University prepares for Homecoming

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The school’s annual Homecoming tradition brings a week-long list of activities for University students.

“The events that we put on for Homecoming celebrate the alumni and allow students to show their spirit for the University,” said Jordan Thompson, rules and regulations chair for the Homecoming Council.

The first official event “Kickoff by the Bay” takes place Friday, Oct. 16 at the Biscayne Bay Campus in Panther Plaza from noon to 4 p.m.

The event’s activities range from kayaking to a barbecue. Games such as potato sack races are included. The Panthermonium concert will be on Sunday, Oct. 18 at the Ocean Bank Field at FIU’s Stadium.

Performers Rae Steenmandl and Flosstradamus will be the main features of Panthermonium. Doors for the concert open at 6 p.m., according to the University’s Homecoming website.

“The floor ticket prices as of now are $45 for guests, and any student who wishes to be on the floor and have close access to the stage,” said Kelly Ibarra, overall director of the Homecoming event.

“Every student is allowed to pick up a free ticket at the One Card office with their student I.D. for Panthermonium and Panther Prowl; however, free student tickets are bleacher seats, not floor seats,” Ibarra said.

Floor tickets can be purchased on the Homecoming website. Students can get a discount by using the code Golden50 when purchasing tickets, and the concert is open to the public.

Unleash the Crown’ Court Pageant takes place Monday, Oct. 19 where students get to see the candidates for Homecoming court. The top three candidates for King and Queen will be announced at the event.

“The Queen and King of Homecoming are invited back to host an event the following year and asked by other organizations to partake in their events,” said Melissa Ramos, Homecoming Council assistant director of administration.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the event starts at 7 p.m. in the Graham Center Ballrooms at the main campus.

The next event will take place at the north campus with Panther Caribbean Fest Tuesday, Oct. 20. Live Caribbean music, food and other aspects of Caribbean culture will be showcased at the fest. It takes place at the lawns by the bay from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Following the fest, the University will host a Panther Prowl Comedy show Wednesday, Oct. 21. Comedy Central roast regular Jeff Ross, and Friends of the People’s Jermaine Fowler will perform at the FIU Arena.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the comedy show is free for University students and $20 for non-FIU students, according to Fidel Urbina, Homecoming Council University Relations at the Modesto Campus.

The Biscayne Campus will welcome the sixth event: Roary’s Birthday Extravaganza, which will take place Thursday, Oct. 22. The mascot’s birthday celebration will take place.

Homecoming kicks off with Trail of the Torch

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For the first year, students will be the baton-bearers at the annual Trail of the Torch.

Trail of the Torch, FIU’s biggest tradition, celebrates the recognition of University alumni and students.

Beatriz Newborn, Alumni Relations coordinator, said in years prior the people responsible for carrying the Torch were alumni.

The University’s Office of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving originally scheduled Trail of the Torch to take place during the Week of Welcome, but rain forced a reschedule of the event.

As a result, Alumni Relations moved one of the preeminent Panther Pride events – now in its 11th year – to Thursday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. It will start in front of Primera Casa at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus to end at the Housing Quad.

A committee of alumni chose five students who will carry the Torch relay style.

The Student Alumni Association, the cheerleading team and the Golden Dazzlers dance team will honor five students who have represented the University for this year’s Trail of the Torch. There will also be music from the FIU Marching Band.

Along with Roary, the University mascot, the groups will follow each alumna with a torch from one point to another until they reach a final stop in the front steps of Primera Casa.

“The Torch represents knowledge, opportunity and service,” said Melissa Ramos, Homecoming Council assistant director of administration.

Students will also receive a passport and a wristband as they trail throughout the main campus. With each sticker on a different tent at the event, they will receive exclusive anniversary “FIU650” t-shirts at the end of the trail.

Newborn said the rescheduled event is now a pre-event for Homecoming, which takes place from Friday, Oct. 16 to Saturday, Oct. 24.

She said the new date is meant “to have some of that excitement” from Homecoming, but next year the aim will be to do it again during Week of Welcome.

“It will be a rain or shine event in the future,” Newborn said, adding that there will be some type of cover.

“We will have really good activities and entertainment,” Newborn said.

Newborn also said some of the new features for this year’s event are a mechanical bull, a photo booth and crepe makers.

The University’s Student Alumni Association has teamed up with the Student Ambassador program to host the annual FIU tradition.

Newborn said the Alumni Association paid for event, but the ambassadors planned and will host it.

