Report sheds light on need to control costs of artificial lighting

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After examining a recent report on University lighting, FIU Faculty Senate members are seeking to address the issue of controlling artificial light pollution across campus property, due to its financial and environmental effects.

James Webb, Arts and Sciences senator and physics professor, brought the matter to the attention of the Faculty Senate’s Nature Preserve and Environment Committee, stating that he was “struck that the report rarely mentions efficiency and it seemed to not be worried about where there was excess light, only where there was too little light.”

“The lighting study was done towards safety, which is great. But not toward saving light or reducing light pollution,” said Webb in an interview with Student Media. “So I’m communicating with facilities management and the administration about what steps we can take to make the lighting better, still be safe but pollute less and save money at the same time.”

The executive summary completed by civil engineering company, PBISAJ, gave an overview of the site visits to the three main University campuses, which assessed the existing exterior lighting along interior roads, walkways and surface parking lots.

Measuring the lighting levels at each location, the company concluded that none of the interior roads or pedestrian walkways at the Modesto Maidique Campus met the minimum required illumination, while only 30% at the Biscayne Bay Campus meeting the requirements.

They recommended for the University to, instead of adding additional luminaries to supplement the lighting levels, provide brand new light-emitting diode (LED) type luminaries, which has an estimated cost of $8,140,000.

“It disturbs me that the PBISAJ report is only focused on adding more light fixtures to get from .3 foot-candles to one foot candle where the illumination is below Dade County or FIU coding,” said Webb in his written report to the committee. “They fail to discuss where the lighting is excessive and over code (wasted). They do not discuss efficiently shielding and directing existing light fixtures to

A PASSAGE TO INDIA

Laya Raglama (left), a graduate student in civil engineering, attended Friday’s “Passage to India” event hosted by the International Student Club. The event featured a buffet of Indian food and entertainment.

Hoffman discusses Israeli affairs

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While working as a reporter with The Miami Herald, Gil Hoffman began fostering a great interest in the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

“I would come home from work and read about it for hours and hours. I said to myself, ‘I’ve got to be a part of it. I’ve got to be a part all of the excitement in Israel’,” said Hoffman.

Hoffman, now chief political analyst for the Jerusalem Post, spoke to an audience of over forty people on Friday, Nov. 19. Hoffman, 33, discussed his opinions about the current state of affairs between Israel and Iran during his lecture, titled “Peace Politics and Plutonium: An insider’s look at the efforts to prevent a nuclear Iran and advance Middle East peace.”

He first discussed challenges facing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s administration including attempts to continue negotiations with the Palestinian Authority along with domestic issues such as social divides between

Professor highly involved with Haiti, adopts young girl

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Dr. Pilar Martin looked over the crowd of children in the Haitian orphanage and noticed one little girl sitting by herself on the other side of the room.

Martin, a clinical assistant professor for the College of Medicine and School of Public Health, became curious about the one-year-old girl because she was not like any of the other orphans.

“All of the children, when you go to the orphanage, they are always coming to you and she never came,” said Martin, who serves as a primary physician at Rose-Mina de Diegue Orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

“Her parents were killed in the earthquake and she was just sitting there. She didn’t want to come to me,” said Martin.

The relationship grew between Martin and the young girl, Kashina. In 2009, Martin, 51, decided to adopt Kashina.

Since 2006, Martin has been working as a doctor in monthly visits to Haiti. She shares her passion of public health with other students at FIU by giving them the opportunity to join her on trips to Haiti.

“Dr. Martin is definitely a role model. She has been able to do so much, with so little, and in such a short amount of time because of who she is,” said Michael Melchor, a 26-year-old FIU student who is pursuing a doctorate in public health.

“She is able to attract the right people to help her accomplish her goals and is able to convince others that her goals are worth seeing through,” he said.

At an early age, Martin, who speaks English, Spanish and Creole, knew she wanted to do something with medicine, even though her father wanted her to be a dentist. It was while she was working in a village in Spain, her native country, when she discovered exactly what she wanted to achieve.

Martin realized that she wasn’t doing as much as she wanted while working in the village, so she became interested in a different approach to medicine.

“I wouldn’t be able to live only to just be in the clinic and without the public health approach,” Martin said.

After earning a doctorate in medicine in Spain, Martin completed a master’s in public health in England in 1992.

Teaching public health at the University takes up most of Martin’s time, which slows the progress of her project in Haiti.

Her project consists of providing services in Haiti for those in need, but she generally concentrates in the Rose-Mina de Diegue Orphanage.

