Pipe ruptures, floods Lakeview

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Student residents evacuated the Lakeview South Residence Hall after a fire sprinkler pipe ruptured on the sixth floor at 5:15 a.m. on Nov. 14.

Residents were alerted of the ruptured pipe by the building’s fire alarm. Many students did not take it seriously due to a series of false fire alarm pranks.

“I woke up this morning thinking it was another prank,” said Juan Carlos Zuniga, a biology freshman. “My roommates went downstairs to check out what was happening and were told by some cops that they are evacuating the building.”

Students were immediately told by their resident assistants to pack two days’ worth of clothing.

The water damaged the ceiling tiles and floors of Lakeview South.

“I saw from the lobby where the drywall popcon ceiling had actually soaked up the water, split in half and fell to the ground,” said Jemrlik Friend, a psychology major and resident of Lakeview South.

The University brought in a cleanup service company to remove the water and clean the building at 8:30 a.m.

A crisis meeting was held at Lakeview South at 9:15 a.m. to assess what steps needed to be made.

Members of the meeting included President Mark Rosenberg, Vice President Larry Lombardi and Executive Director of Student Affairs James Wassenar.

“We regret this disruption,” Rosenberg said. “We take a lot of pride in our facilities and we are going to get this fixed. Our immediate priorities are to make sure that students are not displaced.”

After most of the water was removed, students were allowed in small groups at a time to gather personal belongings and see what was left.

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Departments collaborate with SGA for student safety

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The University’s Police Department, the Department of Parking and Transportation, FIU Facilities and the Student Government Association at the Modesto Maidique Campus are collaborating in an initiative titled the Campus Safety Walk. “The purpose is for the SGA and the University Police Department to work together to address potential safety concerns that include checking areas that typically end up being parking lots or walkway lights,” said Alexander Casas, chief of police at the University’s Police Department.

“By working together, it allows us to have a firsthand involvement in this process.”

According to Alex Castro, vice president of the Student Government Council at MMC, the walk is to “prioritize enhancing security around campus, infrastructure improvement [and] dark areas around campus.”

Held once a year during the fall semester, the event is an evening walk around the Modesto Maidique Campus and the Engineering Center to check that the campus is well-lit and safe.

The areas that will be covered will be determined by some of the SGA representatives, which include Castro and Laura Fatimaz, president of the Student Government Council at MMC.

“Students communicate their concerns to the SGA and it gives them a better opportunity to interact with them,” Casas said.

Student Media attempted to reach FIU Facilities’ Director of Analysis, Assessment and Risk Management Marco Bertecz, who refused to comment on the event and referred Student Media to Associate Vice President John Cal, who was unavailable for comment.

The Campus Safety Walk will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 20 starting at 6.30 p.m. at the Campus Police Station in Parking Garage 5.

The walk will also take place at the Biscayne Bay Campus and will proceed based on SGA requests. According to Casas, the BBC Campus Safety Walk is still not scheduled but will take place this semester.

The event is open to students, faculty and staff.

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No compromise in contract talks between union and FIU

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The University and the union that represents support staff at the University could not come to an agreement for a new contract during the collective bargaining session on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3346, and the University have been trying to negotiate a new contract since July 2012. AFSCME represents support staff, such as mechanics, electricians, painters, plumbers, etc.

On Tuesday, AFSCME declared impasse with the University administration.

An impasse occurs when the parties fail to reach an agreement. Following an impasse declaration, a process of arbitration would begin.

The arbitration process could last six to eight months and will end in a decision by a neutral that would be accepted as final by both parties.

The University and AFSCME were in talks over an extended wage package for support staff in Tuesday’s session. “Even though we meet, it doesn’t give us any leverage,” said AFSCME representative and head bargainer, Madeline Gonzalez. “We’ve been doing this far too long.”

The University proposed a wage package that would give support staff a 2.5 percent wage increase during the first year of the contract, a 2 percent increase the second year and a 1 percent increase during the third, with the condition that AFSCME accepts a new three-year contract.

“The (union) bargaining committee has communicated that they feel the wage proposal is good,” Gonzalez said. “The union is proposing a lower pay raise in exchange for just cause. We are accepting your wage proposal, but not your package.”

Just cause means the employer must have a reason to fire an employee. It is a form of job security that allows the employee to appeal the decision to an arbitrator who evaluates whether or not the employer’s action was justified with the burden of proof.

“The Board of Trustees doesn’t want ‘just cause,’” said Elizabeth Watson, associate general counsel representing the University. “The wage package is more than generous.”

