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FIU Foundation meets 46 percent of funding goal

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FIU Foundation, Inc. set a fundraising goal of $42 million, but only partially met it.

According to minutes from the Board of Trustees’ full board meeting on June 12, Board of Directors Chair Justo L. Pozo showed in an update that, to date, $19.4 million has been raised toward this year’s goal.

President Mark R. Rosenberg’s fundraising plan, established in 2009, aimed to raise a total of $750 million over 10 years.

The goal is to revitalize and expand the university’s infrastructure and financial base, according to Howard R. Lipman, senior vice president of University Advancement and president and chief executive officer of the FIU Foundation.

If met, this will move FIU from a state-supported institution to state-assisted institution.

“The critical, since state funding for FIU’s operating budget has decreased from 44 to 28 percent in the last decade alone,” said Lipman in an email to Student SEE GOALS, PAGE 2

Online Education: a progressive or regressive movement?

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Last Spring, Florida Legislature announced two bills intended to promote the expansion of online education for K-12 and higher education schools in Florida. The bills have moved quickly through the House and Senate, with strong proposals to encourage more virtual learning for students.

FIU has been offering online courses since 1998 and today offers hundreds of courses. Last year’s online enrollment was over 80 thousand students, which represents about 20 percent of total enrollment of the University.

One of the bills allows students to take virtual classes offered by schools in other countries. It would also allow out-of-state schools to receive additional state funding. The Diaz bill would appoint one premier university as the main online branch by which other Florida schools would have to abide. But the bills have not been met without controversy.

Many are wary of the privatization of higher education by giving for-profit companies additional state support. Some are also unsure about how the appointed university, University of Florida, will collaborate with other schools to ensure students’ best interests are in mind.

Very little is known about how UF will use state funding for these online programs or how they will develop the programs.

“People fear that most of the online courses will be offered through this school, but it is not clear yet,” said Laurie Shrage, chair of online review. “A lot of people are concerned with why only one university was chosen, but hopefully the model they will use is to work with faculty around the state to help develop and teach the courses.”

FIU has embraced the digital learning era through the integration of hybrid and fully online courses for students.

Research has proven that hybrid courses provide the best test scores and grades for students, and the University has benefited financially by being one of only universities in Florida still charging students an extra fee for online courses.

According to Joyce Elam, head of FIU Online, the distance learning fee is necessary because the online program is not state supported.

“We have a lot of infrastructure to support our online arm—Blackboard license, instructional designers, training and student and faculty support,” said Elam.

“That’s why there’s a charge -- there’s no state money. FIU uses 100 percent fee.”

According to Elam, the undergraduate online program is funded by tuition revenue. Over $10 million has been allotted for the expansion of the online education, which is funded by the distance learning fee.

“FIU leadership does see that the day is coming when we’re not going to be able to charge extra for online courses and will have to charge less than regular classroom courses,” said Brian Peterson, member of online review. “It brought in lots of money and we were able to build up our program very nicely, so it was bad for students, but good for the University.”

While FIU has one of the most developed online wings in Florida, much has yet to be decided for the future of online learning.

FIU will have to wait and see how UF develops their online branch.

Some exceptions grant students admission

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For some students applying to the University, the process can sometimes take more than a few minutes behind the computer. For FIU, the admission criteria depends on the Board of Governors’ regulations, but there is a margin of flexibility when it comes to students who prove to have a disability, talent, or who come from a homeless background.

This alternative admission is also known as holistic admission, which allows the University to review the students beyond the requirements asked in the application.

“To be able to review a student under a different light allows us to actually access a specific population,” said Luisa Havens, vice president of Enrollment Services. “It allows us to actually be fair and to say that not everyone is the same.”

Students may inform the University of their disability or talent by specifying it in their application or by appealing a denial decision.

According to Havens, they have to submit a letter explaining their situation along with a letter of recommendation from people who know them the most, which would help explain their case.

“You might see this in veterans who are coming back, somebody who after high school wasn’t great of a student, but then they go to war, they grow up, then they come back changed with a different commitment,” said Havens. “That aspect to come back and ask for a second change is what makes us review them.”

These exceptions allow the University to take into consideration other factors that would normally not be considered at the time of reviewing a student.

