FIU prepares for rival UCF

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FIU showed resilience to pull out a victory in overtime in the Sept. 8 Akron game that most people predicted the Panthers would easily win.

For the most part, the Panthers were kept in the game by their offensive performance that had to compensate for the 38 Akron points allowed on the defensive side of the ball.

This week, FIU draws the Knights of UCF in Orlando. Both teams have already played against the Zips, but with very different results. The Knights went up to Akron and destroyed the Zips 56-14 and FIU survived in a 41-38 overtime win on Akron.

UCF is the only school in the country with three players on its roster that have rushed for at least 18 touchdowns in their careers (Latavius Murray, Jeff Godfrey, and Brynn Harvey).

Wells Fargo, FIU partnership under scrutiny

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Following a report done by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group last May, banks in partnerships with universities around the country have been looked at with closer scrutiny.

Wells Fargo at the University is no exception.

The report, named the Campus Debit Card Trap, found that banks are targeting colleges to be the “gatekeepers” for students just beginning their line of credit.

The report stated that “bank deals are campus monopolies which prevent students from linking their own bank or credit union... Banks can aggressively market their bank accounts to maximize... fees through orientation and other campus affiliated events.”

Wells Fargo, which has established locations in 43 universities totaling over 2 million students, began its partnership with the University two years ago. The FIU One Card, with the option of linking a student ID with a debit account, was instituted a year ago.

“The partnership at FIU was initiated to provide students, faculty and staff with the added convenience of a full service retail bank on campus,” said Assistant Vice President of Business Services Jeff Krablin to Student Media. “[The FIU One Card eliminates] the need to carry a campus ID card and separate banking card, thereby creating a single card solution.”

This past fiscal year, the University received a total of $122,000 from the partnership, according to Krablin. “The funds obtained from the partnership are reinvested to enhance and expand services offered to the FIU community,” Krablin said.

Wells Fargo offers students who link their accounts to the FIU One Card a free checking account and there is no minimum balance that must be placed on the card.

Kyle Decker, senior in religious studies who had his card linked, didn’t like the outcome.

“I can only use the One Card on campus and at ATMs since it’s not a real debit card.”

Former president Bill Clinton spoke to the state of Florida from FIU Tuesday night, Sept. 11. While campaigning for Obama, Clinton spoke about student loans, the Pell grant and immigration to an awed audience.
US ambassador killed in consulate attack in Libya

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A mob armed with guns and grenades launched a fiery attack on the U.S. Consulate, killing the U.S. ambassador to Libya and three other Americans. President Barack Obama strongly condemned the violence, vowed Wednesday to bring the killers to justice and tightened security at diplomatic posts around the world.

The attack that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens — the first U.S. ambassador to die in the line of duty since 1979 — came on Tuesday’s 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist strike and presented a new foreign policy crisis for the United States in a region trying to recover from months of upheaval.

While the deadly assault was initially blamed on an anti-Islamic YouTube video, U.S. officials say the Obama administration is also investigating whether it was a planned terrorist strike to mark the anniversary of 9/11. Intelligence officials said the attack on the Benghazi consulate was too coordinated or professional to be spontaneous, according to a U.S. counterterrorism official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the incident publicly.

Libya’s interim president, Mohammed el-Megarif, apologized for what he called the “cowardly” assault on the consulate, which also killed several Libyan security guards in the eastern city.

Just before the Benghazi violence, protests also flared in Egypt, where crowds angry over a film depicting the Prophet Muhammad as a fraud, a womanizer and a madman in an overly rude, cutting way, showing him having sex and calling for massacres.

The brazen embassy assaults — the first on U.S. diplomatic facilities in Libya and Egypt — were signs of the lawlessness that has taken hold in the two countries after revolutions ousted their authoritarian regimes and overthrown the once-controlled police state. Islamists have emerged as powerful forces, and security forces have largely broken down.

Decker said, calling it “misleading advertising.” “It didn’t really hurt anything to do it, but it definitely forced me to spend it on campus.”

Decker said.

Students receive a separate Wells Fargo debit card in the mail after linking the FIU One Card and have the option of having their financial aid disbursement deposited on either card.

