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University brings Wi-Fi access to Liberty Square

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FIU alumna Kelsey Lewis said she was never able to use the internet for school work when she lived in Liberty Square, an underprivileged neighborhood in Liberty City.

“My aunt and I lived in Liberty Square for a long time, and it was hard,” said Lewis.

“I just remember never being able to leave school without my homework being done because the resources were simply not available to me.”

The University has partnered with Miami-Dade County to help turn the public housing into a high-performing digital community.

Webpass, an internet service provider, built a point-to-point scaled internet, which works like a microwave. The internet receiver channels wave signals to users on a point-to-point basis, similar to how microwaves channel heat energy to food particles.

However, the connection is not supported through infrastructure. The placement of a receiver is all that is required for access to be granted.

The University has created a “Give 50” campaign, which encourages students, faculty and alumni to help communities with 50 hours of service.

“Already this year, FIU has held several service activities through Miami-Dade County -- a reflection of our engaged FIU family,” said Alexandra Pecharch, Marketing and New Media senior content managing editor.

“We are encouraging every Panther to come out and contribute to help the community,” Lewis said.

Moses Shumow, a School of Journalism and Mass Communication professor and Maria Lovett, College of Education leadership and professional studies professor, introduced the community initiative. They provided information technology and educational training for the project.

According to Shumow, it took nearly ten years of conversation to provide internet access to the neighborhood.

The County is investing more than a million dollars renovating the site.

The community is owned by the federal government, and it is run by the County. Most of the community has been subsidized.

University hosts Homecoming Week Day of Service

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As part of FIU’s 50th anniversary, the University celebrates with gloves, sweat and service.

“The event will take place in scientific research laboratories at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus and the Engineering Center. During the Service Day, participants will also pick up litter from the atoll pool at the park and engage in light landscaping. The list of items participants must bring includes closed toe shoes, comfortable work clothes, gloves, sunblock, bug spray and water bottles.

Bus transportation will be provided for the event at the parking lot beside the Gold Garage at the MMC campus. Buses leave at 8:10 a.m., and boxed lunches will also be provided.

“We are encouraging every Panther to come out and contribute to help the community,” Pecharch said. “It is yet another chance to make clear our commitment to all who call South Florida home.”

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Gov. Brown bans concealed guns on California campuses

California Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation Saturday to prohibit carrying concealed guns on school and university campuses in the state. State Sen. Lois Wolk said the bill she introduced several months ago was needed to close a loophole that allows people with concealed-weapons permits to carry firearms on school grounds.

Pentagon puts ‘halt’ to its disastrous Syrian training program

The Obama administration is ending a program-plagued program to train and equip Syrian foes of the Islamic State, saying it will use the hundreds of millions of dollars from Congress to help Kurdish fighters and other groups that have had some success reclaiming territory from the militants. The strategic shift represented an admission by the Pentagon and the White House that the $500 million training program, which President Barack Obama heralded less than a year ago as a centerpiece of the United States’ campaign against the Islamic State, had failed despite the expenditure of tens of millions, the recruitment of thousands of Syrians, and months of effort.

Nobel affirms peacemaker efforts in Middle East

Nearly five years on, the once high hopes for the “Arab Spring” ... popular revolts that swept a Middle East long dominated by authoritarian rule ... have withered to a husk. But the small North African nation of Tunisia is seen as the region’s principal democratic success, if an imperiled one. The awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize for Saturday to a coalition of Tunisian civil society groups was seen as a powerful affirmation of efforts to build an inclusive government in a country where an unemployed vegetable vendor’s self-immolation in late 2010 launched a wave of regional rebellion.

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Nearly 100 local students, which is approximately 8 percent of the community, lived without access to Wi-Fi, according to Shumow. Google maps shows two public libraries within 10 miles of the community.

For high school students, it a way to learn how to use computers and teach young people how to effectively manage their time to be more productive online.