Services include primary healthcare,
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**DIFFERENT SECTS OF JUDAISM**

With those divisions, sometimes I say, “Thank God for Ahmadinejad.” He unites the people of Israel. Unites them in fear but unites them none the less,” said Hoffman.

Hoffman claimed that Iran’s ongoing nuclear enrichment programs and the leadership by Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad would pose a threat to Israel. “It’s scary having a president of Iran who denies the holocaust and wants to make a new one by obtaining the nuclear capability that Hitler never did. He writes “Death to Iran” on missiles that are being fitted to carry nuclear payloads,” said Hoffman.

“Netanyahu has what I call a messiah complex. He believes that he has been chosen into power to save the world from a nuclear Iran,” said Hoffman.

Hoffman told The Beacon that four methods to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear capability politically, economically, and militarily. Hoffman claims that the controversial 2009 elections in Iran sealed off any possible political change within Iran. He also stated that Iran’s refusal to cease their nuclear programs shows the failure of the diplomatic approach. United Nation’s based sanctions against Iran, Hoffman feels, are working at crippling Iran’s economy and could prove to force Iran to make concessions about their programs.

Hoffman also discussed President Barack Obama’s relationships with Israel in regards to Iran’s developing nuclear programs.

“Obama is already halfway through his first, maybe only term. He has to start thinking about how he’ll be remembered,” said Hoffman. “If Iran gets the bomb on his watch, that’s one of the things people will be remembering along with the economy. But if he succeeds in preventing the nuclearisation of Iran, then that’s what people are going to remember for the good.”

Hoffman has been covering Israeli politics since 2000, when he moved from his native Miami to report on the complex relations between Netanyahu and former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. He currently writes a regular column for the Jerusalem Post while also serving as an analyst on such networks as CNN and the BBC.

“I basically have two full time jobs. One is following around Mr. Netanyahu and the other is Israeli politics. I'm following around my two kids, aged four and two. It's basically the same job. My kids are very mature for their age. I can't say the same for the politicians,” said Hoffman.

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FOOTBALL: TORONTO SMITH

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When the Golden Panthers climbed to first place in the Sun Belt Conference standings after defeating Troy on Nov. 13, captain Toronto Smith needed someone to talk to. The linebacker wanted advice on how to deal with the top ranking.

So Smith called former FIU linebacker Scott Bryant.

“Come on that we’re on top of the Sun Belt right now but I want people to take us seriously,” Smith said. “I want people still to be hungry.”

“Just remind them that we’ve been here before,” Bryant said. “We’ve won four games in a season before. It doesn’t mean anything if you don’t continue to win and get a bowl berth.”

Smith talks to Bryant over the phone at least twice a week for advice. Smith, like Bryant, was once the captain of the defense. Bryant graduated in 2009, passing the torch to Smith.

“Even now, it’s hard to be a captain when you have follow the footsteps of Scotty Bryant. All of us looked up to Scotty Bryant because he always did things right. He has to be the hardest worker I’ve ever met in my life, so I just try to be like him.”

Smith is an integral part of the transition of this defense, helping the Golden Panthers bounce back from being ranked last in the Sun Belt conference in total defense in 2008 (ranked 119th in the nation in 2009), to being ranked tops in the conference and 55th in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Part of the reason for such a turnaround was that Smith started to put the blame on himself.

“Instead of letting excuses end. No matter how much I have taken care of business up front, size doesn’t really matter,” Smith said. Smith hopes that his size does not scare scouts away from his desire of becoming a professional football player. According to Smith, his goal is to bulk up during the off-season and gain at least 15 pounds.

“Hopefully I can get a shot at the league. If not, [I’ll] work nine to five,” said Smith, who has an interest in marketing, in case his dreams of pro football do not pan out.

WHAT’S IN A NAME?

Smith is one of the most unique names on the squad. The senior linebacker does not know why his parents chose to name him after the city of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

SIZE DOESN’T MATTER

Smith is listed at 5-foot-10, 223 pounds. As arguably the smallest linebacker on the team, Smith has had one of the biggest seasons of the group. The senior linebacker racked up 66 tackles through nine games this season, good for second in the team and ninth in the conference.

He also leads the team with ten tackles for losses, which is fifth best in the SBC. Smith credits his lineman for his success.

“Yeah, I’m a little undersized, but when you have the great defensive lineman that we have taking care of business up front, size doesn’t really matter,” Smith said. Smith hopes that his size does not scare}

FOOTBALL

Golden Panthers on the verge of making program history

The stakes get higher and higher and each looming matchup gains greater importance with each passing week. The Red Wolves are the next, and potentially final, step towards making program history and reaching a milestone that has been fleeting since the team’s inception almost ten years ago: bowl eligibility and a conference championship.

