Opinion of University stalled for now

"Non-University speakers, however, must register for a time and area in order to lecture."

One protester said although FIU Police gave them a grace period after 9 p.m., they were never told why they couldn’t stay.

"We couldn’t stay past 9 p.m. but he [a police officer] said if you want to stay a bit past that it’s OK," said Cindy Ariza, a freshman from the campus who is working at the university. "They didn’t explain why we couldn’t stay past 9 p.m., even though the University is open way past that time."

Ariza noted that they looked for answers from neering the "legal department" as to why they were being restricted from bringing in tents and the time they were allotted, but got lesser answers. However, FIU Police insisted that restrictions are put in place for safety reasons.

"We give them the opportunity to have those events until things take a turn for the worst, but that hasn’t happened yet," said Capt. Alphonse Iannello in a previous interview. "And the campus has garnered a lot of publicity because it is a leaderless movement. But that shouldn’t lead people to underestimate the movement."

"Oh they [the Occupy movement] are plenty big," Lopez said. "The problem is the people in power don’t seem to care."

While there were only two students left protesting by 7 p.m., University student Laura Lopez said that shouldn’t lead people to underestimate the movement.

"To me Occupy is all about fighting corporate greed, but Occupy FIU is more about student rights," said Israel Bae, an engineering student at the University.

The Occupy movement has garnered a lot of publicity because it is a leaderless movement. But as one protester, freshman Cindy Ariza put it, "There is no one because we are all equal."

On Nov. 16, Occupy FIU protestors gathered on the GC lawn on what would have been their first overnight occupation. The protesters were set up on the western entrance of the Graham Center at the Modesto Maidique Campus. They plan to retrace their occupation efforts once their permit has been processed and plan to occupy "indeﬁnitely."

The University does not restrict students from protesting, however.

"As long as they [Occupy FIU] don’t break any rules or disturb class or traffic ﬂow, everybody is welcome here; it’s an open forum for people to express their beliefs," said Lt. Frank Tomassini of FIU Police in a previous interview.

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**2011 SUN BELT VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**COMING UP SHORT**

**WKU defeats FIU, goes on to win SBC championship**

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**Round One**

**FIU, Denver 1**

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Western Kentucky players, fresh off their win against Troy, sat in the bleachers for the FIU-Denver match on Nov 17, eyeing their possible opponents for the semi-finals. As the first set came to a close, they had seen enough and walked out of the U.S. Bank Arena.

They had no doubt that FIU would walk out of the Century Bank Arena.

**Round Two**

**WKU, FIU 0**

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Jovana Bjelica hit a ball that sailed out of bounds for the final point of her team’s semifinal match against Western Kentucky, officially closing the book on FIU’s season.

After both teams shook hands under the nets, senior Andrea Lakovic could not hold back her tears any longer. She broke out into sobs as her teammates hugged her, effectively saying goodbye to her longtime teammate.

Lakovic was just one of the four Panthers who played behind her. The Panthers fought from behind for the first half of the match, but a 6-0 run gave them all the momentum they needed as they went on to capture the set 25-21.

Knowing that their season was in danger, Denver came out swinging in the fourth set, jumping out to a 6-3 lead. It was close until FIU fought it open again with the help of Denver’s power, senior of the Horizon League.

“Neutral field that’s been our goal,” senior Lindsay Williams, fresh off a dog pile of celebrating teammates. “I’d been something we’ve been trying to work for and it’s been something that’s been our goal.”

The deficit was much too large for the Panthers to overcome, as they lost 25-12. When WKU led 20-13 in the third set, the crowd at the U.S. Bank Arena knew what was over the horizon.

The Panthers, however, were determined to give the Hilltoppers one final challenge. They rattled off five consecutive points to bring the score to 20-18, as the crowd roared in excitement. WKU shut down every facet of FIU’s side of the net as Denver closed the gap to 19-17. The Panthers then ratted off four straight kills to widen the distance and eventually capture the set 25-21.

**Championship**

**WKU, FIU 3, MTU 1**

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From day one of the regular season, when the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers swept Sacramento State, the Hilltoppers never stopped the win parade. After Nov. 19, that parade will be charging full speed ahead onto the national stage. WKU beat rival Middle Tennessee in the Sun Belt Conference Championship match on Saturday afternoon in four sets (25-22, 12-25, 25-18, 25-18) to gain an automatic bid into the 2011 Women’s NCAA Volleyball Tournament. It is the first time WKU won the SBC championship in three years.

