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Modesto Maidique Campus plagued by car related thefts

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One graduate student’s negative experience with FIU Police has begun to make waves throughout the University, shedding light on a large number of car related thefts at the Modesto Maidique Campus.

In an email sent out to members of the University administration, Karylyn Beltz, a University graduate student, described her experience with a University police officer just after her car had been broken into. According to Beltz, the police officer informed her that she was the fifth person on July 19 to have their car vandalized or stolen. Already incensed by having her car broken into, the situation came to a boiling point after remarks made by the police officer attending to Beltz.

“He informed me that campus police has no intention of catching the culprits since they want to maintain the ‘crime free’ status of the campus,” stated Beltz in the July 20 email.

According to Beltz, the officer attending to her also went on to say that “the only way they would do anything about it would be if they were forced to after people started to make waves about it on campus.”

“The behavior Ms. Beltz describes is not acceptable or typical of our officers,” said University Provost Douglas Wartzok in a statement to Student Media. “We have a dedicated team of public safety professionals who work around the clock to maintain our safety and who conscientiously report every incident.”

Beltz’s email was sent to a majority of the University’s administration, including Wartzok, as well as University President Mark Rosenzeng and Public Safety Chief Bill King. Since July 20, the email has been widely circulated throughout the University.

“I’d like to apologize if my officer made the statement,” stated King referring to the officer’s ‘crime free’ status comment in an email sent out to the University community. “That is simply not true and it is contrary to the mission of this department.”

King then addressed the amount of auto thefts that have taken place at the Modesto Maidique Campus. According to King, since the start of 2010, the University has had a total of 92 vehicle related crimes reported. These included 19 thefts from a vehicle, 34 burglaries to a vehicle, 23 reports of vandalism to vehicles and 12 stolen vehicles.

Since June 21 there have been seven stolen vehicles reported on campus. Since then, there have also been ten burglaries or thefts which have taken place at parking garages or parking lots on campus; two of which occurred at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Theft crimes include items taken from outside vehicles such as “parking decals, hood ornaments, hubcaps,” while burglaries include items taken from inside vehicles such as “cell phones, iPods, laptops and book-bags.”


Sarah Fanjani, a graduate student seeking a Ph.D in forensic chemistry who works with Beltz in the same office, also had her car broken into and was “absolutely disgusted” upon hearing about the alleged remarks of a University police officer.

FBLA-PBL reels in awards

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FIU’s Future Business Leaders Phi Beta Lambda chapter has returned with a series of successful outcomes in this year’s National Leadership Council Conference, which was held in Nashville Tennessee.

The conference is held annually in different parts of the nation; in which members compete in college wide divisions, according to FBLA President Bruno Cevallos, 19.

“FBLA is one of the largest business organizations, with 250,000 members nationwide,” states Cevallos. The purpose of the organization is to “enhance the professional development of students. It was developed to promote the professional development of students,” Cevallos states.

This year’s Nashville conference, which met from July 8th to July 12th, had chapter members compete in a variety of examina-

FIU students react to Arizona immigration bill

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President Barack Obama’s recent speech on immigration reform along with controversy surrounding Arizona Senate Bill 1070 has triggered troubled reactions not only across the nation, but FIU campus as well.

Associate Professor of Law José Gabi-londo explained that the Arizona law faces certain legal challenges. He claims the law was invalid – as only the federal government can implement it and it was therefore unconstitutional – giving way to racial profiling.

“It’s an unfortunate law, but it helps us understand cultural backlash,” Gabi-londo said, “I think it will probably be enjoined.”

Arizona SB 1070 entitles state law enforcement to interrogate any person “where reasonable suspicion exists that the person is an alien” and seeks “to discourage and deter the unlawful entry and presence of aliens and economic activity by persons unlawfully present in the United States.”

The bill also mentions that “the person’s immigration status must be deter-mined before the person is released and must be verified with the federal government” if arrested.

The controversy surrounding the Arizona law has ignited discussion amongst FIU students as well.

“We don’t need a law that prevents...
On immigration, Obama seeks more bipartisanship

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[Americans] from being diverse,” said junior engineering student Edward Anthony.

Miami-Dade County is home to over one million immigrants and both the public and FIU community would be affected by President Barack Obama’s plan for immigration reform involving the Development, Relief and Education of Alien Minors Act and Arizona Senate Bill 1070.