It took a difficult and often times disappointing and heart-breaking non-conference schedule and an opponent-and-loss to make up that it was the program. The largest challenge facing Golden Panthers are themselves. If they run the ball well and capable of establishing a solid presence on the offensive side, they’ll win.

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The biggest obstacle in their upcoming show-down with the Red Wolves of Arkansas State is not their high-powered pass offense led by quarterback Ryan Aplin and his 19 touchdown tosses. It isn’t their ability to score at will, second in the Sun Belt with an average of 30 points a game.

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Football: Toronto Smith has been with the program since Mario Cristobal was named coach in 2007. Now entrenched as a leader, Smith is going out with a bang.
Free throw shooting lags for the Golden Panthers

Team members honored by SBC

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Miami Heat

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At the annual Sun Belt Conference Championship gala, senior Natalia Valentin and junior Andrea Lakovic were both selected to the All-SBC First Team. Valentin earned her second consecutive All-SBC First Team honor and her third straight All-SBC honor after she gained All-SBC Second Team in 2008. Valentin was selected as the Pressroom Player of the Year for the SBC.

On the year, Valentin leads FIU in assists with 1,198 and came in second on Miami's backup power forward, co-captain and leading rebounder will miss several weeks because of a torn ligament in his left foot, and the Heat have already reviewed an “exhausting” number of scenarios regarding exactly how long Haslem will be out while recovering.

The final word is expected later Monday after Haslem meets with a specialist, Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. Surgery is an option.

In the short term, the Heat plan to give the team with 305 digs. She also had 15 double-doubles on the year, which also led the Panthers. Valentin will leave FIU as the all-time leading assists leader at the school, with 1,341 career assists and second all-time in digs with 1,087. Along with her school records, Valentin also ranks second all-time in the SBC in assists per set, with an average of 11.2.

Lakovic gained her first All-SBC First Team honor for her growth on the offensive game. Lakovic led the Panthers in both blocks (94) and kills (331). The middle blockers also ranks third all-time in FIU history in all blocking categories, with 286 total blocks, 259 block assists and tied for third in solo blocks with 29. Along with Lakovic, junior Angelina Colon, junior Sabrina Gonzalez, senior Ines Medved, and redshirt freshman Marija Prsa also earned SBC Academic Honor Roll. Sophomores Chanel Aranjo and Jovana Bjelica were named to the SBC Commissioner’s List for having a GPA of 3.5 or better.

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GREEN THUMB

Questions:

1. What is the primary focus of the story?

   The primary focus of the story is the environmental efforts of Adria Rodriguez, a contributing writer for the Beacon, who discusses the importance of caring for the planet and the impact of our actions on the environment.

2. Who is Adria Rodriguez, and why is she significant in the context of the story?

   Adria Rodriguez is a contributing writer for the Beacon, and she is significant in the context of the story because she shares her personal experience and connects it to broader environmental issues, emphasizing the importance of individual responsibility in environmental conservation.

3. What are some of the specific actions that Adria Rodriguez mentions to help protect the planet?

   Adria Rodriguez mentions that she practices various actions to protect the planet, such as recycling, using reusable bags, and taking shorter showers to conserve water.

4. How does Adria Rodriguez suggests we can individually make a difference in the face of global environmental challenges?

   Adria Rodriguez suggests that we can individually make a difference by making small changes in our daily lives, such as reducing waste and conserving resources, and that together, these actions can have a significant impact.

5. What is the overall message of the story?

   The overall message of the story is that individual actions can make a difference in protecting the environment and that we all have a role to play in ensuring a sustainable future.

6. How does Adria Rodriguez’s personal experience relate to the broader environmental issues discussed in the story?

   Adria Rodriguez’s personal experience relates to the broader environmental issues discussed in the story by showing how everyday choices can have an impact, and by encouraging readers to think about how they can contribute to environmental conservation.

7. Why is it important to connect personal experiences with broader environmental issues?

   It is important to connect personal experiences with broader environmental issues because it helps to make abstract concepts more relatable and understandable, and it can inspire action by showing that everyone has a role to play in creating a better future.

Conclusion:

Adria Rodriguez’s story serves as a reminder that we all have a responsibility to protect the environment and that by making small changes in our daily lives, we can contribute to a more sustainable future. It encourages readers to reflect on their own actions and to consider how they can make a positive impact on the planet.
For the most part, I can go months on end without even glancing at a hamburger. However, every now and then I simply crave a really good steak. However, with my budget, satisfying this craving can prove difficult. Last week, I caught a lucky break.

