Affordable Care Act brings changes to FIU

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The student tuition health fee allows students certain health services at little or no cost, but both insured and uninsured students encounter problems seeking medical help on-campus.

“I tried to go when I was sick and didn’t have insurance, but they just referred me to a doctor,” said Natasha Londono, a senior advertising major.

However, now that the Affordable Care Act will offer more options for young adults, more students will have access to health insurance.

The problem for students with health insurance is that the University may not accept their plan, so they would need to go somewhere off-campus to use their insurance.

Aside from what the student health fee covers, Student Health Services currently only accept the school-sponsored insurance plans.

“We are trying to expand the number of insurance plans that we accept,” said Oscar Leyner, director of Student Health Services.

According to Loynaz, Student Health Services is partnering with the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine to offer more options for insurance.

The Florida International University Police Department runs an annual freshman convocation welcomed the class of 2017 and involved the University’s traditional torch-bearing ceremony.

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Police teach women techniques for self-defense

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Wrist breaks, finger locks, punches and kicks are some of the techniques taught by the Florida International University Police Department officers to female students, faculty and staff.

The free course runs nine to twelve hours over the span of three days with class sizes ranging from six to 16 students.

Classes are held wherever there is space available on-campus.

“It’s a combination of awareness and some very basic tactics that people can employ to minimize the likelihood of them being victimized,” said FIU Police Chief Alexander Casas.

According to FIU Police Safety Officer Roberto Leal, Rape Aggression Defense Program instructor, the tactics used are varied and simple.

“This is a very basic self-defense course,” Leal said. “This is for everyday women to be able to defend themselves from a man or woman that’s attacking them.

Tactics taught include how to escape choke holds, bear hugs and prone positions when an attacker is on top. Hammer fists and straight punches are among these techniques.

Areli Teran, a junior public relations major, is wary about her safety.

“I have been in situations where I’m scared or alone and I have thought how would I defend myself,” said Teran. “I really don’t know what I would actually do in the situation.”

Law Enforcement Officer Sonia Meneses, a certified RAD instructor who has been with the program since its introduction to the University in 2009, teaches the course along-side Leal and hopes for the continued growth of the program.

“I hope that we get more officers trained and certified so that we can have it more available,” said Meneses.

Self-Defense Awareness Familiarization Exchange is another self-defense course offered by FIUPD. The SAFE course is designed by Miami Beach-based National Self-Defense Institute and runs for two hours. The program has had 77 students take part in its classes.

Only 35 students have participated in RAD since the start of the program.

Teran feels that potential threats are present across campus and especially at night.

“I feel like it could happen, especially when you’re taking night classes,” said Teran. “You can never disregard something like that happening.”

Officer Leal said that regardless of fitness level, the techniques will work.

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The Hub: Innovation by the students for the students

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As students approach the Information and Research Services desk on Green Library’s bustling second floor and make a left, they encounter the latest upgrade to the facilities: The Hub.

According to an excerpt of The Hub’s original proposal provided by Consuella Askew, associate dean for Public Services, it provides students with “high-powered multimedia editing and computer stations, easier access to laptops, e-readers, and on-demand research and technology support.” This excerpt is from the Technology Fee’s page, “Your Dollars @ Work.”

The project consists of two phases. Phase one introduced 32 Apple computers, 32 Dell computers and two media rooms for video and audio editing that will be completed by phase two. The first phase also added new printers and scanners, laptop-charging stations, an electronics check-out station and a technical support center.

The second phase will add 30 more computers, as well as introduce laptops, iPads and other types of tablets. The two multimedia rooms will also be revamped with Apple and Dell devices.

“These rooms will be available for students to reserve up to two weeks in advance,” said Genevieve Diamond, circulation manager at the Green Library.

Library faculty and administration think that the addition of desktops, laptops and tablets will provide students with more computer access than previously available.

“The Hub has a funding is a result of two technology fee proposals submitted to the library through the Technology Fee Advisory Council that “amount to over a million dollars,” said Ball. The Hub is the product of a collective effort between outside vendors and various departments within the University and the library, such as the Information Resource Services Department, Access Services, Library Systems, and Academic Space Management.