As a public institution, the University follows all the regulations that are set by the Board of Governors. According to Havens, the University can’t decide which factors to take into consideration when it comes to admitting students, but it can modify some of the requirements, such as the GPA or SAT scores, by raising the minimum score required.

When it’s time for faculty and staff from the University to review the applications of first time college students, race and ethnicity aren’t taken into consideration, because the state of Florida doesn’t allow it.

“We are a public institution, so it is not like we can decide what factors to take into account,” said Havens.

FIU has been designated a Hispanic service institution, however, according to Havens.

“If at least 25 percent of your student population comes from hispanic descent, regardless of race, then you are considered a Hispanic service institution,” said Havens. “When you are a public institution, then you are created to serve the community you reside, so my student body looks like from the area where I am from.”

This diversity is shown in the 2012 Fact Book, where 50 percent of the students admitted in the University were of Hispanic descent, and the other half were black, Asian, Native American and white.

According to Havens, it is important to provide the students with an engaging and fertile environment in order to offer diversity within the institution.

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US drops unarmed bombs

Two U.S. fighter jets dropped four unarmed bombs into Australia’s Great Barrier Reef Marine Park when a training exercise went wrong last week. The accident has angered environmentalists. The Great Barrier Reef, the world’s largest network of coral structures, is rich in marine life and stretches more than 1,800 miles along Australia’s northeast coast. The four bombs were dropped into more than 164 feet of water away from coral to minimize possible damage. None exploded.

Philippine becomes king of Belgium

Less than two hours after his father signed away his rights as Belgium’s ruler, Philippe became the nation’s seventh king. During his coronation, legislators from northern Flanders boycotted. In his first speech as king, he said one of Belgium’s strengths is the country’s division between its 6 million Dutch-speaking Flemings and 4.5 million Francophones. President Barack Obama sent the new king congratulations on Sunday.

Militant attacks in North Sinai

The pace of attacks on the police and military in northern Sinai has intensified since the July 3 ouster of President Mohammed Morsi from power, but assaults have been largely confined to desert areas of the region.

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Pentagon official joins team at Latin American, Caribbean Center

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Former U.S. Pentagon official Francisco Mora has joined FIU and its Latin American and Caribbean Center after a two-and-a-half-year search for the center’s director.

Founded in 1979, the LACC forms linkages through the Americas with high quality education and research, providing a better understanding of countries’ regions and communities.

“The opportunity to lead and build on what Mark Rosenberg and Eduardo Gamarra created was something I had to jump all over," said Mora.

Mora said he was drawn to the University’s growth and LACC’s reputation, particularly in Latin American studies. Dean of Arts and Science Kenneth Furton appointed Mora, announced on July 1.

Mora said his job is to “take the center to the next level.”

As a former U.S. pentagon official, Mora worked with the U.S. after devastating earthquakes, providing relief and assistance to those in need, and helped expand the U.S. defense systems.

“Mora will focus on developing and integrating the academic and policy innovation components of LACC in support of the student staff and the larger community, here in the US and Latin America. His plans such as expanding academic offerings for FIU students, including internships and work-study, and making connections with local and international businesses are one of the many steps Mora will take to improve the program. As well as, developing a social media outlet through Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter, for students to obtain information about the many offerings LACC provides for FIU.

Getting the community involved is key to the development of LACC, according to Mora.

From the recruitment of Florida’s congressional delegations to holding conferences, lunchées and breakfast in D.C. with embassies participating with FIU. There is also the idea of creating better relationships with K-12 educators for further involvement in LACC studies.

Based off the positive feedback from his colleagues, Mora has made quite the impression.

“After spending a few weeks with Frank, it is clear that he is fully embracing the opportunity to make his mark," said Liesl B. Picard, associate director of the LACC. Agreeing with Picard, John Stack, the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said that he is thrilled with Mora’s agreement to join FIU. Picard believes that Mora’s vision for LACC coupled with his depth of experience working in the region – and even more importantly with the region – will enable the center to reach new heights. “Along with my LACC colleagues, are excited about what’s to come,” said Picard. “I look forward to supporting Frank’s efforts to forge new partnerships among diverse communities here at FIU.”

