Students walk through the rain by the Graham Center fountain. On Friday, Aug. 28 it was decided that weekend classes were to remain open.

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The University prepared for a possible hurricane Monday as tropical storm Erika made its way through the Caribbean.

It was expected to remain a tropical storm throughout the weekend with the Biscayne Bay Campus at a greater threat than the main campus, according to the Miami-Dade County evacuation zone map.

A decision was made Saturday in regards to Monday classes.

Amy Aiken, director at the department of emergency management, said students are informed about evacuation before a storm hits. She said the County only evacuates for inland flooding, not wind.

“If a storm surge comes through, that is what puts people into harm. It is more about wind and conditions than flood water,” said Aiken.

She said that evacuation means shutting down all University operations.

“It’s not like we’re going to be in a middle of a class and all of a sudden there’s going to be, ‘What? We have to evacuate?’” she said.

Unlike the Modesto Masdieuque Campus, the north campus is at an evacuation zone and at a closer proximity to water. Aiken said that faculty and students would be evacuated and that they do not have on-campus residential students to be concerned about there.

She said students would be encouraged to go home and stay away from campus so that there are less people at risk on campus. Residential students at the control wind who stay would follow housing and residential life procedures.

Brenda Gotty-Fuentes, a freshman political science major, lives on campus at Lakeview South. She said her resident assistant says to go home because it can get crowded during a storm.

“She said that if you stay here and don’t leave, you would have to share a room with, like, 18 other people,” said Gotty-Fuentes.

“Most of the international students stay here and they can’t go home,” she said.

Alexandra Williamson, a freshman finance and accounting major, lives in 109 Tower across 8th Street from FIU.

“She said she has not been aware of evacuation procedures made by the residential building.

“That not I know of, [I know] that every room has a fire alarm thing,” said Williamson.

Before last week, Mark B. Rosenberg, the president of the University, executive staff and key department heads did an annual tabletop exercise at the emergency operations center in Parking Garage Five.

The center is a central command and control facility where the faculty and staff manage emergency situations for different departments like finance, operations, command and logistics.

“She literally worked through a hurricane scenario,” said Aiken.

Alexander Casas, chief of the University’s police department, said they are collecting 48-hour supplies like water and flames.

“Operational plans to address departmental readiness, essential personnel for FIU operations, securing housing residents are being finalized,” said Casas. FIUPD also participates in Miami-Dade County emergency management and has officers there to maintain up-to-date information and to obtain resources for the University.

They are also finalizing arrangements for secured parking for departmental personnel and specialized equipment they work with during a storm.

“Basically, our preparation consists of getting ready to provide service immediately before, during and after the storm,” said Casas.

“Hopefully the storm will continue to track east but we are preparing as if it were not,” he said.

FIU is an all-hazards university, said Aiken.

They prepare for any type of emergency like a chemical spill and fire, and maides hurricanes disasters.

In a University wide e-mail sent by external relations, it says students should be aware of FIU Alerts sent by emergency management through FIU e-mail accounts, University home page and social media.

“We look at any type of emergency that can happen to our students, faculty and staff,” Aiken said. “Our number one priority of the President, of everybody here, is safety.”

It’s On Us campaign faces challenges

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With several buttgrabbing incidents and an alleged rape from an FIU football player, the University continues to push for an end to sexual assault.

“Last year, FIU embarked on the It’s On Us campaign that focuses on changing campus cultures around the issues of sexual assault and sexual violence,” said Cathy Akin, dean of students at the division of student affairs.

“We want to encourage students to all share the responsibility for changing the culture and that happens as a result of people becoming educated,” Akins said.

In April, the alleged rape victim and a female friend met with a football player at an on-campus cafe and then followed him to a dorm, where she was raped, according to ?News. The victim was a 19-year-old freshman.

“This is a nightmare that I’m still living in and I’m still going through,” she told ?News. “I’m still in shock that it happened to me.”

About four rapes have occurred on campus since January, according to Alexander Casas, chief of the University’s police department.

FIUPD complies with Title IX, a federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any federally funded education program.

The police also work independently from criminal investigation. A special victims unit, one investigator and one victim’s advocate that is a school counselor, works with the victim.

