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How to respond to a disaster is what University police consider when raising arms, but national incidents have made others skeptical.

The FIU Police Department purchased 50 M16 rifles in the last couple of years and recently acquired a small Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle and a mobile command bus.

These new purchases are to better improve in campus safety in everything from an active shooter to disaster recovery, said University Police Chief Alex Casas.

Reports of the FIUPD’s purchases came after the deployment of similar armed vehicles by law enforcement in response to the civil unrest in Ferguson, Miss.

“I think the timing is less than ideal,” said Ediberto Román, professor at the University College of Law. “I believe there have been suggestions of proposed legislation in Congress to question the distribution of current and former military equipment to local police forces.”

The FIU Police Department obtained the MRAP and rifles through the Law Enforcement Support Office Program, which is part of the Department of Defense’s 1033 initiative that helps dispose of the surplus military equipment by giving it up to local law enforcement.

This initiative was developed through the National Defense Authorization Acts of 1990 and 1996 to better equip the police for the “war on drugs” and the “war on crime.”

Román said he wasn’t sure if the purchases were necessary for the University.

“I find it to be a fairly safe campus,” he said. “I would hope [funds] would have been used to insure an alert system for the isolated, individual attack as opposed to almost an armed conflict type preparation.”

Jose Reyes, a freshman engineering major, thought that having an MRAP on campus in case of hurricanes or floods was a good idea.

“I think it’s good,” he said, “it’s for our safety and protection.”

With a growing student population of over 54,000, Román can understand the possibility of an incident and preparing for it, but thinks the University is going about it the wrong way.

Krystal Zheng, freshman communications major, said she was concerned with having these sort of weapons around.

Police hold M16 rifles, armored vehicle for emergencies

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New app, the creation of an FIU graduate

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There’s a new app out for smartphones and it’s the creation of a recent FIU graduate and his two friends.

Alum Brian Summers, along with Michael Francis and Geoffrey Chan have created ShareWhere, an app in which people anonymously express what’s on their minds and what’s happening at places around them.

The idea came when Francis, 29, and Chan, 28, kept getting home from bars and clubs with tons of great photos, but “you would just never put them on Instagram,” said Francis.

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Physics professor records his own studio album

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Nestled amid a half-empty Barnes and Noble cafe, musician James Webb has his weekly Wednesday evening performance.

But he isn’t just a musician. He also happens to have a master’s in physics and a Ph.D. in astronomy.

“I became interested in music at a really young age. I was around in the sixties during the Beatles Invasion,” said Webb.

“I’ve been playing the guitar for probably most of my life— probably about 50 years. I recently took classical lessons becoming a much better guitarist and started performing here on campus on a weekly basis.”

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The worst that could happen between students, she said, is a fight, and if there is ever a shooter on campus, the police can handle it without an MRAP.

“I think it’s too much,” she said. “It’s kind of scary.”

Zheng also wondered how the police department would keep the MRAP from falling into the wrong hands.

However, Casas said the MRAP won’t be used around campus when there is a high amount of students moving about, or exposed.

“We don’t plan on the MRAP,” Casas said. “We have it tucked away—I hope we never have to use it.”

Casas said that University police officers are being trained to use the MRAP, and the MRAP’s M60s are all customized for each officer according to specifications of sights.

FUIPD also cooperates with outside law enforcement and, according to Casas, they do so quickly and more efficiently than a MRAP.

He plans on mainly sharing it with the planetariums and science centers hoping it may inspire guests and listen to their own space exploration.

“What I would really like is get it out to a wide variety of people so they can hear the message and get them thinking, how can we actually have science and come out good,” Webb said.

“It’ll be like normal music, but instead of ‘I love you,’ it’ll say, ‘I want to understand the universe.’”

“Reaching for the Stars” may not revamp the music industry any time soon, said Webb, but he sees nothing wrong with settling for being a professional astronomer and studio recorded artist.

He’s content holding his performances in the University bookstore.