“IT’s not just about providing a service, it’s about how can the internet help better the community and even create jobs,” Shumow said.

University celebrates Campus Sustainability Day

The Office of University Sustainability defines sustainability on its website as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Sustainability doesn’t just mean making environmentally friendly choices, but sustainability applies to all fields (economics, society...), which is why it is hard to put it in such simple terms,” says the website.

Ximena Sosa, a junior marketing and international business major, said the University should be more conscience of climate change and create awareness among students.

“Since FIU is a very influential campus in Florida, we can foster small changes in students and their everyday lifestyles to help stop climate change,” said Sosa.

She said the University community should do campaigns on how to recycle, how to save water and how to walk more instead of using vehicles.

“A lot of people will participate at Campus Sustainability Day,” Sosa said and “they will understand about climate change.”

“Some activities, such as a prize wheel, will award players if they answer questions correctly about sustainability, climate change and sea level rise. Free highlighters, pens and sunglasses will also be distributed.

“Our goal as the Office of University Sustainability is to spearhead green initiatives on campus and to make it easy for students and staff to make greener choices,” said Burgess.

“We have included many activities as to peak students’ interests and to encourage them to come check out our tables and see what we are all about.”

The Green Office program will also provide tips for students on how to reduce their carbon footprint, which is the amount of carbon dioxide released from home energy, transportation and waste. There will also be climate experts who will answer questions about the environment and climate change.

To log in is like when you go to Starbucks -- you agree to the terms and conditions.

The Office of University Sustainability will screen a film called, “Chasing Ice.” The award-winning documentary talks about climate change, specifically in the Arctic.

The film takes a deeper look into the changing landscapes of the Arctic. Sea Level Solutions Center director Tiffany Troxler will also speak at the modest event.

The Office of University Sustainability is partially funded by student and service fees that are partially funded by student and service fees that are partially funded by student government.

According to Burgess, encouraging people to make greener choices is what this event is all about.

Tribune News Service
Abusive behavior within relationships is much more common than we’d like to admit. An unhealthy relationship occurs when one or both partners are violent or emotionally abusive towards one another. By the age of twenty, one out of three females will experience their partner’s violence, however, most, including males victims, are not willing to talk about it.

There are certain “red flags” or behaviors that may hint that something is wrong in the relationship. Red flags may include controlling behavior such as checking their partner’s cell phone, having to know where the other person is at all times, constantly checking on them or creating problems if the other person wants to visit family or friends. Emotional abuse includes ignoring the other person, continually criticizing each other or threatening to hurt the partner physically or by telling a secret.

Physical and sexual abuse can also be part of an unhealthy relationship.

Dating is a part of life and for students who may find or even think they are in an abusive relationship, FIU has resources available to assist them. Surprisingly though, many students are not aware they can receive help on campus. Fellow student Lisett Guerrero said “Not even in my SLS class when you learn the basics, do they mention such programs. If they taught us how to properly put on a condom, they could have at least dedicated a section of the class to tell us about the programs.”

As part of FIU’s responsibility to foster a safe and friendly environment, programs like the Student Health Center’s Victim Empowerment Program are available to give students confidential help, on campus, by a professional. There is one main priority. Our mental health professionals are trained to handle these situations in order to make sure the student is safe, whether they want to stay or leave,” said Wendy X. Ordonez, Coordinator of Outreach & Educational Media.

At the Victim Empowerment Program, students can explore whether they are in an abusive relationship, seek help to leave or even get advice on how to handle the situation if they decide to stay.

Everything is on a case-by-case basis and the program provides various options for each unique situation.

Alongside the program, the school community should help foster a safe environment. For victims of abusive relationships, the first and most important thing they can do is talk about it.

Isolation is a major factor in abusive relationships, so the best thing family and friends can offer is to support and listen to them. The majority of people suffer in silence because of the fear of not being believed, fear of retaliation or other factors.