The last arrest made to a sexual assailant was two and half years ago,” said Casas. He said a lack of physical evidence means a low number of arrests.

“It doesn’t mean it didn’t happen,” Casas said.

He also said that any evidence or fact is thoroughly evaluated. The information can be sent to an attorney’s office to then make a possible arrest.

The University’s serial Modesto Mosdew hit again in late June, slapping the buttocks of a female student. Similar reports in the past indicate a man riding on a bicycle as the assailant, according to FIUPD.

“Right now, [the buttgrabber] is not a threat to the FIU campus,” said Casas. “But it’s a significant concern that I’d want to communicate with the community. Now we have a pattern. It’s happening more often than just a random incident.”

The victim was walking towards the Green Library at 9:25 p.m. according to the case file. The male suspect rode off she sat down in the middle of the Green Library breezeway waiting for police to arrive.

The suspect returned five minutes later and started to blow kisses at her and then rode off to the Chemistry and Physics building.

The female student described him as a white male with dirty blonde hair, thin and with raccoon eyes “as if he had lack of sleep.”

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**SEXUAL ASSAULTS IN COLLEGE**

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Foiled train attack adds to concerns over refugees

After three Americans thwarted a gun- and knife-wielding attacker on a French train Aug. 21, Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel said that it might be time for security checks at his nation’s borders with its European neighbors.

“It might be time to adjust the Schengen agreement,” he told Belgian public television, referring to an accord between 26 European nations to allow passport-free travel. “The agreement is important, but we now find ourselves confronted with a new threat scenario in Europe.”

Amid spreading violence, 2nd commander of Syrian rebels assassinated in 2 weeks

A key commander of the U.S.-supported Syrian rebel forces was assassinated in a car bomb attack in southern Turkey Wednesday, a sign that the war raging next door is spilling across the border again.

The target of the attack was Col. Jemil Radoon, a defected Syrian Army officer who lived in the ancient city of Antakya. Turkish officials said he had just turned on the ignition of his black Hyundai hatchback when a bomb exploded. He was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

Turkey denies allegations it tipped off al-Qaida abductors

The Turkish government Tuesday denied accusations by Syrian rebels that its intelligence service had tipped off an al-Qaida-linked group that then abducted the commander and 26 members of a U.S.-trained group of Syrian fighters about to confront the Islamic State.

In a statement to McClatchy, which first reported on Monday the allegations from multiple Syrian rebel groups that the Nusra Front had been alerted by the Turkish government, Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davotoglu’s office said it denied “the allegations in the strongest terms possible.

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Students no longer have to save up pennies to pay for group fitness classes on campus.

“With the name change, we’re becoming all-encompassing,” Jannine said. “It’s not just about being physically fit, but really being overall healthy and just feeling that level of wellness,” she said.

Balofit, Baseline Fit, Bootcamp, Plyometrics and Spin and Sculpt are also new classes added for the fall. Jannine said the changes to the classes were ideas from students and PantherFit instructors.

“If students ask us for something, if we can do it, we will,” said Jannine.

“Free classes means more access for students and it’s a way to be a part of the community. The changes to the classes were students asking for classes to be free of charge.

Last spring, students paid a one-dollar fee for all the classes. Previously, classes were offered free in the mornings and two dollars in the evening when classes were fuller to balance out attendance.

“Paying an athletic fee in tuition with the addition of fitness class fees was an inconvenience for students,” said Holtzman.

Due to the budget at the time, the fees were used to pay instructors but now class fees are being offered.

Despite the free classes, the center’s no-show policy is more strictly enforced than in the past.

After students register and do not show up to a class more than three times, they will no longer be able to take classes until the end of the semester. Open registration is online only through the center’s website one hour before the first class.

Students can register at the desk, but there is a risk of a full class like the popular Zumba.

“Like I feel they’re going to be packed now,” said Roman, a Zumba instructor.

“Just they come out and kind of just forget about all of their stress and problems and just release all the stress that they have. It’s wonderful, you just see it in people’s faces,” said Roman, a senior double majoring in sports and fitness and psychology.