“That’s the ultimate goal— to have people listen to it and inspire them. It may not do it, but I’ll give it a shot,” said Webb.

Dance recor...
Nationalities have no place in determining attractiveness

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Who should make the first move? This question always comes up between my friends and I, whenever we are together. This is probably a question you ask yourself whenever you’re with a girl or a guy you really like. Well, here I will tell you it doesn’t matter. I believe it all depends on the situation and if you are ready to read a person. I know tradition is that, when it comes to dating or expressing interest in someone, the guy should always make the first move. From experience I have come to realize that not all guys will step up to the plate and make the first move. This can be for various reasons: they may either have been shy, intimidated, not interested or too cocky. You may never know the person’s reasoning behind not approaching you until you take the initiative to approach them first.

Sometimes you may be able to sense if they’re interested or not, just from body language. From personal experience, if a guy isn’t too aggressive they usually flirt with their eyes. Sometimes they give a head nod or a certain look or sometimes even stare to see if you’re interested or paying attention.

I think we females usually flirt with our whole body. We use our eyes, smile, swing our hair, jiggle a different way, switch our hips, and walk slower. We just have every trick of the trade to inform a guy that we are interested.

Dominant traits within certain regions such as a certain hair or eye color, this does not mean exclusive beauty. Stating so would be to say all with blue eyes or brown hair are good looking.

The American continent is anything but homogeneous. The history of Latin America, like that of the world, is one of movement exponentially accelerated this process.

I am an example of this. I am of Chilean descent. Both my parents and theirs are from Chile. I have French, British, Spanish and Portuguese lineage.

My family history is not unique. Google-search the history of Chile, Argentina, Peru or Brazil.

This notion that certain people, both men and women, are instantly more attractive based on their nationality is childish. This is more than one occasion where I have met Nicaraguans who look nothing like me and could not pass for any of my immediate family.

They are too dark or too light, too tall or too short. I have met Nicaraguans and Dominicans who are light-skinned and eyed, and Chileans and Colombians who are the exact opposite. If someone is attractive it is simply because they have favorable and diverse genes.

I can assure you the tall light-skinned woman with blue eyes could have been born in Germany like Brazil. Leave the national differences where they matter, at customs and immigration.

In my opinion, this is anything but homogeneous and if you can read a person. I know it doesn’t matter.

Pick your role and stick to it, but have self-confidence in yourself to approach him. It honestly doesn’t matter as long as you are confident in yourself to approach that person. You got to know how to play the old-time game of playing hard to get.

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Ladies are known for playing this game, but guys are no stranger to it either. Now usually in this type of situation, depending on if the guy is really cute and he’s not coming off as cocky, I will approach him.

I’m confident and know what I want. But there are times when a guy is just so good-looking – I mean fine as wine – that I most likely will not approach him. So I will hope that his fine self will walk over and say something, but if he doesn’t then I will just go on about my life, because we may see each other again.

I feel if it’s meant to be, it will be. I just don’t want to be thinking at the end of the night, ‘Man, I should have said something!’

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One engineering student bares it all on VH1’s ‘Dating Naked’ program

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An engineering student strips down in a new reality show to live out his last summer and possibly find love before starting graduate school at the University.

Marcus Herndon, a full-time mechanical engineering major who started at FIU this fall, was a contestant on episode five of VH1’s debut series “Dating Naked.”

Herndon says people’s perception of the show may be skewed, assuming the contestants are primarily thinking about sex on their dates since they are completely nude – but to the contrary, “You truly don’t think about the physical,” he says.

The idea of the show is to have people be as open and as vulnerable as possible by having them strip away their clothes and then go on a blind date, in hopes of bonding with someone on a non-superficial level.

Two main contestants first go on a date with each other, which is typically spent doing a water sport or an arts and crafts project at the Red Frog Marina in Boca del Toro, Panama.

Then, the main contestants go on two separate dates with two more people and later have to choose the person they connected with the most.