“FIU messes up a lot of stuff already so I wouldn’t trust them being directly connected to everything in my bank account.”

Junior biology student Christine Baldoquin, however, likes having the link between her ID and her bank account.

“I didn’t have to put a minimum balance on it like I did with Bank of America,” Baldoquin said. “A plus is that I also have a new savings account [with Wells Fargo].”

The savings account is part of the College Combo, giving students the ability to open a Way2Save account, use the Wells Fargo Mobile and Online options and personalize the debit card using Card Design Studio.

“This is helping students establish a line of credit,” said Ken H. Johnson, assistant professor of finance. “If used wisely, [the debit card] does reflect on your credit.”

Johnson saw only one mistake, it’s probably easier to get it worked out.”

Johnson’s best advice to students is to never spend money you don’t have since this can help establish good credit and avoid paying interest.

“Don’t buy something unless you have the money to pay for it!” Johnson said.

“Use it, use it sparingly and attempt to pay off the balance every month.”

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What the new voting laws mean to us

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Republican-backed voter fraud laws have been causing quite the commotion as we near the 2012 Presidential Elections, especially because they have been created by Republican officials with the ulterior motive of restricting left-leaning voters from voting.

According to the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law, 17 states have passed restrictive voting laws that have the potential to impact the 2012 election. Florida is one of those 17 states.

The groups expected to be severely affected by these laws are the elderly, the poor, minorities and young adults aged 18 to 24.

One of the notable points of change is being seen through the multiple Identification Laws that vary from state to state. Most of these require voters to show photo identification to vote, specifically government-issued IDs for some.

The young vote is particularly at risk in some of these states, as these laws have disallowed the use of college IDs as a form of valid identification.

Texas, for example, presents the possibility of using gun permits as a form of identification while rejecting the use of student IDs. Georgia, on the other hand, accepts student IDs, but only from state colleges.

Fortunately for Florida college students, student IDs are accepted, so long as they have a signature of the students ID. FIU students presenting their Panther ID cards will need to provide an additional identification that includes their signature.

Students that have opened a college checking account through the University’s partnership with Wells Fargo can present their debit or credit cards, which have the signature of the card holder on the back. Those without the necessary identification should not be discouraged from voting this upcoming election. The Florida Division of Elections website indicates that those without the proper identification will be provided with a provisional ballot, which will count only “if the signature on the provisional ballot envelope matches the signature on your voter registration application.”

The voter registration process, as opposed to the voter identification process at the polls, has increased in difficulty for Florida residents because of these voter fraud laws. The Brennan Center for Justice states that along with Illinois and Texas, Florida “passed laws restricting voter registration drives” along with Wisconsin and “passed laws making it more difficult for people who move to stay registered and vote.”

The former could affect voter registration drives on college campuses; however, FIU is fortunate to have Turbo Vote, which is a “voter registration initiative with the goal of registering 10,000.”

The latter, could affect out-of-state students, for their claims of residency may be scrutinized, possibly resulting in the illegitimacy of their registration. Students moving to a school address would need to establish residency in Florida and in the election district in which they register.

If not, they would then be obligated to request an absentee ballot from their original state and proceed, depending on how their state of origin operates.

At this point in the game, it is no longer a matter of deciding who to vote for, but a matter of even being capable of voting.

Whether the Republicans deny any intention of skewing the results or not; the fact of the matter is that some will have a tougher time making it to the polls come Election Day.

As students of a state that does not have it as difficult as others, we should take advantage of this ease and exercise the right given to us. We should not allow ourselves to be omitted, especially after having the highest rate of young voters in 2008 since 1992.

Since you’re here you might as well learn

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The other day I was having lunch with my dad and my 10-year-old brother when we began to talk about my brother’s online grade-by-grade parent progress report portal or whatever Dade County schools have subjected us to.

Soon my brother had that all-too-familiar worried look on his face. Dad was about to take away his video games for a week because of those C’s.

Along with parents we still worry about our grades, but most of us have forgotten that dreadful feeling of receiving a report card to our parents every nine weeks.

But we should forget about the GPA entirely and just learn stuff. Yes, I know we need our Bright Futures Scholarship, and our Pell Grant, and all our financial aid.