“We’ve been waiting for this match the whole year,” said senior Lindsay Williams, fresh off a dog pile of celebrating teammates. “We’ve been something we’ve been trying to work for and it’s been something that’s been our goal.”

Both teams had very unusual numbers that simply was not the norm for either squad. While a .175 hitting percentage is usually a mark that a losing team carries, that is exactly what WKU had, which edged out the Blue Raider’s.162. Hilltopper Jordyn Skinner, usually an offensive powerhouse, notched only 13 kills, though she did achieve a match-high 17 digs to complete a double-double. Only one Blue Raider, Ashley Adams, eclipsed six kills in the match as Western Kentucky’s defense became impenetrable in the third and fourth sets.

The Hilltoppers will have to wait until Nov 27 for the NCAA selection show to find out whom they face. WKU has never won a match in the NCAA Tournament.

“This is a team that somebody will have to beat because we won’t beat ourselves,” said Hudson.

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**PLAYER of the TOURNAMENT**

**Jordyn Skinner**

Named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Player, the WKU outside hitter compiled 40 kills for the Hilltoppers throughout the tourney.
Foul trouble hurts Panthers late in road loss to UTSA

While the Panthers shot 42.3 percent from the floor, they held UTSA to 32.6 percent, making five of 25 shots in the second half. But UTSA didn’t need to shoot well, attempting 28 of their 44 free throw attempts in the second half. FIU found themselves in a tight bind because they could not keep their opponents from the free throw line.

UTSA scored 31 points from the charity stripe, which gave the Roadrunners a huge advantage over FIU. The Panthers only took 11 shots from the free throw line, making nine of them.

Senior Fanni Hutlassa was the leading scorer for FIU with 18 points and nine rebounds despite only playing in limited minutes. Hutlassa and teammate Jerica Coley, who scored 14 points, would both foul out.

Also plagued by foul trouble was center Finda Mansare who had eight points and only five rebounds.

Once again leading in the turnover category with 22, FIU continually shot themselves in the foot while the Roadrunners forced twelve steals and capitalized off the Panthers turnovers scoring 25 points.

UTSA was more aggressive as they also doubled FIU in second-chance opportunities, scoring 12 points on those chances compared to FIU’s six.

The Panthers will return to some home cooking inside of the U.S. Century Bank Arena on Monday, Nov. 21 when they match up against the Florida A&M Rattlers. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.
Inspired by travel

Alumni art featured in “Voyageurs” exhibit at Frost

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Jorge Fernandez and Andrea Lahoz are University alumni who exhibited their artwork at the Frost Art Museum on Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. The event was hosted by Le Cerle Francophone and Pi Delta Phi.

The exhibition is aptly entitled “Voyageurs” because Lahoz and Fernandez have traveled to several destinations in including Europe, Asia and the Caribbean.

Fernandez graduated in 2009 with a bachelor’s degree in international business and marketing with a minor in French. He is currently pursuing a master’s degree in international business through the Chapman Graduate School of Business and Fernandez is expected to graduate August 2012.

As a currently enrolled full-time student, his biggest struggle is finding time to dedicate to his hobby: painting.

“If I have time to paint, it’s a miracle,” said Fernandez.

Fernandez recalled his first encounter with the arts and his family’s reaction to his decision of being an artist.

“My family was kind of discouraging. To them, it was an unstable career and not very realistic.”

Yet despite his family’s dispiriting outlook, Fernandez continued to paint. With the guidance of his high school teacher, he learned the technicalities of the materials and the results that they would produce.

Fernandez uses oils to paint landscapes, portraits and architecture. He describes his work as classical and compares it to 18th and 19th century work.

“The experience was extremely enriching,” said Fernandez.

In 2009, before graduating, Fernandez decided to take a trip that he’s always wanted to go experience. He went backpacking through Europe with a set budget of $20 a day, which included meals and transportation.

Fernandez traveled to London, Spain, Portugal, Paris, Florence, Venice, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic and many more interlinear cities and towns he never expected to encounter.

“The experience was extremely enlightening,” said Fernandez.

Had he expected.

The most important thing he gained from his experience is to always expect the unexpected, never settle for the first answer and be very resourceful.

“The only thing I want to have a decent job in my field, live decently and be happy with whatever I do, which will always include painting,” shared Fernandez.

Lahoz graduated with a degree in international relations and, in 2010, earned a minor in French, Portuguese and Art History.

She considers herself an amateur photographer and says her motivation to stay interested in photography, which is a direct result of her traveling have affected their lives.

“They would tell me I have a good eye for photography, which encouraged me to continue taking pictures” recounted Lahoz.

