University hosts Sustainability Day

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Aubrey Burgess grew up aware of climate change. She was shocked after learning about the melting of Arctic ice caps.

“I wasn’t aware of how extreme the Arctic ice was melting and how gross and dirty it has become due to pollution,” said Burgess, Office of Sustainability assistant.

To learn how to make more sustainable choices and to live in a more eco-friendly environment, the Office of University Sustainability is hosting Campus Sustainability Day. The event will take place at the main campus in both the Graham Center and the Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs.

According to Burgess, the goal of the event is to help people think about how actions affect the environment and the people in it.

“Our event is to educate students on campus sustainability and how students can reduce their carbon footprint by making greener choices.”

The linear rate of decline for September Arctic ice extent is 13.4 percent per decade.

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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,” Lewis said.

“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 Liberty Square into a high-performing 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.

Mayor Carlos Gimenez and Commissioner Audrey A. Gimenez and announced the establishment of free Wi-Fi access for Liberty Square residents on Sept. 9.

“I am happy to hear the County is doing something 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 community is owned by the federal government, and it is run by the County. Most of the community has been subsidized.

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

FIU students, MAST@FIU magnet high school students and a local Girl Scout troop helped clean up the shorelines of Biscayne Bay in April. Students from the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine traveled to Haiti to help people who had never received medical attention in March.

“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.

To push forward the campaign, the University will host a Homecoming Week Day of Service on Saturday, Oct. 17 at Homestead Bayfront Park. A general cleanup will take place and participants will help plant and put down mulch.

“Students will work on the beautification of Homestead Bayfront Park,” said Pecharch. “This is an opportunity to help our neighbors in the nearby Homestead community,” she said.

Pecharch also said the University has already been involved in Homestead through some of its academic and research programs. She also said that many faculty, staff, students and alumni call Homestead “home.”

The University hosts a Summer Research Internship program where high school students from TERRA Environmental Research Institute and MAST@Homestead complete professional development workshops, such as preparing oral presentations for research. The workshops 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 MDC 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 a morning of service,” 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.

SEE SUSTAINABILITY, PAGE 2
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.

The new law prohibits that practice, unless school officials grant permission and the carrier is retired from law enforcement. The action comes a week after a gunman killed nine and wounded nine others before killing himself at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Ore.

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University county brings Wi-Fi to Liberty Square

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 is a requirement to take an online course for graduation. The lack of Wi-Fi has been an issue.

About 30 percent of South Florida does not have access to internet and 21 percent does not own a computer, according to a 2010 Scarborough Research survey.

Miami-Dade County has less Wi-Fi access than Broward County, with 35.5 percent of Dade residents. These residents report they have no regular internet access, according to Internet World Stats. Of those, more than 700 homes in Liberty Square, only five families had broadband internet access in 2009.

The银ow said there were very little funds available for this project. Miami-Dade County paid for the installation of the Wi-Fi to Webpass.

Service learning programs paid for by the National Science Foundation and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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

The Green Office program will have different activities where students and faculty can participate and learn how to be eco-friendly.

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’ interest 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.

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 modesto Wi-Fi routers. However, the County promises the majority of the funding.

“This is still early on in the project. In the future, I would like to do some fundraisers,” said Shumow.

He said the biggest challenge in the project was that many internet providers were not willing to take a financial risk to build infrastructure in the area. Webpass was the only provider to collaborate since it does not need to build on an area’s infrastructure.

“A lot of times, we don’t even know how to help with the environment because there is a lack of knowledge about it. We should reinforce this knowledge. The event will take place Thursday, Oct. 15 at 5 p.m. at Webpass.”

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NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

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‘Surplus’ money should be used to benefit students

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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 room abutting from communal bathrooms.

FIU’s housing rates can exceed the average costs with the prices of dormitories running between $2,700 and $3,400 — depending, of course, on whether or not one chooses to purchase a meal plan along with their housing. A meal plan can add on cost to $2,000 per semester when combined with housing costs. As reported by the Tampa Tribune, higher-end dorms are usually ran by private developers. This allows for financial risks to be alleviated from the University and placed on the shoulders of private companies.

Biscayne Bay’s Bay Vista housing is no different, as the University has chosen Servites 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 accrue.