“Children of illegal immigrants who have been brought to the United States before the age of 16, have completed high school or earned a GED and have shown ‘good moral conduct’ may have the opportunity to fix their immigration status. They must also have been residing in the U.S. for five years before the law is enacted.”

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Some students find Public Safety response ‘discouraging’

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“I don’t treat us very well. They treat us like criminals most of the time,” said Jantzi.

While conscious of the recent spree of vehicle related thefts on campus, Jantzi says she’s not the type of person who worries much; however, many of her friends at Chemistry and Biology are “very worried.”

“Many of my fellow graduate students do not feel safe even walking into the garage in the evenings. The response of the campus police is very discouraging,” said Jantzi.

Student Media reached out to President Rosenberg for his thoughts on the vehicle related thefts and FIU police’s treatment of students; however, he was unavailable for comment.

“Every department at FIU is always looking to improve the way it interacts with our students and clearly this incident has brought to light an area where we need to focus some of our efforts,” said Wartzok.

FBLA-PBL takes unique approach to fundraising

free enterprise project,” Cevallos states.

This year’s community service project was “Tribute to Children Week.” The club’s goal was to raise funds for a local children’s hospital—in this case for Miami Children’s Hospital. FBLA-PBL members actively worked to raise funds for the hospital.

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The chapter also held a “Children’s Miracle Gala,” sponsored by Target. According to Cevallos, the event managed to raise $1,300.

According to founding member and participant, Abdel Perera, 21, FBLA-PBL also partnered with FIU’s Creative Learning Center, where the children from the day care center made get well cards for patients at the Miami Children’s Hospital.

The chapter took home many prizes. “FIU beat out Berkeley and the University of Arizona,” said Perera in the category of ‘Tribute to Children’s Week.”

The competition was sponsored by the March of Dimes, and the chapter took home $1,000 and a trophy, according to Perera.

“Mr. Perera who considers himself “a public servant at heart, and is always looking for an opportunity to serve,” expresses his genuine love for the organization and their work.

“To me giving back to children, is the greatest feeling in the world, states Megan Lee FBLA-PBL Alumni, who participated in ‘Tribute to Children’s week,’ community service project.

FIU FBLA-PBL also won second place in the nation in the division ‘Digital Video Production.’ Working in a team of three, the club created a recruitment video to motivate high school students to join FBLA-PBL.

“These victories show the edge that FIU has over other top universities,” states Jose Betancourt, FBLA-PBL state president.

He was the recipient of the “Free Enterprise” award, winning $500. “It wasn’t a personal success, it was a chapter success.” Betancourt said.

The “Free Enterprise” project is also known as the “Business Olympics;” it is a full day of events ranging from skill competition, written exams, and a performance in which there is a presentation on various business topics, and even impromptu public speaking according to Cevallos

“In three years FIU has exceeded all expectations. I am looking forward to what the chapter will do this upcoming year, Cevallos states.
JOEL DELGADO
Assistant Sports Director

Some things have definitely changed since Thomas Chestnutt stepped onto campus a little over three years ago to inherit the women’s soccer program. When he arrived and was announced as the head coach, the team was near the bottom half of the barrel in the Sun Belt Conference. In just his third season at the helm, after two years of transitional growing pains, Chestnutt was able to guide the Golden Panthers into top contention for the first time in a nearly a decade.

The Golden Panthers will be returning most of the team that helped the program storm through Sun Belt Conference play in 2009, winning nine of their last ten games of the season to help FIU finish atop the SBC standings in the regular season for the first time since 2000.

But for all the talent the team will be bringing back it will lose in terms of leadership as it loses seniors Amy Jackson and captain Marina Pappas. Jackson picked up six points last season with two goals and two assists while Pappas was tied for the team-high in assists with four.

After an early exit in the conference tournament after a heart-breaking 1-0 loss to UALR, there was a feeling that the team has something to prove heading into the new season.

“This is a very motivated group of players and they are hungry,” Chestnutt said. “They were talking about that loss in the conference tournament last year in the spring and they feel they can do more.”

For a team coming off a breakthrough season in which the team went 11-6-3, Chestnutt acknowledges that there will need to be changes in how the Golden Panthers approach this upcoming season if the FIU wants to prove that their 2009 season was not a fluke in the pan.

