The complex was designed, according to Williams, to add value to student education while still providing a home element.

The current 12-month lease term runs from August 21 to July 31, 2015, with rental rates ranging from $785 for a four bedroom and four bathroom apartment to $890 for a two bedroom and two bathroom apartment.

With a monthly $30 cap per person, all utilities include water, sewer, trash, utilities, digital cable, and high-speed internet.

The apartments are also fully furnished including a 42-inch flat-screen TV, full-sized Tempur-Pedic mattresses, washer and dryer and a stainless steel kitchen. Pets are not allowed.

Students have the option to join the roommate matching service that bring together residents according to lifestyle preferences.

Each person must pay their own lease so that if one person decides to leave, the others can continue to live in the same bedroom arrangements.

The tower will have community assistants that act like University resident assistants.

Dasia Spriggs, a sophomore biology major, said she was happy with her decision to live in the complex, since she had a positive experience living in another EdR building out-of-state.

“There is have experience [EdR] elsewhere at the University of Cincinnati in University Park Apartments,” she said. “The staff is just superb.”

However, living at the tower comes out a bit pricier than living in one of the on-campus residences.

Parkview Hall’s rate, for example, is $3,900 per semester for a fully furnished four bedroom apartment with two shared bathrooms.

For some students, the decision to move in across the street was mostly due to the lack of residential space on-campus.

“There was no on-campus housing,” said Spriggs, who limited her options.

According to the University’s 2010-2020 Campus Master Plan’s draft, a major issue is overcrowding at the Modesto Maidique Campus— which is why the University is interested in off-campus housing in another EdR building to provide housing for incoming students.

In a previous interview with student media, Jim Wassenaar, director of Facilities Planning and Operations, said that off-campus housing built by private developers will continue to increase.

“We’ve been supportive of private partnerships because we believe the Sweetwater community should embrace the University as a full partner,” Wassenaar said.

Another issue for the tower’s residents is parking limitations. There are only 20-25 parking limitations.

109 Tower opens across the street for the University

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“The University claims that the beat report, David Neal, who had covered FIU football for about three years, had been interviewing its athletics without consulting media relations, Gonzalez-Levy said.

The Miami Herald reported that their Managing Editor Rick Hirsch sent an email to FIU’s Athletic Director Pete Garcia, asking for evidence of unprofessional treatment. Garcia did not respond.

After the ban on Neal, the newspaper decided to call out the University for their decision in an article and did not cover the University football season opening game, even though other Miami Herald reporters received credentials.

“It is unfortunate because the game and our student athletes, they really left their heart out there on the field on Saturday,” said Gonzalez-Levy.

Thus, the game was not covered properly, she said.

According to a letter to the editor Gonzalez-Levy wrote to the Miami Herald, the University had brought up concerns about Neal’s “antagonistic interactions” with athletes, coaches and staff.

Gonzalez-Levy said disrespectful coverage of athletes had happened numerous times, and that Neal had an attitude.

Although he was not credentialed, the reporter was allowed access the FIU Stadium as a member of the public, she said.

Later that Tuesday, after the meeting ended, the Miami Herald reported that the University had decided to credential Neal for the remainder of the season.

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“This is a really alarming issue because we have observed that whenever you have diversity in a field, the field is strengthened,” she said.

As prior Vice Provost of Academic Affairs, Becerra-Fernandez was involved in interventions to help students succeed in STEM fields. She led a task force that looked at how to improve the success rate of students taking college algebra.

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According to Becerra, the findings of the task force were to make an initiative to teach college algebra using a new pedagogical intervention, which involved the math lab – where students go every week and do an online component of university faculty senate discusses The Miami Herald access controversy

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Members of the University community received an explanation about the recent conflict with The Miami Herald over media access at the Faculty Senate meeting.

After the University decided to deny media credentials to the beat reporter last week, the newspaper took a stand and did not cover the Saturday’s football game.

