Occupation 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 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 entering the “legal department” as to why they were being restricted from bringing in tents and the time they were allotted, but got leaderless answers.

However, FIU Police insisted that restrictions are put in place for safety reasons.

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According to Nnamdi Jackson, third-year law student of the Investor Advocacy Clinic, many of their clients seek help from the clinic as their final option after having attempted firms. While they want professional advice, affordability is an issue as well.

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Despite defeating the Denver Pioneers in the opening round, the Panthers were unable to handle Western Kentucky, which defeated FIU in the semifinals for the second year in a row.
Foul trouble hurts Panthers late in road loss to UTSA

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While the Panthers were held by Medlock’s absence, 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 opponent from the free throw line.

UTSA scored 31 points from the charity stripe, which gave the Roadrunners a big 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 turnover scoring 25 points.

UTSA was more aggressive as they also doubled FIU in second-chance opportunities, scoring 12 points on nine offensive rebounds 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.
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 Francais 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. “Whenever 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. “I paint what I see and what I like — things that are beautiful to me,” 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 $320 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 enriching,” said Fernandez.

Through the University’s Semester At Sea program, alumna Andrea Lahoz was able to visit Asia. Lahoz graduated with a degree in international relations and, in 2010, earned a minor in French, Portuguese and Art History.

She tours Belo Horizonte, Brazil in 2008 with the Modern Languages Department and in 2009 she went to Italy with the Honors College. During her last semester in 2010, she voyaged with the University’s Semester At Sea program and traveled around the world.

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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

ESRA ERDOGAN  Life! 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 gearing 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 a Cyber Monday, the online Black Friday. Consumers now have more options than ever about what they choose to do 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 support small businesses instead of the typical big-box stores. “It’s a great idea. All these corporations have all year to make profit 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] Office of Advocacy estimates 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.

“Smaller businesses look more at quality and support that other local businesses and large corporations outsource from sweatshops to get the cheapest product possible; that makes them special. I do and will continue to support them,” said Miller.
The exact number of people who live in the squalid conditions in the tent city of Port Au Prince, Haiti, is difficult to calculate. Nearly a year ago, the Haiti Mail estimated the figure to be about 1.2 million. Now, the Voice of America estimates the number around 600,000. This current figure, of course, does not take into account those who have been illegally evicted from the tents.

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 ended in 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 may not be made secure, with the constant threat of sexual violence."

Worldwide, rape for profit andinstability, leaving masses of young girls and women unprotected and endangered. The rape epidemic 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 biography column examining world events.

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Students treated as customers
ANTHONY PERERA Contributing Writer

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 their budgets. This is the model for every business, and is the reason why education should not be a business.

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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.

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More alarming however, is the extreme secrecy in which CSO advisor Ayana Wilson and President Elizabeth Fava have taken in putting this proposal. If you examine the CSO executive minutes, which are more accurately called agendas due to their inexcusable lack of infor- mation, you will not find any mention of this proposal. (The "minutes" simply list the topics each execu- tive member spoke about, but do not give any information about what was actually said.)

I demand to know why CSO is purposefully omitting information about such a drastic policy from their minutes. If this "involvement tax" proposal was being discussed in other meetings, why were they not adver- tised and made open to the public as required by Sunshine Law?

I don’t know why CSO wants to take these funds away. I do not care why. CSO is a unique organization in that its budget can never be affected by the budget cuts facing education in Florida. Its budget comes solely from the A&S fees, which come out of student tuition. Nobody gets this money, but hundreds of budget cuts there, are CSO cannot be affected.

I salute SGA for tabling the proposal. I strongly encourage the CSO clubs to stand up to the CSO executive board on this issue. Students already pay A&S fees; they should not have to pay again.

For more on this, contact Ben Budger. Jr. – CSB Director of Alumni Relations

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR
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Raul Reis appointed as SJMC dean

DEBORAH SOUVERAIN Staff Writer

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 Douglas Wardroop, 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 to 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.

As a professor, Reis has worked to bring real life experience to students both in and out of the classroom. In 2002, he created the Global News Media course where students visit Brazil during the summer to put their course work to practice.

“I have been doing since 2002; at the beginning it was like let’s go to a different country and be journalists.”

Soccer tournament draws students

JOSHUA SEEMUNGAL Contributing Writer

The Biscayne Bay Campus Recreation Center collaborated with the BBC Futbol Club and International Student Scholar Services to host the inaugural FIU BBC World Cup Futbol Tournament at the North Miami Athletic Stadium on Nov. 18.

“Events like these allow us to build greater relationships with students like those with the BBC Futbol Club,” said Val Butler, Recreational Center general assistant and organizer of the FIU BBC World Cup Futbol Tournament.

The event is the first of its kind, and consisted of five teams: Uruguay, Haiti, Ukraine, Cambodia and Catalonia, going along with the international theme, was held in celebration of the University’s International Education Week, which featured guest speakers, lectures, demonstrations, and a study abroad fair.

Ukraine defeated Cambodia in the final 1-0 to win the tournament.

“There are always people who play basketball and soccer in their own time, but we wanted something connected to FIU,” said BBC Futbol Club president Maria N. Reynaga.

Despite the inclement weather, the first game kicked off at 11 a.m. and saw Catalonia emerge victorious against Uruguay thanks in part to an audacious back-heeled goal by team captain Carlos Forero.

This moment of inspiration set the tone for a tournament that proved competitive and entertaining.

“I haven’t played soccer in months, so every time I play I appreciate it,” said Nick Kalf, sophomore student from the Netherlands.

As the games progressed at a high tempo, the tackles and shots came in from everywhere, leaving little time for rest.

Played in a round robin tournament, every team had the opportunity to test themselves against the other four teams.

After the first few games no team dominated procedures, and it all came down to the final first round matches to determine who would meet in the World Cup Final. At the end of two closely fought semi-final games, Cambodia and Ukraine emerged.

The two teams would take on each other one last time in a 20-minute game.

SOC to thank members with Fall Feast

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The idea of giving thanks, is one that is ingrained in American society and celebrated every year through Thanksgiving feasts.

To give thanks to members of the Biscayne Bay Campus’ diverse group of student organization members, the Student Organization Council is throwing their annual Fall Feast on Nov. 21 at the Wolfe University Center Ballroom from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

At the event, participants will be able take part in a variety of craft activities such as making hand turkeys and decorating different Thanksgiving themed items.

Every year, SOC hosts a social event for all members of its organization.

“It is a get-together with our clubs. [The Fall Feast] is not about Thanksgiving, but it has the same idea of giving thanks to our clubs for their involvement and their hard work through out the semester,” said Mais Kayyali, president of SOC.