Panthermonium expects large numbers

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One of the newest ways the University’s annual Panthermonium quickly approaches, the community gears up for this year’s concert and performers. As part of Homecoming Week, the Panthermonium event expects to draw in big crowds.

Last year’s Panthermonium concert drew almost 8 thousand attendees according to Gisselle Cancio, director of the Homecoming council. She said 3 thousand tickets have already been sold for this year’s concert and the council has given out 7 thousand.

“The idea was to remain at that, or go to capacity,” Cancio said.

Sunday’s concert will include performances by DJ Zog, J. Cole and Zedd.

“It’s awesome that FIU brings artists that I want to see in concert. Even better is that I get to see them for free,” said Andrea Gallipoli, senior psychology major.

According to Cancio, performers are chosen according to an online poll through Facebook. Cancio said the poll showed that hip-hop and electronic dance music were the top choices.

We went from there to see who was available and see which artists are willing to come to a college show. We bounced off ideas and made sure we got lots of different inputs, and then we did a bidding process to see who can come and for what price,” Cancio said.

The $145 thousand cancio said the concert will receive is a $50 thousand budget. About $250 thousand goes to the performers and the concerts and the rest goes to the events for the rest of the week. Tickets for students are free, and tickets for general admission cost $40 online.

In order to alleviate the cost of production, we have to charge for floor seating,” Cancio said. “Depending on who is here, we have to make accommodations for lighting and production and tracking the field.”

Homecoming and Panther pride is on the list of importance when planning Homecoming Week. According to Cancio, it is important to continue building strong FIU traditions for Homecoming Week.

We want to include everyone: students, alumni and faculty and staff. We want to make sure people don’t forget what Homecoming is all about. Everyone participating can really showcase their blue and gold spirit, to Unleash the Spirit, rather than tailoring it to one specific theme,” said Cancio.

“I don’t know if I’m now a graduate student and part of the FIU stuff, I’m still interested in going and I like that the artists are for everyone, not just students,” said Alejandro Lugo, who is pursuing her graduate studies in accounting.

This year, the Homecoming council has made it a goal to improve on marketing tactics and promotions for the events. According to Cancio, over a thousand Facebook and Instagram likes have been gained from last year. Using social media and emails to keep people informed of events and new information is of utmost importance according to Cancio.

“It was one of our main goals to make sure everyone knows what is going on, and also incorporating events at BCC. We wanted to get attendance higher and make sure everyone knows when these events are happening,” Cancio said.
News:

Weapons Experts In Beirut En Route To Syria

Inspectors entrusted with the enormous task of overseeing the destruction of Syria’s chemical weapons are returning to their stores following a devastating terrorist attack to find much of their valuables ransacked. One witness told The Associated Press that he even saw a soldier take cigarettes out of a dead man’s pocket. Shop owners and managers spent Monday carting merchandise and other valuables out of their shops and restaurants. No one knows when the mall will open again. Second, valuables are being removed so nothing more is stolen.

Italian Government Sees Hope of Survival

The Italian government’s chances of survival rose on Monday as some of former Premier Silvio Berlusconi’s longtime loyalists vowed they would not support his attempt to bring down the fragile coalition. Berlusconi demanded last weekend that the five ministers vowed they would not support his attempt to bring down the fragile coalition. Berlusconi demanded last weekend that the five ministers

Flowers remains uncertain about Affordable Care Act

For a “group health plan of a parent’s employer or under a parent’s individual health insurance policy, if [they] are under the age of 26.”

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A lot of students want to become entrepreneurs, but don’t know how to start,” Bury said. “So we’re trying to make sure our students know that the best way to learn is from professionals.”

Many distinguished executives have been lined up to mentor club gatherings.

Susan Amat, the founder of Venture Hive, an incubator company that specializes in start-ups and economic development in Miami, has been confirmed as a mentor for this week’s Open Coffee event.

Amat was not available for this report.

Amat’s company has grants from Miami’s Downtown Development Authority, as well as Mayor Carlos Gimenez, and is home to 35 companies and over 100 entrepreneurs.

Richard Weisz, another mentor for this week’s meeting, is a versatile international marketing executive with a strong relationship with the University. He has extensive expertise in start-ups and brand development, tenure with the Walt Disney Company and has successfully headed several ventures.