Senior vice president of External Relations Sandra Gonzalez-Levy attended the Faculty Senate meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 2 to explain the University’s reasons for not allowing their Managing Editor to cover the game, even though other Miami Herald reporters received credentials.

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NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Obama: Video of slain journalist is authentic, U.S. won’t be intimidated

U.S. intelligence officials have verified the authenticity of a video showing the beheading of American journalist Steven Sotloff, President Obama said Wednesday as he declared the U.S. would "not be intimidated" by the Islamic State militants’ acts of "barbarism.

"Whatever these murderers think they’ll achieve by killing innocent Americans like Steven, they have already failed," Obama said. "We will not forget, and our reach is long and justice will be served."

The story, "New furniture store brings options to the class.

After the task force, Becerra and her team noted that the intervention was a success — with an increased passing rate of over 50 percent.

"Irmia has been a leader, a friend and a mentor to many at FIU," said Rosenberg in the memorandum. "I am grateful to her for the role she has played in ensuring FIU’s place among the nation’s leading community engaged universities."

Liana Apolis, a senior biology major, said that female mentors have helped her reach her potential in some fields where women tend to be a minority — science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"It is very inspiring and humbling to see women who are able to fight against the odds to get where they are today and succeed in their careers," said Apolis. "But it is true that there are very few."

As Vice President for Engagement, Becerra-Fernandez’s role is to serve as a portal for the community and to put partnerships together.

Among the list of partnerships, Becerra-Fernandez helped create programs to improve academics and rankings at at Miami Northwestern Senior High School, which traditionally had been ranked as a D and F school. Now, with the education initiative, the school earned its first A-rating last December.

Due to the success in Miami Northwestern, Becerra and her team started the Education Effect initiative in another high school — Booker T. Washington — with a focus on Astronomy and Engineering.

"Each of these Education Effect partnerships have a STEM- personalized focus capitalizing on the assets that the school already has: Agroecology at Miami Northwestern and Astronomy and Engineering at Booker T. Washington," Becerra said.

She believes that there is a greater need to prepare students for the careers of the future — careers that incorporate science and technology — and that these partnerships are essential to getting more students interested in STEM careers. "I want to send a message of encouragement to all our students," she said. "Everybody can do it — you can be successful."
Give mental illnesses the consideration they deserve

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Unfortunately, this seems like old news, but here’s something I’ve been thinking about a lot lately: the death of Robin Williams. I’m not going to take this through the typical “He was a part of my childhood” route as much as stress the importance of recognizing mental illness.

I’m tired of the negative way the media portrays mental illness. I’m tired of the audiences that eat it up. It’s not helping anyone.

You know what I’m talking about — we’ve seen it in “Shutter Island,” Alfred Hitchcock’s “Psycho,” “The Perks of Being a Wallflower,” “Wilfred” and the UK Channel 4’s “Skins,” to name a few. Even “Girl, Interrupted” is taken as a glorification, although it is based on a true story. “A Beautiful Mind” would be great if the character’s schizophrenia weren’t used as a plot twist instead of a personality trait.

There is one film in particular, based on a biography, that I would recommend to those who want to understand what it’s like to live with a mental illness, namely clinical depression.

“Preoct Nation,” starring Christina Ricci, closely follows the tantrums, suicidal ideation, self-harm, substance abuse, anxiety and paranoia that riddle the life of a sufferer.

This isn’t some glorified sadness (depression), social awkwardness (anxiety), confusion (personality disorders) or a grudge (post-traumatic stress) that you can ignore every so often.

Living with a mental illness really ruins the life of a person. If you aren’t lucky enough to find a medication that helps, the illness tears away at intricate parts of your life. You live with it. You wouldn’t know yourself without it.

That’s why Robin Williams didn’t die from suicide — he died from major depressive disorder. If it weren’t for the suicidal ideation coming from that disorder, he would never have found it a plausible cure for his alcoholism or Parkinson’s disease.