But if we could just stop browsing ratemyprofes-
sors.com for the “easy” professors and doing homework from one class in our other class, then maybe what we learn can start playing a part in the grade we earn.

Seriously, next time you are about to register for classes and you’re reading reviews on your next possible professor, sign up for the class where people tell you that “if you study, read, and show up to class, you can get a good grade,” and not for the class where “if you read the powerpoints, you’ll pass the exams.”

We need to leave the FCAIT behind and stop being hollow test-takers who memorize information and then forget it once we walk out of the room, and go back to being students who are in class to learn and retain information for the next 10 years.

After all, we’re the ones who will drown in debt because of these courses, why not get what we pay for: an education.

We’re not paying for an easy A, but for the knowledge that the University will impart upon us. Of course there have been times when I looked at exams and wondered if the professor suffered a blow to the head over the weekend, causing some sort of memory loss of their previous lectures.

But overall, I’ve sat in lectures and listened — sometimes without taking notes — and to my surprise gotten A’s and B’s. I’ve also gotten C’s. In fact, I got a C in a class in which I learned more than I ever expected to.

I don’t think you should become so relaxed to the point that you risk falling expelled for failing every class, but if you stop worrying about their grades and take the time to listen to lectures and do the readings and write the term paper with more diligence, your GPA will reflect it.
Farmer’s Market provides healthy alternatives

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FIU has stepped up to the plate as a leader in South Florida with their efforts to introduce a sustainable environment for students and faculty.

Every Wednesday from 12-3 p.m., the Organic Farmer’s Market Consortium sets up shop in the breezeway of the Green Library at Modesto Maidique Campus.

The consortium is run by a council student organization comprised of several organizations, outside vendors, and individual students that come together to promote local, organic agriculture and encourage sustainability.

The market began Aug. 29 and will run until Nov. 12. Each week vendors sell local, organic products, student organizations educate how to live sustainably and there are multiple opportunities to participate in environmentally friendly activities.

The Organic Farmer’s Market Consortium focuses on health and green initiatives. Various health-related workshops, such as yoga and environmental education, are offered. Several organizations, including FIU’s Organic Garden, Students for Environmental Action and the Office of University Sustainability, participate in the market.

Alyssa Elso, a Miami native and third year journalism student, attended the organic market for the first time yesterday. “Prior to going, I had seen some fliers as I walked to my classes, but did not really find out about it until I walked through the breezeway of The Green Library as it was taking place,” said Elso.

She also said she would definitely get involved in the market. They sell produce from the campus organic garden, which occupies half an acre next to the South Florida Ecosystem Preserve.

In Fall 2008, under the leadership of students from the Public Health Department, the market opened as an initiative supporting the University’s sustainability efforts.

According to the Stempel Public Health Association at FIU, the objectives of the market include providing students with a greater accessibility to fresh, organic fruits and vegetables, raising awareness about the benefits of consuming fresh fruits and vegetables, raise awareness on developing healthy eating habits and to provide recipes for preparing quick, easy and delicious fruit and vegetable dishes.

The Office of University Sustainability promotes the Organic Farmer’s Market to encourageinitiating practices that contribute to a sustainable, high quality of life on campus.

Since opening, the consortium has joined forces with multiple organizations inside of the University, including the Organic Garden.

Tricia Callahan, the president of the Farmer’s Market Consortium, on incorporating FIU’s campus grown fruits and vegetables at the market. Some of the produce grown includes avocado, mango, passion fruit, tomato, carrots, pumpkin and beans.

To get more information about the market, visit http://gogreen.fiu.edu/initiatives/food/index.html or https://orgsync.com/9888/chapter. The Organic Farmer’s Market can also be found on Yelp.

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“Compliance” is very unsettling, but well worth watching

There is a fine line that many films walk, and just a few mistakes could mean falling into the realm of exploitation. Such situations in films often feel isolated and unrealistic, but “Compliance” presents a reserved yet haunting look at a situation that actually happened.

At the start, Sandra (Ann Dowd), manager at a fast-food restaurant, finds herself under a lot of stress. The fridge was left open the night before, leading to the loss of multiple ingredients, and she just received a phone call from a police officer telling her that one of her employees stole money from a customer.