Another mentor is Xavier Gonzalez, the executive director of the Technology Foundation of the Americas, a non-profit mission is to establish Miami as a technology hub for the Americas to connect the world with Latin innovation in technology.

“I’ve been meaning to talk to somebody about my idea for a business,” said Kaiming. “I didn’t even know I had an opportunity like this.”

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Florida panel forecasts higher seas and higher temperatures

Climate panel foresees higher seas and higher temperatures

The Florida Climate Change Commission, a state-appointed body, released a report in October 2013 that forecast a rise in global temperatures of 6.2 degrees Fahrenheit by 2100, with potentially catastrophic consequences.

The report, released Monday, estimated that the state could experience more frequent and severe droughts, rising sea levels, and more frequent coastal storms.

Seth Borenstein, a national climate scientist who was a leader of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, said the report released Friday was “very likely” — between 2 and 4 inches of sea level rise by 2100.

The panel also forecasted a rise in the frequency and intensity of hurricanes, with more frequent and stronger storms expected.

The report also noted a rise in the frequency and intensity of wildfires, with more frequent and larger fires expected in the state.

Karl Ritter, a meteorologist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said the report was based on a review of the state’s climate science, which is conducted every five years.

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Practice what you preach: tolerance

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One of the most popular tropes in storytelling is that of a character who does not fully practice what they preach. This particular individual promotes an important cause and seems to be genuinely in favor of it. However, later in the tale, he or she is revealed to only apply the cause where it is convenient. Sadly, as with many things in storytelling, this reflects reality. Some groups that preach tolerance end up doing the exact opposite in practice.

Case in point: in the state of Oregon, a bakery known as “Sweet Cakes” was sued for refusing to serve a wedding cake for a lesbian wedding. The reason for which the bakers, Melissa and Aaron Klein, declined service is their religious beliefs regarding marriage.

Now, had you listened only to activist groups, you would think that the situation involved two card-carrying Westboro Baptists, a couple shouting insensitive expletives at an innocent and unsuspecting homosexual woman and her mother as they ran out of the store, wondering why America still supports such homophobia.

In reality, nothing of the sort happened. All the Kleins did say that they could not serve a wedding cake for that particular ceremony. They never said that they reject the LGBT community from buying their cakes. They just laid down an exception based on religious grounds.

As such, they still received death threats filled with odious and venomous language. The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries investigated them for discrimination. Sweet Cakes was forced to close its shop believing that news coverage of the incident came after the media coverage of the incident. This is not a unique occurrence.

Some groups that preach “tolerance” end up doing the exact opposite in practice.

According to a piece by NPR, similar events happened to several bakeries, a florist shop and a photographer across the country. The business owners in question were accused of discrimination simply because they wanted to practice their religion freely.

If it’s discrimination for business owners to model the guidelines of their commerce on their religious beliefs, does this mean that I am within my right to go to a Muslim deli and demand that they give me roast pork? Of course, I would never do such a thing, as it would be unkind. So why is there an exception in the other situations?

If the answer to the above question is that the business owners were “acceptable targets,” then the modern day norm of tolerance has been twisted to mean “putting up with those within your comfort zone.” Instead of showing “the willingness to accept those that are different from one’s own,” as the Merriam-Webster dictionary defines it, tolerance now means that one can safely reject certain perspectives and demonize them without actually hearing what they are about.

If this proposition sounds offensive, then those who adamantly preach tolerance while going against the very definition of the word are simply show honesty. In the event that your lenience towards other viewpoints has exceptions, you should be open about it.

This is the reason the screaming at those who disagree and labeling them as hateful for daring to have a different perspective, why not look inwardly and analyze your approach to those on the other side of the aisle? This is a challenge that I offer to FIU, a university full of people with diverse backgrounds and personal beliefs.

Note that my writing here is not meant to be derogatory or offensive. I am not attempting to take a side on important public issues such as gay marriage in this piece, nor am I directly endorsing the Kleins themselves and their practices. I am only pointing a way to enhance and facilitate the clear and present public debate, a way that ensures that all stand-points are presented at the table.

Practice what you preach or don’t preach it at all.