The floor plan, which is accessible online, emphasizes a sky lounge available to all future residents as well as each room boasting a view of the Bay. The floor plan also clarifies that “FIU will have limited financial responsibility for the [Bay Vista] Project.’’

The university also stands to be the recipient of “nearly $40 million” from the development of Bay Vista Housing.

Most students would probably like this revenue to go towards increased parking spaces or even a more affordable commute on FIU’s Panther Shuttle.

FIU most likely takes a luxury approach to on campus housing in an effort to shift the number of students living on campus to a higher percentage. According to U.S. News college rankings and reviews, 92 percent of FIU students live off-campus while only 8 percent of students live in “college-owned, college-operated or college-affiliated” housing.

Florida’s state universities are required to charge roughly the same tuition, so to give them a more competitive edge they are utilizing amenities to attract students and increase their retention rates. However, if FIU wants to retain more students, the best course of action would be to put the money they saved from the Bay Vista project towards more than just housing accommodations. Though a sky lounge sounds nice, affordable transportation and available parking spaces sound much more appealing.

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Record breaking Qui-NO-a-salad

Today, the University will attempt to break the world record for creating the largest quinoa salad.

Quinoa is a grain found in both Peru and Bolivia and has gained mainstream recognition as a low-fat starch that serves as a healthy alternative to meat. Due to its versatility and nutritional value, sales in quinoa have been on the rise, tripling since the year 2006. FIU may have seen the attention surrounding quinoa as a chance for the community to partake in some positive publicity, however, the University should have taken some factors into consideration before indulging in the quinoa hype.

As the sales of quinoa rapidly increase, so does the price as it pertains to the poor citizens of Peru and Bolivia. A staple in many Peruvian and Bolivian households, the price of quinoa has risen to the point where Peruvians and Bolivians’ poorer citizens can no longer afford to buy the grain. The result is imported junk food being cheaper than the quinoa gained from the soil.

In places like Lima, Peru the price of the grain has risen above that of chicken. As a result, government figures have indicated that domestic consumption of quinoa has dropped by a third within the last five years. The exploitation of quinoa has resulted in other issues, such as land disputes among farmers and producers. Some farmers have even turned to violent means to obtain the land necessary to produce quinoa. These tensions increase as citizens of urban communities are now relocating to rural areas to grow and sell the quinoa grain. Some argue that quinoa as a commodity can have a positive impact on the citizens of Peru and Bolivia.

Emma Banks for the Andean Information Network states that the commodity of the quinoa grain provides farmers with economic stability.

She also stated “This economic power has also translated into political power through producers’ associations and cooperatives.” Although the University’s intentions for gaining publicity through this record-breaking event were harmless, the use of quinoa plays into this food trend without acknowledging the impact that the quinoa fad has had on countries like Peru and Bolivia.
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**WORDS AHEAD**

Krishna McKay, a junior political science major, answers a question as a contestant at the Mr. and Mrs. Everglades event held in Everglades Hall’s first floor lounge on Thursday, Oct. 8. 

### Avoid exercise addiction, do it for the right reason

**SDA Health**

Alexandra Serpa

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 drives (motivation, learning, etc.). While exercise can be beneficial, exercising excessively is a sign of an exercise addiction that can negatively impact one’s health.

Obsessive exercise is very common among students who are athletes.

If a person goes beyond their required training schedule on a daily basis and push through chronic fatigue without some sort of rest or break, they can be suffering from this very serious addiction no matter who they are.

A fast way to tell if someone has an activity disorder is if they show the signs and symptoms of overtraining, which include chronic muscle soreness, decrease in performance, isolation and much more.

**SODA Health is a weekly column from the SDA Club in FIU which talks about health related issues.**

### Club engaging students in Japanese culture

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Florida International University is known for its diversity in students. There are students from all over the world. For instance, students from China, Japan, Korea and other Asian countries come to FIU to study.

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 Jdrama/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.

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Fantasy fiction writer comes to Miami

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With the Miami International Book Fair set in November, the promotional events for the Book Fair are still going strong. The latest author event starred no other than Rick Riordan.

For those who are unaware, Rick Riordan is best known for writing the Percy Jackson series, a five book series telling the story of a boy who discovered that he is the son of Poseidon. The series received critical acclaim and the first two books were adapted into films in 2010 and 2013.