Asian studies major expands Japanese partnership program

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The Asian Studies Program will launch The South Florida Partnership in Japanese Studies.

Starting this fall semester, the University will introduce the South Florida Partnership in Japanese Studies designed to “expand the University’s coverage of Japanese history,” said Steven Heine, director of Asian studies and associate director of the School for International and Public Affairs.

Funded by over $550,000 from an Institutional Project Support Program Grant from the Japan Foundation and FIU, SFPJS will help more than 125 students majoring in the Asian Studies Program, specifically with a concentration in Japanese Studies.

The Japan Foundation Grant will contribute greatly to the ever expanding Asian Studies Program at FIU,” said Kristina Loveman, an international/intercultural education major.

“I have grown a lot here at FIU, I have the opportunity to make my mark,” said Liesl B. Picard, associate director of the LACC. Agreeing with Picard, John Stack, the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said that he is thrilled with Mora’s agreement to join FIU. Picard believes that Mora’s vision for LACC coupled with his depth of experience working in the region – and even more importantly with the region – will enable the center to reach new heights. “Along with my LACC colleagues, are excited about what’s to come,” said Picard. “I look forward to supporting Frank’s efforts to forge new partnerships among diverse communities here at FIU.”

**Foundation plans to surpass $42 million annual objective**

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**Media.**
To help the meet the $750 million goal each fiscal year has an individual goal to meet.
According to Lipman, the Foundation wishes to surpass the goal by raising between $43 and $44 million.
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**The funds are designed to help with scholarships, research and school equipment.**
According to Lipman, the funds toward scholarships will provide financial aid to deserving recipients, enhance students’ educational experience through “cutting-edge” technology and premier academic programs.

“Each of FIU’s colleges and schools have individual fundraising priorities,” said Lipman.

As of this printing, the new fund-raising figures for July have not been released and Rosenberg was unavailable for comment.

Lipman also did not comment on the status of meeting the $750 million goal.

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**CONSERVATION**

In Vol. 25, Issue 3, the story titled “Students spread their wings at Flugtag competition” states that Tag Heuer Watch is a sponsor of “The Flying Panthers.” This statement is incorrect. Tag Heuer Watches is not a confirmed sponsor of “The Flying Panthers.”

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Better off without professors?

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Contributing Writer

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Professor to lecture on wildlife at Zoo Miami

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Care to take a walk in someone else’s shoes? Take a walk on the wild side and wander through the life of an animal instead.

The World Through Predators’ Eyes will be hosted this Friday by Dr. Mike Heithaus, Executive Director of the School of Environment, Arts and Society, at Zoo Miami.

This event, which is third in the Zoo FIU lecture series, will consist of a lecture by Heithaus, as well as a traveling exhibition via Crittercam, a special camera that is hoisted onto animals that allows researchers to see from their perspective and to collect important data. The Crittercam is an environment data sensor that is designed to fall off at a certain point in time for the animals’ safety.

Being an executive director of SEAS, Heithaus will discuss mostly marine creatures. “I will be talking about tiger sharks, sea turtles, sea cows, a bit about humpback whales and seals. I will be talking about the research we’ve done all around the world,” said Heithaus.

Heithaus has worked on the Crittercam deployments before, traveling the world to discover more about the lives of particular animals. With research done in Australia, Greenland, Hawaii, Florida and Africa, Heithaus and other Crittercam users have discovered vital information about animals. He also is associated with National Geographic’s Remote Imaging Program and hosted the Crittercam television series from 2002 to 2003.

Through the Crittercam, researchers discovered how to protect the feeding areas of monk seals, the most endangered marine animals in the world. Green turtles are thought to be strict herbivores, eating plants such as sea grass. With the Crittercam, however, researchers have discovered that green turtles actually enjoy eating jellyfish, having stinging contests with other turtles, and cleaning themselves on rocks and sponges.

Visitors to the event can watch amphibian conservation in September, the canine senses in October, the secret lives of bats in November, and desert antelopes in December.

Maureen Donnelly, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and the College of Arts and Sciences, will also be discussing her area of expertise in September with talk Amphibian Conservation through the Crittercam exhibition. The series will continue throughout the year with talks about anthropogenic conservation in September, the canine senses in October, the secret lives of bats in November, and desert antelopes in December.