Student Ambassadors are members of the SAA who help the University with events.

“They give students an opportunity to get to know them and learn about what the Alumni Association has in store,” Newborn said.

The goal is for ambassadors to represent the whole university as they themselves represent its different groups: on-campus residents, commuters, greeks, internationals, Honors College students and athletes.

“We look forward to welcoming the entire student body,” Newborn said.
Twitter plans to lay off up to 336 employees worldwide

Twitter plans to lay off up to 336 employees worldwide, according to a Reuters report. In a tweet, CEO Jack Dorsey announced the layoffs, which come amid a slowdown in revenue growth and a push for efficiency.

US Delivers Weapons to Kurdish Forces in Northern Syria

The United States announced that it will deliver weapons to Kurdish forces in northern Syria, in response to the Islamic State's advances in the region.

Study Shows Benefits of Technology Education in Schools

A new study has shown that technology education programs in schools help students develop skills that are important for the workforce.

FIU's Technology Extension Program

FIU's Technology Extension Program (TEP) is open for applications until October 15, 2015. This program provides training and education for students interested in technology.

FIU Offers Free Digital Marketing Training

FIU is offering free digital marketing training for students and professionals through its Innovation, Design, and Entrepreneurship (IDE) program.

Homecoming Week in Full Swing

Homecoming week is in full swing at FIU, with events planned throughout the week.

FIU Celebrates 50 Years of Teaching Excellence

FIU is celebrating 50 years of teaching excellence this year, with a series of events and activities planned throughout the year.
We do not need a ‘Yelp for humans’

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Social media is a double-edged sword. It’s a great tool for communicating with others, but if used in the wrong way, it can easily damage someone’s reputation — so where should we draw the line?

When it begins to affect someone’s personal life. When it’s no longer just celebrities and other public figures being judged online by complete strangers but regular, everyday people being scrutinized.

An example of this would be Peeple, a brand new app that plans to be released sometime in November.

The app, often referred to as the “Yelp for humans,” will allow people to give reviews and 1-to-5 star ratings to everyone they have ever met: classmates, co-workers, friends and exes can all be reviewed.

The purpose of the app is to allow one’s “true character” to be showcased online for the entire world to see.

“People do so much research when they buy a car or make those kinds of decisions,” Julia Cordray, one of the app’s founders, said during an interview with The Washington Post. “Why not do the same kind of research on other aspects of your life?”

The difference between Peeple and other social media sites is that when someone is judged based on their latest photo or status on social media, they’re judged on something that they have consented to. In contrast, the Peeple app does not need consent to allow people to post reviews or ratings about you and you’re completely powerless when it comes to taking it down.

Once a name is in the app’s system, it can’t be deleted unless the user’s page violates Peeple’s terms of service.

This app has the potential to defame and bully someone but Cordray promises that the app’s “integrity features” will ensure that no such thing will occur.

These features require you to be at least 21, have an established Facebook account and use your real name when creating reviews.

You must also affirm that you “know” the person professionally, personally or romantically.

The most secure integrity feature Peeple has is that the user is required to have the person’s cell phone number in order to create a page for them. While this is slightly more difficult to do, it’s not completely impossible to obtain if they don’t already have it. Plus, the cell phone number requirement is only needed for the initial creation of the page and won’t ensure the integrity of the reviews.

Another notable feature is that only positive reviews will be placed on the page immediately while negative reviews will initially be placed in a private inbox queue for forty-eight hours to allow the person that is being reviewed to claim and debunk the fallacy.

If the person is not a member of the service itself, the negative reviews will never be posted on their page, contradicting the goal of the app.

Since its announcement, the app has been receiving a steady amount of backlash, causing its founders to delete their website. Twitter and Facebook account. They also set their Instagram to private and deleted all but one Youtube video, leading many to believe that the app is a hoax.

On her LinkedIn, Cordray stated that the app was not a hoax and that it would be released in November.

Surprisingly, the continuous negative feedback turned out to have a positive result, as it led to Cordray admitting on Thursday, Oct. 8 that the app’s original policies were “ill conceived.”

She then went on to say that the app will now require the person’s permission to create a page, they will be able to reject any review before it gets published and they’ll be able to deactivate their account at any time.

Not enough environmental protection: bees endangered

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Most people have a fear of bees due to the insect’s tendency to sting in self defense. However, much use can be found in the honey bees make, as it can be used as a sweetener or substitute for granulated sugar.