The challenge will be amplified with FIU sporting a target on their backs.

“We are not going to be sneaking up on anybody this year,” Chestnutt said. “Everyone is going to be looking to take you out, so this season we’re going to need a different mentality and belief system.”

But what the team loses in the leadership department power up for in the new, incoming freshmen that will provide something that was missing last season: depth.

“Much like last season, the Golden Panthers will be faced with a rigid non-conference schedule that includes teams from a number of different conferences that Chestnutt said regarding the opening games of the schedule. “We hope to start the season on the kind of streak we went on at the end of last season.”

For another road game at Florida Gulf Coast, FIU makes its home debut against Delaware State on Aug. 27 to kick start a three-game homestand.

“It’s important to get out of the block well on the road against two tough teams [SMU and Arkansas] to build momentum,” Chestnutt said. “There are many different styles of play in the Sun Belt and I think the tough out of conference schedule last year helped us be successful against the conference last year.”

With UALR making a trip to Miami to open conference play for the Golden Panthers on Sept. 24, the team will have an opportunity to even the score in a rematch of the first round of last year’s conference tournament.

The Golden Panthers end their season away from home, playing four of their final five regular season matches on the road.

FALL SPORTS OUTLOOK

A look at seven athletes who will break out this fall

In a blowout home win against North Texas on Feb. 6, FIU center Elisa Carey dropped a career high 26 points. The very next game, a win at South Alabama, Carey dominated and scored another 26 points to continue her scoring streak.

It was the best basketball Carey has played in her Golden Panther career.

Carey’s mid season run was one of the highlights amongst FIU’s best breakout performers during last season’s fall sports campaign. And she had company.

Andrea Lakovic led the FIU volleyball team in solo blocks, block assists and total blocks as the team stormed into the NCAA tournament in her first full season as a starter. Despite a losing season on the gridiron, wide receiver Jason Frierson established himself as a constant target in the Golden Panthers spread offense last fall. Women’s soccer star Katrina Rose kicked the stitches off the ball for five goals on the way to a 1st team All-Conference nod after a promising first season.

Freshman like Sebastian Frings, Jovana Bjelica, Kaitlynn Savage and Jonathan Cyprien bursted onto the playing field as big time performers in their own right too.

And that leaves us looking toward this fall, forecasting who will be the next slew of FIU athletes to emerge into leading roles. This list of names will probably be spoken of a lot when their respective season’s come around.

1. AARON DAVIS
FOOTBALL, LINEBACKER:
Davis is arguably the most impressive physical specimen in the entire university. At 6-foot-1 and a sturdy 245 lbs., Davis is powerful enough to be an elite run stuffer in the middle, but also nimble enough to get into the backfield if asked. Despite coming off a starter under a Toronto Smith injury halfway through the season, Davis was the team’s third leading tackler with 59. Expect him to easily lead the team in that category next season and excel at filling Scott Bryan’s shoes. Davis will probably lead the team in tackles for loss as well, and turn NFL scouts heads.

2. RAKIA RODGERS
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL GUARD:
After a promising freshman season at Hofstra, Rodgers only got to play in ten games last season after sitting out the first half under NCAA transfer rules and sustaining a bothersome knee injury. In those ten appearances though, Rodgers was a spark off the bench, featuring impressive shooting range and a hefty handle in scoring 12 points per game. Head coach Cindy Russo praises Rodgers when mentioned, and has a starring spot waiting for her as long as she earns it. If Rodgers can improve her shot selection...
Freshman Ferguson should impress; Prsa fills shoes

Goldie and discipline in games, she could be the best wing scorer the team has ever had since Laquetta Fall, page 3

Ferguson- FOOTBALL, LINE-BACKER: With this being the deepest position on the team, it shouldn’t be surprising that another linebacker has the tools to have a big impact this season.

**JOHN MARSHALL**

AP Sports Writer

The Los Angeles Angels made a move to keep up with the Texas Rangers in the AL West by trading for infielder Albert Callaspo last week. The next step was to add a quality pitcher, one who could counter the Rangers, acquiring former Cy Young winner Cliff Lee.

A three-time All-Star who's one of the most durable pitchers in baseball should do the trick.

