New program could give hope to incarcerated youth

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For young people in prison, the U.S. Department of Education is giving them a second chance to rebuild their future.

With the Obama Administration’s efforts to create a fairer and more efficient justice system, the department announced a pilot program July 31. The Second Chance Pell Pilot program will provide Federal Pell Grant funding to colleges and universities for students in prison pursuing a post secondary education.

Students must be eligible for release, preferably within five years of enrollment in the program. Those who committed forcible or non-forcible sexual offenses cannot participate.

The pilot program builds on President Obama’s My Brother’s Keeper Task Force, which aims to improve education programs in juvenile justice facilities and to change existing rules about justice facilities and to programs in juvenile justice.

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The deadline for postsecondary institutions to apply is September 30 for the 2016-2017 academic year. Eric Feldman said he met with an organization called Strong Returns that shares a similar initiative to the program. The organization helps universities support classes taught in prison or to make it easier for individuals to study after release.

“That spoke a lot because I’m aware of the way the justice system can affect people,” said Feldman, coordinator for academic support services. “It seems counterproductive to put someone in a corrections system and then make it so hard for them to become productive afterwards,” he said.

Imprisonment can create or aggravate mental health conditions with at least half of prisoners having some mental health concern, according to the American Psychological Association. This includes drug and alcohol abuse.

The APA also says that vocational training and educational programs have not been used as widely as they could be, as well as re-entry programs and other transitions to communities.

For people on parole, the program can mean a change from falling back into old habits that got them in jail in the first place. For 30-year-old Adrian Hernandez, it all started with a petty vandalizing charge.

Hernandez said he has been in and out of the criminal justice system since he was 15 years old. He spent countless days at the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation Department, which is the eighth largest jail system in the country.

His charges range from possession to burglary and minor traffic violations. Now he is labeled a habitual offender and a convicted felon.

Hernandez said fixing his record has proven to be difficult. “I’ve tried getting it expunged, but I can’t because it’s more than one charge,” said Hernandez.

He also said this has made it difficult for him to receive a General Education Development certificate or a good job.

He relies on his friends and relatives to help him find work that doesn’t require a background check or a degree.

“I haven’t done anything bad in a really long time. I’m just trying to stay out of trouble, keep my head up, focusing and trying to find a job here and there.”

Postsecondary education can help individuals obtain jobs upon release, support their families and combat the impact of mass incarceration on communities, according to the Department of Education. It also proves to reduce re-incarceration by 43 percent within three years of release.

Numbers from the Florida Department of Corrections show that Miami-Dade County leads in number of prisoners at 7,970.

Martha Baranovich said the program can give individuals the chance to participate fully as citizens and to remove the stigma that comes with being labeled as a “criminal.”

Baranovich, Leadership and Professional Studies senior instructor, said FIU should support the pilot program. “As an institution that has been ‘World’s Ahead’ and is now looking at ‘Beyond Possible,’ yes, FIU should be one of these institutions,” said Baranovich.

“Giving adults an opportunity to be productive by advancing their education is long overdue. Systemic change has to start somehow and this is a good place to start.”

As long as individuals haven’t committed violent crimes, Jesus Zamora said he is all for the University committing to the program.

“The whole point of jail after people pay their crimes is to get them to be more productive members of society,” said Zamora, a sophomore business finance major. “The more educated someone is, the more productive they are towards society.”

High speed train to be built in Miami

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Demetrious Villa said he wants to take FIU students between the University and Miami Beach at 60 miles per hour non-stop. His mission: to build Maglev trains to travel between Orange County Convention Center and Orlando International Airport.

Maglev trains are currently found in China and Japan. A Miami Maglev train would transport people from Miami to the University, making it a 25-minute ride with seven stops including Dolphin Mall, Miami International Airport, Marlins Park and Downtown Miami.

Villa said a train in Miami would cost about $500 million. It would integrate with metro rail, the bus
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Amazon to release $50 tablet this holiday season

Amazon’s hardware division may be down, but it’s not out yet. At least according to The Wall Street Journal, which reported Tuesday the e-commerce giant is set to release a $50 tablet with a 6-inch screen in time for the holidays.