In the negotiations over just cause, both the University and AFSCME remained grounded in their positions. The University does not want to add just cause to the contract, and AFSCME does not want the contract without just cause.

Some affected employees present at the meeting saw the more pragmatic.

“The employees are disillusioned because they haven’t seen results from the union,” said Carlos Fernandez, a mechanic tutor who has worked at the University for several years. “We are more than happy to accept the contract.”

Fernandez brought with him various employee signatures he obtained during his lunch breaks, petitioning to put the contract and wage package to an employee vote.

“The raises are important to us,” Fernandez said. “I only know three cases in which support staff were fired and all three times the University was right in terminations. Therefore, I’ll fire anyone here unless they are lazy.”

Gonzalez acknowledged Fernandez’s plea, but insists they continue to fight for the just cause clause.

“We sent out a survey to employees regarding just cause, and the responses showed that at least 70 percent of them wanted the union to keep fighting for it,” Gonzalez said. “We also understand the money is very important.”

At the end of the session, Gonzalez declared impasse on behalf of the union, saying that throughout the process, the union would consider putting the contract to a vote.

Marston addressed the potential fiscal cliff that, if unresolved by Congress, could raise taxes and spending cuts. If that were to happen, by the time the impasse comes to an end, the contract may not include a raise at all.

“Our wage package is contingent on [the union] accepting the entire thing,” Marston said. “We’re getting to that point. We’ve done the best we can. Our position is clear.” -ashley.martinez@fiusm.com

Task Force report before Rick Scott

In Vol. 24, Issue 41, of The Beacon, the caption for the photo titled “Parent-Family Fun” should have stated that the next SOBE Wine and Food Festival will take place February 2013. The Beacon will gladly change any errors. Call our MMC office at 305-348-2709 or BBC at 305-919-4722.

The report also highlights the need for the BOG to develop system-wide and institution-specific metrics. The report recommends that state institutions align annual and strategic plans with BOG strategic goals.

Additionally, other recommendations would give the BOG control over budgets and direct involvement in the search and appointment of university presidents.

The board also recommends further research be conducted to determine the impact that the other recommendations would have on the Florida Bright Futures and Florida PrePaid programs.

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Author’s quality trumps his quantity

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It’s old news now, apparently, since he announced it to a French magazine about a month ago, but it hit the United States last week that Philip Roth, one of its most revered novelists, has retired at the age of 79. Like most artists of Roth’s caliber, he’s loved and hated in equal measure; accordingly, the reading community’s response has been mixed. Some are sober and accepting, others distraught, and a fair number seem relieved to the point of celebration, as there’s been talk of his powers having waned in the past decade; how further output would only hurt his image. Haters gonna hate, you know how it is.

But here’s the thing: Roth, like Woody Allen (in many ways his cinematic equal), has been a relentless worker from the start of his career, supremely prolific among his contemporaries, and -- like Allen -- his prodigious output of 27 novels in 50 years has produced several good books, a couple of masterpieces, a few disappointments and the occasional embarrassment. And yet, as Roth would argue, what else was he to do? Writing was his talent, his joy. But when your audience criticizes such a massive output and encourages, instead, the sparse production of what they presume will be a higher quality, it prompts the question of an artist’s responsibilities (if any) to their audience.

George R.R. Martin, the author of the Song of Fire and Ice book series (the source material for HBO’s Game of Thrones) has been working on a single series for over 20 years, producing only five of a promised seven volumes. He spoke recently of having received angry letters from fans about his plans for a home renovation, which, they feared, would prove disruptive to his writing and thus slow an already tedious production.

Martin, of course, can offer as a valid response the fact that he is, above all else, a human being with a private life and personal interests. He isn’t getting any younger, though; and at the age of 64, with an average production rate of one book every four years, some fans fear the worst.

Should Martin then, knowing of his influence and skill and of the tremendous reward he brings to readers around the world, make any concessions to his fans at the expense of his own comfort? What if J.K. Rowling had waited five years between each Harry Potter installment, so that Harry no longer aged, year by year, alongside his first generation of readers? What if she’d chosen to drag the story out forever, writing one Potter book after another and thus saturating the culture with so much wizardry as to corrupt the early books’ integrity? Should the fans have any say? I think so. Maybe not input, but surely encouragement. A gifted artist should, of his or her own volition, embrace their art as their duty every bit as much as their passion. If your way of giving back to a society that tolerates your carbon footprint, your daily occupation, your duty every bit as much as your passion.

I really appreciate that FIU has a dependable, relatively cheap way to get from the Modesto Maidique Campus to the Biscayne Bay Campus or vice versa.