The Angels bolstered their already-solid rotation by acquiring right-hander Dan Haren from the Diamondbacks on Sunday in a deal that sent left-hander Joe Saunders and three other players to Arizona. The last-place Diamondbacks also get right-hander Rafael Rodriguez, left-hander Patrick Corbin and a player to be named in the deal.

"We really felt good about our starting five moving forward with what we had but this is a huge opportunity for us to upgrade not only now but for the next several years," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "This guy still has his stuff and it gives us a deeper front end of our rotation, and that's what every championship-caliber team is really striving to do."

One of the most prized pitchers available as the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline approaches, Haren was the type of pitcher the Angels had been after since Texas traded for Lee in July to deal with an injury to first baseman Justin Smoak and a package of prospects to Seattle. Los Angeles has a rotation deal that’s strong enough up front with Ervin Santana, Jared Weaver and Joel Pinto, but is missing injured left-hander Scott Kazmir.

A three-time All-Star, Haren has averaged 15 wins over the past five seasons and is 7-8 with a 4.60 ERA in 21 starts this year.

"A top-of-the-rotation guy that's going to help us not just this year but years down the road," general manager Tony Reagins said in Texas before his team played the Rangers. "The addition of Dan gives us five guys that are really talented."

"At this point, being on the West Coast has a lot of value to me, being near my family and going to a ball club that is dedicated to winning," Haren said after Arizona’s game against San Francisco. "I am very excited for the opportunity. I am sad to go from here, all the guys and I had a good time here but I am really excited about going there and having a chance to win."
July 10 marked the 75th anniversary of the Miss Florida pageant, a day Miss FIU Stephanie Jimenez prepared months for. “I knew that only one girl would walk away with the crown so I was prepared to give it my best shot and make lasting memories,” Jimenez said. “The Miss Florida Organization really pushes you and brings the best out of every girl.”

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Beauty and brains wins

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DADDY ISSUES: Matthew Mur and Daniel Nieves play a troubled father and son in the last production of the Alternative Theatre Festival, Purgatory: The Execution of William Spencer.

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The Wolfsonian joined forces with Florida International University in 1997 and demonstrated a solid commitment to its constituents. “The Wolfsonian, situated in a wonderful old furniture storage building in Miami Beach, is one of the finest applied arts museums there is. From the antique-steak book stacks of the café and bookshop to the ornate art deco fountain in the main lobby, the building embodies a program for design. The collection focuses on a clearly defined era and uses design to illuminate social history,” wrote Edwin Heathcote.

Online magazine satisfies literary demand

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Contributing Writer

Gulf Stream, FIU’s student-run, online literary magazine makes a wave upon the release of its latest issue.

Since its inception in 1989, Gulf Stream: South Florida’s Literary Current, has published poems, short fiction, and nonfiction pieces by a selection of nationally and internationally renowned writers.

Each semester, section editors and teams of students from FIU’s renowned MFA Creative Writing program read about 500 submissions, and carefully select pieces for the publication.

The newly incorporated feature, The Streamline, allows for readers to provide their own literary contribution. By mailing in a postcard, readers can provide “thoughts on literature, sent the old-fashioned way.”

Both “nuggets” of literary input featured on The Streamline in this issue provides for interesting insight into both a poet’s particular motivations and advice for those who want to further develop their literary craft.

An example of this is a student-submitted question that asked American poet Thomas Lux what was the best craft lesson he learned throughout his time as a writer. “Use adverbs very sparingly. Good verbs should absorb, have their adverbs implicitly in them,” Lux said.

Valuable advice for anyone who looks at writing as a craft.

The third and most recent issue of Gulf Stream features 11 poems, 5 fiction pieces, 2 non-fiction pieces, an interview with National Book Award finalist Dan Chaon, and book reviews for poets Stacey Lynn Brown’s, Cradle Song and FIU graduate Amanda Hosey’s, Sum of Every Lost Ship.

Novelist Connie Mac Fowler’s charming How Clarissa Barden Learned to Fly reveals a house fly’s inner thoughts.

F. Daniel Rzicznek’s earthy poems, DADDY ISSUES: Matthew Mur and Daniel Nieves play a troubled father and son in the last production of the Alternative Theatre Festival, Purgatory: The Execution of William Spencer.

