Students protest Nature Preserve remodel

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The Northern 2.8 acres of the Nature Preserve could possibly be diminished to have two athletic practice fields built over it, after the motion was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Questions were raised by a group of students who spent the last three months protecting and cleaning the Nature Preserve from invasive species. Anas Rojas, a senior Environmental Studies major is the president of Growth of Leadership Academics and Diversity in Ecological Sciences and an urban forestry intern, said, “The Nature Preserve is a small piece of the Everglades right here on campus, we are so fortunate to have it.”

Rojas also said, “It is home to many birds, foxes and other animals since 1978 and that’s what makes it so special.”

Rojas shared her disappointment toward the situation after all the efforts her team made to restore this part of the Nature Preserve. She pointed out that there are a lot of different species that depend on the wetland area, and to diminish that specific area could potentially cut off resources for organisms who reside there.

“As students who volunteer for the restoration effort, we should have been informed,” Rojas said.

“The process was not at all transparent since not even the Office of University of Suitability was informed,” she said.

Rojas invited all interested students to join their campaign “Save the Nature Preserve.” Their hashtag #SaveItDon’tPaveIt is specifically for the new movement to stop construction over the Nature Preserve.

“The area that we have been restoring has improved so much that we received a grant of $4,000 from the FWC, which is the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission,” Rojas said.

She said, “The state agency’s grant was going to allow us to remove the invasive and put native plants in this area. We were just about to make those changes, but now we cannot proceed with it.”

“We have a Facebook page for the campaign and a drive where we save all of the important documents on the matter. We also have a survey available to figure out how this is affecting students. It can be taken anonymously if preferred.”

“We want to make it clear that in this resolution, we at Student Government do not support the building of these intramural field in this preserve. However, SGA does support building it somewhere else.”

According to Alian Collazo, speaker of the student senate, SGA does not support building a practice field for intramural sports on the nature preserve. According to Collazo, “We are saying is: Don’t build it on the Nature Preserve.”

Collazo clarified that SGC does not have the power to make a concrete change in the plans to diminish the preserves in favor of intramural sports.

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Assistant professor charged with research fraud

An assistant professor at Washington State University has been charged with engaging in a scheme to defraud the federal government of $8 million in federal research funds. Haifang Wen, an assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering at WSU, has been arrested and charged by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of New York. He has worked at WSU’s Pullman campus since August 2008, WSU officials said. “We’re aware of the general nature of the charges and cooperating with the federal investigation,” said Robert Stenge, a spokesman for the university. According to the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Wen, 41, of Pullman; his brother Bin Wen, 44; and Bin Wen’s wife, Pang Wen, 43, of Both Great Falls...Va., were arrested.

They were accused of fabricating letters of support and investment, providing false information in research grant proposals and reports, and providing falsified reports and emails regarding how federal research funds were spent, according to a statement released earlier this week.

Jewish inmate’s petition rejected by Supreme Court

North Carolina prisoner Israel Ben-Levi wanted an opportunity to worship with other Jewish inmates, and when he didn’t get it, he hand-wrote a plea to the Supreme Court.
The 68-year-old convicted rapist failed Monday, when the court denied his petition. But in an illuminating twist, Ben-Levi’s painstakingly scrawled petition won over one of the court’s staunchest law-and-order conservatives who has become a notable supporter of devout inmates.

Raffulo, Spotlight creators join Catholic sex abuse victims’ rally in downtown LA

About 20 protesters who rallied against sexual abuse in the Roman Catholic Church in downtown Los Angeles were joined by “Spotlight” actor Mark Ruffalo; the film’s director, Tom McCarthy; and its writer, Josh Singer, on Sunday. Protesters, many of whom identify as victims of abuse by Catholic priests, marched and branded banners outside the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels Sunday morning.

Students prone to mental health issues

According to the监控, many species such as native box turtles, fish, native frogs, foxes and snakes depend on the lake in the wetland. He also says every mammal, every bird that lives in the Nature Preserve also depends on this lake as its only water source. “The issue with the lake removal is that it takes about 30 to 40 years to make it environmentally stable for native species to use it. So replacing it and putting it on another side of the Nature Preserve would not work,” Muñoz-Jimenez said. “We worked together as a system; like a car, for example, it would not function if you take one part out so removing the lake would make the entire ecosystem collapse,” he said.

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Muñoz-Jimenez said, “Personally, I used to see, would be jammed packed with appointments most of the time. She really couldn’t see him when I wanted to. It was based on his time, what kind of sucked.”

CAPS also provides online workshops and resources that can help assess the individual’s skills and offer solutions for common stressors such as finding out if you’re good at time management and then providing for ways to improve your time management. Furthermore, it provides various programs including the Body Acceptance, stress management consultations & referrals, Group counseling, and Individual and Couples counseling.

There are also programs dedicated for parents should they have any concerns about their first-year college student, as well as psychiatric services and victim services through the Victim Empowerment Program. “Spotlight” creator and major Kimberly Lopez said, “As someone who used to go to CAPS, it sure was nice having someone to talk to without worrying about what they’re thinking of me. It was liberating, in a way because whatever you want to say, you can just say it.”