“Paying a dollar for classes every day adds up,” Frances Melendez, a senior international business major, said.

“I like working out. It’s become like a part of me now,” said Melendez. “So not having to worry about that is way better,” she said.

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VRCF Center offers free fitness classes

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Students were told to be careful and to “stay out of poorly lit areas” when walking at night, a statement later by FIUPD, which has University female students and staff.

“Sexual assaults on college campuses are becoming more and more common,” said Maria Tellano, a junior psychology major. “We need to stand together as one and urge victims to come forward to talk about their experiences only taking about it will make it better.”

Claudia Navarro, a senior women’s and gender studies major, agrees with Tellano. She said she was excited when the It’s On Us campaign came to campus, but that the University could do more.

“I don’t see a substantial difference in the attitudes of on-campus students and off-campus students.”

Navarro said the statement released by FIUPD is misleading. She said that, while assault can be committed by a stranger, it’s more often done by someone familiar.

“It’s an issue that FIUPD released that statement because it’s 100 percent victim blaming. It’s the idea that rape is preventable by the victim’s own actions, which is false,” she said.

Navarro believes that addressing these issues, as well as addressing rape myths and victim blaming attitudes, are essential for change in a community.

One in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college with 90 percent of those assaults never reported, according to a study by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

Part of the It’s On Us pledge is “to create an environment in which sexual assault is unacceptable and survivors are supported.”

Navarro also believes that, while there was a lot of debate on campus, “The bandit” incident was not taken seriously.

“This all occurred after the It’s On Us campaign had already had a large presence on campus with banners and flyers galore,” Navarro said. “The NSVRC says that 30 percent of colleges and universities offer no training on sexual assault for staff and students.

Akers disagrees and said the University has seen more victims seeking services because of the It’s On Us campaign. According to her, students have engaged with the organization and the University has started to offer workshops and other ways to get involved with the sexual assault topic.

The University also provides services for victims – like counseling at the Victim Advocacy Center. When an incident is called a hotline, filing a police report or making an anonymous report.

Akers said the University will focus on engaging FIU Greek and student staff and students about the perceptions of issues on sexual assault.

“The more students we can engage, the more likely that the culture is going to change in a positive way,” she said.
**Cultural appropriation: What you need to know**

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According to Oxford Reference, cultural appropriation is "a term used to describe the taking over of creative or artistic forms, themes, or practices by one cultural group from another." The conflict and malice comes when the culture being appropriated is one that was oppressed or continues to be oppressed.

Cultural appropriation, instead of cultural appreciation, is more present in today's society given how easy communication has become through social media usage, as well as how easy it is for common people to be misinformed via the internet.

Cultural appreciation occurs when the person makes an effort to learn about and respect a certain culture, as opposed to simply taking bits and pieces of the culture that appeal to them. Unfortunately, many people are appropriating cultures when they should be appreciating them.

On the bright side, many people are learning from others' mistakes. When television celebrity Kylie Jenner posted a picture of herself with cornrows on Instagram, it immediately caused a fuss on Twitter. Amandla Stenberg, an influential voice on social media, confronted Kylie because she was appropriating a culture that didn’t belong to her. Amandla previously elaborated on the appropriation of black culture in a video she made with a classmate of hers for a school project titled, “Don’t Cash Crop My Cornrows.”

Artists like Taylor Swift and Katy Perry have also been targeted for exhibiting elements of cultural appropriation in their work. The bottom line is, when incidents like this happen, almost everyone hears about it in some way.

Marina Watanabe, a writer for the popular feminist media site Everyday Feminism, said “Despite the fact that people of color are being imprisoned, deported, evicted and murdered at atrocious rates, contemporary media often tries to imply that the US is post-racial and politically just.”

Although she is referring more to the racial issues present in the US, she highlights the impact that the media has on the public’s interpretation of the human condition. Cultural appropriation, just like race, is affected by contemporary media.

It is important to be aware of how one’s actions can affect another person, especially when it affects them negatively.

Unfortunately, babies don’t have the capability to think about cultural appropriation; instead, they are simply a product of the culture they are a part of.

