Students may soon have access to cheaper cellphone services

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Students are overwhelmed with several payments including tuition, textbooks, food and gas, but may be catching a break with their cell phone bills in the future.

The White House and the Federal Communications Commission are urging Congress to overturn the law that does not allow people to use a cell phone which does not belong to their contracted service carrier.

For student consumers, this could lead to cheaper cell phones due to the competition over price after the initial service contract has been fulfilled. Each cell phone company would no longer be able to monopolize the price of their cell phones because they would be forced to compete with other service carriers and online cell phone sellers.

The Copyright Office of the Library of Congress ruled last year to open the software that restricts most phones from working on another service carrier’s network, according to The New York Times.

However, not all students are aware that there is an illegal process to maneuver around the software placed by Congress.

Jonathan Felix is a junior majoring in information technology. He said that the process of illegally activating a phone which does not belong to his carrier is not new to him. He has an Evo from Sprint, but uses the MetroPCS service carrier.

“Buy the phone from anywhere online or a different company, and there’s a friend of mine that actually does it,” said Felix. “He does some kind of, like, flashing to it and then you can use it on any carrier that you desire.”

He said that this process is completely out of the radar of his service carrier. MetroPCS is under the impression that his phone came from their specific stock. Felix feels that people should be able to purchase cell phones from anywhere and have them activated to any service carrier.

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New court design coming to FIU

RHYS WILLIAMS  Staff Writer

Big things are awaiting FIU as the school joins Conference USA later this year.

With a winning season in his first year, Head Coach Richard Pitino brought the Panthers into the limelight by leading the team to a trip to the Sun Belt Conference championships for the first time in school history and an 18-14 record, and 11-9 in conference.

Going into a new conference, the Athletics department is looking at it like getting a new house; the program is agreed upon. Because the renovation is in the athletic budget, no student fees will pay for either the redoing or painting of the court, said Pete Garcia, athletics director of FIU. Garcia confirmed The Huffington Post’s figure that the project will cost under $1 million.

The hopes for the new court would be to draw not only new men’s and women’s basketball players to the University, but also keep fans coming to the games because of its South Florida theme.

Pitino released two of the design options via his twitter account. Since that tweet, several major media outlets have picked up on the story. “This has become a national story and we definitely weren’t expecting that,” Garcia said. “We have to redo the court anyway, I just thought of how I could help the coaches in reference to recruiting and we are going to be on TV a lot in the next few years, such as Louisville coming here next year, also we are trying to showcase Coley as she returns for her senior year campaign.”

WHAT A BEACH

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This is the proposed plan that could be painted onto the U.S. Century Bank Arena court for the upcoming 2013-2014 season. Also in the plan is for both the men’s and women’s basketball teams to get new uniforms.

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AP STAFF

Moscow will help Cyprus out financially only if the country’s new money-raising measures get the backing of the European Union, Russia’s prime minister said Friday.

Dmitry Medvedev said Russia “hasn’t closed the door,” but will discuss specific assistance to Cyprus only after it reaches a deal with the EU.

We will only be ready to discuss various ways of support for that state after the EU nations and Cyprus work out a final settlement,” Medvedev told a news conference after talks with the European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso. “We aren’t indifferent about it, but the main thing is that this decision is efficient and helps Cyprus find a way out of the very difficult situation it has found itself in.”

Cypriot authorities are putting the final touches to a plan they hope will convince international lenders, including its European partners, to provide bailout money to avoid a bankruptcy within days.

Cyprus has until Monday to secure a deal after the European Central Bank warned it would stop providing the country’s banks with liquidity on that day if no package is agreed.

Medvedev acknowledged that Russia has “understandable economic interests” in Cyprus.

Cypriot banks are awash with deposits from Russian companies and individuals and are thought to total around 20 billion euros (25.8 billion), or about a third of the total.

Medvedev’s comments came after Cyprus’ finance minister left the Russian capital without a hoped-for deal.

Russia’s Finance Minister Anton Siluanov said Friday, according to Russian newswires, that the Cypriots failed to convince potential investors to buy into a state-owned firm managing revenue from the island’s newfound offshore gas.

He said Russian banks equally showed no interests to Cyprus’ offer of stakes in some of its banks.

WORLD NEWS

US military says Guantanamo hunger strike edges up

The U.S. military says a hunger strike at the Guantanamo Bay prison has grown to include at least 28 prisoners.