In 2006, she traveled along with the Modern Languages Department to France.

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Presently, Lahoz is interning at the David Castillo Gallery in the Wynwood area of Miami and aspires to continue working with the arts as she continues her education.

She is planning on returning to school during the fall 2012 to pursue her master’s degree in a program called Creative and Cultural Industries at the London Metropolitan University.

This is her first exhibit and she is “super excited, thrilled and honored to be able to present my work at The Frost Art Museum.”

Both Fernandez and Lahoz said their experiences acquired through traveling have affected their lives.

“Do not be a tourist, be a traveler,” said Fernandez.
New addition to biggest shopping weekend of year

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Lif! Editor

Thanksgiving is one of the few holidays that families like to see each other. But this year, instead of enjoying a relaxing evening after dinner with family and friends, many will be getting up for Black Friday shopping.

Stores are opening earlier than ever and many stores anticipate large crowds and lots of spending.

“I hate it. I prefer online shopping where there’s no crowd to fight through,” said Bianca Khan, a sophomore studying international relations.

Fortunately, those who hate crowds have Cyber Monday, the online Black Friday. Consumers now have more options than ever about what to do during their holiday shopping because companies are now offering deals both online and in stores.

However, the companies that can offer deals in stores and online are often huge corporations that advertise frequently, unlike small businesses.

Stores like Target and Best Buy offer almost unbeatable deals during the holiday season, but some argue that buying from small businesses supports the nation’s economy.

According to President Obama, small businesses “are the backbone of our economy and critical to job creation and sustained economic growth.”

This is the second year that American Express has urged Americans to support Small Business Saturday. The new addition to the biggest shopping weekend of the year is supposed to give support to small businesses instead of the typical big-box stores.

“It’s a great idea. All these corporations have all year to make profits and a lot of them times they undermine small businesses. It’s a great opportunity for small businesses to put themselves out there in the community so they can continue to grow and expand,” said senior Katherine Borgen, who is studying international relations and political science.

According to Professor Louis Melbourne of the College of Business Administration, small businesses play an important role in the American economy. “The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) reports that in 2008, there were 27.3 million small businesses in the U.S., contributing approximately 22 percent to the U.S. gross domestic product. Six million of these businesses were employers. These statistics provide convincing evidence of the crucial role that small businesses play in the U.S. economy,” said Melbourne.

One problem consumers have with small businesses is that they tend to be much more expensive than big-box stores. However, supporters counter the price difference by citing that small businesses provide unique products and personalized service.

“I feel like small businesses are more passionate about what they’re doing and big corporations are more about the money than the product. Small businesses give a more personal experience and variation to companies,” said Rachel Miller, a senior and biology major.

Some may be put off by this campaign being spearheaded by a corporation like American Express, but it seems like the credit card company is using its capital to help expose small businesses.

The Facebook page for the event provides small business owners the tools to make a short commercial and a listing organized by zip code so consumers can find businesses to support in their area.

“Small businesses look more at quality and support that other local businesses and large corporations outsourcing from sweatshops to get the cheapest product possible, that makes them special,” I do and will continue to support them,” said Miller.

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Despite the difficulty in giving an exact number, one thing is absolute: far too many Haitians are living in conditions that jeopardize their lives. In January 2010, Haiti was hit with the catastrophic earthquake that crumbled its already shaky infrastructure. In the nearly two years since, an ongoing cholera outbreak has killed over 6,500 Haitians, a video of UN peacekeepers gang-raping a young Haitian man with laughter bouncing around in the background has been released and the political system endured a chaotic presidential election.

The background provided helps to explain the current landscape that has created what is perhaps the greatest growing humanitarian crisis in Haiti: the rape epidemic.

According to a report in January 2011 by Amnesty International, “Sexual and other forms of gender-based violence were widespread in Haiti before, but the earthquake shattered what few protection mechanisms did exist. Since the earthquake, the specific needs of girls and women living in camps relating to the prevention of and response to gender-based violence have been inadequate. The risk of rape and other forms of gender-based violence in Haiti’s camps has increased dramatically in the past year. Perpetrators are often members of youth gangs who operate after dark. Women and girls, already struggling to come to terms with the grief and trauma of losing their loved ones, homes and livelihoods in the earthquake, are living in camps in tents that cannot be made secure, with the constant threat of sexual violence.”

Worldwide, rape for the purpose of instilling fear, leaving masses of young women and girls unprotected and endangered. The rape epidemic raging in Haiti must be responded to by the new president. As the commander in chief, he has the utmost duty to protect their citizens.