**BROOKE FRENKEL**
Planned Parenthood is more than just abortions

Regardless of your stance on abortion, Planned Parenthood isn’t the thing you should scrutinize.

Across the country, pro-life activists and lawmakers are rallying to cut government funding of the non-profit organization, Planned Parenthood. With over 700 health centers, the organization provides services to 2.7 million patients annually. Beyond providing medical services, Planned Parenthood offers educational and informational resources so that teenagers and women can make informed choices about life changing decisions such as birth control, abortion and emergency contraceptives.

While most of the American population equates PP with abortions, abortions only comprise three percent of its annual services. Moreover, the organization provides 77 percent of its services to women who need contraceptives and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases and infections.

As the government funds the organization through two programs: Medicaid and Title X. Medicaid is a health care program that helps lower-income U.S. citizens, while Title X is a family-planning program aimed toward the same demographic. Since 2011, six states have attempted to defund Planned Parenthood. Earlier this month, three states slapped funds for the organization while others threatened to cut its funding from Medicaid (which is federally illegal).

According to the March Government Accountability Office report, 79 percent of the individuals who went to Planned Parenthood in 2014 had incomes at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty line. With Planned Parenthood providing 97 percent of its annual services on women's health services and three percent to abortions, cutting its government funding on the premise of eliminating abortion is senseless.

Let’s take a look at Texas, a state where its conservative views have drastically impacted women in the state. In 2011, Texas began cutting funding to Planned Parenthood. At this time, Planned Parenthood served half between four-fifths of the Women's Health Program, meaning that the state would have to double, if not quintuple, their women’s health care capacity in order to absorb all of the Planned Parenthood patients.

With less affordable care available, that is simply won’t seek medical attention.

Furthermore, with the lack of insurance and inability to obtain prescriptions, researchers are projecting nearly 24,000 unplanned births between 2014 and 2015.

These births will cost state and federal taxpayers an estimated $273 million dollars more toward Medicaid. And because the state is receiving less federal support for women’s health programs, annual exam costs have increased enough that the 79 percent at or below the poverty line are now opting out.

Without the implementation of a better women’s health care system, cutting Planned Parenthood funds would be disastrous. The number of unplanned pregnancies will increase, as will the number of unidentified or untreated sexually transmitted diseases and early cancer screenings decrease - all while taxpayers’ dollars are spent on expensive care.

Americans must understand all of the repercussions of defunding Planned Parenthood before trying to destroy it. Cutting Planned Parenthood funds will affect all American citizens and we must be ready for the direct and indirect implications of this decision if we continue on this path.
From Cathy Akens, dean of students

The Dean of Students Office, in the Division of Student Affairs, creates a culture of care for students, their families, faculty and staff by providing proactive education, consultation, resources and response to distressed students or students in crisis. The Dean of Students will provide a monthly column in the Beacon, to acquaint students with some of the important campus resources in place to support their success.

Panthers Care

Panthers Care. It’s not just an initiative out of the Dean of Students Office; it’s how we approach our work every day with our FIU Panthers. We are excited to welcome so many new students to the FIU community and we want to make sure all students know about our office and the support we offer for students and their families. At a university our size, it is important that you know many people here care about you and your experience.

College life is both exciting and challenging. You’re here because you are capable of succeeding and reaching your goals to earn a college degree. You envision a life that will be better because of the opportunities a college education will provide you. You are ready for this FIU experience and you should embrace all of the opportunities available to you. Sometimes, though, students will face obstacles along the path toward their academic goals, such as personal distress, anxiety, depression, family emergencies, health issues and more.

There are excellent support services on campus to assist students, with the purpose of getting them back on track toward their goals. The Dean of Students Office can assist students individually by identifying the appropriate campus resources to best help them.

The Division of Student Affairs has many departments in place to support students. We hope you’ve already learned about some of them, including Counseling and Psychological Services, the Victim Empowerment Program, the Disability Resource Center, Residential Life and more. Each of these offices are full of caring professionals who want to help students. You’re never alone on this journey.

It is also not uncommon for peers to be the first person to recognize when a student is in distress. If you see dramatic changes in a friend’s behavior, if you’re concerned about a fellow student, take it seriously and share your concern with someone who can intervene and assist. The Dean of Students can assist in this situation. Students can share their concerns anonymously on our website.