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However, students still have mixed views on whether they would actually utilize the resource. Kevin Gutt, a junior, said, “I would for sure use the FIU resources. There’s many things on campus that we pay for and try for granted.”

It’s natural to feel embarrassed or terrified of talking about such things, but the best way for victims to eliminate the stigma is to bring to light the issue and get educated on the topic. As Ms. Ordonez said, “Knowledge is power.” Relationships should be something that supports one’s growth, not something that diminishes it.

By recognizing abusive behavior, students can stay out of trouble, protect the people around them and set themselves up for a happier and healthier life.

How a person decides to use the resources around them is the deciding factor of either healing or worsening the wound.

Biscayne Bay’s Bay Vista housing is no different, as the University has chosen Servitex LLC to construct the new dormitories. In the fall 2016 semester, FIU’s Biscayne Bay Campus housing will reopen, allowing for students who frequent the campus to stay on campus – thus avoiding the commute between MMC and BBC and the fees the commute would accumulate.

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FIU’s housing rates can exceed the average costs with the prices of dormitories running between $2,700 and $5,349 – depending, of course, on whether or not one chooses to purchase a meal plan along with their housing. A meal plan can add on close to $2,000 per semester when combined with housing costs.

As reported by the Tampa Tribune, higher-end dorms are usually run by private companies. This allows for financial risks to be alleviated from the University and placed on the shoulders of private companies.

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Recently, universities throughout Florida are adopting the trend of developing “upscale” dormitories to attract students to campus life.

FIU takes part in this trend with Parkview Hall consisting of its own private parking garage for students, every dormitory aside from Panther Hall coming equipped with a full-size kitchen and every dorm abutting from communal bathrooms.

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Avoid exercise addiction, do it for the right reason

Exercise is a great way to stay in shape, meet new friends and relieve all of the stress and anxiety that is overwhelming your head. But what happens when exercise and eating healthy becomes the outline of your existence and takes over your entire life? Exercise addiction is overlooked by the majority of people. Exercise is linked with positive outcomes, like improving your mind and body. So how can exercise be harmful?

Addictions involve cravings and loss of control while also changing the brain by subverting the way it registers pleasure and then corrupting other normal drives (motivation, learning, etc.). Like drug addictions, some people crave the natural endorphins that are produced while exercising that trigger positive feelings in the brain. There is a fine line between exercising for your health and exercising to satisfy an addiction. Like drug addictions, some people crave the natural endorphins that are produced while exercising that trigger positive feelings in the brain.

There are students who share an interest in these countries as well and love to learn more by befriending classmates from those respective countries and attending organizations events to learn more about their interest. FIU has a variety of organizations and societies. There is the Japan Club, Korean Culture Club, Chinese club, Vietnamese club and Asian Student union. Erica Phillips is one of the students who joined the Asian organizations and is now part of the executive board for the Japan Club. The Japan Club encourages the learning of Japanese culture through the means of entertainment, activities and scrumptious food. Their events allows for the FIU community and the organization’s members to meet and create friendships, enjoy food and learn more about Japan without having to leave Miami.

Phillips stated that their past events included J德拉ma/anime showings, Pocky decorating event on Valentine’s Day, origami workshop, Japanese language study sessions from beginners to advanced and more Japanese culture related activities. Just recently, they worked with the consulate general of Japan in Miami to bring FIU a week long, Japan: Food in Film movie event. In regards to upcoming events, they plan on hosting a roundtable discussion on the topic of studying abroad in Japan. At this event, students will have the opportunity to ask past study abroad students questions on their experience.

In December, they will be helping out with Japan Immersion day which is an annual celebration of Japanese culture featuring workshops on Japanese bracelet making, hachi/chopsticks decorating, sumie (Japanese brush painting), Kimono try-on and much more. The event will be held on Monday, Dec. 14, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is open to the public.
Fantasy fiction writer comes to Miami

GABBY ARZOLA

BEACON BITES

Want to go on a nice dinner with your significant other or treat yourself with some of your closest friends without driving far from CBC? I found your place.