How to make college textbooks free

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The average student can agree that college is expensive “AF” (abso-lutely farcical) due to tuition, the fees you weren’t aware of, the other hidden fees you learned of two weeks into the semester and, everyone’s favorite, college textbooks.

New textbooks are a luxury in the college realm and “book-thrifting” has become increasingly expensive, along with nearly everything around us. This capitalist mentality, propagated by businesses such as Barnes & Noble that sell college textbooks, has us digging holes into our pockets.

The more fortunate ones just need their parents’ credit card numbers to pay for the outrageously overpriced printed assemblage. This begs the question: Who decided college textbooks should be so expensive? Are these textbook writers millionaires leeching off the blood and sweat put into our education? We deserve some kind of notice when new textbooks are released, and it only makes sense that the University would do this for its students and faculty who are trying to make it to their classes on time.

Every student experiences the daunting needs better notice

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Hey Geronimo’s ‘jumpy, happy-go-lucky’ EP

Maps’ “Vicissitude” lacks change, stagnant

FIU Style: student interview with Grace

COLUMNIST

IN HER WORDS

JUNETTE REYES

“Vicissitude” marks the third studio album for James Chapman, the electronica artist that records under the name of Maps.

The title itself is supposed to signify some sense of change, which might make some sense in regards to the last studio album released in 2009, titled “Turning the Mind.” I mention this because it was announced such a great follow-up to the debut album released in 2007, titled “We Can Create.” Despite the title, the current album does not easily tie into this theme of change and tends to be somewhat stagnant. So much so that songs in the tracklist sometimes overlap to the point of making believe I’m still listening to the same track.

Almost every song is overly extended, most nerving or already at the six minute mark. This isn’t always such a bad thing with most songs, such as the strong intro that is “A.M.A.” or the song titled “Nicholas” that kept me listening midway through. Still, the extension of some songs plays into this idea that the album doesn’t really build up to anything all that much or take you somewhere once you reach the final song.

“Adjusted to Darkness.” That’s not to say this is an album that can be quickly dismissed and overlooked. As previously mentioned, “A.M.A.” starts off the tracklist strong and is certainly one of the uppers to this album.

“I’ve been staring into the sun,” sings Chapman, starting off “Vicissitude” with an ethereal, dream-pop vibe. I must admit that this dreamy, airy vibe is maintained quite well throughout the album, but only a handful of songs truly make it worthwhile. At times, it even feels like it’s every other song in the tracklist that stands out as opposed to a continuous streak of songs.

“You Will Find a Way,” for example, follows “A.M.A.” as the third track of the album and is by far the better follow-up track, putting “Built to Last” to shame as the second track.

“Nicholas” immediately follows what is the fifth track of the album and is undoubtedly the most special song on “Vicissitude.” It doesn’t even have any complicated lyrics that try too hard to sound poetic and simply presents itself with a sense of ease.

Other notable tracks on the album include “Heard Them Say” and “This Summer.” Overall, Chapman has produced an album as Maps that is certainly worth listening to. Just don’t be surprised if you feel like you’re listening to the same song on repeat sometimes.

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Redshirt freshman punter showing promise in team’s winless start

Ayers within top 10 in nation for amount of punts in 2013

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This time last year redshirt freshman Chris Ayers was sidelined and watching someone else take the snaps at punter. Before he came to FIU, Ayers played at South Broward High School in Hollywood, Fla.

“I didn’t really get into punting until my freshman year in high school, and began taking it really seriously in my sophomore year,” Ayers said. “I played soccer before that but never really envisioned playing soccer seriously outside of the club team that I was on.”

According to ESPN, following the game against the University of Louisville, Ayers had 30 of the Panthers’ 37 overall punts for a total of 1,053 yards, an average of 35.1 per, and a long of 56 yards which is tied for 66th in the nation.

Going into the bye week, Ayers was in second place for total punts with his 30 throughout Division-1A. Even with a majority of the other teams having played this weekend he is still ranked within the top ten as he is tied for ninth.

“To me, it feels good to play and get experience since it’s my first year actually on the field for a Division I-A program. In reality though, for the team’s betterment, I would honestly rather not be on the field so that our team has the chance to score and win some more,” Ayers said.