The National Institute of Mental Health says that, as of 2012, 4.1 percent of Americans over the age of 18 have a mental illness. That’s 9.6 million adults!

Why do we, as a society, want to shun these people’s problems? How come only some of the people plagued with a serious mental illness are deemed in need of treatment?

It seems easy to ignore these issues because they aren’t immediately dying or complaining. However, consider how much they’re going through. If it’s enough to consider suicide or even school shooting, shouldn’t something be done about it?

It’s time we stop ignoring mental illness and put them on par with physical ones.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: NUTRITION STORE

This editorial is in response to your June 25 article, “FIU to open nutrition store in new parking garage.”

Since there is a nationally accredited and highly science-based Dietetics and Nutrition program on campus administered by the Department of Dietetics and Nutrition, we would have liked to have been consulted before EXN Nutrition or any such supplement establishment was allowed to open a store on our campus.

You begin the article addressing the normal, average person who wants to stay in shape by exercising. This is the last normal, average person who wants to stay in shape by exercising. The last person who needs supplements because, by extension of a fitness-leaning lifestyle, he/she most often watches what he/she eats.

Current research is showing amove away from popping pills and concentrating on food with a well-balanced diet and moderation in all aspects of eating. Single (or worse: multiple) supplements most often have untoward negative consequences because our bodies evolved to handle food — not pills.

As the article moves to the inside page seven, the conversation shifts to sources of food on campus — not supplements.

The University does have many healthy-option restaurants. But in reality, with a basic knowledge of nutrition (which our courses HUN 2000 and HUN 2201 provide) everyone can make healthy choices at nearly all restaurants.

Then, the article speaks of scholarships, discounts and rewards from EXN Nutrition.

This may end up enticing someone away from otherwise healthy food choices to leaning towards more supplements which are always more expensive than food.

Only in the last two columns does the article start mentioning athletes with the simplistic statement: “Student athletes will also gain another advantage to EXN.”

For EXN to “sponsor athletes with supplements and sportswear” is waving an overly enticing red flag in front of the athlete to take supplements instead of eating a well-balanced diet of regular food.

Notice further down in the article when it is stated “90 percent of [EXN] employees compete and take their products, so consumers won’t be receiving tips and information from someone who does not know the product first-hand.” This only says that “they know their products;” they do not know the health and family history of the person intending to buy their products.

There is a nutrition licensure law in Florida (and most states), wherein anyone teaching one-on-one nutrition therapy or counseling for specific health-related issues is in violation and will be prosecuted.

Any buyer of any product should not be using supplement stores have a self-serving interest in selling their products — not about how healthy you end up.

It takes a thorough nutrition history and analysis by a registered dietician to know what nutrients are low or too high in an individual and how nutrients interact with each other, and then to counsel the client on it.

We believe that the University is “playing with fire” in allowing this for-profit supplement company to open its doors on campus.

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GOOD TIMES AHEAD

The Electronic Dance Music duo kicks off tour at Grand Central

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The Miami native disk jockey duo Good Times Ahead kicked off the start of their Good Times Ahead Tour at Grand Central on Sunday, Aug. 31.

It was your standard electronic dance music/rave night in the city—neon strobe lights, “Kandi” masks, dance floor poppin’ and that one dude who pre-gamed a little too hard passed out in the corner.

Yet, GTA lived up to their mantra of “Death to Genres” and mixed bass heavy trap and hip-hop, with Moombahton, Electro house, and even some 90’s rhythm and blues. The duo doesn’t believe in being classified in a single “genre” but rather focuses on good music.

GTA’s members, JWLS aka Julio Mejia and Matt Toth were introduced to each other virtually, through a mutual friend on Facebook back in 2008. Since then, they’ve released festival anthems like “Booty Bounce” and “Turn It Up” through some of the biggest labels in electronic dance music: A-Trak’s Fool’s Gold, Calvin Harris’ Fly Eye Records, Diplo’s Mad Decent, Laidback Luke’s Mixmash Records and Tiesto’s Musical Freedom.