Located on the corner of a small strip across the street from school, I would have never expected to find an authentic Mexican restaurant on Biscayne.

Cheen-Huay, pronounced (cheen-hway) meaning, “only here,” is a Yucatan inspired Mexican restaurant that lives up to its name.

This restaurant on Biscayne is not your average Mexican food. The food was definitely something I would recommend to anyone.

After 10 minutes of discussing the menu, I finally decided to have the Molcajete de Pollo. I know, that’s a long time to order, but I didn’t want to get something without knowing what it was, wouldn’t you?

Then, my boyfriend got sopa de aguacate and chicken tacos. Even though he only came along because I needed to write for Beacon Bits, this place automatically turned it into a “date night.”

Looking around, the paintings of Mexican villages, iron light fixtures and Mexican music playing in the background had a tradional, yet chic and romantic ambiance.

This place definitely pulled from an older crowd, with ages that range from 35-60, but don’t worry, that just means this place has good food!

Our waitress quickly comes with fresh tortilla chips, salsa and the sopa de aguacate, you step.

The tortilla chips were fresh, warm, golden brown and crispy. The salsa had ripe tomatoes, diced onion, cilantro and a medium spice.

The light saltiness of the chips complimented the salsa by reducing some of the spicy notes that made my mouth water and this was a perfect segue into trying the soup.

With diced up avocados in the soup, it was definitely something I’m not used to seeing, but the taste was unique.

This tiste very similar to my abuelita’s chicken soup. With the shredded chicken and light chicken broth, it wasn’t spicy, but extremely flavorful.

Then our entrées arrive.

I should have remembered that a “molcajete” is a large lava rock bowl used to crush spices, but most commonly seen as a serving bowl for Mexican cuisine.

My molcajete was enormous, filled with chicken, sliced avocado and golden fried cheese and all in a lava rock bowl.

On the side, I had a small container of refried beans, Mexican rice and flour tortillas. This meal could definitely be shared with someone else, but I of course, finished it all by myself.

The grilled chicken was warm and juicy. I only distinguished a salt and pepper seasoning. Rightfully so since the sauce overpowered the meal (in a great way.)

A little sour, a little sweet and a little smoky, the salsa de tamarindo was unlike something I’ve ever tasted.

Almost like a sweeter, more complicated brother of barbecue sauce, the tamarind made the dish unique, with flavors that I wasn’t really used to tasting in Mexican cuisine.

The Mexican rice was highly seasoned with tomato paste and garlic and tasted great with the smooth and creamy refried beans.

After finishing my meal that was meant for two, the waiter asks, “Would you like dessert?”

After politely declining, because we were both extremely full, she says, “are you sure? We have churros!”

Even with a full belly, nothing can stand in the way of me and a good churro.

The churros come out quickly and oh-my-God it was the most beautiful thing I have ever seen.

Four warm, long, golden brown churros covered in cinnamon sugar and drizzled in dulce de leche.

It was, creamy, warm and soft in the inside. The sweet cinnamon sugar and dulce de leche made it into one sugary stick of heaven.

Cheen-Huay definitely won me over. With the unique and authentic flavors that made me step out of my comfort zone, this place didn’t disappoint.

Even though it’s a bit on the pricier side, it is a go-to date place, or even if you want to treat yourself after a long day at school, Cheen-Huay is the place to go!
Panthers’ defense crumbles in second half vs. UAB

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The formerly ranked men’s soccer (7-4-0) team blew a two-goal lead on Saturday, Oct. 10 in a 4-3 loss to the University of Alabama at Birmingham. After ripping off a seven-game winning streak in which they produced the highest scoring offense in the nation, the Panthers have now dropped two games in a row to sub-.500 C-USA opponents.