Feel free to stop by our office or give us a call. We’re located in Graham Center 219. Our office number is (305) 348-2797 or you can visit our website at pantherscare.fiu.edu. We are available to meet with a student on any of the campuses. Have a great semester and remember…Panthers Care.
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Panthers will open eyes in season opener

The Panthers open up their 2015 football season Thursday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. when they travel a few hours north to take on the University of Central Florida Knights. A matchup with the Knights is the closest thing the Panthers have to a rivalry game. The two teams have met in three of the last four years with the Panthers getting their only win against the Knights in 2011. Last year, Vegas handicappers listed the Panthers as 17-point underdogs with the over/under set at 46.5.

My first piece of advice is to take the over. The Panthers won only four games in 2014 but averaged 23 points a game. That mark was a huge improvement from the 2013 season in which they averaged just over 10 points a game. The increase in point production can be pinpointed simply to the increased talent on the offensive side of the ball.

Quarterback Alex McGough and running back Alex Gardner, both freshmen in 2014, had strong seasons after taking over as starters. McGough completed over 50 percent of his passes and had 14 touchdowns with only second on the team with four rushing touchdowns. Gardner appeared in eight games for the Panthers before a shoulder injury sidelined him for the last four. In his limited time, he had 582 yards on the ground and averaged 4.2 yards a carry.

The increased reps that McGough and Gardner have gotten this offseason combined with the talent of All-Conference tight end Jovonn Smith will make the Panthers’ offense even more potent than it was a year ago. The Knights scored more than 30 points in all but four games last season. Their production could take a hit in 2015 with the loss of wide receiver Breshad Perriman who has drafted 26 overall by the Baltimore Ravens.

Returning for the Knights is junior quarterback Justin Holman. Holman threw 23 touchdowns and 14 picks after taking the reins from another first-round pick, now Jaguars quarterback Blake Bortles.

These two teams have enough talent on offense to easily cover a 47 points.

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Calabrese ready to lead University to winning record

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For men’s soccer Head Coach Scott Calabrese, 2015 offers a real opportunity to prove his worth to the team. After joining the Panthers in 2014 following a successful six-year stretch as Head Coach at East Tennessee State, Calabrese coached his team to a 6-8-5 overall record and a 2-6 record in Conference USA. Now with a group of handpicked freshman as well as a core used to his style of coaching, Calabrese has no excuses in his second season as Head Coach.

After spending his first year adjusting to the conference, Calabrese believes he knows how to improve his odds of landing a bid in the postseason tournament.

“I know one of the things that was really clear in our first season was that we surmounted a lot of points against Conference USA opponents in set pieces. Conference USA is a physical league with a lot of exceptional athletes, so the game can’t be too idealistic. We have to be able to match the physicality of teams that we play against, but we also have to impose the way we play on the game. If we get to play our way, than the physicality and the set pieces won’t hurt us,” said Calabrese.

Before FIU, Calabrese was the first ever head coach of the ETSU men’s soccer team when the program was started in 2008. In six years at ETSU, Calabrese coached his team to two Atlantic Sun Tournament Championships and four back-to-back seasons of ten wins or more from 2010-2013. Now with a year of experience at FIU under his belt, Calabrese has had more time to implement the style of soccer that won him championships at ETSU into the Panthers’ game plan.

“I think that when you look at our way of playing, we try to possess the ball. We do that through good movement from our players and try to break teams down using our technique, awareness and our cohesion to try to create chances. We want to try to win the game and create chances, we’re not just here to sit back, soak up pressure and hope to get a goal. That’s hard to do; not all teams make that choice, but I think it’s what our players are capable of doing and we make that choice because I think that’s how we’re going to be successful,” said Calabrese.

Calabrese has also had a chance to handpick a group of freshmen and transfers in his second year. This ten-man group includes a mix of true freshmen as well as transfers from overseas colleges and even a transfer from Calabrese’s previous university, ETSU.

“I think the [group of freshmen and transfers] all have a fantastic attitude. I wouldn’t say that there’s one above any other since it’s very early, but I think they compliment our core very well. I’m happy about the spirit of the team right now,” said Calabrese.