COURTESY OF FIU
SPECIAL TO THE BEACON

Sarah Palin: it’s not that funny

Former governor Sarah Palin managed to embarrass herself, again, this time via Twitter. What she posted was not only an abomination to the English language, but a total showcase of xenophobia and intolerance.

“Ground Zero Mosque supporter: doesn’t it stall you in the heart, as it does throughout the heartland? Peaceful Muslims, pls reevaluate.”

Her abysmal command of the English language, and her usage of the non-exist- ent word “reevaluate,” underscores her lack of understanding. But beneath the layer of stupidity that most pundits capitalized on, was the perpetuation of misconceptions and falsities involving Islam and terrorism.

In the laughter at the video idiosyncratic, Palin’s ignorant sentiments complete with screaming xenophobia and blaming intolerance, were drowned out.

In a piece titled, “ Palin Speaks Fijibers To Express Her Xenophobia” freelance writer Anna North articulates the collective response to Palin’s blunder and the danger in letting the comedic value overshadow the despicable stance Palin is taking on this particular issue. Fully agreeing with North’s assertions prompted the writing of this piece.

Palin’s tweets are referring to her disdain with the building of Cordoba House, a Muslim led community center and place of worship near the World Trade Center.

It’s mission statement as written on The Cordoba Initiative’s website reads: “Cordoba House will provide a place where individuals, regardless of their backgrounds, will find a center of learning, art and culture; and most importantly, a center guided by Islamic values in their true form – compassion, generosity, and respect for all.” This organization is seeking to extingush the very fires of misunderstanding and hatred that Palin is fueling. It is tragic that Palin is so impervious to how damaging and untruthful it is to perpetuate the myth that Islam and terrorism are synonymous.

In her disgust, which on her Facebook page, Palin refers to as “just common decency,” Palin has contributed to the myth that Islam instead of radicalism is respon- sible for the despicable September 11th attacks.

She went out of her way as much to do with the 2001 terrorist attacks, as Christianity had to do with the murder of abortion doctor George Tiller in 2009.

As an opportunity that seeks to destroy stereotypes and forge true cultural under- standing is being presented. Palin and cit- azens who oppose this community center are consciously choosing to continue the vola- tile West vs. Islam mentality.

Let us not be so blinded by the hilarity of Palin’s stupidty that we let her hateful words that propel the ostracism of Muslims go unnoticed.

Let us not be so blinded by a profound nationalism that it makes us reject this oppor- tunity thus furthering the reality of an evolu- tion towards a more diplomatic, respectful relationship between Islam and the West.

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BROOKE MIDDLETON
Special to The Beacon

I am writing in defense of Freshman Interest Groups and in response to the July 23 article, “Freshmen limits, still grows.”

The writer is correct in stating that FIGs are a way for incoming freshmen to make friends while making the first semester easier to manage.

The criticisms of the program, though, are short-sighted.

While students may be looking forward to picking their own schedule for the first time, FIGs do not completely render this experience irrelevant. Students select the FIG that fits for them based on their intended major and the times and locations of the classes that are best for them.

Despite the assertion that the amount of FIGs offered is slim, for the Fall 2010 semester, there are 34 different FIGs available, with courses tailored to a wide range of intended majors.

In addition to choosing which FIG they prefer, since each FIG only contains in the ballpark of 8 credits, the students still have the flexibility to pick which additional classes they wish to take that semester, and to choose those classes on their own.

Some concern was presented over the classes within the FIG, mainly that “taking two liberal arts classes is pointless.” The classes that are offered within the FIG are all necessary for students to satisfy various sections of the University Core Curriculum, and are structured in a way that is beneficial to freshmen.

For example, Summer FIGs include a class which satisfies the Art requirement of the UCC, which, quite contrary to being “pointless” is very helpful considering that the condensed summer semester is an ideal time to get this require- ment over with as opposed to a pure math or science class. Full FIGs include a science class and lab.

Since a majority of students entering as freshmen have to take a similar set of classes, using FIGs eases the process of enrolling students into classes during orientation greatly.

Picking your own schedule is exciting for freshmen, but using FIGs is not “hand-holding,” as much as it is a combination of structure and freedom that allows students to have a bulk of their classes ready for them at once, while still getting the experience they need in navigating the myFIU online system to register entirely on their own in the coming semesters.