Riordan is also acclaimed for writing the companion series “The Kane Chronicles” and “The Heroes of Olympus.” Riordan’s specialty is the modernization of ancient mythology.

So far, he has covered Greek, Egyptian and Roman mythology. Books & Books hosted this latest author event in collaboration with The Center for Literature & Writing at Miami Dade College. It took place on Saturday, Oct. 10, in the Building Three auditorium of the MDC’s Chapman Conference Center.

To get into the event, attendees had to buy a voucher either online or at the door. The voucher also entitled the attendee to one pre-signed copy of the book and a foam shield.

Riordan was there to promote his new novel, “Magnus Chase and The Gods of Asgard: The Sword of Summer.” This latest novel focuses on Norse mythology, which Riordan revealed he has always been interested in.

This new series reveals the story of Magnus Chase, who is the son of the Norse God, Thor.

The event was an incredible success, the seating in the auditorium packed and standing room only in the rear.

A live feed of the event was also provided on outside monitors throughout the entire building, as well as large screen projections inside the auditorium.

Riordan discussed his life, covering his career before and after Percy Jackson. He spoke about his love and usage of mythology, which reared from his years as an English and Social Studies teacher.

He then realized the interest in mythology held by his students and decided to pursue that avenue in his writing.

His son, Haley, was the true inspiration for the character of Percy Jackson. Riordan explained that he had ADHD and was dyslexic and loved listening to his father’s mythology stories.

When he had heard them all, he asked his father if there were any more. That led Riordan to come up with a character that had ADHD and was dyslexic as well.

That character would then learn that these disabilities actually made him special, because he was a demigod.

And thus, Percy Jackson was born. He also talked about the process of launching his books and the struggles he experienced.

To the cheers of his audience, he displayed an array of artwork, very familiar book covers and discussed the difficulty of creating the proper artistic image. In many of the books’ covers, the character’s face was turned away so that the reader could imagine what Percy’s face looked like.

Riordan answered questions on index cards from the audience about characters and the contrast of the movies to the books.

He expressed that many of the character names were those of his former students and some of the teachers who he worked with. Other names, like Annabeth, were characters he created.

As for the films, Riordan revealed that he had actually had very little involvement and was quite surprised when he received the screenplay, which had changes from the novel.

Although Fox made several modifications to the screenplay based on his edits and recommendations, the films were still vastly different from the novels.

He confessed that he hasn’t even seen the film adaptations of his books and was quite surprised when he received the screenplay, which had changes from the novel.

The second book of “Magnus Chase: The Hammer of Thor” will be released on October 4, 2016.

But what got the crowd roasting was Riordan’s announcement of returning to the world of Percy Jackson with his new series: “The Trials of Apollo,” which will be a five book series that features characters from both the Percy Jackson and The Heroes of Olympus series.

As an exclusive treat to the audience, Riordan read the summary from the first book, “The Hidden Oracle,” which has not even been released online yet:

“Have you ever punished an immortal? By making him human. After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus.

Weak and disoriented, he lands in New York City as a regular teenage boy. Now, without his godly powers, the four-thousand-year-old deity must learn to survive in the modern world until he can somehow find a way to regain Zeus’s favor.

But Apollo has many enemies—gods, monsters, humans—more than ever before... and some are desperate to see the former Olympian permanently destroyed. Apollo needs help and he can think of only one place to go . . . an entire group of modern demigods known as Camp Half-Blood.”

Riordan also announced that the book will be told through a first person perspective from the view of Apollo. Also, each chapter title will start with a bad haiku and the first book will be released on May 3, 2016. He then left the stage with a standing ovation from the massive audience.

Riordan was not able to do a book signing at the event, although those with vouchers were able to get pre-signed books. Still, the event was a smashing success and left many attendees more than anxious to return to Camp Half-Blood.

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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. Betancur then scored on a header in the 31st minute to put the team up 2-0. UAB senior Ian Ivan Svantesson 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 Svantesson 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.
Panthers end homestand 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.

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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 Eagles 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 FIU. The Panthers out-shot Southern Miss by a total of 17-6, including another close call in 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 FIU lead after the header barely went wide of the goal.

The team’s depth at the setter position allowed for this change to be made. “It’s huge (to have three setters ready). At any given round they could just have an off time and then they get nervous. Once they get nervous, they need to be able to come out, calm down, see the game and go back in”, Buck-Crockett said.