If true, this would make it one of the least expensive tablets on the market, and half the price of Amazon’s Fire HD 6-inch tablet. An Amazon spokesperson said the company does not comment on rumors and speculation.

Unusual Delta algae bloom worries researchers

In what researchers suspect is another troubling side effect of the state’s epic drought, the Delta is exploding with algae particles that in intensified concentrations could pose a substantial threat to the central hub for California’s vast water delivery network.

The algae bloom is not limited to the central Delta. Peter Moyle, a fisheries biologist with the University of California, Davis, said his team also found microcystis in the water during a separate research trip several river miles away in the north Delta.

Greek coast guard is another obstacle for refugees

After facing Syrian government barrel bombs, the repression of Islamic State extremists and their effective expulsion from Lebanon, Syrian refugees trying to reach Europe by sea confront another nemesis — the Greek Coast Guard, which, they say, is disabling their small boats and setting them adrift in the Aegean Sea.

Refugees speak of repeated instances in Greek waters in which Greek forces fired guns in the air, shined bright spotlights on their beleaguered boats, and ordered them to jettison their fuel supplies.

High speed trains go from idea to reality

High Speed Rail America Club gather by the replica of the original Florida East Coast Railroad line at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum located next to the Miami Metro Zoo.

“Shinkansen,” which is about a network of high-speed bullet trains in Japan that operate at 200 miles per hour. Researching the topic, he decided that it was something of a necessity in the U.S.

The duration of train rides has gotten worse. In the past, it would take roughly 24 hours to get to places compared to 32 hours in the 21st century, said Demetrios.

“We’ve actually gone backward,” said Villa. “That started ticking me off.”

Since the trains use magnetic levitation to move rather than wheels, this reduces friction and allows for high speeds, all while being environmentally beneficial, said Susan Jacobson.

“Public transportation helps decrease carbon emissions, which helps cut down on global warming,” said Jacobson, assistant professor in the School of Journalism and Broadcasting. Jacobson is also a researcher in the topics of sea level rise.

“High speed bullet trains are a symbol of not only technological but also intellectual progression.”

University hosts day of service, 9/11 memorial

The University is hosting a day of service to commemorate victims of the 9/11 attack 14 years ago.

The Center for Leadership and Service, the University Office of Sustainability and the School of Environmental Arts and Sciences are hosting a day-long event where students, faculty and the community can come together to “improve the world” according to MLS website.

The goal of 9/11 Day is to provide a positive way for all people to forever remember and pay tribute to the 9/11 victims, reads the site. “[W]e honor those that rose in service in response to the attacks and remind people of the importance of working more closely together in peace to improve our world.”

The Day of Service will occur in both the north and south campuses and will include breakfast and lunch for all participants. Volunteers in the Modesto A. Madonna Campus will help install and “beautify” the butterfly garden, while volunteers in the Biscayne Bay Campus will help clean up the coast and remove invasive species.

Photo Courtesy of Demetrius Villa

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Miley Cyrus, Nicki Minaj showdown holds feminist lesson

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TV listeners were subject to the back-and-forth argument between Cyrus and Minaj that was to be the focal point of the show. The exchange was centered on the issue of sexual objectification of black women.

The feud started when Minaj called out the VMAs for failing to nominate her hit “Anaconda” for Video of the Year.

On Twitter, she pointed to VMA host Miley Cyrus, who wore a T-shirt that read “#BitchPlease,” as an example of the silencing and objectification of black women. She wrote, “I want young people to hate this as much as I do,” and asked, “Is this the message we want to give to our black women?”

Meanwhile, Cyrus, who has been quite vocal about her support for LGBTQIA rights and for openly embracing her sexuality, had been criticized for being accused of cultural appropriation.

The feud was a result of their differing views on what it means to be a feminist, with Minaj being accused of being too soft on Cyrus’s portrayal of black women in her music videos.

However, what the feud has highlighted is the importance of having more black women in positions of power in the entertainment industry. Minaj and Cyrus are examples of how black women can use their platforms to raise awareness about issues affecting their community.

The feud has also raised questions about the role of white liberal feminists in supporting black women.

The fact that Cyrus is hailed by many as an icon for her support of LGBTQIA rights and for openly embracing her sexuality, while Minaj is criticized for being too soft on Cyrus’s portrayal of black women in her music videos, highlights the different ways in which different groups of people view feminism.

