One decade, many changes

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Traffic lights, parking spaces, new buildings, more construction, incoming students—that’s what the University looks like in the next decade.

As the University continues to grow in population, the need for more buildings and parking spaces increases.

The campus master plan 2020 will focus on enhancing physical developments throughout the University’s campuses.

“We will be addressing issues reflected in the University’s strategic plan that represent student-centered learning, sustainability, wayfinding and circulation, architecture and landscape, which will help FIU meet its mission,” said Javier Marques, chief of staff to President Mark Rosenberg.

Need or no need: Financial aid refunds go many ways

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After classes are chosen, tuition is paid and the semester goes underway, students still have one more thing to look forward: refunds.

While the exact amount may differ from student to student, this is the time when many students sigh a sigh of relief because there is money to be spent.

How that money is being spent, however, is another story, considering scholarship money is on a steady decline and tuition is on the rise.

John Garcia, a junior business and accounting major, who receives Bright Futures and the Pell Grant, spends his refund depending on his needs at the time he receives it.

“I use it depending on what I need or want. I save some and the rest is spent on sudden whims,” said Garcia.

For Nicole Mierisch, a junior transfer student majoring in environmental science who receives Bright Futures and the Leverance Grant, spends her refund money to buy gas, food and help out at home with bills, even though her scholarship has been cut time he receives it.

“I use it because there is money to be spent,” said Mierisch.

“Though, I did use my refund money to buy my first car, but it wasn’t new and it was necessary since I’m a commuter.”

Some students, like Jennifer Robles, a senior English major who receives Bright Futures and recently, the Leverance Grant, does not even receive a refund after paying for classes.

USAID administrator to address University

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The administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development is amomented to speak for a special address called “Students and Universities Leading the Future of Development” on Friday, Sept. 21.

Rajiv Shah, the 16th administrator of USAID, managed the U.S. government’s response to the 2012 earthquake in Haiti and co-chaired the USAID in the country, Salas said. The special address will take place at 3:30 p.m. at the University’s School of International and Public Affairs auditorium 125. Cost of entry is free.

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University transit tests out the recently installed traffic lights.
Senate bill killed due to poor communication

Agencies and bureaus had a close call during the Student Government Council meeting at the Modesto Maidique Campus senate’s Sept. 17 session.

The “Government Accountability Act of 2012” SB 1211 was removed from the agenda before it could even be discussed.

The bill was an amendment to section 4.05 “Affairs of the Executive Branch” of the SGC-MMC statutes. Among the changes in the bill were the amendments to the selection process for directors of agencies and bureaus under SGC-MMC.

In the bill, the author and sponsors requested that directors for agencies be selected through the elections code, while directors for agencies be selected solely by the SGC-MMC president.

It was addressed on Monday at the beginning of the meeting by SGC-MMC Vice President Alex Castro, author of the bill.

“Senators, I demand that this bill be extracted from the agenda,” Castro said. “I demand that this bill is never heard again this academic year. I have talked to the involved parties and they do not wantStudent Government to pass this bill.”

In an interview with Student Media, Residence Hall Association Adviser Joe Haeffel voiced his concerns with the bill by saying it didn’t include specifics for the candidate criteria.

Haeffel also added that he doesn’t see a problem with more transparency from organizations funded by the Activity & Service fee.

If passed, the bill would also have required monthly auditing reports from agencies and bureaus and approval from SGC-MMC for any purchases above $15,000.

According to Castro, other concerns were also raised by other agencies and bureaus, which lead to his decision to strike the bill.

Castro mentioned that a lack of communication lead to the unrest.

“Poor communication creates confusion and misunderstandings,” Castro said.

“I have learned that communication is key, enhances comprehension and is followed by trust in the long run,”

Moses Alucio, College of Law senator, moved to strike SB 1211 from the agenda.

The motion was passed without opposition.

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CORRECTIONS

In the issue dated Sep. 14, 2012, the Sports headline titled “Phi Kappa Phi defeats FIJI brawl,” should be “Phi Kappa Phi defeats FIJI brawl.”

The Beacon will gladly change any errors. Call our UP office at 305-348-2709 or BBC at 305-919-4722.
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The end is near, kind of

With only three months until December 21, FIU students need to be prepared for the apocalypse as they are for their midterms, and as tenacious to survive as they are to find a decent parking spot.

Dec. 21, 2012 is the day the Mayan Calendar, which is more accurate than most meteorologists, ends. This is a sign, supposedly, that the world will come to an end, a sign, supposedly, that the metrologists, ends. This is more accurate than most the Mayan Calendar, which are to find a decent parking

With a regular gym schedule you should prepare yourself for the physical challenges the new world will demand of you, plus you'll look more attractive when your shirt is inevitably ripped off - as it always is in these situations.