Sandra quickly takes Becky (Dreama Walker) to the back and follows the officer’s every instruction. She searches her pockets, strips the girl down and leaves with only an apron, and she stays on the phone, awaiting the next instruction.

As others are brought into the back room, the officer’s instructions become increasingly invasive. Unbeknownst to the camera, the supposed officer is nothing more than a prank caller.

Craig Zobel’s “Compliance” presents us with events that seem almost impossible to believe that they actually happened. Had the screenplay not been based on solid fact and drawn inspiration from some of the tamest of the crimes that happened, this film would not be quite as powerful.

Dreama Walker’s performance as the true victim of this crime, strip-searched and even sexually abused, is impressive. Her work on the television shows “The Good Wife” and “Don’t Trust the Bitch in Apt 23” has been good and generally light-hearted, and it is her shift into dark depths here that surprises and impresses.

The handling of this risky material, with some unbelievably restrained camerawork, is what keeps this professional rather than exploitative. Many filmmakers would choose to focus on Walker’s nudity, treating her as a sexual object rather than the victim she is, but Zobel never judges or takes advantage of her actress.

While Walker brings her best to the table, Ann Dowd’s work stands out the most as a character that could have been treated as nothing more than a villain, but is instead shown as a vulnerable human being who just happened to make the wrong decisions. The intense stress that surrounds Dowd’s character leaves her susceptible to the demands of the caller and the knowledge that a person could do this is what eats at the viewer.

“Compliance” isn’t without its flaws, as any interpretation of a true story often has its stumbles. One of its greatest flaws was overusing the prank caller and giving him a bit of a twisted personality. There were certain scenes with the prank caller that felt unnecessary, no matter how disturbingly well Pat Healy portrayed him.

This isn’t the first time these events have been brought to light through the media, as “Law & Order: Special Victims Unit” took their own shot at it just four years ago. However, Zobel’s challenging film is a cut above the rest.

“Compliance” may be hard to watch, but it will leave those who watch it reflect on just how dark humanity can really get when pushed far enough.
September brings out the fashionista in students

September is finally here, and in the world of fashion, that means the most anticipated month of the year. Fall trends are in, the biggest magazine issues of the year are out for the fashion hungry to consume, Fashion’s Night Out event’s premiere across the globe, and of course, the beginning of Mercedes Benz Fashion Month in New York, London, Paris and Milan.

Although here in Miami we don’t get to embrace the fall weather, we do get to embrace everything else about the fall fashion, but with our own tropical and rebellious twist.

You can find girls this season at the University wearing casual maxi skirts and tank tops with stud covered iphone cases and matching Navajo inspired metal jewelry.

Taking a more classic rebellious attitude, students are also seen embracing bold black and white striped jeans with vibrant colored tops, creating a visual correlation to decades of music references and classic rock and roll, but with a 21st century twist.

Not to mention another trend with a modern twist, the term “retro-branding” is appearing in more aspects other than the rebranding of the Yves Saint Laurent House. Denim is making a huge comeback, as seen in the massive collection of it on the streets these past few months in Miami, despite the high heated and humid weather.

Go to your local Goodwill to find some truly retro high waisted jeans and pair them with a crop-top or light cotton jacket, and you’ll be set for any event, whether it be on or off campus.

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Students prepare for FIU’s football game by gathering with friends to get pumped up.
Phi Kappa Phi defeats FIJI after brawl

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Despite the cool, rainy weather, emotions heated the stadium at the Sept. 10 flag football game between Phi Kappa Phi and FIJI when an illegal play late in the game resulted in a game-ending brawl with Phi Kappa Phi winners 7-0.

Serving the ball at the 10-yard line, FIJI quarterback Bradley Treasure’s first play was a 10-yard pass to move the chains. Treasure then broke his two-down passes to keep the drive going.

After navigating 40 yards to get into the red zone, FIJI had trouble working in the shortened space. Treasure heaved a pass on fourth down into the end zone that Phi Kappa Phi’s middle linebacker Alan Magliati batted down.

The pivotal stop from the defense provided fuel for their quarterback, Jorge Solares.

Completing two consecutive passes and adding two lengthy runs, Solares marched his team into enemy territory.