A prison spokesman says 28 men held at the U.S. base in Cuba meet the military’s definition of a hunger striker. Navy Capt. Robert Durand said Monday that 10 of those men are being force-fed liquid nutrients to prevent dangerous weight loss.

Three hunger strikers are at the hospital being treated for dehydration.

Ukrainian capital paralyzed by snowstorm

The city of Kiev has declared a state of emergency after the Ukrainian capital was paralyzed by an unprecedented snowstorm that has stalled car, railway and air traffic.

The city was hit by about 50 centimeters (20 inches) of snow in the past day, more than it usually receives per month during this season.

Tractors, armored vehicles and other heavy equipment were dispatched Saturday to clear roads blocked by kilometers-long traffic jams. Desperate motorists set up fire to keep warm.

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**Changing our behavior to change our health**

BRIAN ANDERSON  
**Contributing Writer**

Health is a number one priority for many Americans. One issue of great significance is obesity—especially as it relates to children. According to the American Dietetic Association, 25 percent of children in the US are overweight and 11 percent are obese.

Of equal concern are adolescents. Seventy percent of obese adolescents grow up to be obese adults. This is a viable public health issue.

To combat the childhood obesity epidemic, first lady Michelle Obama has implemented “Let’s Move!” initiative. Like issues addressed by other first ladies—such as Nancy Reagan’s JUST SAY NO campaign, Ms. Obama is tackling an issue which has reached epidemic proportions.

The initiative, given parents helpful information and fostering environments that support health choices target all college students. Each other human being we individually define us as specific our romantic ones, define us as.

**Difficult decisions, aligning our own stars**

Our relationships throughout our lives, specifically our romantic ones, define us as individuals. Each other human being we choose to engage with romantically, or just individuals. Each other human being we individually define us as specific our romantic ones, define us as.

I recall as a freshman at FIU. BFA and GFA have had a fairy tale relationship, they met in astronomy their first year of college.

According to Dr. Fatma Ercanli Huffman of the College of Diets and Nutrition in the School of Public Health and Social Work, the effects of obesity on children and adolescents are devastating due to the incidence of Type II diabetes in this at-risk population.

With regard to college-age students, Dr. Huffman points out sedentary lifestyles and stress as major factors. Consumption of unhealthy foods in the diet such as soft drinks, fast foods and junk foods (candy bars, chips, sugary drinks) also contributes to obesity.

To combat obesity, Dr. Huffman recommends keeping a log of activity and foods eaten on a daily basis. When a balance is kept, a healthy weight can be maintained.

In addition, awareness and education are key components. According to Dr. Huffman, nutrition education must be core requirements for FIU and other college students.

Dr. Rashida Biggs, a professor in the School of Public Health and Social Work, the effect of stress on our health.

According to Dr. Biggs, the major issue with college students is a sedentary lifestyle.

She believes portion control and awareness are essential to combat obesity. In addition, more incentive fitness campaigns should be offered and heavily advertised.

For students who are interested in learning more about nutrition, the College of Diets and Nutrition offers two courses which are key to learning the foundations of proper nutrition and health: HUN 2000 FOUNDATIONS OF NUTRITION (also meets for UCC and HUN 2201 PRINCIPLES OF NUTRITION). These courses are offered each semester, including nights and summers. These courses have no prerequisite requirements and can be registered by any college student.

Obesity is an important issue, just for children but also for adults. College students are not exempt either. In order to combat these issues, proper education and lifestyle changes are a must.

The earlier we start with healthy lifestyle changes, the healthier our population will be.

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Digital world conquers higher education at FIU

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From the most complex cell code information exchange to the simplest technology created by humans, communication has been and always will be the base of every interaction within our society.

Facial expressions, vocal sounds, smoke signals and hieroglyphs are all part of the infinite ways information has been exchanged. The way we interact is constantly evolving. Currently our platform of choice is the Internet.

According to the Council for Research Excellence, a study in 2009 found that adults living in the USA were exposed to screens – such as TVs, cell phones, GPS devices – for approximately eight and a half hours a day.

New technologies and social platforms are in the hands of more than 114 million Americans. A majority of those users own smartphones, according to the Business Insider website.

The world is going digital and as a consequence the landscape of higher education is changing. In 2012, the University spent $8.3 million dollars in technology fees, according to the University budget summary from 2012-13. Blackboard, modern computers, digital video cameras and other advanced technologies are now part of a new style of education that FIU is expanding to include every year.