“The library has been proactive by putting forward proposals through the [Technology] Fee Advisory Council, said Ball. “The committee that reviews those proposals has encouraged us to be innovative in enabling students’ research and study habits via the [technology] fee.”

The technology fee payment amounts to 5 percent of every student’s tuition, as stated in the FIU Technology Fee website. This means that all students were involved in advancing this project.

However, some students got to contribute more in creative ways.

About two years ago, when The Hub was still in the planning stage, the library did a collaboration with an interior design class at the university, according to Ball. The students in this class had the opportunity to organize into focus groups that executed “used-space studies” in order to design what their ideal library would look like. Out of the seven designs that were ultimately submitted, several components of each were incorporated into The Hub’s design.

“(The Hub) was done by students and paid for by the students,” said Ball. Current students feel like their financial investment in The Hub is paying off.

“The Hub is an excellent resource to the FIU community,” said Sebastian Schlumpf, environmental studies junior.

“If I plan to study, I will definitely come here to do it,” said Daniel Sippin, an undeclared junior. “But it may be tricky to find
Technology fees upgrading the Green Library for students

Students start using The Hub, a brand new spared study space located on the second floor of the Green Library.

Affordable Care Act in effect

“Hopefully, in the end, the fact that we’re all on the same plan will reduce the premiums for everybody,” said Loynaz.

Oscar Loynaz
Director
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Investors brace for jam-packed September

The September has often been a cruel month for the stock market, which gives it a superstitious power for some investors. Since 1945, the Standard & Poor’s 500 index has slumped nearly six out of every 10 September, with an average loss of 0.6 percent. This one could be much worse, investors say. Luschini and others think the S&P 500 could slump more than 9 percent below the record high of 1,709.67, reached Aug. 2.

Rebels in Congo declare ceasefire

The M23 rebels said Friday that they have begun pulling back from Kanyaruchinya village, which has been in the crosshairs of the fighting that erupted on Aug. 21. They said they were doing so in order to allow U.N. inspectors a chance to investigate the shelling of nearby towns.

Al-Qaida claims responsibility for Iraq bombings

The Iraqi branch of al-Qaida claimed responsibility Friday for bombings earlier last week that killed at least 82 people, mostly inShiite areas of the capital, calling them retaliation for the execution of Sunni prisoners by the Shiite-led government. The group claimed the attacks were a response to the Aug. 19 execution of 17 Sunni prisoners, all but one of them convicted on terrorism-related charges. The authenticity of the statement could not be independently confirmed.
VMAs were problematic, misguided

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Another year of music videos offers MTV another chance to drag out celebrities desperate to do anything for attention or a better sales record. The list of offenders runs rather long this year at the Video Music Awards, with one performance in particular drawing the most negative attention upon itself. In an awkward mashup of Miley Cyrus’ “We Can’t Stop” and Robin Thicke’s “Blurred Lines,” Cyrus sprang around in the same beige underwear Thicke’s video models wore, while Thicke gleefully grinded his body against a woman nearly half his age. One could go on and on about the issues with this performance, and yet, the focus seems to stay on the males. It’s clear to anyone who witnessed the events that went on Sunday night that Cyrus is problematic in the way she appropriates urban culture, and performance, while his wife sits in the audience, he is not to blame.

The blatant sexism of “Blurred Lines” and the VMAs fascio that comes with it overshadows something that has caused far less controversy, and was actually praised by many. Macklemore, a straight white male hip-hop artist, received an award for “Best Video with a Social Message” for his support of same sex marriage in his song with Ryan Lewis, “Same Love.”

Accompanied by an empty, misguided speech that riveted allies everywhere, Macklemore sealed in his place in the eye of the media as another white idol like Lady Gaga to praise over queer artists of color like Frank Ocean and Angel Haze. Even someone like Janelle Monáe, with her megahit “Q.U.E.E.N.,” delivers a more apt understanding about equality and acceptance, especially that of self-love, than the cookie cutter views that “Same Love” expresses.