Though I would appreciate it so much more if each time I got off the bus, I wasn’t close to screaming “Land!” and falling to the ground to kiss the pavement like that kid does in the movie, “The Pacifier.”

I understand this reckless driving is an attempt to get students to class on time, but I would much prefer to be three minutes late to class, than dead.

All the drivers need to do is slow down a little bit and take those turns a little less sharply. I know, I know, driving in Miami is a dog-eat-dog type of place but maybe once in awhile, just signal where you’re going and don’t cut off everyone to be two cars ahead.

Also, I saw one of the most heartless things this morning. There was a Special Transport Service van picking up a woman in the bus drop off/pick up spot, and the driver of the shuttle honked once, and seeing that the van was not moving -- the van driver wasn’t behind the wheel, he was helping the woman into her seat -- he honked again. He continued honking for 10 seconds until the van moved.

In my opinion, that is disgusting behavior.

The students on the bus don’t need to be anywhere that badly that you can’t wait an extra 10 seconds.

Especially if when I come up to ask whether or not this bus is leaving now, the driver tells me the bus is leaving in 30 minutes. Have some patience and some decency.

But seriously, the shuttle is a great idea and I thank FIU for having it, especially because some of the drivers are the sweetest people ever.

They’re all really nice and they don’t make me run really far when I’m late for the bus like I was this morning.

I was late and he could have absolutely left and it wouldn’t have been his fault, but he saw me running and he stopped the bus for me, allowed me to get on board and wander around to find a seat, assuring that I was seated properly before taking off.

I do wish the fare was a little bit cheaper seeing as next semester I will need to go to BBC three times a week and will have to spend $15 a week that I don’t have. But I do understand that it’s probably not possible to lower the prices any lower than they already are.

So, FIU, thank you again for having shuttles that take me to and from MMC and BBC, but if possible, have your drivers show a little more patience and drive a little slower.

None of us are in that great of a need to get to class, and if so, we should take the earlier shuttle and save everyone a little stress.
Fashion show held in remembrance of deceased sister

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Janelle Bertot was 19 years old when she lost her life to carbon monoxide poisoning. Bertot was a pre-med biology major at FIU, member of Phi Sigma Sigma, the oldest sorority at the University, and an altogether charming, generous young woman.

On Nov. 14, 2004, about eight years ago today, Bertot went out walking with fellow University student and PKappa Phi member, Tony Perez. After pulling over to get some refreshments, the two students fell asleep in the car in a parking lot in Weston. Neither of them awoke the next morning.

Phi Sigma Sigma has made efforts to bring awareness to the issue that caused the passing of one of its most cherished members. On Nov. 6, the sorority held a fashion show in the Graham Center ballrooms to raise money for Janelle’s Wishing Well Foundation, a charity in remembrance of Janelle that works to raise awareness and to raise money going towards scholarships for Phi Sigma Sigma and PKappa Phi members.

Bertot and Perez’s tragic deaths were the result of carbon monoxide poisoning, an insidious and unsung “silent killer” that affects thousands of Americans per year.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless and toxic gas that can be found in combustion fumes created by cars, trucks and everyday appliances that use gas, coal or oil. It is absorbed by red blood cells faster than oxygen; when there is an abundance of carbon monoxide in the air, particularly in enclosed, tight spaces, the human body becomes poisoned by breathing too much in. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, over 4,000 people are hospitalized for carbon monoxide poisoning per year and over 400 Americans die from it.

The sorority is, undoubtedly, making big strides in achieving awareness. Last summer, Janelle’s Law was passed, an act that requires new homes to have carbon monoxide detectors installed.

While Phi Sigma Sigma is heavily involved with Janelle’s Wishing Well Foundation, the sorority also does philanthropic work with other associations. “We hold events to raise money for the National Kidney Association, and we do our best to support other organizations on campus,” Calzadilla said. “We love working with the Children’s Miracle Network and Relay for Life.”

Donations for Janelle’s Wishing Well Foundation can be made on janelleswishingwell.org.

Por Colombia kicks it for victims of violence and poverty

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Through networking and philanthropic events, Por Colombia at FIU hopes to shine light on the troubling issues of violence in Colombia. Por Colombia is a new chapter at the University that aims to bring awareness on opportunities that will help build a better Colombia from abroad.

Por Colombia further supports Victimas de la Violencia Colombiana through fundraising and community service.

Daniela Rios, sophomore journalism major and president of the new Por Colombia chapter, who began Por Colombia spring 2012, said her goal was to grow as a club and be able to help others more often, not just locally, but globally.

“I wanted to start an organization about Colombia, make a small group of the people that were from the same area and wanted to help out,” said Rios.