Herndon was Candace’s last date, which was spent building kites from scratch and dancing on the shore of a secluded beach resort.

Candace was wooed by Herndon’s moves and chose him as the person she connected with the most. However, what the two found was friendship rather than love.

Herndon says the distance between Atlanta, where he is originally from, and Idaho, where Candace stays, is too much to sustain a relationship – especially now that he is living in Miami.

But he says being on the show did change the way he approaches relationships.

“Just pay more attention to a person’s mindset,” he says.

When people are clothed and distracted by their cell phones, they are unable to connect with their partner as intimately as they could.

He says he felt he was “pillow talking” during his date with Candace because they were fully exposed to one another.

He also says being nude heightens the senses, comparing the experience to when a person removes their shoes and socks, and feels the ground with their bare feet.

Being naked forces people to be themselves and thus, allows a person’s personality to truly shine, according to Herndon.

If a person is self-conscious about their physical appearance or timid, eliminating those distractions also allows those people to face their discomfort head on.

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It’s the age old tale of men, women and sexual desire, the less human they become.

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Breakdown of the bawdy booty bicyclist

COLUMNIST

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On Thursday, Sept. 4, students were notified through FIU Alert of two sexual harassment instances that happened on campus.

If you missed the University’s phone call and text, the message read, “On two separate occasions an unknown male on a bicycle has grabbed two female buttocks at the [Modesto A. Maidique Campus] Contact [Florida International University Police Department] if you have any information.”

A barrage of Facebook posts and tweets proceeded the news, poking fun at the situation or expressing overall disgust at the perpetrator’s actions.

On the surface, it is easy to laugh at the situation: One cloaked assailant, storming about the MMC campus, carefully and meticulously – so meticulous that after his first attack in late June, he had to wait three months until striking again.

A Twitter account under the username @ FIU_BruteyBandit was even created, with a biography that read, “Who’s Next?”

There have been mixed feelings on the situation as a whole.

These two incidents, still open cases, may be funny in nature, but they tell a darker story.

HUMANS OF FIU

“You better try this caviche after you take my photo,” said Tony. He works at the Mini’s Food truck near GL and was offering fresh caviche to students and professors who were walking by.

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“Hey, can you walk me to my car?” is how you should view women: as sex objects.

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The more men see women as an object of sexual desire, the less human they become.

History has shown us countless times that dehumanization is the easiest way to oppress and then wash your hands of guilt.

“I’m not beating a human; I’m beating my property, my slave who works for me.”

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And all of this leads back to a growing University in Miami, Florida, where one man, intentions unknown, felt the right to reach out and touch something.

It’s something that was never his, nor will it ever be. It’s something that society has said he is entitled to. It’s something that fuels the rape culture we live in.

“I want all the time by women to walk them to their car, or to accompany them to a party.

It sounds like a simple gesture, chivalry on my part, but take a second and look at what these women are actually asking.”

“Hey, can you walk me to my car?” is more or less, “Hey, I’m a young girl and it’s dark outside. There are guys out there that are waiting for a situation like this, where they can approach and possibly even assault me.”

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From working men to old men: How 40 years of music makes a band change

I don’t want this to happen. I would like the right to decide who I get to have sex with or share my body with. However, this is not always the case and some men don’t value my opinion.”

The FIU MMC protester is a very small incident, but his appearance on the show would add to his music career, but trusted he would carry himself in a decent manner. His friends and others living in Atlanta are big fans of reality shows, so he would always get approached.

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Panthers look to send the Beavers down the river

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The Panthers have a chance to build on something special, even if Sept. 12 isn’t a conference game.

On Friday, Sept. 5, FIU handled Murray State University and earned a 1-0 victory, their first win at home on the season.

There are still five consecutive home games to go for the Panthers during this stretch, a task they look to capitalize on. The next meeting presents a chance to achieve a 2-0 home record, bringing them closer to besting their home record from last season (3-6).