“I think this is a fairly recent and ongoing enterprise that brings parties that are naturally interested in these kinds of conservation questions,” said Donnelly. “It allows them to share what we know academically across a broader community.”

The World Through Predators’ Eyes will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 26 and is free to the public.

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**TOLEDO IN SEVILLE:** An unforgettable experience

**COLUMNIST**

It is really challenging to put into words just how beautiful and inspiring the city of Seville is. Whatever adjectives I use will simply not do it justice. It would not be enough to describe the winding cobblestone streets that scatter throughout the city or the astounding structures and buildings that leave you in awe. Seville is a magical place that warms and envelops even the coldest of hearts.

Those that do not believe in love or romance or peace have never visited a city that encompasses all these passions in one.

Seville is one of the eight provinces and capital of Andalusia. It is the fourth-largest city in Spain, with over 700,000 citizens. Historians have noted its beautiful presence as one of the most magnificient cities in Spain. Christopher Columbus once said that “the air was as soft as that of Seville in April, and so fragrant that it was delicious to breathe it.” It is a wondrous city by the sea, with lemon and orange trees lining the streets. The cobblestone streets and narrow passageways create an ancient atmosphere, and I often wondered about the thousands who have walked these same streets before me.

Undoubtedly, they must have been enamored by the city just as I have been. Unlike major cities like Barcelona and Madrid, Seville is intimate and comforting. After only a few days there, I was able to learn the ins and outs of the city. I traveled comfortably from the shopping district to my favorite restaurant and back to a nearby park without any trouble.

Coming from such a busy, major city like Miami, I have taught me to be very cautious when roaming around. I hardly go anywhere alone here, especially at night. Seville is intimate and comforting. Sevillanos are full of life, culture and passion. Even the way they speak, with a forceful emphasis on their words, evokes emotion and attention. Call me a romantic, but I have never witnessed before.

As I write this, I am looking through pictures of the La Giralda—an intricate cathedral set in the center of Seville, and El Real Alcázar—a royal palace of Moorish, Arabic, and Spanish design. I am once again in awe of the sheer brilliance and dedication that was put into the marvels of the city.

I hope everything I learned after living in Seville—indepedence, the way life should be lived, and being open to new experiences—will stay with me for the rest of my life.

**HUNTER**

“The Hunt” is a harrowing tale of human nature

**COLUMNIST**

It’s always said that a little white lie is just plain harmless, and yet, often enough, those little white lies snowball into an avalanche of disaster. That’s why Thomas Vinterberg captures in his ever unsettling film “The Hunt.”

Mads Mikkelsen, who many will know as the titular character of NBC’s “Hannibal,” stars as Lucas, a divorced teacher thrust into a situation far beyond his control. Immediately depicted as a man who seems adored by all, from his hunting buddies to the children he teaches, Lucas’ life is looking up.

He has a new girlfriend, he almost has greatest custody of his son, and a job that he loves. Yet, in one night, a schoolgirl crush turns into a false accusation of sexual abuse that leads to the destruction of his life in one fell swoop.

The harrowing subject matter of sexual abuse is one that writers Vinterberg and Tobias Lindholm handle well. The audience is never faced with unsavory content, but rather left under constant stress watching the events unfold. A bit of melodrama here and there can be ignored simply because of just how well “The Hunt” is put together, and how interesting its tale of human nature really is.

Neither Vinterberg nor Mikkelsen is a stranger to dark tales, their pasts both colored with some dark films. Ever since directing the well-known “Festen,” Vinterberg has been seen as a director who can handle some pitch black subject matter and “The Hunt” is a clear reminder of just how great he can be.

For every step that Lucas takes to attempt to prove his innocence or simply live a normal life, he is beaten two steps back by those around him. The same friends who drunkenly chant with pride and joy when they discover he’s dating his ex-wife, are utterly racist and homophobic when they discover he’s dating his new girlfriend. This is evident in the film’s relationship between Lucas and the little white lies.