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There are bigger issues at hand than what Miley wore or Macklemore supporting same sex marriage. However entertaining they might be to watch in the moment, MTV’s VMAs are doing more harm than good by allowing this shameful nonsense to go on year after year.

Hamburger University: Our newest competitors

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Most of us are in college because we want to have jobs with good salaries and be able to support a family without the stress of being broke. A lot of us work or have worked at places like McDonalds, Burger King or Publix while going to school because these are the jobs we tend to apply for in the meantime to have a little extra cash, but we never really imagined these jobs as our lifetime career.

Well, what if I told you that there are people out there who are getting managerial positions at restaurants at such businesses without going to college? According to ChristopherConnell’s article, “Starbucks, Wal-Mart offering classes for college credit,” the problem is that businessesthat are Walmart are tired of waiting for colleges to give them the managers and other high-position holders that they need to run their company.

So, Walmart and other Fortune 500 companies and corporations have taken matters into their own hands.

For example,Connell reports that McDonalds has a school called Hamburger University at its headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill. This university teaches its students how to improve their business and professional skills with discipline. Each student can graduate with 23 credits towards an associate’s or bachelor’s degree.

Connell reports another example in which Arianna Suarez, an immigrant from Cuba, began working as a cashier at a Walmart in Hialeah after arriving in America with a need to save money. Now, Arianna has become a store manager and will soon earn a college degree because of online college-level courses offered to Walmart employees.

As students of an actual university, we have so much competition in the workforce with a degree we pay a boatload of money for.

Yet, who would have thought our competition would include those students who graduate from 2-year colleges like Hamburger University and Walmart’s online school?

The world is forever changing and our mindset has to change as well.

This is an issue I never thought would exist, professors at universities of fast-food restaurants teaching their students to compete with us.

The only way to challenge this problem is to be smarter than the problem by simply trying to be the cream of the crop in your field.

At the academic level, earning a minor to complement your major or taking on more challenging majors, such as business entrepreneurship, engineering, physical therapy, law, etc., can help put you ahead of the game.

Gaining experience through internships is also ideal.

Above all, maintain professionalism. Employers want the well-rounded individual who will accomplish what needs to be done.

The tips that I gave are for your benefit in this game that we all have to play in order to get where we want to be in life, or close to it at least. It’s a survival-of-the-fittest game where only the best win.

Don’t let “Fast Food Universities” win! Study harder, longer and make me proud. Thank me later.

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DePalma’s ‘Passion’ sorely lacks passion

**COLUMNIST**

**JUAN BARQUIN**

Many people toss around the words “return to form” lightly when speaking of a director finally returning to what once made their work great. When the trailer for Brian De Palma’s “Passion” released, hopes were high for his own return to form, but the sad truth is it’s not much better than the flop “The Black Dahlia.”

The idea of remaking French film “Crime d’Amour” perfectly suited De Palma, as the two great performances in the film were contained within a rather lifeless story. As much of the brilliance of his past, be it “Dressed to Kill” or even “Sisters,” that he tries to bring in, “Passion” still feels like a melodramatic TV movie.

A tale of sex, murder and mystery is thrown together here as an advertising agency boss (Rachel McAdams) and her protege (Noomi Rapace) fall into disagreements following stolen credit for a project. Tensions, both sexual and violent, both rise quickly, leading to events that could ruin them both.

Any chemistry between the women is non-existent and that’s a huge hindrance in a film where the two leads need sexual tension. Having McAdams and Rapace play against type was a bad decision, made worse by the fact that they have both been at the top of their games as mean girls and naive women before.

Outside of occasionally veering into the aforementioned TV movie territory, the colorful look and seemingly classic score is actually pleasant for the most part. Its best feature, though, is an engaging split screen sequence set to Debussy that genuinely rivals some of the set pieces in his earlier work.

Adding a little extra sex and mystery to a story usually pays off, but when a film is lacking as much chemistry and passion as “Passion” is, one finds oneself experiencing something bland and not interesting.