The debate also points to the need for more black women to be involved in these conversations to ensure that their voices are heard and that their perspectives are taken into account.

liberal feminists are quick to stand up to the patriarchy but are very uncomfortable when addressing the way many women are oppressed by racism. Miley Cyrus's frustration was a classic liberal feminist response. She might as well have said “I understand you’re hurting right now because you work in an industry that values your culture and not your people, but I’ll only take your pain seriously if you speak in a tone that I approve of.”

Her attitude echoes the history between black women and liberal, white feminists in that it perpetuates the idea that black women’s issues have no place in feminism and I need to put them on the backburner.

Being a black feminist means having to choose between being black and being a woman. When Minaj looked to Cyrus and said “now back to this b*tch that had a lot to say about me in the press the other day. Miley what’s good?” she did more than start a new meme or a trending hashtag. She told white feminists everywhere “I am a black woman with a lot to say and I will not stay silent or polite when expressing my anger in this racist industry.”

Minaj has stated in the past that she is not a feminist. This doesn’t negate the fact that feminists can take something from this moment in pop-culture.

Feminists need to know that there is no choice between being black or being a woman for black women.

As black feminist Audre Lorde so famously stated, “there is no such thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives.”

Black women are not black one day and then women the next. We are black women every day. Our issues matter, our voices matter and we will not be silenced for your comfort.

Plagiarism
Passing off someone else’s writing as one’s own (plagiarism), or any form of academic cheating, falls into three, often overlapping, categories:

Category 1 plagiarism is done with the conscious knowledge of intentionally misrepresenting someone else’s work as one’s own;

Category 2 plagiarism is done out of ignorance of the requirement to clearly identify, through proper citation, someone else’s ideas;

Category 3 plagiarism (or any form of cheating) is characterized by an “ends justify the means” mentality. I consider this sociopathic behavior malignant. This is student behavior without conscience. Category 3 plagiarists and cheaters fail to recognize, or aren’t concerned about, how their behavior cheats their fellow students of a fair education and undermines the integrity of the educational process. These students think, “I’ll do whatever it takes to get what I want,” or “I am the center of the universe and the world exists to serve me.”

The University policy does not make these distinctions. There are no excuses. You get caught plagiarizing or cheating and the consequences are out of your hands.

Therefore, ignorance is no excuse, and being under pressure is no excuse. Part of the college experience is learning to manage the pressure. You have free professional resources to help you at FIU. Failing to turn in an assignment is far less damaging than committing academic misconduct and facing the serious outcome.

The moral of this letter is, don’t plagiarize, intentionally or unintentionally, and, if you cheat to achieve your ends and are caught, consider this: the ends which you seek may never be achieved and you will simply achieve “an end.”

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Fall lineup brings nostalgia, laughs

Sakaya Kitchen busy but delicious meals

Fusion cuisine is an art that very few places can successfully pull off. Korean fusion is one that saturates the market, and very rarely leaves me wanting to return.

Sakaya Kitchen manages to stand out from the crowd and deliver food that’s worth multiple visits. Located in The Shops at Midtown, Sakaya’s decor is lively and fun, which mirrors the dishes served at the restaurant. Each dish is colorful and packed with layers of flavor. It’s a millennial mecca, with Instagram-worthy plates.

The food tastes as good as it looks, and each dish I tried being better than the last. For appetizers I ordered the chunk’d tater plates. For burger lovers, the bulgolgi burger is my suggestion. It’s juicy and made with layers of flavor. It’s a millennial mecca, with Instagram-worthy plates.

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TV TUES

September. A time for hot drinks, pumpkin flavored anything and brand new television shows!

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Those who still maintain the ways of traditional television and are looking for a weekly ritual will be excited for the 2015 fall lineup.

The Muppets

That’s right. The Muppets are back in an ‘adult’ setting. Playing off the filming style of hit shows like “The Office” and “Parks and Recreation,” this show will follow the Muppets around their work and people from all over the world as they discover that they are mentally connected. But it isn’t that they can only read each other’s minds, they can see, feel, hear and others minds, they can see, feel, hear and thing we see and experience on our day to day basis is not the only way of life.