Matt Hagedo, director of Media and Technology Services for the Division of Information Technology, emphasized the importance of global engagement along with access: “We are experiencing such an extraordinary change in technology. Moodle and Blackboard have changed our students’ lives dramatically,” Hagedo said.

FIU is updating their whole system. Currently, thousands of books, articles and even textbooks are available in an online library. Virtual classrooms are increasingly common at FIU.

Three semesters ago, the Center for Academic Success opened their online services. William Manquez, a senior majoring in computer science and a tutor at the center, is excited to help students with their academic needs either online or face to face. “We try to accommodate students’ busy schedules. Now they can receive tutoring on weekends just by sitting in front of a computer.”

Since 2011, after hour and weekend appointments have become very popular with students. After registering for an appointment, students are able to communicate with a peer tutor via video conferencing. “Online tutoring is a really good option for students who cannot make it to the center because of time constraints or transportation issues. Our extended schedule tries to accommodate those who work odd hours or need last minute help on an assignment,” said Nazneen Zaidi, an FIU liberal arts graduate student who tutors undergraduates at Biscayne Bay Campus.

Ziyad Ben Taleb, graduate student of the Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social Work, stresses the importance of new technology in the development of higher education.

“Among the many amazing searching tools that FIU provides to the students is Google Scholar. It is my main source of information, and where I access scholarly literature across any discipline,” said Ben Taleb. “I am lucky to have access to the most current information available. Technology, along with great professors at FIU, have helped mentor students, creating well-rounded experts in the field,” said Taleb.

Moses Shumow, assistant professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication and one of the founders of the digital media studies major, explained the transition into digital media.

“Digital Media is transforming not just communication programs, but politics, economics and culture,” Shumow said. “We are living in a communication revolution and we need a new set of skills to understand it.”

Yu Liu, assistant professor in the SJMC, characterized FIU students as “internet natives” because they grew up with the Internet. “Students in the United States have become more aware as to what is happening in other countries and cultures. They are open to the idea of globalization thanks to the Internet,” Liu said. However, social media and the easy access to technology can also become a distraction in class.

“It is much harder now for... SEE TECH, PAGE 5

Fashion show spotlights empowerment

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In light of Women’s History Month, FIU’s non-profit organization Stand Up for Love drew students’ attention to the subject of women's empowerment and women’s rights by hosting a charity fashion show that featured local designers and guest speakers.

Those who participated were moved by the cause and encouraged to spread awareness of the importance of women’s empowerment. Many of the local designers involved carried messages that encouraged positive progression for women.

The female-owned Anjicale line printed the statement “Be natural, be beautiful” on their products, while the male-owned Shop Heart and Hands placed the words “anything that is meant for anything means anymore…” in their designs.

Senior Chantelle Hua strikes a pose during Stand Up for Love’s first women’s empowerment fashion show. Stand Up for Love is dedicated to bringing youths together through advocacy, education and community service while simultaneously displaying their vision of a society in which all people are given respect, dignity and the opportunity to create positive change.

“As a woman, take control of those moments and take control of what life gives you,” said Hernandez. Her speech focused on the reality of the present society and how its changing can be beneficial to women. “There are no social norms to what anything means anymore… Women matter. Women are changing what it means to be successful.”

The core message of her speech was clear when she said, “Don’t let gender be a barrier to anything you want to be.” Her speech aimed to encourage all the young women and girls in the audience to find their passions, follow them and to think of themselves as “stars.”

Wilets drew attention to a more serious matter concerning women and spoke about the Violence Against Women Act. With its epicenter in South Florida, WAVA deals with the issue of domestic violence against women. Wilets addressed its importance in protecting battered noncitizens from losing their immigration status in cases of domestic abuse.

By promoting women to leave abusive relationships, WAVA helps in the fight against women being used as sex slaves. While the act largely helps protect these abused women, Wilets said that not many people are aware of the actual issues. “It’s happening all around us,” said Wilets. He encouraged the students to help support WAVA and to spread awareness about the act. “There really is a way that you can help deal with these issues in South Florida,” said Wilets.

The Women’s Empowerment Fashion Show was the first show for Stand Up for Love. Aray Rivera, the founder of Stand Up for Love and junior public administration major, hopes that it will be as big a success in the future.

Rivera believes in women’s empowerment and believes that everyone should stop seeing women as less than men. “Society doesn’t see women as important as men and it saddens me.”