Ayers also stated that, going into Conference-USA play, he doesn’t know whether or not he will be used as much as he was against teams like the University of Central Florida (10) and nine apecase against both the University of Maryland and the University of Louisville.

He didn’t get utilized as much against Bethune-Cookman because Head Coach Ron Turner wanted to use a different style of punting.

“Jake (Medlock) is more comfortable and better at the rugby style of punt, and since we knew that Bethune-Cookman would be sending a lot of guys up the middle to rush the punt we wanted to see if that could give us an advantage in the punting game,” Turner said.

It is also the view of Ayers that the team is good but lacking in a key area that is necessary for any type of program to achieve success.

“I truly believe we have by far one of the best overall teams, but to have the kind of talent as individuals is not the only thing that you need to be successful. The thing everyone needs to continue working on is getting closer to where we are more of a family and less of just a group of pieces,” Ayers said.

At this point, Ayers is on pace to end the season with 90 total punts.

Punter Chris Ayers has been changing field position this year, averaging 35.1 yards per punt and has a long of 51 yards.

Those 90 punts would have him near the top of the nation for total punts and would have been second in the nation a year ago.

Ayers and the Panthers will travel to Hattiesburg, Miss. this coming weekend to face the winless Golden Eagles of the University of Southern Mississippi. The Eagles have not won a game since a bowl win in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl over the University of Nevada on Dec. 24, 2011.

Following that game the Panthers will return to Miami and play host in the following week to the University of Alabama at Birmingham for the annual homecoming game on Oct. 12.

Junior forward a bright spot in dull season

Junior forward Ashleigh Shim has been a bright spot for this Panther team. She leads the team with three goals, which accounts for 38 percent of the total goals scored for FIU.

During the 2012 campaign Shim only scored two goals all season, as opposed to her three through nine games this season. Coming into her own offensively, any chance on somewhat salvaging this season is on her.

The Panthers are 2-0 when Shim scores a goal and 0-7 when she doesn’t. While nine games is a small sample size, its indicative how Shim commands the game. It’s simple, if she has a big impact they win, if not they lose.

Shim’s athleticism is something that jumps out when you see her. She is very quick and has polished ball handling skills. She is one of the quickest, if not the quickest on the FIU women’s soccer team.

She self creates off her dribble and has the ability to split defenders using her speed and ball handling.

A young defense however doesn’t help Shim very much, five players on the Panther defense are underclassmen including a red shirt freshman. The defense has given up 22 goals through nine games, which is nearly allowing two and half goals a game.

With a defense learning as they go it’s up to a more veteran offense to lift this Panther team afloat. All five seniors on the team are with midfielders or forwards contributing to the offense.

As a junior Shim’s experience and leadership is needed on this offense, however she can’t do it alone. Passes need to be clean and accurate. Something that is haunting this team is not delivering on target passes.

Too often are passes too long or too short killing offensive flow. When a pass is off target and a player has to adjust too much to receive it gives defenses time to swarm on the ball and the attack the ball handler.

Bad passes and all, Shim has been the most consistent offensive force for the Panthers. She has taken 19 shots, leading the team, and has eight shots on goals.

Shim shines brightest on a Panther team with not much to brag about. Despite a 2-7 record she has played very well and has given the Panther opportunities to score.

As we look towards FIU’s conference USA schedule it’s going to fall on Shim to bring life back to this team. To provide hope to the nearly hopeless Panthers. things, confused, disappointing and injured, hope less however is not necessarily one of those things.

Rhoma Angerell/ The Beacon

As the Women’s soccer team continues its disappointing season, some bright points are starting to emerge. The play of junior forward Ashleigh Shim (above) has lifted the Panthers to a couple of wins this season. Shim has played in all 10 games and leads all Panthers with four goals on 20 shot attempts.

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Russo, Coley primed for NCAA Tournament run

Before FIU fought back to make things half.

Luis Betancur each netted goals for the junior Roberto Alterio and freshman Lawrence Craggs enforced as Freshman Mere-.
SEAS to provide climate updates

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It is time to talk about the climate again, and to be specific, about the natural climate variability involving the persistence of droughts in southern United States.

Robert Burgman, an assistant professor at the School of Environment, Arts and Society at FIU, will be presenting his research about the droughts and how they affect the agriculture, livestock and economics of this country. It will take place on Oct. 23 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Deerling Estate at Cutler.