A bee’s job is not only to make honey, but to contribute to the pollination process. Pollination is the process of transferring pollen to the female reproductive organs of seed plants, enabling fertilization and the growth of our food.

Without bees, there will be no honey and consequently, we will lose many of the foods we eat.

Farmers use pesticides on their crops in order to protect the harvest from any bugs and insects that could destroy them. Unfortunately, the harmful pesticides they’re spraying also kill bees.

One particular pesticide called Neonicotinoid has recently killed approximately 250 million bees in just a few years. Additionally, this pesticide infects other vulnerable species such as birds, earthworms and bats.

Another reason behind the decline of bee colonies is a phenomenon called Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD).

When bees develop CCD, it causes them to feel disoriented and not be able to return home. This causes the bees to become lost, leaving behind their queen and food.

Many bees die if they do not find their way home and those who are able to locate their hive fly back after being poisoned and drop dead within their colony.

What causes CCD is still unknown, but it is most likely the enhanced usage of pesticides and a deadly combination of pathogens and parasites.

Over 40 percent of bee colonies here in the U.S. have suffered in the last ten years from CCD.

Because bees are already an endangered species, killing them will do more harm than good.

Instead of killing bees, take action. Save them because they provide us with food and the nutrition necessary to be healthy.

Bees are dependent on make honey and to foster the growth of plants. If all the bees die, the amount of food sources and honey produced will diminish, putting our survival at risk.

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**Half Moon a hint of Argentinian flavor on campus**

The South Florida culture surrounds us with delicious foods from various countries; in particular, Latin America. Who can resist a cortadito, a croqueta or a delicious empanada? But these greasy favorites can make us feel heavy and make it difficult to stay awake in class or study. Luckily, there is a new place on campus that offers a healthier alternative to our favorite Latin treat, and guess what? They deliver!

Half Moon Empanadas are the newest member of the FIU Campus! The owners Pilar Guzman and Juan Zavala launched the company in 2008, after a nostalgic longing for the late-night delivery snack of choice in Argentina; a scenario our Panthers can relate to when our tummies are grumbling at midnight. Now, they have brought the taste of Argentina to our diverse campus.

While these savory pockets of dough are usually deep fried and stuffed with high-calorie fillings and preservatives, Half Moon is an alternative to your usual wrap and sandwich routine. Stick your teeth into these guilt-free, golden treats with unique flavors. Half Moon serves hot, made-from-scratch empanadas. The have a variety of flavors such as spicy chicken, guava BBQ pork, spinach and guava, BBQ pork, spinach and guava, BBQ pork, spinach and guava.

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BEAM ME UP, SCOTTY

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Numerous celebrities also hosted panel experiences as actors and discussing the shows that they worked in. Shatner’s panel was incredibly kid-friendly to his fans. He answered questions including whether he would appear in “Star Trek Beyond,” set for release in 2016. “I’d love to be in the film, as long as they find a role that suits me and makes sense,” Shatner announced, much to the excitement of the audience.

The convention also hosted an array including the legendary “Batman” writer Michael Golden, who is the co-creator of the Rob Liefeld, who co-created the famous “Deadpool.” Unfortunately, several actors including New York comic book artist, writer and editor Gerry Conway, who co-created the “Venom” series, and the late Jack Black, who co-created the “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles” series, did not attend the event.
overshadowed by disorder, sound issues

The Makeup by Aileen installation set up inside the Main Frame building at iii Points, where guests were encouraged to express themselves. The installation covered the walls with a variety of products, including make-up and posters of Japanese women. There were also papers with kanji written on them to denote patterns and posters of Japanese women. There was also a section of the room for styling hair, and the opposite corner was for styling hair, and the opposite corner was for styling hair. The walls were covered with miscellaneous items, and the ceiling hung a silver ball protruding from the ceiling. The walls were lined with plastic flamingos and neon lipstick painted on their faces. The walls were covered with miscellaneous patterns and posters of Japanese women. There were papers with kanji written on them to denote a specific pattern. The walls were a small transition room covered in bright colors, and the opposite corner was for styling hair. The walls were covered with miscellaneous items, and the ceiling hung a silver ball protruding from the ceiling. The walls were lined with plastic flamingos and neon lipstick painted on their faces. The walls were covered with miscellaneous patterns and posters of Japanese women. There were papers with kanji written on them to denote a specific pattern. The walls were a small transition room covered in bright colors, and the opposite corner was for styling hair. The walls were covered with miscellaneous items, and the ceiling hung a silver ball protruding from the ceiling. The walls were lined with plastic flamingos and neon lipstick painted on their faces. The walls were covered with miscellaneous patterns and posters of Japanese women. There were papers with kanji written on them to denote a specific pattern. The walls were a small transition room covered in bright colors, and the opposite corner was for styling hair. The walls were covered with miscellaneous items, and the ceiling hung a silver ball protruding from the ceiling. The walls were lined with plastic flamingos and neon lipstick painted on their faces.

