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Obama's plan coincides with University policies

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President Barack Obama is often quoted as wanting to bring change to the American people; FIU students might be getting some extra change in their pockets and more out their degree real soon.

"The President's proposal came out as a bit of a surprise" said Vice President Steve Sauls from the Office of Governmental Relations.

On Aug. 22, President Obama announced a new college affordability and rating system. The system would rate colleges on factors including graduation rates and graduate earnings, favoring students who apply to high-performing colleges by giving them better rates on their student loans and more in their Pell Grants.

"At this point, with few details on the plan and how it would apply, it is premature to draw any conclusions on its impact,"

wrote Francisco Valines, director of Financial Aid, in an email to Student Media.

According to statistics posted by the Office of Governmental Relations on their website, FIU ranks fourth in the United States among public universities in terms of number of Pell Grant recipients.

In 2011, President Mark B. Rosenberg spoke in Washington, DC to protect Pell Grants, saying they are a pillar of the American dream.

President Obama's plan is looking to create a program which would give "bonuses" to universities and colleges who enroll large amounts of students eligible for grants.

"I like the plan. I have plenty of friends who receive grants and are still struggling and any little bit can go a long way, I just hope that they include other types of financial aid as well," said Gabriela Aramayo, a junior civil engineering major, who receives

the Leverage Grant.

The same statistics from the Office of Government state that from 2012-2013, 36 percent of students used Pell Grants to pay for their studies. Sixty-nine percent qualified for maximum benefits.

With lines at the Financial Aid Office still leading outside of Primera Casa, the number of students receiving financial assistance remains high.

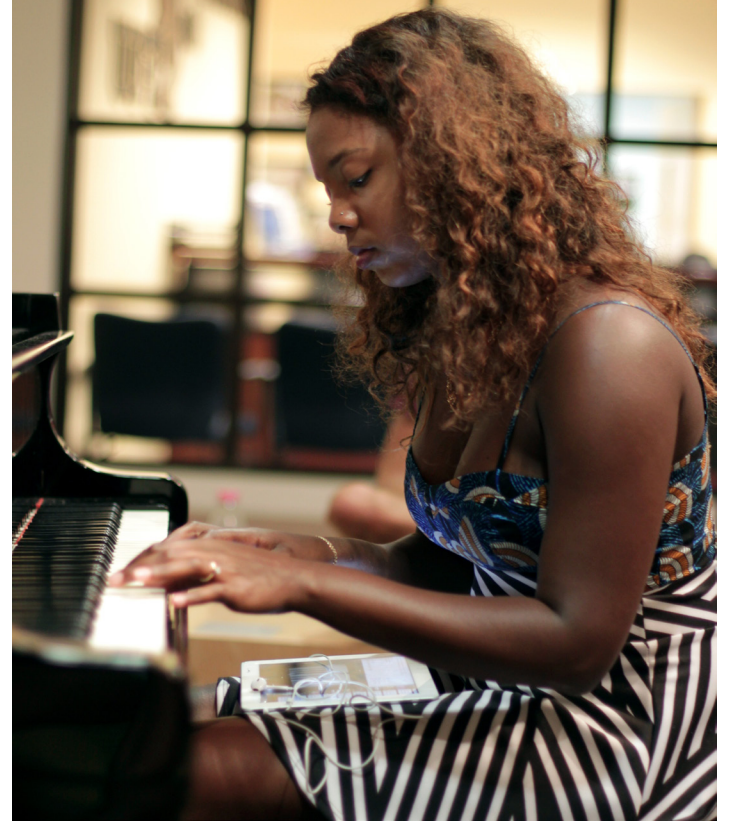
"The new system seems helpful, but doesn't fix the entire problem with higher education, which is that it is entirely too expensive," said Miguel Asencio, who is a graduate student in education, first-generation student and grant recipient.

He chose to attend the University in 1994 because it was cost effective.

"Even now it's hard to expect most students to balance a job

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iPIANO



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Rather than traditional sheet music from paper, Yasmine Richards, freshman in international business, teaches herself to play a song on the piano using a Youtube video via her iPad.

Student interns increase by 13.8 percent

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Andres Pena, electrical and biomedical engineering graduate student, interned for his senior year as an undergraduate and said it was this experience that helped him secure a job as a support engineer for a local medical device company.

The University is granting students more and more internship opportunities, with an increase of 13.8 percent from 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 in students with courses that required internships and student placed in internships through Career Services, according to an email from Media Relations. "That number

does not surprise me at all, due to the fact that students know that's the key to success," said Assistant Director for Internships Matt Tanner.

An even larger increase of 88 percent from 2010-2011 and the 2011-2012 school years was reported by the Office of Institutional Research.

"It's very competitive in the job market right now, and you have to build a network for yourself, you have to have experience and for a college student the best way to get that is through an internship," said Tanner.

