PG5 Market Station surpasses initial expectations

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Students, faculty and visitors have had an opportunity to expand their minds and their appetites at PG5 Market Station since its opening over one month ago.

Drawing in over 15,000 customers and over $72,000 in combined sales in the first week of school alone, this new facility at Modesto A. Maidique Campus has surpassed its intended expectations, according to Susana Guerra, assistant marketing director of Business Services.

In response to its unanticipated popularity, the Business Services and Panther Dining teams are working to accommodate the growing number of students gathering at Market Station.

“We’re very excited that there are a lot more people than we expected. We’re looking to increase seating because of that,” said Guerra.

The addition of innovative classrooms and food venues, combined with a modern look, has garnered increasing attention from the student body.

“We will definitely come over here. I love the art deco look, and I was tired of eating Pollo Tropical every day,” said Senior and Business Management major, Jacques Fidelia.

The amount of students gravitating to the Market Station has satisfied Business Services and Panther Dining’s hopes that PG5 will eventually become another energy hub for student activity, besides the Graham Center.

“Most students are hyped about it, and this will probably be a new place to hang out besides GC,” said Accounting and Finance major and senior Kevin Gonzalez.

It is the hope of Business Services that the circular dining room surrounded by plasma TVs, food chains such as Dunkin Donuts and Moe’s Southwest Grill, and the Cyber Lounge, will provide students with a new type of facility to hang out.

“We’re seeing that people like to hang out there, which is exactly what our vision was for that space. We want it to be a place to meet and socialize and gather—not just to be a food court,” said Guerra.

The intention of making it a place for relaxation has resonated in many students gathering at PG5.

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Program to ‘set national standard’

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We have opened our doors to FIU students who may ultimately care for us and our children. We have as much to gain from them as they have from us.

Benjamin Leon Jr., Chairman
Leon Medical Centers

Students enjoy ‘very needed’ variety

According to Guerra, the new Parking and Transportation and Public Safety offices are not open, but are expected to be fully online by the end of the fall semester. Since its opening in fall, Business Services has helped students develop ideas that seek to improve students experience at Market Station. “A punch list” has been in the works to add “additional interior signage, installation of cameras, and additional furniture,” said Guerra.

Ongoing road construction will equip the parking facility with two entrances that lead to 8th street. All of these developments, including aesthetic modifications, is projected to be complete in the upcoming months.

“We have a few milestones that take us into early spring,” said Guerra. Whether students are looking for a jelly-glazed donut or a place to surf the web, PG5 is adding variety.

“This was very needed because there’s a lot more variety now, and it’s an upgrade that FIU needed,” said Marketing major Nicole Smith.

Guerra and the Business Services team wants to assure students that their voices are being heard, and that PG5 along with other University venues is still being worked on to better serve their interests.
Meds replace parenting

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The drowsy side effect of many allergy medications and cough syrups have now become the main effect parents are looking for to relieve themselves from the wrath of their misbehaving children, not taking into consideration the harm they will inflict in the future. Continuously administering medication to a child solely for their sedative qualities can lead to a variety of health problems.

According to a study done by Dr. Shan Yin, in 1,439 cases of pharmaceutical drugs being maliciously used on children between 2000 and 2008, 14 percent of children suffered injuries and 18 children died. The fact of the matter is, giving a child medication that is not needed to help cure an illness is child abuse, and dangerous enough to lead to death. Even though a parent might not be inflicting physical pain upon his or her child, drugging the child with antihistamines and cough syrup is not conducive to his or her health. Also, the types of drugs aren’t limited to those found at the local CVS. Some parents opt to use street drugs which pose an even greater risk when ingested by children. I can fathom how any “good” parent could bring themselves to drug the child they supposedly “love” in hopes of them passing out for a few hours so they don’t have to deal with them.

Many cough medications like Robitussin or Tamiflu, contain codeine and promethazine, which cause drowsiness, but with prolonged use may cause more serious problems like addiction. Codeine and promethazine are highly addictive drugs if taken for long periods of time and a child can easily form a physical and psychological dependence on these substances, according to an article on Drugs.com.