This year, the Panthers have a steady core and a settled coach headed into the season - only the season will be able to tell how much that’s worth in C-USA.

FOOTBALL

Key injuries could affect Panthers’ first game

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As we get closer and closer until opening night on Thursday Sept. 3 against UCF, the Panthers could be without their key players, starting with wide receiver Jawan Caesar.

The Michigan State transfer has a settled coach headed into the season - only the season will be able to tell how much that’s worth in C-USA.

The injury bug came at a bad time for the Panthers and now they lack some depth in some positions. It will also show which young players are going to step up when the team needs them. Opening game is against UCF at Citrus Field in Orlando.
Hassan Whiteside raises 2K rating

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Though unclear how it happened, the Fish are drowning. These losses are stacking up like a recurring nightmare that the hometown Miami Marlins fans have to live through just about every night.

The stands are barren, the confidence is low, and right now this squad looks more like a quack, or a scrapbook than a professional baseball team. Players are being picked in what should be a glorified general manager Dan Jennings wants them and they have only a unique home run, from a player who was optioned down to the minor league earlier in the season, to be proud of.

Anyone remember Henderson Alvarez? He’s been on the bench for what seems like the entire year, sitting next to Jose Fernandez and Giancarlo Stanton looking out of the dugout to watch a team with so much promise just crumble. What seemed like simply an inconsistent team in May has now been revealed to actually be a bad team here in August.

The finger can be pointed at a plethora of reasons behind the team’s demise. One can be their offense. The Marlins have the eighth worst on base percentage in the league and have scored the second fewest runs. Even the Phillips have more runs than the Marlins.

Maybe another finger at their pitching? As a team, the Marlins have the second fewest runs allowed in the bigs with a 3.97. The Fish also rank 23 in the league in strikeouts, only being able to notch 911 K’s. Lastly they rank second to last in saves with a meager 25 saves with 41 go with their 41 save opportunities. Those are 16 games the Marlins have watched their fans at the very end.

Finally, injuries have plagued this team from the very beginning of the season. Henderson Alvarez has been out since July after having surgery on his throwing shoulder. Jose Fernandez has only appeared in seven games this year thanks to last in saves with a 4.50. As a team, the Marlins have the second fewest runs. That’s usually the time for someone to take a hold of their team. That’s usually the time for someone works hard, steps up and leads their team through adversity. But, come on, these are the Marlins.

So here the Fish sit as the second worst team in Major League Baseball. However, nobody sits in the stadium that surrounds them. It seems like nowadays nobody’s doing the fish, no, no, no.
ABC renovations feature more modern ambience

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Alex Sierra spent two years taking classes at the Mary Ann Wolfe Theater in the Biscayne Bay Campus. His seat was uncomfortable, the furniture was old and ratty and his electronics were always out of battery.

"The theater was always a bit depressing," said Sierra, now a senior majoring in journalism. "I never understood why it was so old and uncomfortable, and why there was never an available plug for me to use.

But, now, with the renovations for the theater completed, all that is behind him.

Due to the constant demand for more plugs and modernization, the directors of the Wolfe University Center at BBC, Scott Jones, embarked on a project to renovate the Mary Ann Wolfe Theater.

According to Jones, the interior of the theater was redesigned and the layout of the seats changed from a center aisle to two aisles directly off the lobby doorway.

The seats now host power and USB capabilities, like plug-in means for students.

In the past, Sierra always made sure that his computer was fully charged before entering the theater. But he was late to class one morning and his computer had a battery level of twenty percent.

"The power had gone out in my house the night before and I couldn’t charge my computer before class," he said. "Long story short, my computer died and I had to record the entire lecture on my phone and later transcribe it into my computer... Needless to say, I am very grateful for these renovations."

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The number of students coming into the Wellness and Recreation Center averaged a few hundred and sometimes about 100 per day. "It’s the twenty-first century," he said. "You should have plugs and a more modern ambience."

And now, thanks to a partnership between the Office of Academic Affairs, the Student Government Association and the Division of Student Affairs, they do.

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