Por Colombia will host Kick It For The Kids Soccer Tournament on Nov. 18, to benefit Colombian children affected by poverty and violence.

Music, food, sponsors and prizes will be included in this event, along with the soccer tournament, which includes 12 teams of 10 players. All proceeds will go to the organization Foundation Simon Bolivar in Medellin, Colombia.

The love I have for soccer and the interest I have in sports journalism always gave me the dream of having a soccer tournament,” said Rios.

“We want to be able to help all kids that have been affected by crime and violence in Colombia and help them understand that no matter what their past may be, their future is bright,” said Maria Del Portillo, treasurer of Por Colombia. “We want to help all kids and work hard for them here, meanwhile they are over there.”

The message of hope, continued education and a positive future is the theme of the Kick it for the Kids Soccer Tournament, created and made possible by Rios and Vice President Lina Caicedo.

With the help of Kick it for the Kids and previous fundraising, Por Colombia will take its first trip as a club to Colombia on Dec. 9, 2012.

“Some days we feel frustrated, but we always remind ourselves that when we’re on that plane, it will all be worth it,” said Rios.

Por Colombia hopes to place a smile on the faces of children who are victims of crime and violence by providing them with hope. Through Kick it for the Kids Tournament, Por Colombia believes that others will be moved and will have a calling for helping others as well.

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SHULA BOWL XI

Despite down years, rivalry still burning at both schools

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With the FIU’s move to Conference USA next year looming, the team is counting down their final Sun Belt Conference games: beginning with their penultimate match of the season tonight against the Florida Atlantic University Owls.

The rivalry game between the two programs, coined the “Shula Bowl”, awards the Don Shula Trophy to the winning team.

With FAU winning two out of their last three games and the Panthers coming off their second win of the season; expect a competitive game to the very end in what has become a growing rivalry.

“Rivalry games up the intensity level and we’d be kidding ourselves if we wouldn’t admit that openly,” said Head Coach Mario Cristobal. “You grow up watching rivalry games and in our case we are growing a rivalry game. You look at the games throughout the past couple years and they are pretty interesting games now. You can expect a tremendous amount of competitive battles out there.”

The Owls lead the series all-time, 8-1, with the Panthers lone victory coming in 2011 during a 37-28 victory over Western Kentucky.

In those three games, quarterback Graham Wilbert has led the Owls with 10 first-quarter points, six touchdowns, and no interceptions. His production is a key component of how efficient the Owl offense has been of late, with only three turnovers in the last three games.

FIU also comes into tonight’s game with momentum after beating South Alabama last Saturday 28-20. Nonetheless, despite the argument of whether this 2-8 team should be giving the Owls a breather or count themselves up as a quality opponent.

The team will need to improve upon a few things they will need to improve upon.

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Working in favor of FIU is the Panthers’ lack of a true center.

Panthers try to cut down Lumberjacks in home opener

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It did not take long for Head Coach Richard Pitino to experience his first loss with the FIU Men’s Basketball team. The Panthers opened the season with a road loss to the Boston College Eagles, 84-70, on Nov. 11.

Fortunately, the Panthers (0-1) can seek redemption; beginning with their home debut against the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks (1-0) on Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. in the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

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Marlins trade 3 stars to Blue Jays

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Reacting to the Miami Marlins’ latest payroll purge on Twitter, slugger Giancarlo Stanton gave it three exclamation marks.

He wasn’t exaggerating. The Marlins’ spending spree a year ago didn’t work, so they went the salar-y-dumping route again Tuesday, shedding some of their biggest stars and multimillion-dollar salaries in one blockbuster deal.

The Marlins swapped high-priced talent for top prospects, trading All-Star shortstop Jose Reyes, left-hander Mark Buehrle and ace right-hander Josh Johnson to the Blue Jays, a person familiar with the agreement said.

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**Humans and climate change weave ‘web of barriers’ for species**

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Adapt, migrate or die – this is a reality every species, including humans, face.

The Eat, Think and Be Merry Series lecture will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 20 and will address why migration may be the only option for many tropical tree species.

“The lecture is named Global Climate Change and Tropical Forests: Adapt, Migrate or Die. It is scheduled for 7 p.m. and will take place at Luna Star Café. The event is free and open to the public.”

Kenneth Feeley, assistant professor in the department of biological sciences, will discuss the effects of climate change and deforestation, and how society can make better decisions to safeguard and protect what is left.

“Climate change is happening,” Feeley said. “We often think about climate change as something that will occur in the future, but in fact our world is already rapidly changing.”