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This place may look small and humble, especially with its drive-thru option, however, upon going inside one is met with a modern, upscale dining room complete with friendly service, a full bar and a live guitarist nice enough to sing “Happy Birthday” upon request. My mom and I agreed this would be the perfect spot for a date.

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Debate on birth control, abortion, and breast cancer

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Though there is extensive medical research completely refuting the propaganda that abortion lowers the risk of breast cancer, anti-choice organizations continue to cling to their claims, blantly spinning facts to support their anti-choice agenda.

The debate on birth control, abortion, and breast cancer continues to be contentious, with anti-choice organizations arguing that abortion increases the risk of breast cancer. However, according to the National Cancer Institute, the 30-year-old Swedish study that was used to make this claim was conducted on a sample of more than 49,000 women and was not based on personal interviews.

This study was a huge factor that led the National Cancer Institute to state that women who had abortions, even more than one, were not at an increased risk of developing breast cancer. However, it seems that anti-choice organizations like the Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer and Optionline have intentionally disregarded the findings of this study.

Simon Caldwell writes, "There has been an 80 percent increase in the rate of breast cancer since 1971, when in the wake of the abortion Act, the number of abortions rose from 18,000 to nearly 20,000 a year." Caldwell knows very well that it is logical that women who have been less likely to report having an abortion whilst it was illegal, thus making it nearly impossible to make a factual point about the seemingly sudden surge in breast cancer cases after abortion became legal.

Despite Optionline's claim that "Carrying a pregnancy to full term gives a measure of protection against breast cancer," it is pivotal to point out the citation is from the 1970s, making it completely refuting the propaganda that abortion is linked to breast cancer.

The Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer's website states, "This solid research was a huge factor that led to our disbanding. The National Cancer Institute's website adamantly states there is no link between abortion and breast cancer. In February 2003, the [NCI] convened a workshop of over 100 of the world's leading experts who study pregnancy and cancer. They voted 98 to 1 for the view that having an abortion or miscarriage does not increase a woman's subsequent risk of developing breast cancer." This scare tactic is particularly immoral. It speaks volumes about these organizations very foundations; in their desire to profit on their personal agenda, they will tell whatever歪、seen true stories to support their cause.

Undue use of Adderall by college students an unfair mental advantage

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Athletes have steroids, those with depressions have Prozac, and those who wish to do it all have Adderall. Adderall is a central nervous system stimulant prescription drug that enhances one's mental performance. It was developed to help bring some desperately needed focus to those with Attention Deficit Disorder, ADD, or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, ADHD. This medication can provide significant improvements in the quality of a person's life whilst it was illegal, thus making it nearly impossible to make a factual point about the seemingly sudden surge in breast cancer cases after abortion became legal.

Today, some college students without the disorder are admitting to using Adderall to enhance their academic performance. I am legitimately concerned with the continual and frequent use of Adderall amongst college students. It’s an addictive, unhealthy and harmful drug.

Not only is Adderall a mental enhancer, it is also highly addictive. According to Dr. Thomas Deubse, a contributing writer for Yahoo News, "The dangerous downside of Adderall is that students who gain positive results from the drug often become dependent on it. Whether it is a dangerous chemical addiction or a psychological dependence, it makes students believe they cannot succeed without Adderall." Students do not realize the potential harm they are inflicting on themselves.

I do not think that it is morally right for a college student to take Adderall solely to enhance his academic performance. It unjustly and unethically puts them ahead of their competition.

For students with ADD or ADHD, Adderall just serves to make them average; they are able to focus at a normal level and things become less distracting. However, for students without ADD or ADHD, it serves to make them serve to make them above average, sometimes substantially, as they gain increased capacity to focus for hours without any distractions. Although the immediate results of Adderall seem appealing, the long-term dangerous effects need to be considered. Students need to be concerned about the legality of this drug, Adderall is an illegal substance if taken by one without a disorder. Unlike the topic of steroids amongst athletes, which has made its way into the light, the growing use of Adderall amongst college students has been kept on the down low. This casual use of Adderall by college students is irresponsible because it erases chemical enhancement into academic competition. When a student is on the drug, his performance is exceptional. When a student is off the drug, he is at a disadvantage. This unfairness is unfair for the students, healthy and moral students who wish to choose not to illegally abuse drugs.

Adderall should be discouraged and its use should be closely monitored. It is a hazardous, addictive and unhealthy drug. We are a society that places great value on personal accomplishments, and the use of Adderall takes away the "personal" in a personal accomplishment.

Undervalued campus a valuable asset

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The Biscayne Bay Campus is vastly underappreciated at Florida International University. Many people know and applaud the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, and all its entails, without the blink of an eye. Somehow, the BBC goes unnoticed when there are so many useful treasures to experience on this scenic landscape.