After operation hours, a 24-hour hotline is also available at 305-348-3000 should you experience any emergencies.

4 out of 5 of young adults who either contemplate or attempt suicide show clear warning signs, according to Healthline.com. The website also reports that a lack of sleep, poor eating habits, and not enough exercise are driving factors for depression among college students.

The stress that comes with obtaining the highest marks includes the pressure to get good grades, financial worries, failed relationships and conflicts with roommates of all which are enough to force some students to leave college or worse.

The community as a whole. This issue also alerted past students who are now part of the alumni community.

Tom Condon is an active alumni who graduated FIU last year with a Bachelor’s degree in Environmental sciences. According to Muñoz-Jimenez, many species such as native box turtles, fish, native frogs, foxes and snakes depend on the lake in the wetland. He also says every mammal, every bird that lives in the Nature Preserve also depends on this lake as its only water source. “The issue with the lake removal is that it takes about 30 to 40 years to make it environmentally stable for native species to use it. So replacing it and putting it on another side of the Nature Preserve would not work,” Muñoz-Jimenez said. “We worked together as a system; like a car, for example, it would not function if you take one part out so removing the lake would make the entire ecosystem collapse,” he said.

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Another alumni, Adonis Alvarez graduated FIU in the spring of 2014 with a Bachelor’s degree in Environmental studies and a minor in Agroecology. He was also the President of the organic garden program.

As a response to what he termed as an “abuse of power,” Alvarez encouraged students to take part in the campaign and take a stand against the project to build on the Nature Preserve.

“I would tell students to think of their kids; do we want to leave a world where most of the environment is concrete walls and most of the plants have been replaced with college students who want the chance to stand up for what is right and protect nature for future generations.”
Caffeine: the drug ruining our bodies

As busy students, it’s only natural to seek additional energy sources to help us get through the day. Without it, we struggle to stay focused in class, and work and life become a drain. As soon as we wake up in the morning, most of us have a cup of coffee or an energy drink. As we know, coffee contains caffeine, which many believe boosts energy. Coffee and energy drinks stimulate the heart, and can be as damaging as being exposed to extreme types of stress or abuse.

Drinks high in sugar can do a lot to our body; a new study shows how the sweet stuff hits our brains, it can be as damaging as being exposed to extreme types of stress or abuse. Once the novelty and grandeur of the bridge fades, the students will find it a more pleasant walk to get from Sweetwater to the MMC campus, and to traffic patterns and other transportation systems may aid in preventing crimes such as mugging or sexual harassment that often occur in crowded areas.

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Do not hallucinate.
CULTURALLY COOL

Left: Jose Ferrand and Andre Fiallos demonstrate their karate skills at the Cool@ Japan event, Feb. 28.
Right: Ferrand and Fiallos perform self-defense techniques.
Bottom: Fushu Daiko, a Taiko drum group, performs for the GC Pit audience.

Fall Out Boy brings Wintour to South Florida

With over a dozen awards, six songs featured in movies and video games and a passionate fandom that has lasted for over 15 years, Fall Out Boy has multiple accolades under their belt.

This spring they add another: Wintour. Consisting of 20 shows, the good old Chicago boys hit the road with AWOLNATION and PVRIS Feb. 26, at Hollywood, Florida’s very own Hard Rock Live.

PVRIS started off the night well, building up excitement for the following acts. After a quick six song set, PVRIS departed from the stage, allowing AWOLNATION to take over.

With a mix of eccentric vocals, incredible, fast-paced drum beats and sporadic lights, AWOLNATION came and delivered.

Their set was slightly longer than PVRIS, reaching a grand total of nine tracks, including the band’s extremely well-known song, “Sail.”

However, once they departed the true excitement settled in. The air shared by thousands of fans in the arena was charged with eager eyes set on the stage.

After the light blue curtain rose after AWOLNATION finished their set, the screen spanning the entire stage lit up: it displayed a video of a skier soaring through a blizzard. Suddenly, snow began to fall in South Florida. Wintour had started.

And with it, an unforgettable performance. Fall Out Boy’s newest single, “Irresistible” was the opening track, the fake snow in the air gave the illusion that the band was performing in a blizzard.

The single was followed by an oldie that caused fans to rejoice and belt out the classic emo lyrics to “Sugar, We’re Goin’ Down.” Each track had its own memorable aspect.

The screen panned the stage displaying different graphics for each performance.

One of the most memorable of the night was “Save Rock and Roll,” the last track on the band’s comeback album of the same name.

This song particularly memorable because Fall Out Boy used it as a tribute to the late David Bowie.

His lightning bolt appeared on what seemed to be Mars’ landscape and then slowly transitioned to a black and white portrait of the rocker.

The tribute was extremely moving, with lead vocalist Patrick Stump playing the piano as the lyrics: “I will defend the faith/Going down swinging/I will save the songs/That we can’t stop singing.”