Oregon State University is a school that has yet to see a tally in their win column. The Beavers hail from the Pac-12, sitting last in the conference at 0-4-2.

The Beavers have only scored two goals thus far in the season, while conceding eight to their opponents. In the 2013-2014 regular season, OSU faced similar troubles, finishing with a 6-12-2 record.

In order for the Panthers to build a strong home field advantage come October, they must win games against teams that are struggling this early in the season.

The entire atmosphere is filled with the attitude that they can beat any team on any given day, but the Panthers cannot continue to trade wins and losses.

Volleyball

The outdoor volleyball team needs the next two wins to be over .500 for the first time since winning their season opener.

The Panthers are coming fresh off of a 3-0 victory over South Carolina State.

The Panthers (3-4) will face University North Dakota at 1 p.m. and South Dakota State University at 8 p.m. in a double header on Sept. 12 in Brookings, South Dakota.

The volleyball team made some key offseason moves to be set up for success this season. The team first had to overcome only having five returning players.

11 of the 17 this season, four players from the sand volleyball team – the team that made it to the AVCA Championship last year – came over to assist the team.

After a loss, FIU is 3-0. After a win, they are 0-2, a record that can surely be changed against Oregon State University. A facet of the next match to keep an eye on is the midfield play.

Senior Johanna Volz and redshirt junior Scarlet Montoya have seemingly controlled the tempo whenever a ball is played into the middle of the field.

Against Murray State University, Montoya linked up with Volz for a clear-cut goal to eventually win the game.

Ironing out the offense from midfield all the way to the attacking front provides open space, which helps goal-thirsty forwards Chelsea Leiva and Ashleigh Shim can find their shots.

The odds are not in the Beavers’ favor, especially since they are 11 out of 12 in shots (68) in the Pac-12, while, also, averaging 0.33 goals per game.

Yes, that’s not even an average of a single goal through six games, a most concerning statistic for head coach of Oregon State, Linus Rhode.

On the other hand, FIU is tied for third overall in shutouts (3) amongst Conference USA teams — a testament to the improved defense and surge of aggressiveness from freshman goalkeeper Nevena Stojakovic.

Regardless of previous games, the Panthers take no team lightly and look for a win over Oregon State University P.M., Friday, Sept. 5.

To help the seven freshmen newcomers, Head Coach Rita Buck-Crockett added new personnel to the coaching staff to balance talent with wisdom. Volz added new assistant coaches Tim Edfors and Patrick Nichols brought roughly 60 years of volleyball experience combined to the team.

With their experiences layered on top of Buck-Crockett’s, which includes two Olympic appearances and an induction into the Volleyball Hall of Fame, the team is expected to play together and improve upon last year’s 13-17 overall record.

Although the Panthers may not have begun the season as they had hoped, they followed a victory at home opener with six losses.

The team then managed to find their way to 3-4, but Buck-Crockett most likely expected to be in a better place by that point.

They will certainly be encouraged, however, by their potential victory over South Dakota State.

Junior team captain Lucia Castro recorded a career-high .480 hitting percentage.

In addition, Castro and her fellow junior team captain, Gloria Leonor, were recently named onto the University of South Florida Invitational All-Tournament Team.

The Panthers may be getting into the swing of things and gathering some much needed momentum in preparation for a double-header against two quality opponents.

At the time of this writing, North Dakota (6-2) is in possession of a five-game winning streak.

Taking this span, North Dakota lost only five sets, and three of these games were decided in just three sets.

Obviously, the Panthers’ first opponent on Friday is no joke; in 2013, they finished 22-11, with a 17-3 record within the Big Sky Conference.

Leading her university is Nikki Husfeldt, a senior who has been the team’s primary play-maker thus far this season.

Husfeldt recorded the first triple-double in her school’s Division I history in a match against South Dakota.

With her accomplishments resulted in her being named Big Sky Conference Player of the Week.