Rivera also hopes that students walk away from the event with a greater respect for women and with the drive to fight for their equal treatment. He summarized the event’s purpose best with, “Women should not have a glass ceiling.”
GIS Center to host annual event on tech impact

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Most importantly, we intend to show the community just how accessible, and powerful, GIS really is. We intend to broaden and deepen the conversation about what GIS is and what people are capable of through GIS.

Matthew Toro
Maps and Imagery User Services Coordinator and Research Associate
GIS Center

Communication evolving at the University

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Students, researchers and faculty in diverse fields with diverse interest in Geographic Information Systems will be able to speak during FIU’s 2013 GIS Day.

This annual event has served to open channels of communication between people with diverse and complementary interests, according to Matthew Toro, Maps and Imagery User Services coordinator and research associate at FIU’s GIS Center.

“Historians to geographers, to philosophers to architects, to epidemiologists to performing artists, etc. -- you’d be surprised at the relations being made,” said Toro.

GIS represents new technologies that are changing the world by creating geographic consciousness, collecting geographical data and analyzing it, revealing relationships and patterns and creating a better understanding of the world.

According to Toro, natural and social scientists, decision-makers and the general public are increasingly engaging and expanding the potential of GIS to improve the way human beings interact with earth. FIU’s GIS Day provides a forum for people to discuss these technologies and applications.

This year’s theme, chosen by GIS Center Head Jennifer Fu, will be “GeoHumanities: Drawing New Connections in Time and Space.” The fields of geo-humanities, according to Toro, are changing the way human beings perceive their historical and contemporary relationships with history and geography. These advances aren’t only changing the way people look at their past, but also giving insight on the way society must progress into the future.

“The FIU GIS Center recognizes these developments seek to provide a forum focusing on ways to harness and promote the potential of GIS-based geo-humanities research,” said Toro.

The day will be filled with activities, including guest lectures by GIS and visiting experts, workshops, sess...
Transfers ready to move from sidelines to the court

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Imagine you are the biggest fan of FIU’s men’s basketball team.

You not only go to every single home game, you travel to watch the Panthers on the road. Having watched basketball your whole life, you begin to nitpick some of the things the team does wrong – plays like Malik Smith taking on off-balance three with two defenders in his face or Deric Hill making a lazy cross-court pass that gets intercepted. However, no matter how mad you get at their plays, you know as a fan the most you can do is yell from the bleachers.

The entire season Raymond Taylor, Rakeem Buckles and Dennis Mavin lived this experience testfold. The three transfers had to sit out this whole season, relegated to the role of hard-core fans. Unlike a fan who can’t change the outcome of a game, these players had to endure knowing their talent could make a difference.

“It’s very frustrating because you feel like everything that a team needs, you can provide it,” said Taylor, a redshirt senior.

The Panthers were extremely young this season and Head Coach Richard Pitino stressed it. He repeatedly said that he had no way of referencing back to a specific game because his players had never played Division I basketball at this level.

This meant in practice the primary role that Taylor and his fellow transfers provided this season was that of being mentors and sharing their experience.

Buckles, a redshirt senior, brought the most experience to the table having played at No. 2 Louisville under Pitino’s father, Rick Pitino.

In his freshman year, Buckles was able to experience the NCAA Tournament and the Final Four. His exposure to such a stage could have helped the Panthers in key games when the pressure may have been too much.

Taylor and Mavin came from Florida Atlantic University with a 4-3 mark, and the second most hits allowed with 135 on the season.

The Panthers posted a fantastic season in the SBC. Next year they move to the Conference USA. Now that the transfers will have the opportunity to play next year, Taylor has set some very lofty goals.

“Knowing the offense and defense is one thing, but execution is another. These players have taken a year to digest the game from the sideline, as well as be upset by some of the losses.

For Taylor, his most disappointing moment came in the SBC Championship loss to Western Kentucky – a game where he knows he could have been a difference maker.

“It meant the most. It was the game that could have made history, going to the NCAA Tournament when no one thought we could do it,” Taylor said. “I played against Western Kentucky for 3 years. I know those players a little bit better than Deric and would have picked better spots where to attack.”

The Panthers led the team to a state championship game together at Miami Pace, but they led the team to a state championship together.

“While at Pace, both players also played under Mark Lieberman, who is now an assistant coach for the Panthers. Buckles’ familiarity with both Pitino and Lieberman will translate well into next season, and the offensive scheme right into Taylor’s skill set.