Post-apocalyptic survivors are always lonely. An FIU student can overcome this crippling loneliness by adopting one of the turtles in the pond near the School of International and Public Affairs building. Turtles make great end-of-the-world companions and would keep you mentally stable. This turtle could be the Wilson to your Tom Hanks.

Undoubtedly, food will become scarce and a lot of the remaining morsels will be contaminated by radiation. An FIU student should indulge in as many high-carb meals as possible, in case food cannot be found.

The body can then survive on the stored fat. Therefore, give into the temptation felt as the scintillating smell wafting from the cafeteria penetrates you. And remember to store up on Twinkies, they are non-perishable, compact, and delicious.

With these tips, accompanied by a strong will to survive and a copy of Cast Away, an FIU student will be prepared to handle existence in post-apocalyptic America. While others are trying to find edible morsels, and dealing with decaying sanity and loneliness, the skilled FIU student can relax with his full stomach and turtle best friend.

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The Wolfe University Center ballrooms were decorated in 1950s theme last week, so clubs and organizations there were rockin’ and minglin’ all day long.

On Sept. 12, the 1950s-themed ballrooms were host to every major club at the Biscayne Bay Campus. They gathered so their members can mingle and discuss individual activities in their representative organizations. The theme presented classic swing music and festive décor that made you feel like you were in the latter part of “Back to the Future.”

Many circles were formed consisting of the Student Organization Council, Student Government Association, Theater and Film Club, International Japan Association, and many other clubs. Inside the ballroom, it was the get-together of the ages.

From an larger perspective however, it seemed like an isolated part of the campus, untouched by those who have yet to learn anything about clubs.

For as long as BBC existed, it was always the underdog of the two campuses in its extracurricular activities, and according to recent studies, it may be because of student disinterest. Out of about 50 students surveyed, over half did not have any involvement in any form of club activity and had no clue on how to start one, despite its surprisingly easy process. Some students have even reported that they would like to make clubs that already exist.

Many of the students are unaware of the many experiences and benefits that being in a club would provide them.

Student clubs are far more beneficial on a college level than on a high school level. They give students opportunities to work within their majors in addition to their personal interests, as well as providing an excellent networking experience. Extracurricular clubs not only benefit students, but also their learning environment as the clubs also have an effect on BBC itself.

As Tariq Darwish, president of the theater and film club put it, “Thanks to [BBC’s] smaller size, there is more of a chance to build longer lasting relationships and stronger friendships, which can be forged with more clubs to join, which is why clubs are even more beneficial here than there.”

The recent degradation of club popularity might also be from underwhelming marketing. “It depends on how you promote the club. One of the biggest problems is that they don’t do their research. Now that you’re in FIU, you have to do research and see how to make yourself a club. Some of them are under-marketed, so it’s more difficult to find out about them,” said Richard Azimov, peer career coach.

In an attempt to drum up student interest in clubs this fall, the Student Organization Council has not only launched the usual fall semester club fair, but also a club mixer. “We’re always having different events to start and join clubs,” said Michael Aquino, president of SOC. “Today we’re having our mixer, 1950s style, to mix and mingle clubs and collaborate with each other and with different councils and departments as well.”

One of the prime reasons for the SOC’s existence is to facilitate the ease of student-run clubs and organizations. The process of forming a club is relatively simple; all a student would need is a constitution, five founding members, a staff/faculty adviser and an Orgync account for the club. Once this is completed, a club application form becomes available at the SOC office for the newly founded club. This club will then join the host of others at BBC and help enrich the University.

Additionally, clubs can also benefit students academically. “Joining or creating a club can absolutely help with one’s major. Students are able to find out more information, meet fascinating and professional people and host amazing events regarding their major. In essence, put into practice what they learned in the classroom,” said Aquino.

When asked in what other ways clubs at BBC can help students, Aquino added, “Besides the learning experience, the SOC has an amazing internship opportunity in which students get to learn how to manage a council and shadow a member of the SOC Executive Board. Students are also able to create lifelong friendships and relationships with people who have the same interests as them. Students are able to enhance their leadership abilities by becoming part of an e-board and have an amazing time with their members, whether it’s in academic, religious, cultural, or social organizations.”

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The stew of cultures at the melting pot that is FIU has a very Hispanic flavor.

The Latin influence can be seen everywhere from the Latino Student Union, to the guava pastries sold around the University. The Student Programming Council will host its annual Hispanic Heritage week from Sept. 25 through Oct. 3. Each night, an event celebrating Hispanic Heritage will occur on different locations on campus.

“This year we’re trying to make it land within Hispanic Heritage Month because it hasn’t been in it in past years,” said Marice Diaz, senior and vice president of programming for SPC.