When it comes to applying for these programs, students can get confused as to what steps they

should take to achieve work as an intern. Tanner, who is located in the Career Services office, specializes in helping students develop professionally.

"Having a high GPA or having a college major that individuals are looking for are just a small piece of the pie now. What all employers seek is actual real world, first hand experience," said Tanner.

As for those who are having trouble identifying what programs to apply for, Tanner explained that it doesn't matter in which area a student majors; employers are open to interns with different areas of studies. Students can think outside the box. Employers also see this as

an advantage because they can turn interns into full time employees.

"A classic mistake students make is thinking they have a chosen major and that they are only able to work or intern for an organization that sits perfectly with their industry," said Tanner.

The increase may point to this realization that there are more opportunities if a student ventures outside of their major or interest, according to Tanner. He said that no matter your major, there is no limit to the possibilities of what can be learned through an internship at any level.

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Free flu shots available for limited time

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Contributing Writer

FIU Student Health Services will begin offering free vaccinations on Sept. 9 at both Modesto Maidique and Biscayne Bay campuses, a cheaper rate than the \$16 charge in previous years. The free vaccine will continue to be offered while supplies last.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Influenza, known as the flu, is very contagious and spreads by coughing, sneezing and being in close contact with others. Young children, people over 65,

pregnant women and those with certain medical conditions such as asthma, heart disease and weakened immune systems.

Every year, Student Health Service raises awareness on staying healthy throughout the year by offering events such as effective hand washing workshops and giving away health kits to help prevent spread of viruses on campus. The flu season is about to start and Student Health Services says it has the University covered.

They also promote healthy habits on their YouTube channel, FIU Student Health.

Mariela Gabaroni, Associate Director of University Health Services, said the department does its best to inform students about healthy habits to keep them well physically and academically. She said the department offers workshops throughout the year and a variety of health service, such as aromatherapy, massage therapy and acupuncture, which is covered by the students' health fee.

According to the CDC, the vaccination contains inactive strains of viruses and causes your body to create more antibodies to fight against the viruses

themselves.

For the first time, the vaccine will now protect you against four strains of flu instead of the usual three strains.

According to the vaccine information statement on the FIU Student Health Services website, the vaccine originally contained both influenza A strains (H1N1 and H3N2) and one strain of Influenza B. It now contains both strains from Influenza A and B, proving to be more effective in keeping you healthy.

Lourdes Diaz-Bergouignan, Nurse Supervisor at University Health Services, explains, "We

want to educate the students everything about the vaccine so that they can make an informed decision about getting the vaccine."

Experts of the CDC keep track of these viruses and their dominance annually to produce an up-to-date, effective vaccine. They explain how receiving a vaccination every year is vital because viruses change constantly.

Federal health officials recommend a yearly flu vaccine for nearly everyone, starting at six

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WORLD NEWS

Morsi supporters protest across county

Thousands of anti-government protesters flowed out of mosques in Muslim Brotherhood-led rallies nationwide Friday as authorities said the car used in a bombing targeting the interior minister had been stolen. Demonstrators chanted “down with military rule” and waved Egyptian flags. Security was on alert amid heightened tensions. Others in the rallies held up pictures of former President Mohammed Morsi.

Iraqi officials warn of threat to US

Iraqi officials and militant groups say Iranian-backed Shiite militias are threatening to retaliate against American interests inside Iraq if the United States goes ahead with strikes against Syrian President Bashar Assad’s regime, a close ally of Tehran. Iraqi officials say they’re taking the threats seriously. Such attacks risk exacerbating the deteriorating security environment inside Iraq.

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Pi Kappa Alpha house loses its letters



DIEGO SALDANA-ROJAS/THE BEACON

Pi Kappa Alpha’s name was removed from the fraternity’s former house after the Kappa Gamma chapter was suspended from the University.

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Greek Life at FIU has been the subject of popularity—especially in light of recent controversies surrounding the suspension of the Pi Kappa Alpha chapter for five years from the University and its place on The

Rolling Stone’s list of the worst fraternities in the America. The next issue addressed: the future of the former Pike house located on Modesto Maidique Campus. The University currently has two houses on campus. The active

house, belonging to the chapter of Phi Gamma Delta, cost approximately \$1.2 million to build. The house holds 35 rooms at about 4,000 sq. ft. The former Pike house is smaller, with 30 rooms, and will be used as an additional house for

housing students, according to Larry Lunsford, Vice President of Student Affairs. The University has decided to honor the contract of those members of the fraternity who previously lived in the house for the remaining semester.

However, male students who have been wait-listed for other residential dorms that are at full capacity will occupy the remaining rooms. The house’s future beyond this semester has not been determined.

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In Vol. 25, Issue 10, in the article titled “Syrian civil war creates divisions in United States,” Sahara Fonseca was incorrectly referenced as a male when she is a female.