When she is coupled with freshman Faith Dooley, who just picked up a pair of kill games at the UND Classic Volleyball Tournament, it is easy to understand why North Dakota will be a tough opponent for the Panthers.

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With an attack that features many young, but talented ball handlers, the Panthers will be hoping to play good transition ball. The flanks will most likely be open due to the strong middle play so far this season by sophomore midfielder Ismael Longo and junior midfielder Daniel Gonzalez.

With these strong players working the ball across the box, the Panthers will need a strong showing from senior forward Quentin Albrecht to stay on top.

Albrecht has scored yet this season, but has been a menace to opposing defenses through 3 games and has the pedigree to come up big very soon.

The Panthers will have their backline anchored by impressive senior center back Sean McFarlane, who has been playing great soccer for his two years in a golden and blue uniform.

A 6-foot 185-pound man among boys, McFarlane will be counted on to lead a backline that gave up 3 goals to a very good Michigan State University team.

The “X-Factor” of the game will be sophomore defender Juan Benderry, who has been playing lights out soccer as of late.

Though short in stature at 5’10”, Benderry has played amazing in the flanks for the Panthers and will be called upon more often to keep the pressure on the Elon backline.

Benderry has one goal and one assist on the season, and was a huge factor in the opening win versus the Wolverines of Michigan.

The next game will be Sept. 16 as the Panthers head to Johnson City, Tennessee to face coach Calabrese’s old team in East Tennessee State University.

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To aid them this season, four newcomers, Head Coach Rita Buck-Crockett added new personnel to the coaching staff to balance talent with wisdom.

New assistant coaches Tim Edfors and Patrick Nichols brought roughly 60 years of volleyball experience combined to the team.

With their experiences layered on top of Buck-Crockett’s, which includes two Olympic appearances and an induction into the Volleyball Hall of Fame, the team is expected to play together and improve upon last year’s 13-17 overall record.

Although the Panthers may not have begun the season as they had hoped, they followed a victory at home opener with six losses.

The team then managed to find their way to 3-4, but Buck-Crockett most likely expected to be in a better place by that point.

They will certainly be encouraged, however, by their potential victory over South Dakota State.

Junior team captain Lucia Castro recorded a career-high .480 hitting percentage.

In addition, Castro and her fellow junior team captain, Gloria Leonor, were recently named onto the University of South Florida Invitational All-Tournament Team.

The Panthers may be getting into the swing of things and gathering some much needed momentum in preparation for a double-header against two quality opponents.

At the time of this writing, North Dakota (6-2) is in possession of a five-game winning streak.

Taking this span, North Dakota lost only five sets, and three of these games were decided in just three sets.

Obviously, the Panthers’ first opponent on Friday is no joke; in 2013, they finished 22-11, with a 17-3 record within the Big Sky Conference.

Leading her university is Nikki Husfeldt, a senior who has been the team’s primary play-maker thus far this season.

Husfeldt recorded the first triple-double in her school’s Division I history in a match against South Dakota.

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After beginning the year 3-1, the Jackrabbits faltered and slid into a three-game losing streak.

South Dakota State has an odd pattern to their games, victory or defeat; the score is not usually close.

Five of the Jackrabbits’ seven games have been decided in just three sets.

If the Panthers can get an early lead on South Dakota State, they may be able to secure an easy victory.

If they falter, the Jackrabbits could take over and dominate.

Recently, South Dakota’s Margit Hansing, senior, has been their most prominent player.

She recorded at least nine kills in two of her last three matches.

The Panthers need these two victories to return to winning form. If not, the season could turn into another hover around .500.
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The University Panthers women’s golf team will be looking to win a Conference USA championship this year lead by sophomore Camila Serrano and junior Meghan MacLaren. The team is also returning five other golfers from last year’s team.

Serrano will look to build off of what was a very impressive freshman year. In 2013, she posted a team best stroke average of 73.76. She appeared in six tournaments for the Panthers, which included four top 25 finishes and even one finish in the top 5.