When asked about the events, Diaz added, “They will be like normal SPC events, but will contain some form of Hispanic background, like a Hispanic movie or like a Hispanic performer.”

On Sept. 25, the Hispanic Heritage Kickoff will take place on the Housing Quad. Salsa Kings will perform and give salsa classes. Additionally, on Sept. 26, there will be a Hispanic Heritage comedy show.

On Sept. 28, SPC, in association with Lambda Upsilon Lambda, a Latino chapter at FIU, will show “Princesas,” a film set in Spain. Diaz said that SPC teamed up with the Lambda chapter and took a student vote over what movie they wanted to see, which is why they are showing “Princesas.”

To end the festivities, on Oct. 3, SPC will host the Noche Latina in the Graham Center Ballrooms. A Florida Latin band will perform and there will be giveaways and a photo booth for students to enjoy. “It’s our biggest event,” said Diaz. “We probably get the most students in that event.” When asked if she would attend the event, freshman Christa Currins said while she has never heard about it, she would look into the events happening around that week.

Junior John Dalva added that he would definitely be attending the Noche Latina.

When asked about the turnout of students, Diaz confidently said, “The turnout is always good. It’s like, our Kickoff starts it off, and when we get to the Noche Latina, we see a lot of people.”
Unbeaten streak comes to an end in loss versus Furman

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After reeling off five consecutive wins to start the season, the FIU men’s soccer team saw their perfect record come to an end with a loss to Furman on Sept. 14 and a draw against University of Missouri - Kansas City on Sept. 16.

Furman, 2 FIU, 1

The Panthers began their quest for their sixth win of the season in Fort Myers, Fla. where they played Furman (4-2-1). But the Panthers soon learned that gaining their sixth win of the season would be easier said than done.

The first goal of the game came in the 45th minute, off the foot of forward Martin Ontiveros. The goal was off a free kick that went past FIU’s goal keeper Robin Spiegel.

As the second half of play began, the night would only get worse for the Panthers young goalkeeper. In the 61st minute, the Paladins increased their lead with a header shot off defender Walter Zimmerman. For Spiegel, it was the first time he didn’t record a save in a game.

The Panthers tried to make a comeback with a goal from team-leading scorer forward Quentin Albrecht. For Albrecht, it was his sixth goal of the season. But FIU would not get another goal past Furman’s goalkeeper Doug Ryan, who ended the night with a shutout while collecting three saves.

Savage. Candi Osei-Agyemang scored the first goal in the 77th minute. Julia Glanz scored the second one with an assist from Osei-Agyemang in the 77th minute. FIU didn’t shoot much but was able to have gotten more, but sometimes the ball just doesn’t roll your way."

During the second half, the Panthers tied up the game with a goal from forward Nicolas Rodriguez off a penalty kick. For Rodriguez, there was only one thing going through his mind. "I’m going to score, I’m going to make it," Rodriguez said jokingly. "You have to stay positive because when a penalty kick comes the other team is telling you everything to get into your head."

But neither team was able to score again behind the great work of their goalkeepers. The Kangaroos’ goalie Kevin Corby ended the night with six saves only allowing one goal. The Panther’s Spiegel collected four saves, also allowing one goal.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw with both teams exhausting from a very physical battle.

“You’re allowed to foul, last time I checked it’s not illegal to foul hard," Arena said. “Our guys played hard and we’ve had to deal with teams defending us like this all year, and today was probably even more extreme and I’m very happy that our guys kept going.”

For the fourth straight game, the Panthers once again found themselves trailing at the end of the first half.

Arena said it was just a case of earlier fatigue combined with a marathon-like mentality. “I think that in the first half the other team has energy, so as the game goes on I see our fitness and style of play really come through and start to show us playing better," Arena said. "But early in games I see teams throwing everything they have at us and so it looks a little combative and hectic."

FIU will continue to look for their sixth win of the season when they play Stetson University (3-3) on Sept. 22 in DeLand, Fla. at 6 p.m. -francisco.rivero@fiusm.com

MEN’S SOCCER

SPORTS


The Panthers, now 5-1-1 will head up north to take on Stetson on Sept. 22 in DeLand at 7 p.m.

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Panthers shutout in weekend road trip to Arizona

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FIU traveled across the country to Tucson, Ariz., to take part in the Loews Ventana Canyon Cats Classic and face two Pac 12 squads in Arizona and Arizona State. Never having faced these teams proved costly as FIU came away with two losses after not scoring a single goal all weekend.

Arizona, 2, FIU 0

The Panthers hoped to continue their winning streak after their last win at home against Idaho State University on Sept. 9 where FIU showed great offense and defense. The first game of the Classic was a 2-0 loss against Arizona that came into this weekend 3-3-0.