Sunday was the night King Krule performed. His set was late by 10 or so minutes, but his performance was worth the wait. His vocals were as deep, gritty, and genuine as I hoped they would be. Although he’s already played these songs hundreds of times, he still seems to feel the music. His band was tight and concise.

King Krule performed all three of his favorite songs, “Baby Blue” (with an added jazzy ending), “A Lizard State” and “Easy Easy.” He also performed a new song: I liked it almost right away. Around the end of his set, he expressed gratitude for being able to play for “beautiful people.”

It was undoubtedly my favorite iii points performance from an international act.

While I definitely had some unforgettable moments with friends old and new at iii points, I urge that they address the sound tech and organization issues they had this year and prevent them from happening again.

FIU AND MIAMI WEEKEND EVENTS

Bonnamu: A PHI Musiс Festival
On Saturday, Oct. 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. the Phi Mu sorority of FIU will be hosting their latest philanthropy event “Bonnamu,” the first ever music festival to be held on campus to benefit the Children’s Miracle Network and Nicklaus Children’s Hospital. The sorority has partnered up with WRGP who put together the lineup, including popular favorite band Sunsoaks as well as other local bands like Long Shore Drift and Quantum Waves. The festival will be held in between the Gold and Blue garages. It was a strong and exciting set that made everyone dance.

Every musician was on top of their game. It instilled pride in me, as I had seen Kings perform at Sweatstock back in April and again at the Lazy Brunch in June. iii points had made a good move in including local acts, and the result was a set that was so well-balanced that it allowed everyone to enjoy the music. It was a strong and exciting set that made everyone dance.

Kicks off by the Bay
On Friday, Oct. 16 festivities for Homecoming week will begin with BBC’s Kick off by the Bay in Panther Plaza from noon to 4 p.m. According to BBC Campus Life, students that attend can expect mechanical bull rides, dunk tank games, free food and giveaways.

Pantheronomium
On Sunday, Oct. 18, Homecoming week festivities continue with the biggest event of the year, the Pantheronomium concert at 6:30 p.m. in the FIU Stadium. The lineup for this year’s concert includes internationally acclaimed artists like Flotsam and Jetsam and Steel Plum.

TransCuba
On Saturday, Oct. 17, the Yeelen Gallery will be hosting a photography exhibition at 7 p.m. called “TransCuba” in which photographer Mariette Pathy Allen shows the everyday lives of the transgender community in Cuba in order to bring visibility to the subculture in Cuba and their visibility and acceptance on the island.
**FOOTBALL**

**GO HARD OR GO HOME**

Next game poses a threat to conference championship run

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Panthers face another tough conference test

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The women's volleyball team is coming off a four-game home stand in which it went 3-1 overall and 3-0 against Conference USA opponents. For the season, the Panthers are 11-7 (5-2 in C-USA).

The team will travel to Hattiesburg, Miss., to face off against the University of Southern Mississippi on Friday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. The Golden Eagles come into this matchup with an impressive record of 17-6 (4-2 in C-USA). However, they lost their last match to Western Kentucky University with a final score of 3-1.

Offensively, the Golden Eagles are led by junior outside hitter, Stephany Purdue, and freshman outside hitter, Kylie Grady. Purdue has accounted for a team-high 362 kills and a hitting percentage of .276. Grady is second on the team with 210 kills with a hitting percentage of .132. Freshman setter, Sarah Bell, has led the team in assists, totaling 854 throughout the season. Defensively, senior libero, Mary Pursell, leads the team with 409 digs.

The Panthers are led by senior outside hitter, Lucia Castro. Castro has 215 kills and a hitting percentage of .267. The team also has three others with over 100 kills: junior middle blocker Katie Hogan, who has 116, senior middle blocker, Gloria Levorin, who has 111, and sophomore middle blocker Jennifer Ene, who has 127. Freshman setter, Katie Friesen, has collected 461 assists and defensively, senior libero, Adriana McLamb, has 202 digs.