In “FIU Panthers take in third place at PayPal’s Battle Hack,” Brian Breslin was titled as an FIU alumnus. He graduated from the University of Virginia.

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FIU faces new rating system

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and classes to pay for loans. I would much rather see them work towards eliminating the current debt of students and recent graduates,” said Asencio.

The plan has also suggested to change the requirements for student’s getting aid by requiring them to complete a certain percentage of classes to continue receiving aid.

“If I had to worry less about school loans, I would definitely spend

more time taking more classes,” said Jason Arado, a junior computer engi-

University Relations said in a statement on their website that they plan on tracking any progress made by the Obama’s initiative as it coincides with many FIU priorities, such as the Graduation Success Initiative which helps students graduate on time with less debt.

Sauls hopes future news on the plan recognizes the important role urban universities play in creating a direct link to the economic prosperity of the country. President Obama expects the plan to start taking effect by the 2015 school year. “The devil is in the details,” said Sauls. “While it looks like we would do comparatively well, no matter much how they change Pell Grants, it has the potential of affecting our students.”

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Health Services provides flu shots

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months of age. On average, about 24 thousand Americans die each flu season, according to the CDC.

Since college campuses have a high density populations of students, Influenza spreads much more rapidly than in less condensed public spaces.

Students are recommended to stay home if experiencing flu symptoms such as fever, nausea and excessive coughing instead coming to school.

Mariela Gabaroni says “It’s better to stay home and rest rather than spreading viruses to the community. If you don’t feel well, stop by the Students Health Service for a quick checkup.”

Studies from the CDC have shown that, overall, college students don’t take the opportunity to get the vaccination due to fear of possible severe side effects, but side effects from the vaccine are mostly due to allergic reactions.

Student Health Services

check to see if students have any allergies that could lead to complications from taking the vaccine.

Other side effects include fever and swelling where shot was given.

“Those side effects are only temporary. The vaccine will do a greater help of preventing a virus to be caught and spreading it around campus,” said Diaz-Bergouignan.

According to Interim Medical Director of University Health Services Saara Schwartz, the best

way to prepare for flu season is to avoid sharing drinks, use hand sanitizer, wash your hands throughout the day and get immunized immediately.

Students can make an appointment or walk-in at the health services complex at MMC or at BBC.

“When more people get vaccinated against the flu, less flu can spread through that community,” said Schwartz.

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All work, no play

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As a result of the work culture that encompasses students, both with their coursework and the time they put into a job, today's student life leaves very little time for recreation, relaxation or time with family.

Of the 19.7 million college students in the U.S in 2011, 72 percent of undergraduates worked part-time, according to a US census report, with 20 percent of them working full-time. The same report states that 82 percent of graduate students worked part-time.

This is the face of higher education today, one that has become more difficult as students are given two options: work while studying or accrue debt.

By choosing loans and opting out of the extra workload a job will create, a student risks not having purchasing power come graduation, since a degree doesn't guarantee a job and paying back loans takes a while. Opting to work while also going to school full-time can be tricky, though.

As a full-time undergraduate student with a full-time job, I'm busy all the time. My days pass by in a blur; I see my family for quick hellos and on the occasional holiday. The days in which I find myself home are best spent in bed sleeping.

While my busy schedule in no way deters me from my goals, such high levels of activity are not exactly healthy because of the potential lack of sleep it creates.

According to the DRIVE study, a sleep study by the University of Sydney, "sleep duration was linearly associated with prevalent psychological distress." The sleep-wake cycle is normally 6.5-7.5 hours. Those that sleep less than the 6.5 norm are referred to as short sleepers.