Yet, Wintour’s first date was not perfect. As for the venue, the Hard Rock’s handling of the line of fans waiting to enter the show was extremely poor, resulting in a general admission pit before entering the concert.

In regard to the band’s management, obvious inclination toward attendees that paid more was disheartening. The VIP pit, which cost more than the regular general admission pit, appeared to be extremely comfortable and spacious.

Meanwhile, sections of the regular general admission pit could not see the stage due to how it was designed. Consideration should have been taken for these attendees.

Overall, the Wintour tour is definitely a must-see. Talented, passionate bands combined with incredible light designs resulted in an unforgettable night.

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British artist releases debut album ‘Phases’

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At just 24 years-old, the British artist Jack Garratt is taking the industry by storm. Having won the BRIT Critics’ Choice Award in November and the BBC Sound of 2016 in January, Garratt seems to be exploiting his promising potential. Just last week he released his debut album “Phase” after a short series of EPs and singles.

After signing with Island records, a division of Universal Music Group, back in October 2014 they made sure that his road to success was not an absurdly swift one. This created an effect of authenticity for Garratt, which British listeners truly appreciate.

“Phase” makes quite an introduction with its first track, “Coalesce” (Synesthesia Pt. I), where Garratt lures us in with a delicate verse that quickly heightens into the essence of the album that keeps a consistent vibe with the contrast of rough textures and gentle and at times melancholic vocals that portray a man in despair he flirts with the boundary of unpalatable, it touches on a social topic that has touched Garratt’s soulful voice, “Breathe Life” is one of the catchiest tracks.

Following that is “Far Cry.” The production is filled with highly, boosted bass and shrieking synthesizers that will get you pumped enough to consider getting a gym membership. The mood is reestablished into a more nostalgic direction where the lyrics delve into deeper and more generic themes such as coming of age in “Weathered.”

Although it is not unpalatable, it touches on a social topic that has become overdue. Garratt is a pop artist and the genre is known for many things but ingenuity of themes is not one of them. People like to listen to things that sound like what they have heard before with slight modifications.

Not to take away from Garratt’s artistry but it is not difficult to notice how mainstream the songwriting is throughout the majority of the album. On tracks such as “Fire,” “I Know All What I Do” and “The Love You’re Given” there is no lack of overly exaggerated sentimentality and in an attempt to portray a man in despair he flirts with the boundary of sounding cynical.

To give him some credit though, in “Worry” Garratt’s genuine sound pulsates as his vocals and instruments complement each other gracefully. Unfortunately, this track was placed smack in the middle of the album where it may easily go unnoticed.

Synesthesia Pt.III is somewhat refreshing in the sense that it differentiates significantly from “Synesthesia Pt.II,” which is very similar to the first. The rawness of the sound as heard in “My House Is Your Home” the final track on his debut album, demonstrates his ability as a vocalist. With a profound bluesy feel and a soulful, gospel influence, Garratt exhibits a different, much less structured facet of his artistry.

The lack of production and the sound of his speaking tool give the listener a feeling of transparency and a better understanding of his desire for intimacy, over the multiple influences of various genres in his music.

His talent and potential for commercial success are undeniable but from the Ed Sheeran performance style to a seemingly parallel sound with Sam Smith, folk influences of Mumford & Sons, and rays of EDM vibes, perhaps the final track of “Phase” is an indication of what is to come from Garratt’s future projects.
As of Sunday, Feb. 28, the baseball team has won four of their last five games and lost only one of their last seven. The Panthers turn tides against Pirates

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The show was stolen by Freshman Megan Calik, who delivered her first career no hitter against CCSU in the 2016 Felsberg Invitational including a no-hitter against CCSU. Calik's senior Corrine Jenkins (1-2) notched her 19th victory in Felsberg field.

FIU cruised into a victory in the Felsberg Invitational opening weekend with a 7-1 win over Delaware. Orlando defeated Thoms, also in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2. Orlando and Lazaro came up with a 7-1 victory in doubles play. The final game of the tournament was for FIU against the Siena Saints. This would be the final game of the 16 game home stand for FIU.

The tournament wrapped up with an overall record of 11-5. They stayed strong, retiring the first nine batters she faced and throwing her third complete game of the season, leading to a 6-1 FIU win.

FIU went down 4-6 in the fourth and had no signs of recovering. FIU was only able to scuffle five hits for the game, while Delaware hit the road for the first time all season. The Panthers continued the fight against the Mavericks, taking three out of the four matches. Calik won her match against Georgia Tech to claim her 22nd singles match win of the season. Orlando defeated Biowski in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4 and improved to 4-8 in singles play. Veksler clinched the match for FIU when she defeated Thoms, also in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2. UTA got their sole point when Brovich lost in the seventh inning against Zhi Meng in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4.

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This led to FIU’s biggest losing streak of the season at two. The Panthers left runners in scoring position stranded in the final two innings of play. Rachel Dwyer (2-1) was penalized with the loss. Dwyer allowed eight hits and gave up two walks in her 4-1 innings of play. She also struck out three batters.

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