Last season, the Panthers fell to the Golden Eagles in a five-set nail biter with scores of 25-17, 14-25, 23-25, 25-22, and 15-17. For the match, FIU was out-hit 77-40 and only finished with a hitting percentage of .119. Southern Miss finished the match with 200 total attacks and 71 assists. Castro and Ene combined for 21 kills, Levorin finished with 7 blocks, and sophomore setter, Kimia McSwain, collected 33 assists and 7 digs.

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Panthers fall short, place 13th out of 18 teams

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Keeping in line with a season of inconsistencies, the golf team's second-to-last tournament sends the Panthers home with another unsuccessful experience.

While senior Meghan MacLaren placed fifth overall at the Ron Moore Intercollegiate which took place in Highlands Ranch, Colo., from Friday, Oct. 9, through Sunday, Oct. 11, FIU finished 13th out of 18 teams.

The senior from Cambridge, United Kingdom, shot a 1-under par 71 on day one, and struggled on day two, shooting a 2-over par 74. However, she rebounded on her final round carding a 2-under par 70 to finish the weekend with a 1-under par 215, marking her second top-five placement of the season.

In last year's fall season, FIU finished no lower than fifth place. The team's best finish in tournaments this fall season is equal to last season's worst finish.

Senior Carla Jane, junior Camila Serrano and senior Sophie Godley all tied for 53rd place. Neither lady scored lower than 2-over par; as a result, the trio finished with a final 11-over par score of 227.

Sophomore Katerina Krasova had the toughest weekend out of all. Last season's breakout star was unable shoot lower than a 5-over 77 in the tournament.

Krasova has struggled this season and will look to redeem herself in the final tournament of the fall season. The final tournament of the fall season, the 38th Annual Pat Bradley Invitational, will take place Oct. 25 - 27. FIU has enjoyed success in past Pat Bradley tournaments. FIU placed third out of 13 schools in last season's tournament. The Lakewood Ranch Golf and Country Club in Sarasota, Fla., will host the final fall tournament for the Panthers.

Middle Tennessee game critical for C-USA East

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Prediction

MTSU defeats FIU 31-24.

It's hard for me to pick against the Panthers after how great they looked a week ago against UTEP.

I really do hope I'm wrong, but there's nothing harder in football than going on the road and defeating an extremely motivated team in their home stadium.

MTSU is well aware that a loss here effectively ends their season, and I think their offense will do just enough to pull away from FIU and put the brutal Western Kentucky loss behind them.

That's not to say I won't see FIU winning.

In fact, I was very close to picking them in this one. This has definitely been the hardest game I've had to pick all season due to the fact that these teams appear to be so evenly matched.

I give MTSU the slight nod, but FIU fans should still be optimistic that their team can go into Floyd Stadium and pick up a W against the Blue Raiders.

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With that many sixes swimmers should be afraid

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FIU Swimming and Diving is only one meet into the 2015-2016 season, and they’ve already shown the collegiate swimming world that they are yet again, a force to be reckoned with. And after only one meet, the Panthers are ranked sixth nationwide amongst Division 1 mid-major schools.

At their first meet of the season, there were only three events all day that FIU swimmers didn’t finish first in. They nearly doubled up the Panthers out of the water.

Head Coach Randy Homer and his team have quite the modest demeanor to them, however, whenever any of them are asked about how they think they’ll do going forward, and if they’re even concerned about the competition.

“I think we have to look out for all of them,” Homer said of other teams. “I don’t think we’re even going to be considered for the competition.”

What’s crazy about this, is, with as well as FIU performed in their first meet, and as well as they expect to do when they host Dual-A-Palooza at the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Center, and taking into consideration how the Panthers usually opt away from boasting, they’re admittedly not even at top form, and don’t intend to be, any time soon.

Everything we do is planned and calculated to peak at the right time. We could be faster right now if we wanted to,” Homer said. At Dual-A-Palooza, the Panthers will swim and dive against the likes of Rice University, Florida Atlantic University and the University of Miami.

The only team besides them that will have seen any sort of competitive swimming before this weekend is Miami, but that was merely an invitational. None of the teams squaring off against FIU at Dual-A-Palooza seem ready for a competitive meet, much less a competitive meet against the defending Conference USA champions.

Look for the Panthers to, at the very least, impress in the pool yet again this Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17.