It’s a form of child abuse that goes relatively unnoticed because it’s not easy to prove and not taken as seriously as it should be. When I hear a baby crying, or when I’m all alone with a two-year-old child throwing a terrible tantrum, the first thing that comes to my mind is to find out what’s wrong and soothe the child, not medicate him or her. I can make silly faces, check to see if his or her diaper is wet, feed him, play with him or just let the child cry.

But never in my short life have I seen such unethical marketing as FIU housing. It says that it is cheaper living on campus and one would even save by doing so.

I don’t remember asking for any cockroaches in my toilet or bed room when I signed the contract. I didn’t specifically ask for my bed to be dusted because I thought $970 a month would cover that. I am yet to find a person who is satisfied with the University Park Apartments.

But many of those in my category would not and it is unfair to bind them to an agreement which seals their happiness of campus life for one year. Need I say that the living conditions affect ones education?

I feel everything was nicely woven together to give me an impression of on-campus living which is like hell advertised to portray heaven.

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International student feels cheated

NOELINE PRINS
Special to The Beacon

Florida International University, as its name portrays, is filled with international students. I am one of them. Being ‘international’ status meant I judged things from the perspective of my country, where a university website was seen as a ‘mistake’ is new to me. Can I trust anything on this ‘official’ website?

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PERSPECTIVES

Do you support the “Don’t ask, don’t tell” military policy?

"If they allow gay people to serve in the military, then they should have a right to be open about it. They should accept gay people as they are instead of trying to make them seem as something else."

-Enrique Bosch, Junior, Journalism

"I think they should overturn it, as they should eliminate it completely. That’s their own business and their choice of sexual preference shouldn’t deter them from being a part of any military branch at all."

-Avital Zieben, Sophomore, Computer Science

"I really think it’s wrong. You should be able to express your own sexuality and still serve in the military if you really want to. It doesn’t make sense to not be able to fight for your country because you’re a certain way."

-Stan Maddux, Junior, Physical Therapy

-Compiled by Jazmyn Elliott.

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VERBATIM

"We know that the University has to stand for something, and we know that health is critical for students, faculty and our professional staff. Therefore, we draw the line and say that…as far as smoking and other products related to tobacco, there’s no place for them on campus."

Mark B. Rosenberg
University President

PUBLIC REACTION

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Free admission to museums yields culture

Among the perks available to all students and faculty, this fall’s program is complemented by an array of educational and cultural events that highlight FIU’s very strong presence in the community and the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum, the Wolfsonian, university museums, and the Dade Community College Design for a second year presented in the Wolfsonian’s inaugural Teaching Gallery at the Frost. Among the perks available to all students and faculty, this fall’s program is complemented by an array of educational and cultural events that highlight FIU’s very strong presence in the community and the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum, the Wolfsonian, university museums, and the Dade Community College Design for a second year presented in the Wolfsonian’s inaugural Teaching Gallery at the Frost.

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The University fall program is complemented by a series of world-class exhibitions and performances. The Frost will present a unique opportunity to experience a variety of programs, including: 

- "The Art of Shamans: From the After History," "DEMONS AND MORTALS: SATANIC ARTS," and "THRESHOLDS: MEXICO 1910-1940." These exhibitions will be on display until mid-November. 
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The School of Music’s vast array of talent is being put on display for the first time as the new school of music opens its doors to the public.

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ROAD BREAKTHROUGH
Golden Panthers look to improve offense

FOOTBALL: FIU VS. MARYLAND

Despite winning their first two games against Navy and Morgan State, Maryland is also coming off a 31-17 loss against No. 21 West Virginia last week. During that game, Maryland’s quarterback Jamarr Robinson was sacked eight times. Sacking the quarterback has been something that Geoff Collins’ defensive squad has not had trouble doing. “We are demanding a lot more. We know we can get even more out of our defense. Even though they’re playing at a high level, there are certain things and wrinkles that the coach [Geoff] Collins is going to continue to add into the game plan,” Collins said.