That top 5 finish came when she tied for seventh with an 8-under par (208) and earned her first career victory at the Amelia Island Collegiate. That victory helped claim the Panther’s first tournament title of the season. All of Serrano’s hard work culminated at the end of the year when she was named the Conference USA Freshman of the Year and received Second Team All-Conference USA Second Team honors.

MacLaren will look to continue what has been a good career here at the University so far. Last year she appeared in all ten tournaments for the Panthers as their number one player.

She posted a stroke average of 74.14. She had three top 10 finishes and seven top 25 finishes. Her best finish came at the Amelia Island Collegiate where she finished fourth and shot a season-low 69 first round. She was one of three Panthers to be named Women’s Collegiate Golf All-Americans by the WGCA.

The criteria for the selection to the All-American Scholar Team are some of the hardest in all of college athletics, where the cumulative GPA is a 3.50.

She was also named to the Women’s Golf All-Academic Team, C-USA Commissioner’s Honor Roll, and received All-Conference USA Third Team honors.

Another one of those Panthers that was named Women’s Collegiate Golf All-American Scholars by the Women’s Golf Coaches Association was Coralia Arias. In 2014, she looks to continue what was a great freshman year campaign, where she posted a stroke average of 75.62.

She shot a low 54-hole score of 210 and a low round score of 68. She also finished first at the FIU Pat Brady Invitational with a 6-under score of 210.

While this year’s team is bringing back a lot of talent from last year’s team, it is also bringing in some new, young and fresh talent. Freshman Katerina Krasova from Říčany, Czech Republic signed her letter of intent with the Panthers in the spring to join them for the 2014 season. Head Coach Joe Vogel is excited to have her on the team.

“Katerina will bring a lot of experience to our program. She will increase our depth and could possibly step in immediately and be a starter. She has the potential to be a great player here at FIU,” Vogel said.

Although she is a freshman, Krasova brings a lot of experience from the Czech Republic. In 2013, she had three top 5 finishes. She placed second in the Czech International Junior National Championships (U21).

In 2012, she won the Czech Ladies Amateur Tour and she won the Czech International Junior Championship (U18).

In 2011, she won the Future Collegians World Tour event and the Czech Extra League. She also finished in sixth in the German Boys and Girls Championships.

The Women’s FIU Panthers Golf team starts their season on Sept. 13, at the Mary Fossum Invitational where they look to build off of a very good 2013 season. Hopefully they can build some momentum and go into this year’s Conference USA Championships with a chance to be victorious.

East Carolina, Tulane (reigning Conference USA champions) and FIU all return multiple players who have received All Conference USA honors.

Look for all three schools to be in the mix for a Conference USA championship come April 20, 2015 to April 22, 2015.

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As each Panther walked onto the field, there was a look of fire in each pair of eyes ignited by the Sept. 3 Florida Gulf Coast University match. Smiles shone, but the mission for Sept. 5 was clear-cut: Win at all costs and avoid a 0-3 home record.

The wind was blowing modestly as “The Star-Spangled Banner” blared over the speakers. A round of applause indicated the game was on. A whistle blew and Murray State University, hailing from Murray, Kentucky, kicked-off.

Throughout the first half, FIU controlled the tempo and kept possession—two aspects that were missing against FGCU. The Panthers found six shots and four of them on goal (four different players with at least one goal). The Racers of Murray State only had two shots and none on goal. A quiet 45 minutes for MSU compared to the boisterous roar of the Panthers.

Senior forward Ashleigh Shim had two chances early on, as she proved to be the thorn in the Racers’ side.

“We recognized the mental approach that we had to the game. I thought it was a better [approach] from the start,” said Head Coach Thomas Chestnutt.

A better approach, indeed, as each Panther discovered their ability to get behind the weak Murray State defense.

MSU, coming off a 5-1 loss to Dayton University, displayed similar first half defensive struggles, which may have been the tipping point for MSU Head Coach Jeremy Greves, who received an early yellow card at the 20th minute.