Perhaps the greatest benefit of FIGs is the consistent inter- action with the fellow students in the cohort.

Especially in a institution that is already one of the 25 largest universities in the nation and quickly growing, having students that you met at orienta- tion with you in several of your classes helps retain students because it feels combining of instruction and isolates giving students a resource among their peers to get help in the class and other problems.

In addition to this, most Freshman Experience courses within the FIG contain a Peer Mentor, who is a student leader on campus, that co-facilitates the course with the instructor and further fosters the sense of community within the FIG.

FIGs have proven to be a successful nationally and here at FIU, and that is the reason for their continued existence.

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Public Reason

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Bill O’Reilly, Political Pundit

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“It is true that there's a big difference between the Tea Party and the [National Black Panther Party]. The former has quickly become a potent political force in America, while the NBPP is few in number and brain cells.”

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Council lays out goals for year, meet administrators

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BBC Managing Editor

Mentorship and “The Panther Den” are two goals the Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus announced during a kick-off event held to introduce themselves and their goals for the 2010-2011 school year to the campus and the University community.

University administrators listened as Christin ‘Cici’ Battle, SGC-BBC president, reviewed her 2010 elections campaign for their benefit. “Customer service” and “council visibility” are examples.

Those are but two of the goals Battle and her vice president, Denise Halpin, presented to the moderately-sized crowd. Among those in attendance were Rosa Jones, vice president of Student Affairs; Cathy Akens, assistant vice president of Student Affairs; Gregory Olson, senior director of the Wolfe University Center and Oscar Loynaz, interim director of University Health Services.

“Vote 2010” is a goal meant to get University students registered to vote. The council wants 75 percent of students registered in time for this year’s midterm elections, and 75 percent of those students to actually vote.

The council visibility goal is about getting students to know the individual council members. Battle said during this part of the presentation that SGC-BBC will implement a “guerrilla marketing” campaign that, if successful, will get every student to know the council.

The mentorship goal is aimed at getting students of the nearby high and middle schools, Alonso & Tracy Mourning Senior High and David Lawrence Jr K-8 Center respectively, involved in campaigns and with campus events.

“These are students that could eventually come to FIU, so let’s start getting them involved now,” Battle said.

SGC-BBC has a plan that will increase the quality of customer service on campus if things go their way. Details of the plan include sending a random SGC-BBC member to places students frequent, such as the offices of Financial Aid and Multicultural Programs and Services, and rating his or her own experience.

Also under the umbrella goal of customer service is an online newsletter SGC-BBC is planning called “BBC Today” and a campaign called “You Have Questions? We Have Answers!” The latter is to “empower students of their rights and to increase engagement,” said Battle during the presentation.

“The Panther Den” is a larger goal for the council aimed at renovating and re-branding the BBC cafeteria.

Among the shared goals of SGC-BBC and its Modesto Maidique Campus counterparts are greater cohesion, increased presence at their respective campus, improving University transportation, and improving public safety.

Battle said for the last two goals she and Helena Ramirez, SGC-MMC president have had meetings with Bill Foster, executive director of Parking & Transportation. Battle ended the presentation by giving two long-term goals for SGC-BBC, an amphitheater and increasing the dorms available on campus, and asking the staff and faculty to keep the council accountable for the goals they’ve set. Students and staff of BBC gathered around Panther Square and the atmosphere began to fill with enthusiasm and excitement.

The festivity that took place on July 21 on campus was the kickoff event meant to get students excited for homecoming week. There were free giveaways, free food, information about SPC and this upcoming year’s theme and activities were revealed.

With blue and gold balloons, cupcakes, table clothes, boards from different student organizations and a video of music past homecoming weeks on behalf of the university’s life.

“The celebration was real fun, and all of the events coming up look real promising,” Roberts said while hanging out with his fellow classmates after the event.

Upcoming events include tabling, student game nights in Bay Vista Housing, giveaways and Summer Splash on July 29 in the Hospitality Management field and pool area from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m., both campuses have split the calendar of days filled with different events to get students hyped up for Homecoming.

“As [University President] Mark B. Rosenberg asked for bigger and better events for the school year, we are taking the initiative to do just that,” said Tasha Dil, a public relations major and president of SPC-BBC.