Florida International University’s offense came out strong on Saturday evening. Junior Luis Betancur continued his terrific season when he converted on a wide-open shot with an assist from sophomore Brad Fountain in the 16th minute. Fountain then scored on a header in the 31st minute to put his team up 2-0. UAB senior Ian Ivan Svatensson scored his team’s first goal in the 38th minute to make the score 2-1. Fountain then scored his second goal of the night in the 42nd minute to put the Panthers up 3-1 going into the second half.

After a solid first 45 minutes, the Panthers’ defense completely collapsed in the second half. The Blazers converted on a penalty kick in the 58th minute to close the lead to 3-2. FIU then allowed UAB junior Henrique Sposito to score the equalizer and the first goal of his career just a minute later. The Blazers’ game-winner came in the form of a Santensson header in the 81st minute to put the Panthers in a definitive 4-3 hole.

Both the Panthers and the Blazers took 14 shots in the contest, but the Panthers managed to get only five on goal while the Blazers landed nine. FIU also committed 14 fouls and received three yellow cards in the match.

The men’s soccer team has struggled in their past two matches after a nearly month-long stretch of dominant play. Tuesday, Sept. 29, FIU was ranked as the No. 14 team in the nation by the National Soccer Coaches of America Association weekly poll.

The Panthers were riding a seven-game winning streak at the time and in possession of the highest scoring offense in Division I soccer.

A 1-0 defeat at home by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte 49ers, however, took them out of consideration for a spot in the top 25.

Saturday night’s loss to the Blazers dropped them to 2-2 in conference matches and fifth place in C-USA.

FIU will continue their C-USA slate of games when they host Old Dominion at home on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL

UTEP destroyed in conference USA home opener

True freshman Anthony Jones leads with the ball at the match vs. University of Texas at El Paso football game on Saturday, Oct. 10 at the FIU Stadium, where FIU won with 52-12.

If you read my column last week, you would know how down I was on FIU football after they got embarrassed by the University of Massachusetts. I said they needed to respond in a major way in their next game if they wanted to have any chance to save their season and they did exactly that and then some.

FIU had a record-setting afternoon on Saturday, Oct. 10 in their Conference USA home opener, demolishing the University of Texas at El Paso Miners by a score of 52-12.

Everything was working for the Panthers all day long, especially in the first half and it ended up being one of the best games FIU has played in years.

You could tell right away that FIU was a much better team than UTEP, as sophomore running back Alex Gardner led the offense down the field in the impressive first 31 minutes and 37 second opening drive, capping it off with a two-yard rushing touchdown.

Gardner, who finished the game with 56 rushing yards on 10 carries with a rushing touchdown, also led the Panthers in receptions (five) and receiving yards (96). He touched on how important it is for him to be a dual threat in both the running game and as a receiver at the postgame press conference.

“It’s big,” Gardner said. “I came in wanting to help more in the passing game, because last year I only had [eight receptions]. This year’s coach is really putting me in the best position to make plays and I’m glad he is.”

The success of the FIU offense didn’t stop with Gardner. Quarterback Alex McGough set a career high in passing with 270 yards and led the Panthers to a touchdown on each of their first five offensive possessions. For an offense that looked horrendous against UMass just a week prior, the whole group drastically improved across the board.

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Panthers end home stand with commanding win

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Fresh off a victory in the first set and down early in the second set, the Panthers could not afford to lose momentum and split the first two sets.

This was a very big win for us because we are in the middle of the season and it’s hard to sustain focus. We’ve been kind of up-and-down, which is normal so it was really good to get this win when we are not playing at our best.

Rita Buck-Crockett  Head Coach  Volleyball

Panthers sweep weekend, improve to 7-2 at home

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Talia McMurtie scored her first two goals of the season to carry the Panthers (8-7-0, 4-2 C-USA) to wins against Southern Miss (3-9-3, 1-5 C-USA) and Louisiana Tech (9-7-0, 2-4 C-USA) over the weekend.