The Panthers offense did not show up, totaling five shots for the game. The Panthers are 0-3 when they shoot less than 10 shots in a game. Arizona took advantage of the lack of offense and put the pressure on the Panther defense, recording 21 shots in the game.

The constant barrage of shots gave FIU goalkeeper Kaitlyn Savage plenty of action in the game, collecting eight saves. Arizona attacked the game but only two quality shots made it past Savage. Candi Osei-Agyemang scored the first goal with an assist from Emily Lai in the 32nd minute. Julia Glanz scored the second one with an assist from Osei-Agyemang in the 77th minute.

The Panthers had a total of 18 fouls during the game trying to push back The Sun Devils, hoping for a spark or a play leading to more offense. Leading the tough defense again was goalkeeper Savage who recorded another six saves for the Panthers but allowed three to hit net.

Miah Mollay scored the first goal in the 40th minute to go into halftime with a 1-0 lead.

The next goal was made by Devin Marshall with assists from two other Sun Devils Holland Crook and Courtney Timnin. The last goal of the game was made by Crook with an assist from Marshall in the 66th minute.

This loss adds to FIU’s bad road record at 0-4-1. The Panthers will have to put this weekend behind them and prepare for major conference play next weekend in two away games against South Alabama University and Troy University.

FIU conceded five goals in their trip to the state of Arizona this past weekend. -sport@fiusm.com

Women's Soccer


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The mechanized voice of a woman introduces the date, the time, the number of voicemails, the phone number and gives a complimentary “here is your message.”

With text messaging and newer technology, students are utilizing faster, more fluid ways of sending and receiving messages. “I do not use voicemail. It is faster and easier to check a text message – simple as that,” said Carol Rock, a junior and public relations major.

According to data from the internet phone company Vonage, leaving a voice message has dropped 8 percent and retrieving a voice message has dropped 14 percent among users from July 2011 to July 2012. “Texting is trumping voicemail because of its speed of access and the fluidity of the message,” said Carlos Suris, media instructor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. “It has become habitual.”

Students are guilty of avid texting, but they credit voicemail for its professionalism. “I do not like voicemail if it is from friends or family, but I think it is [appropriate] for a business, my job, or doctor’s office to leave a voicemail,” said Rock.

Although voicemail use is waning, it may not signal an end to this medium of messaging altogether. “You have to use the right tool for the right situation,” said Michael Sheerin, a professional in the new media industry and member of the Journalism and Mass Communication Department.

Sheerin mentioned an alternative to voice and text messaging, VOXing, which converges these techniques into one. It is a walkie-talkie-like application where the user sends an instantaneous voice message accompanied with a text version of the statement. Sheerin explained that texting and voicemail are both useful for communicating different things. Text messages are best when a conversation is not needed, while voice messaging can give a better, extensive explanation.

“I continue to use voicemail,” said Laurie Ramirez, sophomore and journalism major. “I like to leave a voice message when I am communicating something that is important, requires an explanation, or has to do with business.”

Some students are willing to put in the extra effort to listen to a voice message that relates to a job or an important appointment, but it is clear that texting is the go-to form of messaging for daily communication with friends and family. “I think people do not like voicemail because they are too lazy to check their messages. The process takes up too much time,” said Ramirez.

Suris said that this generation should not be characterized as lazy for leading the revolution of messaging. In fact, this generation is not doing anything revolutionary by abandoning voicemail for texting at all.

Duque said if she wants to catch-up with a friend she will use the application HeyTell! on her iPhone. This application is similar to VOXing and combines the traditional voice of a phone call with text messaging. “Texting is a lot easier and more efficient than having to listen to a voicemail and jot things down from the message,” said Duque.

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Host Marcellus “Chello” Davis is a Miami local who regularly hosts the open mic night at The Playwright Pub within Gulfstream Park and Casino. He made his comic debut on Black Entertainment Television’s “Comic View” and has performed for 106 & Park audiences.

According to Bodniza, Davis will be the emcee of the show, keeping the routine to a minimum.

Comedian Raneir Pollard is also a Miami native and best known for his openly gay comedic material and catch phrases like “Black and Gay All Day.”

“Raneir Pollard is naughty and vulgar and extremely hilarious,” said Bodniza.

He is also recognized for his YouTube video “**** Black Gay Guys Say,” that mocks the stereotypical view of homosexual black men.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, A.G. White’s comedic debut was on the television show “It’s Showtime at the Apollo.” Since then, he has been featured on the HBO comedy series “P. Diddy Presents: The Bad Boys of Comedy,” Showtime’s “White Boyz in the Hood,” and BET’s “Comic View.”

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While some students hold onto voicemail as a more formal way of communicating, others have no intention of resorting to this form of messaging. “I do not leave people voice messages anymore,” said Laura Duque, junior and international relations major.

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Send a text message after the tone.