The local DJs toured extensively over the past few years. GTA has no plans of slowing down. After opening 87 shows on Rihanna’s Diamonds World Tour and playing at Philadelphia’s Made In America Festival; California’s The Coachella Valley Music and Arts Annual Festival; Electric Daisy Carnival in Las Vegas; and our very own Ultra Music Festival, the duo can expect “good times ahead.”

Panthers to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with Noche Latina on-campus

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National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 and the Student Programming Council has already begun to put together their trademark event: Noche Latina.

“It’s the most anticipated event for me because it’s a great way to incorporate so many different students at FIU,” Matt Atkins, junior majoring in Psychology and director of SPC, said. “It usually turns into a big party with lots of food, dancing and other fun activities.”

The Student Programming Council is an organization funded by the Student Government Association. They host different events throughout the semester, including Movie Fridays, holiday-themed pit events, general pit events, concerts, comedy shows and lectures. Events are always free and involve multiple giveaways.

Noche Latina will take place 6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24 in the Graham Center Ballrooms. The ballrooms will be set up as stations, each representing a different country.

“It will be similar to Disney’s EPCOT, and students will be able to do an activity at each country,” Atkins said. “The activity will include anything from tasting food from the culture, a dance to learn or a novelty giveaway.”

SPC hopes to improve this event from years past by making it a more interactive experience.

Above are Florida International University students celebrating diversity during last year’s Noche Latina celebration.
Summer—although known for vacations, summertime doesn’t mean that everyone is on holiday. This is especially true for the music scene.

Albums are being cranked out daily—it’s nearly impossible to keep up. Thankfully, we kept an eye out for some of the must-hear album releases of summer 2014. Disco, dance, drum and delightful, there’s something for everyone.

“LP1” by FKA Twigs

Erupting from relative obscurity in 2012, Tahliah Debrett Barnett – better known as “FKA Twigs” – is a London based singer-songwriter. Originally a dancer, FKA Twigs self-released her first album on bandcamp and buzz quickly generated around her YouTube music video channel. Her first real studio album, titled “LP1” and released on the Young Turks record label on Aug. 6, was spotlighted by fellow musician Ellie Goulding on her British Broadcasting Corporation radio show.

FKA Twigs has the swag of M.I.A., but the slow dreamlike melodies of The Weeknd. Her sexy vocals and explosive mix of trip hop and dream pop beats will keep you coming back for more. Listening to the single “Two Weeks” when thinking about the one you love.

“The Golden Echo” by Kimbra

Best known as the vocalist from Gotye’s Grammy winning song “Somebody That I Used To Know,” New Zealander Kimbra Lee Johnson, 24, is unstoppable—in a good way. Besides Gotye, Johnson has collaborated with indie rock singer Mark Foster of the band Foster the People and disc jockey A-Trak. She lists modern progressive metal bands as a source of inspiration.

Released this August, her new album, “The Golden Echo,” is electric, jazzy and soulful. If you are looking to rock out with your convertible top down, the single to check out is “90s music;” with its interesting synthesizer sounds, youth inspired lyrics and infectious beat, it is definitely a great summer anthem.

Kimbra is one to watch.

“Lost in the Dream” by The War on Drugs

Frontman Adam Granduciel, of the indie rock band The War on Drugs, is one of those musicians who does it all: vocals, guitar, piano, bass guitar, harmonica, keyboard and synthesizer.

All of this is present on the band’s third album, “Lost in the Dream,” released on the label Secretly Canadian this past March. The album is heavily influenced by Granduciel’s post-tour loneliness and musings. The psychedelic guitar delay and western harmonica are reminiscent of a lonely cowboy sitting in a saloon.

Turn on “Lost in the Dream” while looking out the window during a summer road trip.

“Pillata” by Freddie Gibbs and Madlib

Looking for some fresh lyrics peppered atop eclectic beats? Look no further than Madlib’s Invazion’s “Pillata.” This album is a collaborative effort between Indiana based rapper Freddie Gibbs and the California king of beats, Madlib.