“I think [Texas A&M],” coach Mario Cristobal said. “But it has to be a team effort. Every man on this squad has not had trouble doing their jobs. We know we can get even more out of our offense.”

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK
Team looking to end stronger

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FANTASY CRUZ

With two weeks in the books, time to trash Barber

To all who caught the debut of Fantasy Cruz last week, welcome back to all the fantasy footballistas out there. We’ve provided a plethora of superstars performances, which were hidden in the opening week of the NFL.

One noticeable trend is the quarterback struggles that are amounting around the league and making it very difficult to find a decent backup. Jason Campbell, Matt Moore, David Garrard and Vince Young were all benched in week 2 due to struggling finishes, but rest assured that Young and Garrard will keep their starting jobs.

Michael Vick made his first start on Sept. 19, since 2006, successfully acing his second chance to play football. He assuaged his need for a solid 284-yard and two touchdown throwing performance in his win against the Detroit Lions, while only rushing for 37 yards.

At this point, like you heard from me last week, he should be starting fantasy quarterback, and Eagles coach Andy Reid feels the same.

Matt Schaub and Aaron Rodgers are back to their usual routines, lighting up whatever defenses they come against. While Rodgers threw for 255 yards, two touchdowns and a rushing touchdown, Schaub threw for a ridiculous 497 yards and three touchdowns, with help from superhuman Andre Johnson.

Jason Snelling, are you serious? I haven’t seen a running back wear a number in the ‘40s since Mike Aitken.

The TRASH BIN
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Gaitor leads productive defense into national attention

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### GETTING DEFENSIVE

A big reason why FIU was able to be competitive in their first two games of the season has been their stellar defensive performance.

Under new defensive coordinator Geoff Collins, the Golden Panthers have placed among the top of the Football Bowl Subdivision in a multitude of categories, including pass efficiency defense (6th), sacks per game (12th), and passing defense (20th).

The team is also tied for ninth in the country in interceptions, with 138 in assists with 652, while Gehrke leading the team in Digs, with an impressive 138. These stats are critical to the team's success.

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up when Keller looked like the future prospect tight end that he was last season in week two and had 115 yards and a touchdown. Keller is a great tight end player and does not even deserve a fifth round draft pick. Freeman has had over 170 rushing yards in the last two games and is on a roll. Look for Freeman to keep up the pace.}

Santana’s solid week was a rare Mirage

### Terrapins feature productive backfield in Meggett and Scott

to our defensive scheme to make us better and make our skill sets better,” Cristobal said. The defensive front will also have to deal with the rushing tandem of Davin Meggett and Da’Rel Scott, who have combined for a total of 291 rushing yards this season, each scoring a touchdown.

One of the defensive players that have shined so far for the Golden Panthers is senior cornerback Anthony Gaitor. Gaitor has had an interception in every single game this season.

He won Sun Belt Conference Defensive player of the week this week for his performance against Texas A&M. Gaitor tracked on a forced fumble with his 54-yard interception return for a touchdown against the Aggies.

The senior has been an anchor in the team’s defensive backfield.

According to Cristobal, the team has not lost its focus on winning despite the near-bid for an upset against their first two BCS opponents, in fact, they’re more motivated now than ever.

“You go one or two ways in losses. You either got your head down or you’re hungry to go get that next one because you feel like you’re close. That’s what football team has been, without a shred of a doubt our football team’s appetite has continued to grow. But it finally has a nearly full roster that the team has been working for the first time since Cristobal became coach.

“We definitely could’ve been 2-0 but the main reasons would definitely be the finish and the little mistakes that we had, you know, the fumbles and not sustaining the drives,” center Brad Serini said. “Once we fix those things this week, which we have been really pushing on then we should be fine.”

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Chileans optimistic for early October rescue

Guatemalan widow wants justice

Some nearby eating alternatives offer discounts

Thriftily spending not far from campus, surprise down the road