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**The Taj Mahal: Truly a world wonder**

The Taj Mahal, world wonder, receives every year thousands of curious tourists from all around the world. By paying 750 INR, $12.50, you will enjoy the magic of this place.

Having the opportunity to enjoy and intermingle with different cultures is one of the charms of traveling. Walking far away from your comfortable zone breaks you in pieces, awakens you and somehow allows your natural survival instinct to kick in: an instinct that is normally suppressed by everyday western daily life. Traveling is an important element in the construction of our own Taj Mahal, our own beloved wife and chosen one. I had traveled thousands of miles to enjoy India’s eccentric beauty. But somehow I was in the middle of a love tribute that structurally resembles heaven according to Islamic scriptures. Having the women is non-existent in this world, both rise quickly, leading to events that could ruin them both.

Anonymous temple located in Agra, a northern city in India, is a tribute for every precious gem, and every grain of sand can build a beautiful and a unique structure. Our lives are always under constant change such as of the temple of love that changes its colors depending on the reflection of the sunlight. Every good or bad experience will represent and become an irreplaceable piece in your Taj Mahal. Such as this wonder we need to open our minds, give and receive.

**For the full story, visit fiusm.com**

**Leonor Anthony appointed artist-in-residence**

Anthony now joins the Honors College as artist-in-residence alongside the College of Architecture + the Arts artist-in-residence Xavier Cortida and the School of Music’s musician-in-residence Kemal Gekic to work to improve excellence in the arts at FIU.

“Art gives me an opportunity to give back,” said Anthony. “Painting is such a gift for me that when something that my little hands made can actually help somebody get an education or improve their community in any way she can.

In relation to the FIU community, Anthony, who is also respected as a philanthropist, plans to give back to the academic and arts community by doing reproductions of artists such as van Gogh, Edward Munch and Caspar David Friedrich, as an expressionist in the art community. Her works are represented in private collections across the globe, including the United States, Europe, and Africa.

With donation of [my] work, I’ve been able to raise money for different organizations in different places.”
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Cuban baseball game canceled by FIU amid controversy

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Defensive tackle rises depths of the storm

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Andre Patterson Defensive Line Coach FIU Football

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DEFENSIVE LINE COACH ANDRE PATTERSON

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Women’s soccer start off season on the wrong foot

When it comes to sports on campus, it seems the most attention from fans goes to the football and basketball teams. Most people would think it’s rightfully so, but what about a team that had won a conference title three out of the last four years?

Enter the women’s soccer team. Under the reigns of two-time Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year Thomas Chestnutt, the Panthers have earned various awards and honors from the Sun Belt Conference and National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Now the Panthers are entering into new territory in Conference USA, but with a track record like Chestnutt’s, there doesn’t seem to be much concern headed into the new season.

For those who love to ponder and debate preseason standings, according to the official website for C-USA, the Panthers entered the season ranked sixth in the East Division. I take it coming up short against North Texas in the SBC Championship game last season didn’t hold much weight to those involved in ranking teams.

Either it didn’t matter or the people who placed the teams in their standings were able to look into the future. Preseason All-Conference player Chelsea Leiva and last year’s second-leading scorer Scarlett Montoya didn’t see any action when the Panthers faced Arizona for their first game of the season. They ended up losing that match 4-2.

As I spoke to a member of a separate media outlet, it seems star forward Leiva suffered a knee injury and to add insult to injury, that injury may sideline her the entire year, ending her senior season before it even started.

Chestnutt didn’t seem to know of any injury in regards to Leiva, which brings up the question, does he truly not know what is going on with his team, or is he deploying the method of not spilling the beans? For now, I’ll go with the latter option.

Now as cliché as it sounds, it is too early to tell how this team will react to such a loss, so I wouldn’t throw out the white flag just yet. Let’s just keep a look out on the team and see how they bounce back after the loss. The move that intrigued me the most after game one was the start of newcomer Vanessa Plasencia protecting the net.