Three years in the making, this album is more than music. It’s a story. Polar opposites both physically and mentally, Madlib and Freddie Gibbs recorded this album separately. It is the result of two very different and independent individuals trusting the talent of one another.

Madlib spent hours upon hours of beats to Gibbs, and Gibbs had the freedom to choose what sounds spoke to him. When inspired, he would write and rap lyrics on top of them. During that time, Gibbs drew away from drugs and street life. This album captures that transformation with sophisticated beats and heartfelt lyrics.

Turn on “Thuggin’” for a tune so catchy that you can’t help but hit replay.

“Nikki Nack” by tUnE-yArDs

The U.K.’s Merrill Garbus is the female version of Darwin Deez mixed with the theatrics of Empire of the Sun. Her vocals are raspy, but her delivery is captivating and unique. Bright colors and Jean-Michel Basquiat-style symbols make tUnE-yArDs seem 80’s, but the second album “Nikki Nack” by the electro-world-pop group is anything but dated. The single “Water Fountain” is party music with a message.

Garbus loves deviating from the norm and made a point to do so by immersing herself in “non-western musical tradition” in Haiti during her creative process.

Both uplifting and entertaining, tUnE-yArDs makes music that you can’t quite put your finger on, but you can’t help but move your body and mind to.

Noche Latina to come for FIU students

and representing all Hispanic countries, instead of the most publicized ones. Each country’s activity will relate to what the country is known for, in order to give the event an educational aspect.

“The purpose of Noche Latina is to educate students about Hispanic Heritage month,” Atkins said. “This is one of our signature events of the Hispanic Heritage Series, and of course it also serves to give the students a fun outlet during a stressful semester.”

SPC’s Hispanic Heritage Series outside of Noche Latina includes a Graham Center Pit event on Sept. 23, a movie on Sept. 26 and a comedy show on Oct. 1.

“I can’t wait to attend the events SPC puts on this year,” Stephanie Castellano, sophomore biology major, said. “They always allow the students to create items – from bears to bulletin boards – and I always look forward to the next thing I can add to my room.”

SPC has over 50 general members that help put on the events throughout the academic year. They continuously provide cultural, educational, recreational and social programs aimed at building unity and pride among all students.

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Panthers fall to Santa Clara Broncos 1-0

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The No. 15-ranked Santa Clara Broncos proved their worth Friday night, handing the Panthers their second loss of the season.

For 75 minutes, both teams were vacant in the scoring column, but one could only play defense for so long. There were late-game heroics in front of a crowd of 329 by Santa Clara University’s senior forward Seddy Stewart and midway through the game-winner at the last minute against a Panther defense that looked impermeable.

The Panthers had a wonderful first half. They seemingly controlled the tempo and how they wanted to facilitate their shot selections; four shots, three of which were on goal, no small task.

Midfielders Johanna Volz and Alyssa Robinson, an interesting early substitute by Head Coach Thomas Chestnutt, both had three combined shots, an impressive stat that continued on through the first 32 minutes.

Santa Clara was on their heels early. There was pressure on the opponents and then came the second half.

Keep in mind that the Broncos were not exactly quiet in the first half, eight shots to FIU’s four, and they continued their loud shooting streak from that point onward.

Santa Clara struck early and often after halftime ended, but Panther goalkeeper Nevena Stojakovic held her own for a considerable amount of time. She finished the night with three saves, an impressive stat that continues to grow for the freshman.

After shipping away at a Panther defense that held down the fort for so long, a late goal was eventually conceded. It came off of a cross by Santa Clara’s Kat McAffulle from just outside the box that found its home at the feet of Huerta.

Unfortunately for Chestnutt and his team, there needs to be a fair amount of both time and space to be played on any given night. The three-game road trip is a learning curve that each Panther can take with them once conference USA play begins in late September.