While both campuses are an integral part of FIU, the MMC gets much more praise and notoriety. This is not only an injustice, but it also makes that why people will make fun of the campus, BBC's resources and a lack of overcrowding. All of which have been unnoticed and need to be taken into consideration.

First and foremost, one of the undervalued factors is the incredible people at BBC. Faculty and students at the North Miami campus seem welcome every person with a friendly hospitality. People actually say "hello" in passing, while on the Maidique Campus, it's a miracle if you don't get trampled by rushing students, much less receive a grin or a greeting. Everything seems paced slower, and perhaps that's why people seem willing to engage in conversation and exchange without you feeling as if they will lend a hand with anything you may need.

When you go to any office on the Bay, there aren’t massive waiting lines and the customer service seems fresh and authentic with friendly smiles.

Another major factor BBC is undervalued for is the campus itself. It’s on a stunning location right on the water, making people feel as if they are on an tropical island. The fact that the campus is on the water enables many activities that are not comparable to the main campus.

Boating, fishing and the kayaking club are all great activities to the Bay. The view alone is worth the walk or run around the campus.

Walking around BBC is a scenic experience. There are many creatures like squirrels, blue crabs and egrets to spot out, hide lunches from and photograph.

Another place of importance to the BBC is the Roz and Cal Kovens Conference Center, able to accommodate up to 500 people for various events.

Although it’s a smaller campus than the MMC, it’s exactly that. The home-like feel that makes BBC so welcoming. It usually takes around 15 minutes to walk around the buildings, making any individual feel like he is in a small and detailed community.

Finally, there is the undeniable advantage of overcrowding, which makes you feel as a person not so underappreciated. At the MMC, there is always traffic, a hoard of people coming at you trying to hop into your car that makes the BBC's campus is beautiful. When at Maidique's parking garage, one usually has to wait in line for a space. At BBC, that is never the case, for it always has ample parking for everyone. It's not just the parking, but the feeling of keeping your own personal bubble intact, with the right amount of people around to relate to. The BBC seems smaller, which places great value on personal accomplishments, and the use of Adderall takes away the "personal" in a personal accomplishment.

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Campus chef committed to quality, developing new recipes

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When Montle Siya returned to the U.S. to attend graduate school at FIU, she expected an experience just as welcoming as her undergraduate experience at Johnson & Wales University.

Instead, during an international student focus group held on Nov. 19, Siya described her arrival as “an inhospitable, horrifying ordeal.”

Siya came to Rhode Island from her home in South Africa to attend Johnson and Wales as a undergraduate, a student host from Kenya greeted her, received three nights complimentary stay, and chicken patties line the glass panel as cooks bustle back and forth and another array of expensive hotel rates.

Military records indicate that President-elect Dilma Rousseff once oversaw a cache of weapons and ammunition for militaries who opposed Brazil’s 1964-1985 military regime, a major newspaper reported.

Protests over the cholera epidemic faded on Nov. 19 but young men burned tires threw rocks at police near government buildings amid nag- ing anger over a disease that has killed more than 100 people so far.

President-elect’s guerilla past described

The faculty member taps the glass and the portioning is correct.”

When people eat something that is good they are always going to come back for more,” Atellus said. “If I come back that means it’s good.”

This June, after working four years as an assistant chef at BBC, Atellus was promoted to head chef. Atellus said he has a hands-on approach with a commitment to cooking quality food.

“I could say that I’m the type of person that likes things done the proper way,” Atellus said. “If my staff is doing something wrong, I show them how to do it the proper way with respect. “I make sure the recipe is followed and the portioning is correct.”

Another goal for Atellus as chef is to develop new recipes.

In the fall semester, he introduced the pesta crispy chicken and blackened Cajun fish. In October he debuted the barbeque glaze chicken.

“I want to make new specials and new recipes every couple of months for the students,” he said.

Food Services Director Martha Eva said Attellus’s dedication hasn’t showed since his promotion in June.

“He is committed and he is serious about his job and he isn’t afraid to take risks,” Eva said. “New recipes, new menus, he’s not afraid to bring in new ideas.”

After 20 years of cooking and studying foods of all kinds, it’s no wonder why the hot meal of the day is such a hit on campus.

For Atellus, food has always been a part of life.

Reared alone by his grandmother in Haiti, Attellus said he taught himself how to cook as a young child by watching his grandmother and others in the kitchen.

His love of cooking grew and from a young age he knew he wanted to be a chef.

“Some things are just in your spirit,” Attellus said. “I taught myself how to cook because cooking is in my spirit.”

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