Now Plasencia did have 13 saves in her first collegiate game, but unless you’re the proverbial Jerica Coley of the soccer team, I can’t seem to grasp the need to play a rookie over junior Kelly Struyf, but hey, I’m not the one getting paid to make those decisions. It isn’t uncommon for coaches to make a move such as this so early in the season, rather than late in the year when you’re fighting for position in the conference.

Such move didn’t seem to be the biggest headline on campus or with other media outlets that cover FIU, so maybe the rookie just needed to get her feet wet.

But if Plasencia continues to start over Struyf, we may need to start wondering what’s going on.

Did playing behind former Panther star Kaitlyn Savage not give Struyf the time and help she needed to take over, or is Plasencia the next “rookie sensation”?

When it’s all said and done, if Leiva can return from her injury or whatever absence she may be going through, and with the experience and success this group has had in the past, this team should be fine getting through C-USA with some minor bumps and bruises.

Lease terminated, reasons still unclear

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Biscayne Bay Campus: The hidden jewel

DO THE HULA

I'm now often at BBC since most of my courses are offered at that campus. At first I was honestly annoyed at having to drive so far, but like I said, this campus grew on me. I love how relaxing the entire campus is. It has given me a view of the university life that isn’t always available at MMC. The view of the bay on a beautiful morning is spectacular. I encourage all FIU students to come to BBC at least a few times during the semester. You won’t regret it.

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CSHTM cuts one more ribbon for restaurant lab

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Fall semester welcomes Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management students with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept. 19, according to Mike Hampton, dean of CSHTM. The renovation of the facility, which started in the year of 2011 and is scheduled to end on February 2013, will see the completion of another area of the new Management Restaurant lab.

The Chaplin family will attend the ceremony, along with the South Beach Food and Wine Festival representative and the University’s Board of trustees. “Everyone who has been supportive throughout this renovation process will be there,” said Hampton.

This year, the school witnessed the opening of its new Management Restaurant lab and which will also be open to the public on Oct. 1, offering lunch and dinner. At the end of the fall semester the brewing lab and the biology lab will be completed.

Another renovation that is in process is a new place for the SOBE offices in the second floor of the CSHTM building. According to Hampton the offices they will be moving out from will serve as a classroom, but they will relocate to a more fitted space to work on SOBEWIFF.

“We wanted a new place for them,” said Hampton. “Last year they had more than 3000 volunteers.”

Some school districts quit healthier lunch program

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After just one year, some schools around the country are dropping out of the healthier new federal lunch program, complaining that so many students turned up their noses at $100,000 in the red.

MMCs that leave the program are free to develop their own guidelines. Vooheesville’s chef began serving students general interest in taking courses there. Usually the only students that attend BBC do so out of necessity if they are majoring in any of the aforementioned professions. It always surprises me what little interest some students show in traveling to BBC. Some see it as a chore due to how far apart both campuses are. On the contrary, I think that BBC is relaxing and overall a jewel that not many FIU students take advantage of.

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The new guidelines set limits on calories and salt, phase in more whole grains and require that fruit and vegetables be served daily. A typical elementary school meal under the updated meal standards successfully, which is still optimistic about the program’s long-term prospects. “The vast majority of schools across the country are meeting the updated meal standards successfully, which is so important to help all our nation’s children lead healthier lives,” Thornton said.

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The new guidelines set limits on calories and salt, phase in more whole grains and require that fruit and vegetables be served daily. A typical elementary school meal under the program consisted of whole-wheat cheese pizza, baked sweet potato fries, grape tomatoes with low-fat ranch dip, applesauce and 1 percent milk.

In December, the Agriculture Department, responding to complaints that kids weren’t getting enough to eat, relaxed the 2-ounce-per-day limit on grains and meats while keeping the calorie limits.

At Wallace County High in Sharon Springs, Kan., foot ball player Callahan Grund said the revision helped, but he and his friends still weren’t thrilled by the calorie limits (750-850 for high school) when they had hours of calo-

rific burning practice after school. The idea of dropping the program has come up at board meetings, but the district is sticking with it for now.