Panther forwards Chelsea Leiva and Ashleigh Shim were held quiet for a majority of the game.

Shim, who had two goals against University of North Florida, had no activity on the shot sheet in the 57 minutes she saw the field. Leiva, who played a more considerable 74 minutes, had one shot that almost put the Panthers on the board at the 69th minute on a breakaway opportunity.

Ellen Crist – a sophomore forward/midfielder, Robinson and Volz were the only other Panthers to attempt shots that night.

The second half was just kind of the Panthers, as they had only one shot and no shots on goal for the last 45 minutes. That isn’t due to inabilities to find opportunities near the net, that attests to Santa Clara’s defense. Sometimes, as hard as it sounds, a team has to give up a tougher defense.

A bright spot to take away from this loss is the increase in the amount of set pieces the Panthers saw. In their previous match, FIU only saw one corner kick. Against Santa Clara, there were five, with a whopping four in the second half. With chances like this – some Chestnutt has emphasized in practices – there’s been no need to worry.

After playing three straight away games from Aug. 24 to Aug. 31, FIU is 2-1 and is coming back to South Florida with a 2-2 overall record. This win served as a much-needed boost of confidence for the team and, more specifically, for a certain redshirt senior.

Forward Chelsea Leiva had zero goals this season before placing her clean shot onto Knoles Field in California. After coming off a 1-0 loss to No. 15 Santa Clara on Aug. 29, the University of the Pacific in Stockton was the next stop. Coming into the Aug. 31 match, both Panthers and the Pacific Tigers were 1-2 on the season, looking to reach 500 for the first time in 2014.

Before coming home, Panthers had some unfinished business to handle: a win.

Last season, the Panthers were 4-5 on the road, giving teams reason to find opportunities near the net, that attests to Santa Clara’s defense. Sometimes, as hard as it sounds, a team has to give up a tougher defense.

The atmosphere was rich at FIU’s home field, with one on goal from Robinson, no small feat.

Alyssa Robinson, an interesting early substitute by Chestnutt. Her second assist of the season.

The game, Stojakovic mentioned they played well as a unit, that the defenders were just as aggressive as her.

Hidden beneath the historic day was the fact that five Panthers had at least one shot on goal, seven as a team. Ashleigh Shim, senior forward, had two shots on goal today, coming very close to scoring on an early first-half try inside the box. Leiva had two shots on goal, alongside Montoya, Talia McMurrutie and Sara Stewart with one each.

For the past couple of years, this FIU team has stuck to their game plan, according to senior Caroline Hernandez, who has stuck to their game plan against FGCU.

"The air was rich Tuesday morning with sharp passes, clean tackles and a no-nonsense attitude. Florida Gulf Coast University is in the crosshairs of this Panther and, although the Eagles of FGCU have traditionally had success against FIU (5-1 all-time), the script is ready to be rewritten."

"What I learned [in California] is that we’re definitely capable of winning every game from here on out," said redshirt junior Scarlet Montoya.

"I think [the defense is] way [more] organized, said senior defender Marie Egan. "We’re better equipped for balls through and over-the-top.""}

The Panthers have a chance to win their second game in a row as the season winds down, according to senior Caroline Hernandez, who has stuck to their game plan.

"The team’s goal is to win seven in a row," said Chestnutt. "And that starts Wednesday night with Florida Gulf Coast."
FIU & UM agree to 2-game football series after brawl

Alex McGough arrived at FIU early this summer. In just a few short months, he’s gone from a nameless freshman to the quarterback of the Panthers. McGough attended Gaither High School in Tampa. In his senior year, he passed for 1,258 yards and eight touchdowns. He is listed at 6-foot-3, but stands closer to 6-foot-4 or 6-foot-5.

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University announces partnership with Museum of Science

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A partnership between the University and a science museum is to bring a new environmental building for the crowd at Biscayne Bay Campus.

The University Board of Trustees approved a new partnership with the Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science three months ago to build a new facility on campus. Here, animals will be cared for when not on display at the museum downtown.