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Motivation made easy: 6 steps to success

1. Set a goal

It’s always great to have a set goal in mind. If your goal is to drop 10 pounds or get straight A’s, this semester, get it in your head that you can do it and start your game plan. Starting out with a specific goal in mind is crucial because it helps you create a strategy that will be relevant in achieving your immediate aspirations. Plus, having a goal in mind will help you feel better about yourself and life.

2. Be realistic

Setting goals is easy but obtaining them is a little more difficult. If you’re setting a reasonable goal, obviously you’re more likely to achieve it. If you’re setting an unattainable goal you will set yourself up for failure and that’s detrimental when you aim to achieve other things in the future. Be realistic Panthers and keep in mind that understanding exactly what you’re capable of is half the battle.

3. Be with positive people

Negative people bring negative conversations and inevitably negative vibes to your life. This will bring you down and you will feel unmotivated, which is the opposite of what you want to achieve. Seek positive people who support your goals and have goals of their own.

4. Tell a friend

The best way to stay motivated is to have someone else remind you of why you wanted to obtain your goal in the first place. You’ll be even more motivated to achieve what you’re setting out to do rather than brag to your friend about your progress.

5. Time-line it

Set a date or a month in which you plan on having completed your goal, that way you’ll be less likely to fall off track or procrastinate. Those ten pounds will not lose themselves if you don’t keep them in check.

6. Just Believe

If you believe in yourself then you can do this. If you have confidence in yourself others will as well. So stay motivated by keeping a positive attitude.

Hope this helps you achieve every single goal on your bucket lists for this semester and every other one. Remember: anything is possible!

A tale of betrayal: ‘Red Queen’ a well-written plot twist

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Like most YA novels, there is an obvious romance aspect but it is not overwhelming and thrown in till the very end and you get to “that part.” I have never been so emotionally abused by a story before.

The reader follows as she plays a dangerous game that can cost not only her life, but the lives of everyone she cares about. Mare struggles for a positive outcome for both Reds and Silvers but there is no certainty, the only certainty is betrayal.

As a reader, I also struggled for a positive outcome for both sides; I experienced so many emotions, it got to the point that I wanted to crawl into a hole and cry. Aveyard does a great job creating loveable characters that readers come to see as their own children. It is this deep emotional connection with the characters that causes any I have read before, Cal stands for what he believes in till the very end and does not let a girl cloud his judgment, unlike most lover boys in YA novels, which is god-tingling-ting.

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Panthers receive 14 verbal commits in total

The deal to sign 14 players in the 2016 class is a significant achievement for FIU Football. This is a testament to the coaching staff's hard work and the team's ability to attract top talent.

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As the Panthers start their season 1-0 with a win against the University of Central Florida, this win going forward could possibly bring more recruits or at least catch their attention. Right now the Panthers have 15 verbal commitments in the recruiting class of 2016. It is not surprising some of the commits are from Miami - maybe Assistant Coach Tim Harris Jr. might have something to do it. Right now here are the latest verbal commits of the class of 2016.

Donavan Thompson
Linebacker
Miami Central
5'11 feet 211 pounds
Miami, Florida

Thompson has the instincts and vision to go down hill and stop the run like a true middle linebacker. He is also dynamic and fast enough to be a sideline to sideline runner like an outside linebacker. He can create big hits, being that he’s a pure tackler and can get to the football by any means. This three star recruit is getting noticed by other division one school such as University of Arkansas, UM, Oregon State, Temple and University of South Florida. Right now he’s a future Panther, but it won’t be surprising if he has a change of thought to choose an elite program like Arkansas or Miami.

Matt Kramer
Defensive Tackle
Lakeland High School
6'4 feet 225 pounds
Lakeland, Florida

Kramer has the size and strength to be a pass rusher at the next level. This player out of Lakeland can get off blocks and find the football. He can shed off blocks against fullbacks and tackle the backfield. After he has a BJ Watt mentality, where he can either sack you, or create turnovers. In his junior season he finished with 10 sacks, 22.5 tackles for loss, 5 forced fumbles, and one interception. He has all the tools to be a strong side defensive end or outside linebacker.