Feeley will discuss how climate change is impacting natural systems, focusing on tropical forests which house the majority of Earth’s species.

“There are a limited number of ways that any species, including humans, can respond to climate change,” Feeley said. “Species can adapt to climate change, they can shift their distributions or suffer into extinction.”

Feeley’s research shows that most species are in fact migrating. This finding is positive because it shows that species could respond to climate change and may be able to persist.

But species are not migrating fast enough. “Not only is climate change happening, but it is happening fast. So fast that it will be impossible for most species to adapt,” Feeley said. “This means the only realistic escape is for species to change where they live on the planet.”

Species are shifting their distributions too slowly to keep pace with changes in climate and, as a result, the amount of habitat available to them is becoming smaller each year.

Feeley said tree species could survive climate change if not for the additional pressures of human land use.

“The shrinking of habitats is made worse in the Amazon as species move up the Andes mountains, eventually encountering grassland where dense populations of humans graze cattle, set fires and collect firewood.”

“Humans create a web of barriers that block the movement of species and hasten their loss of habitat due to climate change,” Feeley said.

Humans keep tropical forests from moving and effectively make the Andes mountains thousands of meters shorter than they should be, hastening the rate at which forest species will lose habitats and become extinct.

Feeley stresses the importance of protecting habitats since it is unknown where species may end up going. It is important to maximize connectivity between protected areas to allow for species migrations.

Tropical forests cannot be protected from climate change, but they can be protected from human disturbances.

“Even if we start taking action tomorrow, we may still lose thousands of species,” Feeley said. “The lecture will help students to appreciate the magnitude, scope and pace at which climate change is threatening the natural world. I hope students walk away from the lecture with an understanding that dealing with climate change cannot be put on hold any longer.”

**THE QUIET CORNERS**

Students in Bay Vista prepare for hush of weekends

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Yaohan Zhang relies on the Miami-Dade Transit for transportation and for entertainment during the weekend.

“I don’t like taking the bus but it does get boring because there is not much to do on campus,” said Zhang, freshman hospitality management major.

As the weekend approaches, Biscayne Bay Campus becomes a calm place where the students living in the Bay Vista Housing can unwind from the week’s responsibilities.

Some 300 students live at Bay Vista every semester.

“Last year I lived on the main campus, but I prefer this campus because we are close to the bay, which is something nice to look at, and the campus is much quieter,” said Morgan Spencer, a sophomore majoring in business.

BBC is fully operable during the week, but on weekends, only the gym, the library, the food court and the book store are closed.

The gym is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The library is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the pool is open only on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

While the campus does not offer many weekend events for students, The Bay Vista Dorm does.

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For students who seek more adventures on their weekends, the Aquatics Center hosts events like kayak days and nights, that are free for students.

Students can also use the basketball court, the tennis courts and the sand volleyball court.

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Yue Li, a graduate student majoring in hospitality management, said the closed food court is an inconvenience.

“It forces me to have to stock up on groceries for the weekends, to cook more, and sometimes go out to eat,” he said.

Lorvin Ramirez, assistant food service director, said the food court has been closed on weekend since the campus has opened.

“While some students may find it inconvenient they do not show enough support to keep it opened,” Ramirez said.

On weekdays we have extended our hours until 8 p.m. yet there are barely any students buying food.”

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Richie Clapso, a junior majoring in journalism, prefers to spend most of his weekends off campus.

“I find this campus to be too quiet,” Clapso said. “I like the other campus better, it has more to offer and most of my friends live there.”

**THE CRUEL COLORS**

(Left) Josie Ashton, creator of the College Brides Walk, spoke on domestic violence inside of the Mary Ann Wolfe Theatre lobby. This lecture was hosted by several organizations and groups on campus, such as the Women’s Center, International Student and Scholar Services, and the International Students Club. The day was dedicated to “say no to violence against women.” Ashton spoke about various incidents in America dealing with domestic violence. According to Ashton, 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before the age of 18. Women around the world are subjected to rape, domestic violence and many other forms of violence which tend to be hidden/tricked in the media. Ashton was a victim to domestic violence at the age of 11 and is now a victim specialist for the Florida attorney general. Since 2001, Ashton has gone to colleges and asked volunteers to walk 7 miles in all white or wedding dresses for domestic violence awareness. One of the main events that sparked her movement was the murder of Gladys Ricart in 1999. (Top) Colored construction paper is cut out in shapes of shirts for The Clothesline Project. These shirts represent a specific abuse through each color. Each abuse is related to women’s violence. The shirts are decorated by friends, family or the victim themselves. The Clothesline Project began in 1990 in Hyannis, Mass. with 31 shirts.