The Homecoming committee at MMC thought up the theme and, although SPC at BBC did not have much involvement in the theme itself, they were there every step of the way to bring it all together, according to Dil. SPC-BBC didn’t have any say in the theme for Homecoming but did after the fact. The events coming up for both campuses and the schedule was worked out between both SPCs.

The theme was the responsibility of the Homecoming committee.

The council’s homecoming week of events will be held on July 21 in room 150 of the marine Science building.

The student body is given the opportunity to put a face on the University for the 2010-2011 school year to produce themselves and their goals for the 2010-2011 school year to the campus and the University community.

University administrators listened as Christin ‘Cici’ Battle, SGC-BBC president, reviewed her 2010 elections campaign for their benefit. “Customer service” and “council visibility” are examples.

Those are but two of the goals Battle and her vice president, Denise Halpin, presented to the moderately-sized crowd. Among those in attendance were Rosa Jones, vice president of Student Affairs; Cathy Akens, assistant vice president of Student Affairs; Gregory Olson, senior director of the Wolfe University Center and Oscar Loynaz, interim director of University Health Services.

“Vote 2010” is a goal meant to get University students registered to vote. The council wants 75 percent of students registered in time for this year’s midterm elections, and 75 percent of those students to actually vote.

The council visibility goal is about getting students to know the individual council members. Battle said during this part of the presentation that SGC-BBC will implement a “guerrilla marketing” campaign that, if successful, will get every student to know the council.

The mentorship goal is aimed at getting students of the nearby high and middle schools, Alonso & Tracy Mourning Senior High and David Lawrence Jr K-8 Center respectively, involved in campaigns and with campus events.

“These are students that could eventually come to FIU, so let’s start getting them involved now,” Battle said.

SGC-BBC has a plan that will increase the quality of customer service on campus if things go their way. Details of the plan include sending a random SGC-BBC member to places students frequent, such as the offices of Financial Aid and Multicultural Programs and Services, and rating his or her own experience.

Also under the umbrella goal of customer service is an online newsletter SGC-BBC is planning called “BBC Today” and a campaign called “You Have Questions? We Have Answers!” The latter is to “empower students of their rights and to increase engagement,” said Battle during the presentation.

“The Panther Den” is a larger goal for the council aimed at renovating and re-branding the BBC cafeteria.

Among the shared goals of SGC-BBC and its Modesto Maidique Campus counterparts are greater cohesion, increased presence at their respective campus, improving University transportation, and improving public safety.

Battle said for the last two goals she and Helena Ramirez, SGC-MMC president have had meetings with Bill Foster, executive director of Parking & Transportation. Battle ended the presentation by giving two long-term goals for SGC-BBC, an amphitheater and increasing the dorms available on campus, and asking the staff and faculty to keep the council accountable for the goals they’ve set. Students and staff of BBC gathered around Panther Square and the atmosphere began to fill with enthusiasm and excitement.

The festivity that took place on July 21 on campus was the kickoff event meant to get students excited for homecoming week. There were free giveaways, free food, information about SPC and this upcoming year’s theme and activities were revealed.

With blue and gold balloons, cupcakes, table clothes, boards from different student organizations and a video of music past homecoming weeks on behalf of the university’s life.

“The celebration was real fun, and all of the events coming up look real promising,” Roberts said while hanging out with his fellow classmates after the event.

Upcoming events include tabling, student game nights in Bay Vista Housing, giveaways and Summer Splash on July 29 in the Hospitality Management field and pool area from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m., both campuses have split the calendar of days filled with different events to get students hyped up for Homecoming.

“As [University President] Mark B. Rosenberg asked for bigger and better events for the school year, we are taking the initiative to do just that,” said Tasha Dil, a public relations major and president of SPC-BBC.

The Homecoming committee at MMC thought up the theme and, although SPC at BBC did not have much involvement in the theme itself, they were there every step of the way to bring it all together, according to Dil. SPC-BBC didn’t have any say in the theme for Homecoming but did after the fact. The events coming up for both campuses and the schedule was worked out between both SPCs.

The theme was the responsibility of the Homecoming committee.

The council’s homecoming week of events will be held on July 21 in room 150 of the marine Science building.