Bryan Ditchman
Offensive Lineman
Lincolnway Central
6'2 feet 295 pounds
Lake City, Florida

Ditchman is be the first FIU commit to come out of Lincolnway Central. With the need of depth in the offensive line position, Ditchman has played multiple positions on the offensive line. He has the strength to pancake any d-linemen with his run block skills. He is also light on his feet, so he can fit in in zone blocking schemes. Whether it’s on the left side or right side, he can make an immediate impact right away.

Bryon Brown
Defensive Back
Miami Norland
6’1 feet 160 pounds
Miami, Florida

For some people, he is known as “Lockdown Brown” because of his ability to shutdown any receiver that goes against him. At cornerback, he can play press and get receivers off balance, also he can force the ball during the run play. Even at 160 pounds, he is not afraid of contact and will tackle an offender that runs the outside. He can play free safety where he can localize the football and cause turnovers. He has the height to play any secondary position, but might have to gain some weight to play at the next level. Most likely he will be playing corner in college.

Jose Borregales
Kicker
Booker T Washington
5’11 feet 180 pounds
Miami, Florida

Of course Harris will try to get some of his old players to come play at FIU. Borregales, the starting kicker for Booker T. Washington high school is one those players Coach Harris recommended. Coming from a winning program like Booker T. Borregales , in his junior season kicked 49 field goals. His strength comes from kickoff where out of his 79 kickoff attempts, 59 resulted in touchbacks. In terms of points after touchdowns, Borregales connected 66-71. His range can go as far 50 yards. He is also a punter where he averaged 35.7 per punt.

Isaiah Hill
Athlete
Florida High School
6 feet 185 pounds
Tallahassee, Florida

Name a skilled position, Hill probably already played it. Hill is a natural athlete and can be put anywhere on the field at a high level. He started mostly at free safety where he is used as box player. He is a pure tackler and will be used as a late force if the front seven can’t make a play. On offense, he played quarterback. With the ball in his hand, he can make plays after contact using his strong arm to throw touchdowns.

Here are the rest of the verbal commits in the class of 2016:

Jadarius Byrd
Cornerback
Ed White High School
6 feet 170 pounds
Jacksonville, Florida

Jawon Hamilton
Running back
South Dade
5’9 feet 185 pounds
Homestead, Florida

Isaiah Brown
Cornerback
Tampa Bay Technical
6’1 feet 180 pounds
Tampa, Florida

Shakur Cooper
Defensive End/Outside Linebacker
Coral Gables High School
6 feet 200 pounds
Coral Gables, Florida

Hunter Orem
Quarterback
Lake Homeschool
6’1 feet 186 pounds
Lake Gibson, Florida

Dallas Connell
Offensive Line
First Coast High School
6’3 feet 275 pounds
Jacksonville, Florida

Doug Connell
Offensive Line
First Coast High School
6’3 feet 270 pounds
Jacksonville, Florida

Ulisse Gillard
Wide Receiver
Lake Nona
6 feet 190 pounds
Orlando, Florida

Darrin Scott Wide Receiver
Booker T Washington
5’10 feet 175 pounds
Miami, Florida

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Ron Turner now glad he stuck it out at FIU

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One night early in Ron Turner’s first season at Florida International, a 1-13 disaster marred by 15 players being ruled academically ineligible, he opened his desk drawer and looked to see his contract and what he had known about Turner’s trajectory at Central Florida, a program now 4-2, the program’s third overall behind Oklahoma or Nebraska and still searching for their first goal line.

Turner’s success had an obvious in his home stadium Saturday night during a 38-3 rout of Texas. But there was a mess, for lack of a better term. The guys who follow the Bears and keeps track of the Illini enough to have texted Bill Cubit congratulations Sunday.

"We’re from California originally, but we also almost consider Chicago our home," Turner said. "We love it there ... but it’s too bad that no one played on Northwestern’s defensive line, which dominated, played more than five straight snaps. That might be the best they ever tackled because we worked the heck out of it," Fitzgerald said. "You have to work tackling every single day.

Next up for the men’s soccer team is a two-game home stand, where they are 1-0-0. The Panthers will first square off with the University of Pennsylvania (0-1-1) on Thursday, Sept. 10. The Pennsylvania Quakers are still searching for their first goal of the season.