“Coach Pitino is a guru offensively and he knows where to put me in the right spot, where I can really display what I can do with the ball,” Taylor said. “Defensively, Rakeem knows this system like the back of his hand because he came over here with Pitino. And defensively that’s Dennis’ strength.”

Panthers struggle to scale Hilltoppers

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If there is one word to describe the Panthers’ season so far this year, it is inconsistency.

After dropping two of three games over at Florida Atlantic University, FIU (12-12) looked to rebound in a three-game home stand against Western Kentucky University. First up for the Panthers was starter Tyler Alexander who came into the game with a record of 1-3 and an earned run average of 3.57.

The game was a close until the ninth when WKU scored on a wild pitch by pitcher Angel Mitchell Davis. The Hilltoppers took the win, 5-2.

“We needed performance with five no-hit innings as FIU went on to win 5-2,” said Taylor, a redshirt senior.

“The first two nights we got five out of 18 leadoff batters out, today we got seven out of nine,” Thomas said. “Every time you don’t get the leadoff hitter out you’re going to be in trouble as a team.”

COMING UP SHORT

FIU has lost a quarter of their games by three or less runs this season. Players such as second baseman Manny Alvarez and Franco know just how difficult it is to lose such close games.

“Last weekend we went 1-2, this weekend we went 1-2 but it gives us a positive note for next weekend,” Alvarez said. “It gives us hope that we are going to break out of it soon, I know it.”

“That Sunday game you always want to win, but of course you want to win the series,” Franco said. “We came up a little short Friday and Saturday, but getting a win on Sunday and not having a middle of the week series gives us a lot of momentum for the next weekend series.”

PITCHING HIGHS AND LOWS

Besides Franco, who owns a 4-1 record and an ERA of 3.37, the rest of the Panthers pitching staff is struggling to stay above mediocrity.

“Truthfully, it’s just how we go about preparing ourselves going into the week, everyone goes hard and everyone prepares themselves very well,” Franco said. “I just feel that sometimes we get to comfortable and we can’t stay that way, we just got to keep pushing ourselves and striving to be the best pitchers we can be.”

“FIU currently has the worst ERA in the Sun Belt Conference with 4.79 mark, and the second most hits allowed and the second most runs allowed with 135 on the season.”

The Panthers look to stop the bleeding when they host visiting Arkansas State (16-9, 4-2 SBC) on March 29-March 31.

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New basketball uniforms among 2013-14 additions

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Garcia said the reasoning behind the design is that when people think of South Florida, they immediately imagine the beach. Sand, palm trees and water are staples in South Florida and those are the main parts of the design that was chosen.

“It was definitely amazing,” graduate student Kate Stepanova said. “What a great opening... It was so special to have all these big names here to share this moment with us.”

“I was so excited watching the cutting of the net and the entire ceremony,” said freshman Emily Podscheiw.

“Our team is going to be known by many generations to come here at FIU.”

A SPIKE IN INTEREST

The Panthers arrived in Miami after going 1-3 on their first west coast road trip of the inaugural season.

Their performance was not exactly what was expected from a team coach by an Olympic silver medalist.

Saturday’s matchup however, had more than 150 spectators on hand to witness the first home sand volleyball game in FIU history a total, much higher than predicted.

“We had so many fans,” Podscheiw said. “I was so surprised, we usually don’t have this many fans being that we are a first year program.”

Of those fans, a few had the opportunity to sit alongside their favorite sand volleyball players.

“I was talking to some people in the bleachers that had never seen a sand volleyball game,” Stepanova said. “You could tell they absolutely loved it.”

Stepanova and junior Maryna Samoday were just two of the various sand volleyball players who engaged in conversations with fans during timeouts.

Fans who attended the game lined up around the perimeter of the sand courts, while others took a seat on the three benches provided by FIU.

The lack of spectator accommodations and the optimistic future of the team have led FIU to develop a plan to build new bleachers for next season according to Head Coach Rita Buck-Crockett.

“FIU is planning to build brand new bleachers for next season,” Buck-Crockett said. “We really needed it.”

SURF AND TURF TOURNAMENT

Starting March 29 at 9 a.m. on the FIU sand courts, the Panthers will take on the best teams in the nation at the Surf and Turf tournament, which will mark the first sand volleyball tournament to take place at FIU.