Only 10 yards away from scoring, Solares dialed up a pass play to Ray Vargas for the touchdown. Solares then converted the extra point by running free to the outside.

As the rain began to come down a little harder, FIJI became troubled by the lack of traction.

On three pass plays, the receivers were unable to stop and came back to the middle of his reliable target Dustin Aurrichio.

Solares went right back to Aurrichio for a 5-yard pass that turned into a 25-yard gain after Aurrichio spun around his opponent and worked his way up the sideline.

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Head Coach, Phi Kappa Phi

Phi Kappa Phi had the clear momentum and was in scoring position once again. Phi Kappa Phi committed three consecutive penalties that moved them from the 5-yard line to the 20.

Solares, aggravated from the team’s lack of focus, tried forcing all of his passes into the end zone.

FIJI took over after Phi Kappa Phi was unable to score on a long fourth and goal. Treasure took the snap and dropped back, but was sacked for a loss of 5-yards. Feeling the pressure from the defense, Treasure forced a pass to his primary target Joseph Perez.

Phi Kappa Phi came up with an interception that led to the breaking point for FIJI.

An illegal tackle on the sideline after the interception resulted in a heated argument between two players. The argument escalated into a sideline-clearing fight between players and fans.

The FIU staff coordinating the event diffused the situation and ended the game on the spot.

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With the emotions pouring down on this opening night of football, Phi Kappa Phi went home the early winners, 7-0.
Jaguars’ Jones-Drew welcomes expanded role

In about a week, Jacksonville Jaguars running back Maurice Jones-Drew has gone from holdout to backup to starter. He’s more concerned with adding another adjective: winner.

UCF will return to his starting role when the Jaguars (0-1) try to bounce back from a gut-wrenching loss in the opener Sunday against AAF’s South rival Houston (1-0). Despite missing all of training camp and the preseason, the NFL’s leading rusher in 2011 believes he’s ready for a bigger workload.

“I was ready for 80 carries last week,” Jones-Drew said Wednesday. “We’ll see. We’ll see how increased it is. I definitely didn’t think it was going to be what it was last week, but we’ll see how it happened and we just got to adjust so we’ll see how it goes this week.”

Rashad Jennings started at Minnesota and carried eight times for 31 yards before injuring his right knee against Coach Mike Mularkey said Jennings’ injury is “not something long term,” but added that it’s the same knee that caused Jennings to miss all of last season.

Jennings sat out practice Wednesday, but has not been ruled out for the home opener.

Jaguars readying to stop Medlock and running attack

Also in their repertoire of running backs is Miami transfer, Storm Johnson. Johnson and Harvey, filled the void of an injured Murray and combined for 111 yards rushing in their loss to Ohio State on Sept. 7. Murray will be unavailable for this game, according to UCF head coach George O’Leary.

UCF would go on to combine for 352 yards against the Buckeyes, something that had only been done 13 times against OSU in 80 games dating back to 2006. Such a potent offense brings up the question of how FIU will handle one of the more explosive offenses they’ll see this season when in just two games they’ve played this season, they have given up 17 points to two other teams.

“Watching tape, I think they’ll see some of the same things,” Bouye said. “He’s pretty good. He has a nice arm and can run. As far as coverage, we have to make sure we’re where we’re supposed to be because he can run and he has good athletes who are trying to get open.”

Jones-Drew ran 19 times for 77 yards in the 26-23 overtime loss to the Vikings, a game in which Jacksonvile led by a field goal before collapsing in the closing seconds of regulation. Jones-Drew’s longest run gained 11 yards, but he showed glimpses of his younger days by nearly breaking a few for more.

“Pretty good is a good description for the first game,” Mularkey said. “I think he was sore after the game, which he was probably sorer than he would have been if he would have gone through the camp, some of the hits. I think it’s a gradual thing. I don’t know if one week’s thing may have broken free maybe if he had been here earlier. I was very pleased with the production that he did, and as hard as he ran was unbelievable. I think it’s going to get better and better.”

Jones-Drew, though, could be running behind a shuffled line.

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Regardless, Jones-Drew was expected to serve as the third-down back and maybe get a series here or there against Minnesota. But once Jennings left the game, MJD pretty much played the rest of the way.