There’s an all too convincing reason why Lucas turns so irrational and suggestible, and why the film is so very effective. It is such a safe place that I never had to worry about running into trouble. Even though I usually stick with the group, I often ventured off to do some exploring on my own. It is during these times of quiet discovery that I would let the city speak to me and show me what it wanted to show me.

Whether it was walking into a tiny shop or peeking through the open doors of people’s homes, I was always fascinated by the culture and daily life of the residents. Everyone was always out—running errands, going to work, or smoking cigarettes outside.

The city definitely had a busy ambiance, but the one thing about is no one seemed stressed or tied down. People were social and relaxed, which is very different than what I am used to seeing.

People in the United States are always overworked, overwhelmed, and underappreciated. They are too stressed out, too preoccupied with life’s daily struggles that no one stops to appreciate what is around them. Sevillanos are full of life, culture and passion. Even the way they speak, with a forceful emphasis on their words, evokes emotion and attention. Call me a romantic, but I have never witnessed before.

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Football players naked at public park

Students, staff shocked as football players strip down at public park

Miami-Dade Police responded to an anonymous caller about the Golden Panthers football team allegedly showing up without their bathing suits in front of families and children on a field trip.

Early Friday morning, the team had a workout and barbecue at 4000 Crandon Park Blvd in Key Biscayne, to conclude their summer conditioning program.

According to the affidavit, when Miami-Dade Police Department units arrived, there was no one in the area except for some of the coaches. The coaches were asked what was going on and the coaches didn’t know what the officers were talking about.

A statement was released from Head Coach Ron Turner: "Early this morning, our football team had a workout and barbecue on Crandon Park Beach to conclude our summer conditioning program under the supervision of our strength and conditioning staff. Following the workout, some of our athletes went to rinse off at a designated public shower area and a few of them made a poor decision and changed their clothes in public. I want to apologize to the community and anyone who was at the beach this morning for this unfortunate incident. We are committed to helping our student athletes grow as gentlemen while preparing them for their careers. We are looking into this incident, and if appropriate, will take disciplinary action.”

This incident comes not even a week after now former Panthers Keistik Rodhes was dismissed from the team after discharging a firearm, while intoxicated, on campus July 13.

Days prior to the incident exposure by the football team, they were projected to finish dead last in Conference USA.

To add insult to injury, the end of bad news for the football team may not be coming to an halt. As the season approaches, there are several players who may be hit with suspensions for low academic grades.

Neither Turner nor any players were available to comment on this story.

Panthers hope to begin new, successful season

The past is usually a good indicator of what the future will look like.

If that holds up come soccer season, the men’s squad will be looking at another disappointing point year.

FIU soccer is fresh off a tumultuous season full of ups and downs. Under first-year Head Coach Kenny Arena, the squad was picked to finish poorly in Conference USA.

Falling under the radar, the Dolphins were not projected to win starting jobs. As indicators of the future go, a winless season last year in C-USA does not pan out well when looking toward this season.

FIU will have to raise their level of intensity in order to keep up with the level of competition C-USA has to offer.

Heading into the new year, FIU will depend heavily on junior Quentin Albrecht to continue to dominate on the field and hope that his stellar play can turn into some victories. Albrecht is coming off a sophomore campaign where he lead the team in almost every statistical category. He led the team in goals (10), points (29) and game-winning goals (3).

Albrecht will look for help in junior teammate Colby Burdette. Beside Albrecht, Burdette was the next go-to player on the team last year. He was second in goals scored with seven and points with 18. The two will have to form some sort of dynamic duo in order to shine in their new playing grounds.

If Albrecht and Burdette can’t shape up and form a early 2000’s Shaque and Kobe combo, Albrecht will have to look a little closer to home to find a counterpart on the field. Albrecht, from Germany, formed a tight bond with teammate and fellow countryman Robin Spiegel.

Spiegel, who plays goalie, was the line of defense behind Albrecht’s aggressive play. The freshman started all 18 games for the Panthers last season and was named to the C-USA all-freshman team.

FIU will be picked to toward the bottom of the barrel in this C-USA this upcoming season, much like last season, but this time around a roller coaster ride of a season most likely will not end in a 500 year. Looking back to the future, men’s soccer is likely in line for lossy ride again C-USA.