The Panthers started the second set slowly; however, their defense helped them throughout the set. The team totalled six blocks and junior, Katie Hogan, accounted for four of them, with two solo blocks and two assisted blocks.

In the final set, the team was led by senior, Gloria Levorin, Castro and Hogan. The Panthers put up an astounding 20 kills in this set and their offense proved to be too much for Charlotte down the stretch.

For the night, Castro finished with 14 kills and 11 digs, Friesen collected 23 assists and senior, Adriana Miller, tallied 14 digs, a match-high.

As a team, the Panthers finished with 51 kills and only 15 errors, giving them a 277 hitting percentage.

Aside from defeating University of North Carolina at Charlotte on Sunday, Oct. 11 at the FIU Soccer Stadium. The next home game will be against Florida Atlantic Sunday, Oct. 25.

Midfielder/Forward Talia McMurtie makes the first goal of two at the game against Louisiana Tech Lady Techster Sunday, Oct. 11 at the FIU Soccer Stadium. The next home game will be against Florida Atlantic Sunday, Oct. 25.

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Metal bands in South Florida excite fans

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Metal shows are more common than people think, regardless of the consensus amongst the general public. Despite South Florida’s past contribution to various genres of metal, the scene has been lacking in recent memory. Thankfully, we’re glad that bigger bands are able to make the trek from up north and west of Miami to play for the multitude of metal fans that exist from under the floorboards.

Churchill’s Pub, a popular local venue for bands of all genres, hosts concerts almost every night of the week with a broad range from indie rock to hardcore punk. Wednesday night, sludge metal giants Kylesa took the stage and performed a decent number of supporting acts.

Each act improved progressively, leading up to Kylesa. The first of the supporting acts, Ireta, played an interesting set of brooding, thumping songs that got people in the spirit for the next acts to come. Next came Indian Handcrafts, who played a set of aggressive headbangers that was much faster.

With two respectable opening acts out of the way, I was wondering how the next act, Inter Arma, would fare. I had heard from a friend that they’re quite a good group.

When the lights dimmed, what played next was not what I expected at all. Inter Arma put on one of the best shows for an opening act I’ve ever seen. They played their 45 minute epic, The Covem, and I felt completely immersed in the music. It started off strong, followed by an intimate guitar interlude before building up to the next part of the song. Then, the epic peaked again.

I personally felt unprepared for the show, needing a break to get earplugs because of how loud the show got. After Inter Arma’s set ended, I was more than ready for Kylesa to hit the stage.

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 characteristic of most sludge metal music. The tempo rose with the drummers until 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.

Spirit Week pushes for pride at FIU I-75

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Panther Pride Week will kick off Monday, Oct. 19, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Miramar campus and will end Thursday, Oct. 22.

During the week, Campus Life will distribute free University Homecoming t-shirts and food. There will also be individually wrapped cookies designed with a Panther Paw, or a number 50 that celebrates FIU’s 50 anniversary.

“Since it is FIU’s 50 anniversary, we wanted to incorporate that in our Homecoming festivities as well,” said Arcentales.

According to Arcentales, Panther Pride Week will show FIU at I-75 students how to support the university that they attend.

“Not only are we trying to incorporate homecoming events, so that the students have more exposure to FIU spirit,” he said.

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“Traditionally, we are trying to attract more exposure to FIU spirit,” he said.

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Kerina Castaneda, a sophomore biology major, celebrates Panther Pride with her sorority sisters.

“I truly believe the students at FIU show a good amount of school spirit. However, as Greeks truly know how to bring out our Panther Pride like no other!”

“Homecoming is a time to show off Panther Spirit,” Arcentales said.

“Whatever location the students are at, they are always welcomed into the FIU family,” she said.

“It’s in the nature of the location, where the students have a small time frame and have a ‘grab and go’ mentality,” Arcentales said. “So, we’re going to be available during their time frames, so that they can get a shirt, a cookie and go.”

Mejia said that student government does not want students at I-75 to feel left out of campus activities.

“We are trying to incorporate more events, so that the students have more exposure to FIU spirit,” she said.

“Not only are we trying to do that, but also we are trying to attract more students to attend that campus.”

During the week, Campus Life Coordinator Diana Arcentales and BBC-SGC are preparing for Panther Pride Week at FIU at I-75 Campus.

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