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Biscayne Bay Campus has regained its quiet.

After a solid three weeks, freshmen and new transfer students have adjusted.

What at first seemed like an overcrowded, tangled web of a campus, is now a seamless flow of students maneuvering the hallways through efficient avenues.

At this time, the Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus, in efforts to introduce itself to new students, also likes to gauge the student body in terms of population, declared majors, perspectives on campus food quality and other issues that affect daily life on campus.

In a recent effort to compile feedback, SGA-BBC sent out an email to all students with an attached survey.

At first glance, the questions may seem pointless and redundant; however, all questions are carefully thought out beforehand to help SGC to address concerns students may have about any facet of BBC.

Every year we try to ascertain what some of the concerns of the students are. In essence, the main goal of this survey is just to get an idea of what the student population is here at BBC, where [the students] are, and let them know what we do,” said Pablo Haspel, president of SGC-BBC.

“Obviously it’s a lot easier to help them out if they know who we are, and if they have any issues they can come talk to us.”

One of the burdens that seem to be on every one’s mind is the cafeteria.

Everyone knows the problem with the food, and to assess their power to assess the situation.

“Food choices have been a concern for a while. We’re always trying to change it. We’re trying to improve and growing, making it easier to change or add-on to the current food options,” said Haspel.

Another question on the survey asked students to estimate how many hours a week they spent at certain places on campus, such as the Wolfe Center, library, cafeteria, recreation center, or other.

“I came up with the idea [in order] to know where students usually go between classes, so if, for example, we want to plan an event at a specific time of the day or afternoon, we know where most of the student body [hangs out] and can plan accordingly,” said Student Advocacy Committee Chair, Carolina Krauskopf.

Questions like this help Krauskopf, who also generated the questions on the survey, map out the student population in correlation to where they spend most of their time on campus and in the community.

The survey also allows students to voice any questions or opinions they may have as well, and are not bound a few multiple choice inquiries.

“I definitely feel the gym needs to be open longer. I transferred from the Modesto Modestia Campus a few semesters ago and the gym over there is open until midnight, Monday through Thursday. Nothing like finishing a stressful day at school with a good workout. 10 p.m. is just too early when some classes finish as late as 9 p.m.,” said senior and hospitality student, Braian Briceño.

Those who may have not received the survey through the email can access it through the SGC-BBC Facebook page.

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We have to remember 9/11 in a way to show positive change in our country and community by coming together and working in unity to achieve something great.

Marie A. Olivas, AmeriCorps VISTA member

The event will happen from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Biscayne Bay Campus. The organization encourages students from both campuses to get involved and volunteer.

Students can get the shuttle from Modesto Modestia Campus to BBC. Check in is at 7:30 a.m. at the Graham Center Pit at MMC and 8 a.m. at the Wolfe University Center in Panther Square at BBC. Participants can expect lunch and refreshments.

Last year, the event was very successful,” said Marie A. Olivas, an AmeriCorps VISTA member and a part of CLS. “Last year, almost 500 students volunteered for the event. This year, we expect a few hundred.”

During the event, students will participate in various physical tasks, such as doing a short shore clean up, replanting mangroves, pulling invasive plant species and planting various plants that attract endangered butterflies.

During the day of service, some students will also help with the University’s student greenhouse at Alonso and Tracy Mourning Senior High next to the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Students who want to participate in all-BBC are required to attend the event.

“This event is awesome! It uses it as an interview to be part of all-BBC,” said Maria N. Reynaga, senior and all-BBC site leader for winter break. “A completely different FIU population comes out.”

Her favorite part about being involved with service activities is meeting new people.

Nashira Williams, coordinator in the CLS, explained how this event has impacted students in the past.

“This day of service helped students become more involved on campus throughout the years.”

From 300 students being involved in this event in 2010, and almost 500 students later in 2011, more and more people are participating each year.

“The event also helps students understand the impact they have on the community,” said Nashira.

Olivas wants students to always remember 9/11 and to always keep in mind that it will help people work together for the future.

“We have to remember 9/11 in a way to show positive change in our community and country by coming together and working in unity to achieve something great.”

To sign-up students can go to the CLS website, leadserve.fiu.edu.