The Panthers started their home stand against the Southern Miss Golden Owls on Friday. The first half was quiet until the 37th minute, when Alyssa Robinson had a gorgeous strike from outside the box that rattled off the top post and into the hands of the keeper. Southern Miss took an advantage of the miss and took off on a counter attack, in which they almost capitalized in as they had their first shot of the game and it just missed over the goal.

FBI out-shot Southern Miss 10-3 as the first half came to a close with the score leveled at zero. However, it wouldn’t stay that way for long. Lyrik Fryer sent a beautiful cross directly to Talia McMurtie, who had an emphatic left-footed strike into the back of the net. The 47th minute goal marked McMurtie’s first of the season.

The rest of the second half would easily belong to FBI. The Panthers out-shot Southern Miss by a total of 17-6, including another close call 78th minute right outside the box. The call was centimeters from being a penalty, but it led to a Panther cross into the box that almost resulted in a 2-0 FBI lead after the header barely went wide right of the goal.

In the 83rd minute, Scarlet Montoya delivered a gorgeous cross to Ellen Crist, who beat the keeper and had an open net goal. It would be Crist’s fourth goal of the season and it would give the Panthers a 2-0 lead and eventually the win.

The Panthers improved to 4-2 in conference play and 7-2 at home, winning their last four home contests. Over the weekend, the FBI defense had two clean sheets, and the team is now at five clean sheets for the season.

goal in which Kylie Seto of the Lady Techsters had to save. Louisiana Tech would have one lonesome in the first half. Despite the Panthers domination, both teams headed into the half with the game notched at zero.

Talia McMurtie would break the second early in the second half yet again for FBI. McMurtie headed in a cross from senior Malden Weinhardt, and it marked her second goal of the season and weekend. McMurtie’s 50th minute header put the Panthers up 1-0.

In the 83rd minute, Scarlet Montoya delivered a gorgeous cross to Ellen Crist, who beat the keeper and had an open net goal. It would be Crist’s fourth goal of the season and it would give the Panthers a 2-0 lead and eventually the win.

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**Spirit Week pushes for pride at FIU I-75**

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Allian Mejia, Biscayne Bay Campus Student Government Council president, said FIU students do not have enough University spirit except during Homecoming week. “Personally, I think it’s sad that FIU students don’t have much spirit for the university that they attend. FIU [students] should always have spirit for their university,” said Mejia. “The other day, I was at the Chick-Fil-A inside of FIU, and I saw this guy wearing a [University of Miami] shirt at FIU. It was kind of insulting.”

In spirit of Homecoming, Student Life Coordinator Diana Arcentales and BBC-SGC are preparing for Panther Pride Week at FIU at I-75 Campus. According to Arcentales, Panther Pride Week will show FIU at I-75 during the week because students are always in a rush there. “It’s in the nature of the location, where the students have a small space. This is one of the best shows for an opening act I’ve ever seen.”

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Kylesa walked up, grabbed their instruments, and positioned themselves. Without any introduction, they began their set with a slow build up. The two drummers began tickling their cymbals to create the atmosphere. Then, the guitar played distorted notes at a low key. This is a common characteristic of most sludge metal music. The tempo rose with the music came in at full force with the vocalist howling on cue.

It was a great set to witness, as it went from song to song from each of the band’s seven albums throughout their fourteen-year tenure as a band. A lot of it was devoted playing songs from their newest album, Exhausting Fire, but past songs were incorporated. One of the highlights of the show was Phillip Cope, the lead vocalist, played an electronic instrument called an Electro-Theremin. It’s a common instrument amongst psychedelic bands. Lemmy Kilmister is one of the most notable users of the Electro-Theremin. Cope used it to create eerie tones that crept up on listeners.

Kylesa played songs that expanded over seven albums worth of material. Inter Arma rivaled Kylesa in the quality of the performance. Overall, the concert was an extremely enjoyable experience and shows why Kylesa is still one of the biggest bands in sludge metal today.