Even amongst the beautiful passes and connections, FIU had trouble finding the back of the net—until the 64th minute.

Redshirt junior midfielder Scarlet Montoya connected with teammate Johanna Volz, senior midfielder, for her third assist of the season and Volz’s second goal of the season.

“I can always count on Scarlet to find me through. It happens day in and day out,” said Volz. “As soon as she picked her head up, I knew if I made a hard run, she’d find me one way or another. And she did.”

A simple touch past the keeper is how Volz described her shot, but there was nothing simple about the ramifications of the eventual game-winner.

FIU is now 1-2 at home, avoiding a 0-3 home record.

Chestnutt and his staff have been comfortable through six games this season in giving chances to the young freshmen of the Panther team, knowing that the word “freshman” is only a label.

Freshman midfielders Courtney Phillips and Paula Quintero combined for 59 minutes of action against the Racers. Both have provided the needed spark to the offense and have grabbed the attention of fans, alike.

Season ticket holder Mark Dietsch just gave Phillips the first fan nickname of many, “CP3.”

“I feel like my role is to support my teammates by being aggressive and contributing to the attack,” said Quintero. “As a freshman, it’s hard, you know? It’s a whole different team, but the team has been so supportive and welcoming, on and off the field.

The end of the humid night, Murray State was sent racing back home, hoping to forget about allowing the Panthers to shoot 15 times and have 6 on goal. With a much-needed win for the Panthers, they turn their attention towards Oregon State University.

“We have a whole week now to prepare for our next game, and [there’s] nothing better than preparing off a win,” said Volz.

Women’s golf returns to new season with veteran leadership and young talent
Internships: assistance at what cost?

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Graduating from college is a big step for all of us. Fresh college grad are eager to make something of their degree by finding a career in their field of study. But before they do, they are encouraged to work for little to no compensation to gain experience and thus become more hireable — also known as internships.

Internships are the most efficient method of recruiting and hiring college graduates, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers. But how do students obtain the necessary skills to land those internships?

Six guys, three rooms and one Honda — that's where it all started for the comedy group returning to FIU for a second performance on campus this week.

The group performed in last year's SPC Fall Fest, and Camara said SPC invited them back by popular demand.

"There was an exciting buzzing around Dormtainment, and the passion their fans have is a sight to witness," said Camara. "After all I heard, I knew I had to book them out.

"They truly give their all and care about the craft of comedy," said Camara.

Dormtainment’s performance could help inspire students to explore new fields of study, like comedy.

The University job assistance website says, "The payoff for those who take on internships for the duration of a full semester or more. That means earning little to no money for several months of the year."

The average compensation for interns varies depending on their major and year, but is generally around $15 an hour, as determined by the NACE last year. But job-fairs and Career Bashes, like the one on Sept. 8 in the WUC Ballrooms, many times get students to polish their cover letters and apply for internships that doesn’t offer monetary compensation, only school credit — if that.

Internships may be a safety net for students getting ready to walk across the stage, but they are also a way to exploit young adults by having them do the work of an employee for little compensation.

Businesses are benefiting more by having interns in the office.

The space being built to train Royal Caribbean performers consists of 10 rehearsal spaces, a 300-seat theatre, and a 20,000 square foot costume making facility. It will be available to the school of Architecture of Arts students when Royal Caribbean isn't using it.

Considering how a recent college grad would earn between $37,000 and $62,000 a year, based on NACE findings, hiring more interns than permanent employees means companies are saving thousands of dollars while getting the same work done.

More than half of the companies who employ interns offer the same people a permanent position, found the NACE. But what happens to the college grad who has not gotten any experience in their field? What safety net do these students have after interning and still not being able to find a job?

The experience intern acquire can be obtained through part-time jobs, this way they prepare for their future careers and have a way to pay bills. However, students should still take advantage of the minimal resources offered by Career Services before they graduate and enter the real world.