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Women’s Volleyball

Panthers recieve third place in Blazers Classic

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The University’s men’s soccer team (2-2-0) saw three players score their first goals as Panthers in their 3-0 domination of Stetson University on Sunday, Sept. 6. FIU’s defense delivered a particularly impressive performance, holding Stetson to their first scoreless effort of the season.

Sophomore Brad Fournet got the ball rolling for FIU early, attempting three shots on goal in the first 16 minutes, the third of which found the upper corner of the goal to give his team a 1-0 advantage. The Northwestern University transfer was assisted by freshman Santiago Patino on a cross from the right edge of the box. Patino went on to score a goal of his own in the 27th minute with an improbable assist from junior goalkeeper Arthur Clapot. Junior Jamal Campion-Hinds added his name to the stat sheet in the 55th minute when he scored his first goal of the season to push FIU’s lead to 3-0. Overall, the Panthers attempted 24 shots in the match, 12 of which were on goal.

The Panthers finished the tournament 2-1 but ended up placing overall behind Austin Peay and UAB, respectively. The team is now 4-2, the program’s second-best start since beginning the 2009 season 5-1.

Up next for the Panthers is the Stetson Westin Classic in Deland, Florida, as they will take on Stetson University on Friday, Sept. 11 and Mercer University on Saturday, Sept. 12. As of now, the two teams have a combined record of 10-0. The Panthers will use the Blazers Classic as momentum for this upcoming event.

FIU’s defense handed in arguably their best performance yet, allowing the Hatters just five shots, none of which were on goal. Junior Marvin Hezel was named the Conference USA Defensive Player of the Week for his performances against Stetson and in his team’s match against Fairfield University last Thursday.

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New housing to open fall 2016

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SERVITAS, a company focusing on housing projects, is currently building Bayview, the new housing dorm at the Biscayne Bay Campus. BBC already had one housing building, Bay Vista, and last year it was sold to Royal Caribbean for training for its employees, forcing students to move to the south campus for housing.

Joseph P. Paulick, director of housing services at the University, said that students were notified a semester in advance.

Now, BBC is constructing Bayview, which will be ready by fall 2016. It will be located next to the Mary Ann Theater and behind buildings RCII and ACH.

SERVITAS, the company responsible for bringing the building to fruition, will have a preview center and leasing office inside the Wolfe University Center. Students will be provided with brochures that include pictures, features and amenities of the rooms.

“It will consist of 410 beds and, at the preview center, students will be able to start leasing, choosing rooms and see how the dorms will turn out to be,” said Paulick.

The closing of BBC housing last year upset many students on both campuses.

Karen Durand, a junior psychology major, said that the LGBTQA Initiatives have planned many events for the students who have their major on that campus.

“It wasn’t right to make them switch over all the way to MMC and drive or take the bus,” said Apasa. “Making them move, which most likely they weren’t compensated for, seems unfair.”

Natasha Roque, senior public relations major, said that she would probably move if she weren’t in her last semester.

“It’s way more convenient than having to drive or taking the bus from where I live,” said Roque.

Other students are supportive toward the project.

“I think it was fair to close down the building because the BBC doms needed to be renovated,” said David Villa, senior computer engineering major. “The only way to cover that cost is to bring up tuition, which doesn’t make sense for students who don’t depend on dorms.”

Anzela Vanegas, a junior social work major, agreed with Villa.

“I don’t think it’s a bad idea. Students can always rent apartments close to the campus,” said Vanegas. “The pansexual bus moves from campus to campus constantly. It’s not a big sacrifice and, for those students who moved to MMC, they can get to know the campus more and meet new people.”

Eden Ash, freshman psychology major, is excited to move to the dorms next fall.

“If I had to choose a campus, I would choose BBC,” she said. “It’s closer to where I live in Aventura.”

According to the SERVITAS-FIU website, Bayview will include studios, two and four-bedroom apartments, a sky lounge, a fitness center, a gym, a study and game room, a pool with cabanas and laundry facilities.

For more information about the new housing, go to bayviewfiu.com.

“I think it’s really exciting, it’s a great project made just for the students,” said Paulick.