Increasing security and armed patrols in the tent city is crucial to combating the abuse of young girls and women.

“Borderless with Brooklyn” is a biweekly column examining world events.

Students treated as customers

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Students have many options for education these days, but while there are many great options, there are also many schools out there behaving more like businesses than actual learning institutions.

Profits are the motivation behind business. To attain the highest profits possible, the business needs to constantly cut its budgets. This is the model for every business, and is the reason why education should not be a business.

Each state has its publicly-funded schools and private institutions. Both private institutions are the smaller, for-profit schools. Everest and Keiser are two examples of this business model in Florida.

These schools spend the majority of their beginnings trying to become accredited by the state, as this is the only way its students will be able to receive state funds such as financial aid.

Many of these schools are online-only, which means they have no physical campus or faculty, which is a clear indication of just how profitable they can be.

According to hackeducation.com, University of Phoenix’s profits rose $1.33 billion in one quarter, despite a disappointing 42 percent drop in student enrollment.

Another outrageous number is the amount that these schools spend on the marketing of their brand, which is often more than what they spend on the curriculum or actual teaching that goes on in the classroom.

According to adage.com, University of Phoenix spends over $100 million on ad campaigns alone.

These schools, while having the benefit of flexible scheduling, which is more of a marketing tool than anything else because of the fact that most major institutions offer the same thing, are the subject of much scrutiny because of the many negative allegations made by its students. A “PBS Frontline” documentary titled “College Inc.” discusses that very matter. In this documentary, former students of major for-profit institutions gave candid interviews on the state of the faulty education they received at these schools.

One of the principal roles of CSO is to fairly allocate funds to the various student organizations. However, as revealed in the November 4 SGA University Wide meeting, CSO wants to take those funds back, in what it calls an “activity charge.” What I call an “involvement tax.”

Essentially, members of clubs would be charged a fee to host events. I have never heard anything more asinine.

For starters, the SGA and CSO constitution only give them the authority to allocate funds, not impose fees. Second, it is explicitly illegal under Florida Law to charge students to participate in an event funded by A&E fees.

According to Sanjeev Udhnani, the “involvement tax” would save SGA money during the budget deliberations in the Spring semester. He also stated that USF and FSU allow their clubs to charge fees.

I contacted the CSO equivalents at USF (Center for Student Involvement) and FSU (Student Activities Center). I was told that in no uncertain terms were Udhnani’s statements true. I checked the statutes of both universities – they clearly say that clubs funded in part or whole by A&E fees could not charge students for entry into events or for membership in the club. Also, neither council charges any kind of an “involvement tax.”

In addition, if there were funds leftover in the CSO budget, it would be put into the A&E account managed by Student Affairs Vice President Rosa Jones, which is difficult for the SGA to use. So I can only assume Udhnani was mistaken when he spoke at the November 4 meeting.

More alarming however, is the extreme secrecy in which CSO advisor Ayana Wilson and President Elizabeth Fava have taken in planning this proposal. If you examine the CSO executive minutes, there are far more accurately called agendas due to their inept knowledge of information. You will not find any mention of this proposal. (The “minutes” simply list the topics each executive member spoke about, but do not give any information about what was actually said.)

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Raul Reis appointed as SJMC dean

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The School of Journalism and Mass Communication at California State University, Long Beach, is set to begin its tenure as dean of SJMC on Dec. 1. During his time at CSULB, Reis implemented several curriculum changes consisting of progressive and innovative courses that better prepared students for today’s multi-media world of journalism.

According to a press release from FIU’s Provost and Executive Vice President DouglasWatarks, the curriculum changes brought forth by Reis resulted in his journalism department becoming one of the most respected and sought after mass media programs in Southern California.

Expanding CSULB’s journalism department by creating and co-creating close to a dozen courses such as the Introduction to Online Media, Advanced Online Media and Writing Across the Media, Reis said he hopes to take SJMC to another level as he did his department at CSULB.

“The school itself is great already as it is, and it is very successful and well known in the country,” Reis said in an interview with Student Media.

“I am hoping to bring the school to a different level in the sense of looking to the future and looking on how to put the school in the level of top schools in the country.”

Reis began his professional and academic career in Belém, Brazil where he obtained his bachelor’s degree from Universidade Federal do Pará, Belém and worked as a reporter, copy editor and writer for several publications. Reis then went on to earn a Master of Science in Journalism and Mass Communication from Kansas State University.

He obtained his doctorate in Communications and Society from the University of Oregon.

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