The Panthers will face Georgia State, Tulane, FAU and defending national champions Pepperdine, who steamed rolled FIU 5-0 in their first matchup of the season.

“We will certainly review the tape from our previous game against Pepperdine to see what adjustments we can make to better our chances of winning,” Buck-Crockett said.

The ceremony featured the cutting of the net and the entire ceremony,” said freshman Emily Podscheiw.

“Coach [Pitino] had the idea to add more sand and more of a beach look from the first design with the South Beach skyline. We all agreed on the second version of the design. We have sponsors that want to come in and name the court for helping us pay for it. The court will also bring in more revenue,” Garcia said. “We thought about the court being a distraction and then realized that it will be a distraction for the other teams since our teams will practice on it all the time whereas the teams who are coming here to play us will be able to do a shoot-around for 30 minutes beforehand and then they have to play.”

Another possibility for the teams is that the new jerseys will be designed to accompany the look of the new court. The new Adidas uniforms will be more modern than the former jerseys.

Some reactions from students at the University are positive about the new design for the court and the upcoming seasons of FIU basketball.

“It is a huge step for the up and coming program and I am excited to see where we go from here. The court will be an advantage to the programs in a lot of ways,” freshman health services administration major LJ Powell said.

“The new design is on point,” junior sports management major Ben Ara said. “I think it is going to be better than the plain wood look that most courts have.”

A generalization of how the Athletics department wants it to be accepted though is a simple little phrase, tweeted by sophomore walk-on kicker/punter Ryan Halter.

“Love it. It’ll be so sick.” Halter tweeted.
Ticket system limits election at BBC

NADRA MABROUK
BBC Managing Editor

The Student Govern-
ment Council at Biscay-
ne Bay Campus will once again attempt to gather votes for the unopposed uncontested election.

FuZhou Wu, director of lectures, is running unop-
posed for president with Richard Azimov as her vice president. Other candidates include Ismail Hassan and Whitney Saint Fleur. Several students have also expressed interest in the options for candidates on campus, including "Miami Wow," a coffee and snack place in the library. She feels students have to go outside to grab a coffee or a bite.

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ELECTION CANDIDATES

President/ Vice President

FuZhou Wu - President
Richard Azimov - Vice President

Arts & Sciences Senator (3)

Ismail Hassan
Whitney Saint Fleur

Bowdrow Pines Senator (1)
John Barron - Withdrawn
application

Senator At- Large (3)
Sola Abedodon
Olive Delphete
Karline Honoré

Nursing and Health Services
(1)
Jazmin Felix

Housing (1)
Emerald Nesbit

Journalism & Mass Communications Senator (2)
Sheni Kathymoon

Lower Division Senator (4)
Christopher Morisset
Jonathan Medrano

(# of available seats)

SGC-BBC Lecture Series Presents: Larry King will take place in the Wolfe University Center Ballrooms tomorrow, March 28. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The lecture will be based around an evening with King, in which students will hear about his experiences starting as a journalist in Florida and becoming one of the nation’s most watched TV personalities.

SGC-BBC hopes that students will be inspired by King’s examples and experiences in order to achieve the same successes that he has achieved.

The SGA-BBC Lecture Series is supported by the Student Government Association of the University of Miami, the Office of Student Life, and the Department of Media and Public Relations.

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The Student Govern-
m the Graham Center, vendors must go through a step by step process and must book everything in advance.

Some students feel there is a serious lack of options when it comes to the products sold by vendors on campus. “They need more variety, switch it around every so often,” said Jeffrey Sodasta, senior psychology major. Sodasta noted he would like to see other products being sold on campus by vendors besides jewelry. “I don’t wear jewelry, I’d like to see computer vendors, food vendors,” said Sodasta. Sodasta summed up his comments by saying “I emphasize more variety and selection of vendors.”

Zoraida Pastor, junior psychology major, said she would like to see more clothing and food vendors, including the farmer’s market. “The Farmer’s Market used to be on Mondays, now on Thursdays. It’s very limiting and I don’t think it’s a good idea,” said Pastor. Pastor argued that foot traffic is much higher on Mondays than later days in the week; “Friday is a ghost town” said Pastor.

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Walking down the halls of FIU, a vendor earnestly making the effort to persuade students to buy their products is a common sight. The University provides a platform for vendors to reach out to students and promote their products and services. However, there is a process they must go through before they are given the chance to come to FIU.

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