Top Dolphins pick Jordan misses 1st practice

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Already behind in preparations for his first NFL season, Miami Dolphins top draft pick Dion Jordan sat out the first training camp practice Sunday, and declined to predict when he might take the field.

The defensive end and linebacker from Oregon wore uniform No. 95 but watched from the sideline because his surgically repaired right shoulder has not fully healed. He was placed on the non-football injury list.

"It’s really frustrating to not be out there," Jordan said. "But I understand my health is the main concern."

Jordan can join the active roster at any time before the regular season. If he isn’t activated by July 28, he must miss the first six weeks of the season.

The third overall pick in the draft, Jordan signed a $20.6 million, four-year contract Saturday that included a $13.3 million signing bonus. He has been in South Florida for the past two months working out with teammates, but sat out all of the Dolphins’ offseason practices.

"I want to be able to have a good career, a long career. I’m going to do what I have to do right now to make sure that’s possible,”

Jordan, who totaled 14½ career sacks at Oregon, missed playing time last season because of a torn labrum and underwent surgery in February. That didn’t deter the Dolphins from trading up nine spot to make him the first defensive player selected in the draft.

"Coach and the people in the training room decided it was best for me," he said. "I want to be able to have a

The FIU football team was asked to leave Crandon Park on July 19 after police were called.

The FIU men’s soccer teams looks to bounce back after not winning one conference game last season.

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Phil Mickelson wondered if he’d ever win this venerable trophy, the one he proudly posed with on Muirfield’s 18th hole as photographers snapped away and fans chanted his name.

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FIU and Zoo Miami team up for research

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According to a press release, the School of Environment, Society, and Sustainability at Florida International University has joined the Zoological Society of Miami to conduct research at the College of Arts and Sciences that would help expand to other fields like ecology, beyond the sciences and expand to other fields like education and communications.

Ridgley mentioned that an estimated 880,000 people visit the zoo annually, which has “one of the most diverse animal and botanical collections” and looks forward to getting more visitors to come see the large attraction.

Ridgley embraced the partnership with FIU, saying that teaming up with the institution gives both parties a chance to share knowledge, research and diverse expertise while advancing mutual goals together rather than apart.

Mike Hampton, dean of CSHTM, said their role will be to conduct analysis and research on Florida’s tourism in relation to Zoo Miami. Hampton said his school focuses on the tourism/customer experience, observing customer’s likes and activities, and reactions. This will help them find areas of tourism that can be capitalized on, ways to draw in additional visitors, how best to cater to them and other ways of utilizing this information.

Hampton discussed there are a variety of ways of conducting this research but it is only the beginning, they’ve only just joined, the next step is to come up with questions and plans to implement the study.

Color Mob 5K coming to Oleta River State Park

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The chance to be showered in colors for five straight kilometers is in town and students at Biscayne Bay Campus are in for the fun. The Color Mob 5K is a running event that travels to places like New York City, Chicago, Boston, Charlotte, Eastern Washington and now for the first time Miami.

“The idea for the Color Mob has been in place for a long time,” said V. Ridgley, director on research projects, non-invasive projects and foster cooperation (with FIU),” said Ridgley. He also discussed future plans to take their work beyond the sciences and expand to other fields like education and communications.

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Color Mob 5K will give FIU runners and volunteers a taste of what is to come on October 6th when the FIU hosts its own Run at BBC. The FIU Color Run will take place alongside the bay and the FIU Nature Preserve.

Students interested in volunteering at the event should contact the Assistant Director for Campus Recreation, Christina Reddick, at christina.reddick@fiu.edu.

The parking for the run will be at BBC and shuttle buses will be provided to take participants over to the event. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. and runners are expected to cross the starting line by 10 a.m.

The Color Mob 5K is not a competitive run, there isn’t a timer to measure the runners’ speeds; participants can choose to finish the 5K at their own pace without the pressures of a time board. This event is intended to be a fun experience which is what attracts students like junior Susanne Duran who is always looking for a creative way to get her work out in.

“Normally, I hate exercise so I thought the premise behind this event would help keep me interested,” said Duran.

For others, it is not so much the exercise, but being transformed into living art by the end of the run. “I’m mostly excited about seeing what I will look like at the end of the 5K,” said senior Tiffany Medina.

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