“FIU is a great partner for us,” said museum President and CEO Gillian Thomas.

The museum received a $5 million donation from the Batchelor Foundation to build the on-campus center, the Batchelor Environmental Center at FIU.

Operation and maintenance costs will be covered by the museum, while any academic programming will be financed by the University.

The structure will take up 75,000 square feet of the north side of campus, according to Provost Emeritus Douglas Waltzok.

The museum will consider FIU its primary academic partner, with the chance of applying for joint research grants, offering internships to FIU students and coordinating classes for students at the BBC facility and the new downtown Miami location, scheduled to open 2016.

The museum intends to use the proposed two-story facility to care for their animals as they rotate them between exhibits. It will house large fish tanks and hold hawks, falcons, owls and vultures for their Falcon Batchelor Bird of Prey Center there.

The Bird of Prey Center, Thomas said, is where museum staff rehabilitate rare predatory birds that are ill or injured, and then release them back into the wild.

Michael Heithaus, executive director of the College of Arts and Sciences, said he thinks this will be a unique facility to have at a college campus and will make BBC an exciting place for students.

With access to “exotic animals that are rarely available on college campuses,” according to the contract, the University hopes to attract students interested in pre-veterinary studies.

The contract grants the museum four parking spaces and museum staff can buy an administrative decal from the Department of Parking and Transportation. If the project site includes the construction of new parking spaces, these would be exclusive to the museum.

The contract also outlines possible programs between the University and the museum at both locations.

One plan mentioned is the use of a 24-seat classroom for undergraduate lab courses, for science and nonscience majors at the BBC facility.

Another possibility is to enroll 12 undergraduate students in an animal care intern program.

The University also plans for 20 undergraduate students to intern at the museum downtown, with half interacting with museum visitors as science communication interns and the other half placed in other departments of the museum.

The museum can use the on-campus facility for 30 years, and may renew their contract.

In the long term, the University intends to use this partnership to create new professional science master’s programs at the School of Environment, Art and Society and a professional master’s in science communication program in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

“It’s an open canvas for collaboration,” Thomas said. “We are looking to have as many crossovers as we can.”

Panthers to dash through obstacles for cash

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Mud, zombies and obstacles are making an appearance at the University next month as well as a chance for Panthers to win some cash.

FIU’s Biscayne Bay Campus Recreation and the Benjamin Dash will host their first running event as partners on Saturday, Oct. 4. The first wave of runners starts at 8 a.m.

Christina Reddick, assistant director of Student Affairs and coordinator of the event, said people are excited about the event, particularly rec center faculty who have already formed teams.

The Benjamin Dash held their first run at Amelia Earhart Park a year ago, with roughly 1,000 attendees sprinting, hurdles and scavenging for flags that were exchanged for cash after the course was completed.

This year the group decided to bring the Benjamins to FIU, not only to use the unique landscape of BBC, but also to give students a chance to give back to the community.

Reddick said students have the option of donating their winnings to student clubs and organizations, although participants may also keep their earnings for themselves.

The course will be about three miles long and will have ten obstacles, including 4-foot wall climbs, quarter pipes, traverse walls, tilted walls, mud pits, tire flips, and even a water obstacle – all of which are optional.

“We put them there because a lot of people like the challenge,” said Frank Samper, Benjamin Dash operation manager.

However, there will be several color and zombie zones, charity warriors and water balloons some runners may not be able to escape. Students not only win money at the event, but they also save money when registering.

University students can participate at a discounted price when registering at: http://bit.ly/1n6Uys.

All other participants can register on the Benjamin Dash website and may use the promo code “DASH4CASH” to receive a 10 percent discount.

The start and finish of the run will be behind the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Center, where an after party with vendors, music and giveaways will take place.

Prospective participants can visit the Benjamin Dash site or contact Christina Reddick at Reddickc@fiu.edu for details about packet pickup, volunteering opportunities and more.