-6 for 26 yards and was sacked two times. Hilliard left the game early in the second quarter, making way for true freshman Alex McGough.

McGough was expected to see some action in certain packages but he carried the load the remainder of the way. He only relinquished his spot for one snap, following a play in which his helmet was ripped off.

“We said going into the game that we were gonna put him in for the third or fourth series,” said Head Coach Ron Turner. “We put him in the fourth series and we just felt keeping him in was the best thing to do at that time.”

Despite his youth, McGough did not make many mistakes. He was 13-of-27 on the evening with 117 passing yards and a touchdown. McGough’s five yard touchdown pass came with 5:16 left in the game and put the Panthers within two.

McGough’s pass attempt to T.J. Lowder on the two-point conversion attempt fell incomplete. “It was a great experience,” said McGough when asked about his first college game. “I had a great time.”

Special teams really kept the Panthers in the game. Senior kick-returner Richard Leonard broke the FIU single game return yard record with 148 yards.

The old record, held by T.Y. Hilton, was set on November 12, 2011 when Hilton had 97 yards. “I wasn’t really worried about any record,” said Leonard. “I was just worried about the team and putting them in the best position.”

The Panthers were led on the ground by another true freshman—Alex Gardner. Gardner ran for 46 yards on 12 carries. Junior running back Lamarq Caldwell was only able to muster up 15 yards on 10 carries.

McGough’s favorite target was junior tight end Ya’Keem Griner. Griner had 3 catches for a total of 36 yards.

The Panthers defense was one of the strong points Friday evening. They were able to hold the Wildcats to 239 total yards. Junior defensive end Denzell Perine finished the game with 2.5 sacks and 3.5 tackles for a loss.

The only big mistake the defense made came when they allowed a 55-yard touchdown pass from Quentin Williams to Frank Brown.

It was Brown’s first catch at the college level and also his only catch of the night.

The Panthers will try and move on from the tough loss as they face off against Wagner College (1-0) next Saturday at 6 p.m. Wagner is coming off a 21-3 victory at Georgetown.

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Offensive guard Jordan Budwig and center Donald Senat pick up wide receiver T.J. Lowder after he scores the first touchdown of the season for the Panthers.

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Media focus may have to change after the men’s soccer team defeated No. 19 University of Michigan, 1-0, in their season opener, Friday.

The lone goal of the match was scored by redshirt-freshman midfielder Donald Tomlinson, marking his first career goal in his first ever official start for FIU.

After a scoreless first half, Tomlinson was able to capitalize a run in transition, finding the back of the net in the 67th minute of the game.

After the goal, the Panthers pushed back and defended their lives away until the official blew the final whistle securing their first win of the season on their first opportunity.

The win Friday afternoon in Ann Arbor, Michigan means a lot to this Panther team, which after one game, looks to have a very promising season ahead of them. He gives the University their second ever win in men’s soccer against the Michigan Wolverines, giving the Panthers the upper hand in series history, 2-1.

Before Friday’s match, Michigan, who was returning eight starters from their 2013 squad, was 11-3 all-time in season openers, including a 2-0 mark in the Chaka Daley era, their current head coach.

The last time the Wolverines opened their season at home with a loss was back in 2011 when they fell 2-1 to Butler.

Next up for coach Calabrese and the Panthers is another big test in the state of Michigan. The team will travel from Ann Arbor to East Lansing for a matchup against the Michigan State Spartans.

The Spartans have been ranked as high as eighth in the nation by TopDrawerSoccer.com and have been chosen as one of the favorites to come away with the Big Ten men’s soccer title.

The game between the Spartans and the Panthers will be played on Sunday at noon.

After, the team will return to Miami for their season home opener to host Stetson, Sept. 5, at 7:30 p.m.
FIU welcomes sculpture to new Panther Plaza

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The University community welcomed a panther statue and presented a remodeled terrace last week.

Students, Student Government Association leaders and members of the Board of Directors gathered for the unveiling of the two-ton panther sculpture on Friday, Aug. 29, at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

The ceremony took place inside the Wolfe University Center in Panther Square, where hundreds enjoyed homemade sugar cookies, chicken wings and frozen lemonade.

The unveiling, however, was held in the newly renovated Panther Plaza, just outside WUC. The sculptor himself, Brian Hanlon, was also at the event and did the honor of unveiling his creation in the center of the terrace.

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“Changes,” and that is what we hope to do here,” said Felix. The director of WUC said the recent renovations are to better the student experience.

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Interim director for Campus Life Rafael Zapata said the new center and sculpture will expand the programming area on campus.

Zapata said other enhancements like the cell phone and laptop charging stations and LED screens to better market campus events are conducive to University expansion.

“We are growing as a university and all the new renovations, the new Starbucks, it’s all a reflection of that growth,” said Zapata.

FIU welcomes sculpture to new Panther Plaza

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Coffee-addicts are out of luck, as an upcoming franchise coffee shop is behind on construction.

Students will have to hold off on purchasing Starbucks coffee on campus until construction in the Glenn Hubert Library is completed mid-semester. An opening date has not been set. Construction began over summer break and was scheduled to be completed this fall. Although still on schedule, students must go off-campus for name-brand coffee.

Some students were surprised to find the library under construction and the Bay Cafe missing during the first week of class.

“I made plans to get my Starbucks vanilla frappe before heading to the library to do some research and couldn’t find it,” said Derek Arbuto, a senior digital media major.

Although a little behind on construction, Starbucks will still have extended business hours and will serve more than just coffee. Marketing Manager for Aramark Patricia Williams said Starbucks will remain open past 7 p.m. on weekdays, as advertised. Operation hours, however, have not been set.

She also said the restaurant will offer a full menu of pastries, sandwiches and beverages, similar to the Starbucks in the Green Library at the Modesto Maidique Campus.

Williams said when the opportunity to redesign the Bay Cafe came, Aramark jumped at the opportunity.

“Bay Cafe proudly served Starbucks, but it wasn’t a true Starbucks,” she said.

Each year, Panther Dining and Aramark conduct University-wide surveys on campus dining, and their findings showed a strong concern for the location of the coffee shop.

Ultimately, they decided the library would be better than the cafeteria because this will allow students to enjoy a pick-me-up during late study sessions.

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Panhellenic recruitment offers insight into Greek Life at FIU

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A small white envelope with a name written across the front and a bid card inside is the beginning of something that isn’t for college days alone, but for a lifetime.

It signifies the start of a process for a woman to become a member of a Panhellenic organization and it marks the beginning of many networking opportunities, potential leadership opportunities, giving back to the community, academic success, a sisterhood and lifelong friends.

“Sorority life is a great way to open your college experience and to meet people who are in the same major as you or share the same values as you,” said Jessica, a Rho Gamma senior studying accounting, who, because of sorority recruitment regulations, could not give her last name. “You can also find women who you look up to and make your time at FIU a little funner and easier.”

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On this night, the women will hear from each sorority president and have an opportunity to meet their rho gamma and the group of women they will be spending the weekends with.

On the first day, Sorority 101, women will get to meet every sorority and then choose five in which they feel they match their values, goals and personalities.

On Philanthropy night, each organization will have an FIU alumna share their success stories and give advice to those going through the process.

These alumna have established careers, some even have a family, and will be able to give an insight to the benefits a sorority provides after college.