Burgman started his current research in 2010, funded by a 2010 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration award, with the help of Ben Kimman, a professor at the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science in the University of Miami, and Youkyoung Jang, post doctoral research associate at FIU, this research focuses on the influence of natural cycles in ocean temperatures on severe and persistent drought over the southern United States.

Burgman’s interest in the interaction between the oceans and the atmosphere began with the large El Nino event of 1997.

It is important for everybody, especially young voters, to educate themselves on all climate-related topics so that future voting and policy will be based on scientific findings and not opinions.

Elizabeth Whitman
Sophomore
Marine Biology

“Let’s face it,” said Whitman. “Since climate change is no longer a hotly debated issue in politics, it is important for everybody, especially young voters, to educate themselves on all climate related topics so that future voting and policy will be based on scientific findings and not opinions. I also believe that students who attend this event will benefit from hearing about the interdisciplinary nature of this type of research.”

Georgia Aquarium exhibits preserved sea creatures

KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press

The Georgia Aquarium is giving visitors the chance to peer inside the bodies of giant sea creatures.

The exhibit, “Sea Monsters Revealed: Aquatic Bodies,” includes the preserved bodies of shark and other animals with their flesh stripped away to expose muscles, bones and organs underneath.

The exhibit, which opens Friday at the aquarium, is similar to the popular “Bodies... and Body Worlds” exhibits of dissected human bodies that have toured the world.

The “Sea Monsters Revealed” show includes 18 big sea creatures — a 6-foot-wide devil ray, a 15-foot-long mako shark and an 18-foot-long, 3,000-pound whale.

It will be open in Atlanta for at least a year, but its run may be extended based on public interest.

“For much of the United States, we measure changes in the seasonal, annual or decadal precipitation with respect to the observed record,” said Burgman. “The ocean plays a role in these changes by affecting changes in the atmosphere, which delivers rain to the interior of the country.”

The research about this and other topics regarding the natural climate variability is wide open to graduate students and focuses mainly on regional research compared to broader research. At this moment two graduate students, Peter Washam, geoscientist major who did research on the variations in El Nino and the Southern Oscillation relevant to North American drought, and Heather Vasquez, atmospheric science major, are working with Burgman and he welcomes any student with an interest in this subject and also offers to help students who are undecided with their choice of specific field in environmental studies to find out if this might be their future path.

Another remarkable part of the exhibit is a silky shark with the skin peeled away on one side to reveal several embryos inside her abdomen.

Students and staff of all majors and fields are welcomed to attend this event. Burgman is a motivated and enthusiastic professor who will present the research he and his team have conducted to explain how the drought is affecting agriculture, livestock and economics in the United States.

This research about the persistent drought in the south of the United States took three years to conclude. According to Burgman, the change of the climate is a topic we should care about, as its process keeps repeating itself.

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These are creatures that historically, in the early days when they were first discovered, were considered monsters because early sailors who saw these animals really didn’t know what they were,” said aquarium spokesman Cary Rountree. “Over time, it’s been revealed that they’re actually some of the most marvelous animals in our ocean.”

Visitors to the Georgia Aquarium can see live examples of whale sharks and devil rays, and then see how their bodies work in the new exhibit, Rountree said.

The preserved specimens do not include animals from the Georgia Aquarium. All of the animals in the “Sea Monsters Revealed” exhibit were recovered from fisheries and other sources in accordance with animal protection standards, the aquarium says.

The bodies are preserved using a polymer preservation technique known as plastination, which was also used on the human specimens in the “Bodies... and Body Worlds” exhibit. The process prevents decay by first replacing water and fatty materials in the cells with acetone and then with plastics, like silicone rubber, polyester or epoxy resin.

The preserved bodies are durable but must be handled carefully as parts can easily break off, Rountree said.

The Georgia Aquarium is the second stop for the exhibit, which is billed as the world’s largest exhibition of plastinated sea creatures. Earlier this year it was at the Museum of Science and Industry in Tampa, Fla.

It will be open in Atlanta for at least a year, but its run may be extended based on its popularity.

In addition to the preserved bodies, the exhibit includes a brief history of man’s interaction with these great sea creatures and a number of video and text displays.