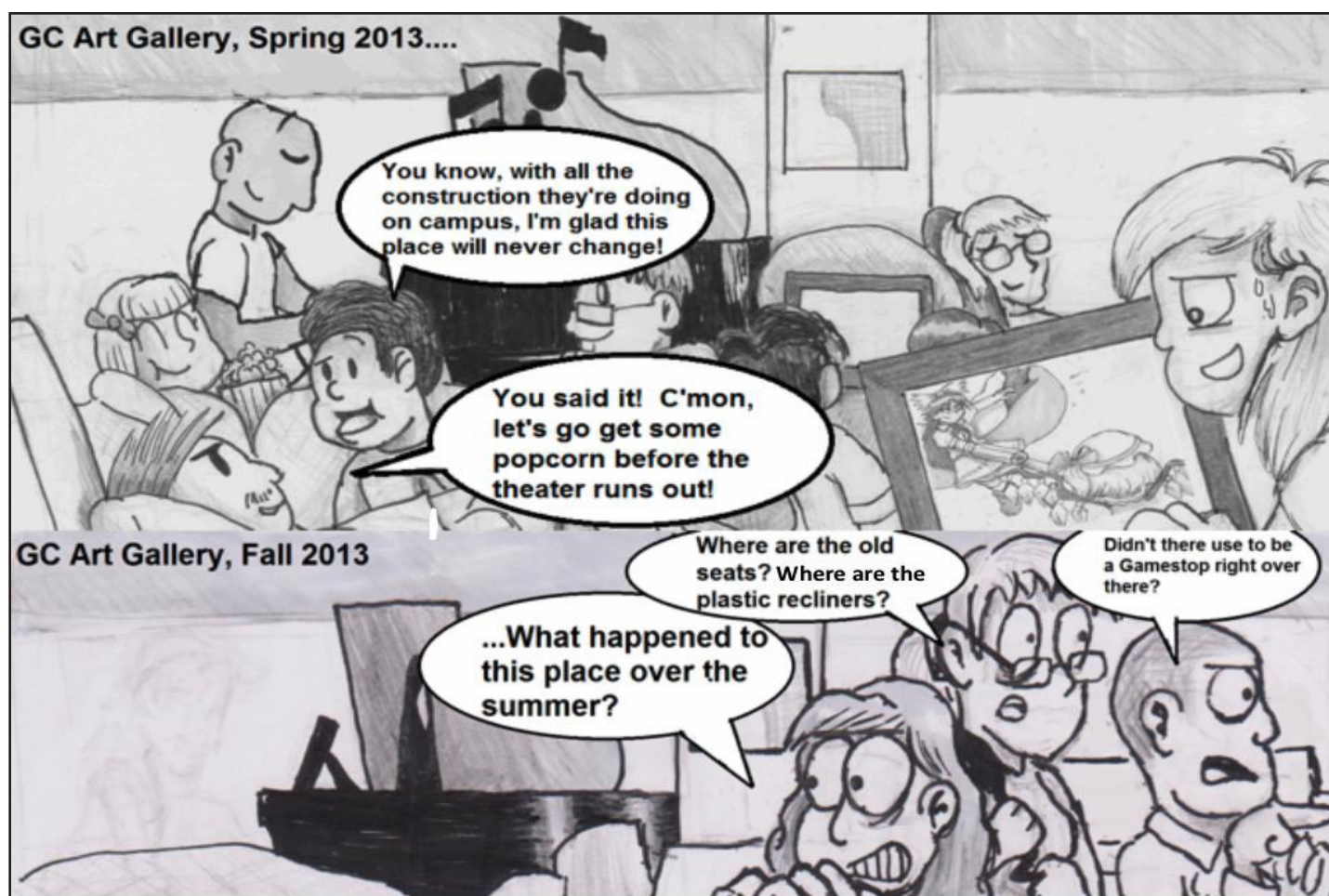
The results of the study were astonishing. For every hour of sleep lost, psychological distress rose by 5 percent.

Being a university student is an investment in the future, but a job nonetheless. Compiled with an actual job it can create the circumstances for sleep deprivation to occur. Students need to look for such situations and act accordingly. Cramming for an exam the night before isn't effective, contrary to popular belief.

This is the type of busy life the majority of students live. While it isn't the worst thing in the world, FIU students—especially the freshman class—need to pay attention to their day to day activities and find the areas that aren't as important as getting the work done with as little stress as possible.

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CHANGES



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Texting generation forms new language

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Staff Writer

As college students, or the younger generation rather, we are constantly immersed in our phones.

We use it to pass the time or to avoid a particularly boring or awkward conversation.

We log onto Facebook or Tumblr or Twitter and within seconds, are capable of completely ignoring the world around us.

Not only do we have the world of social networking at our fingertips, but we also have access to every person in our address books.

We use text conversations with other people as a serious form of communication and have now completely morphed text speak into a completely new language, according to CNN Opinion.

Upon reading the article by John McWhorter on the opinion section of CNN.com, I learned that we have actually turned texting into a specific form of grammar.

Even LOL, which we all know means "laughing out loud," has become a way to "signal basic empathy between texters."

According to McWhorter, "What began as signifying laughter morphed into easing tension and creating a sense of equality."

What's even more intriguing is the fact that he sees it as a good thing in the way that our generation has actually

created a new form of speaking.

Of course, this new form of speaking is not nearly as tailored to the specific structure of intelligent writing as to the way that we have been taught to write throughout our general educational experience, but it is a new language nonetheless.

I, however, see this as the beginning of a possible downward spiral for our language to form into a less articulate form of speaking, which will inevitably leak into our day-to-day conversations.

There is no way that we can continue to speak so incoherently in our texts, and not allow for the language to slip into our "screen-less" conversations.

Senior political science major Doug Soler said, "I don't think that we will be so stupid as to not be able to differentiate the text language from our real life conversations. It doesn't make sense."

But, unfortunately, it already has entered our daily dialogues. In conversation, friends will unknowingly slip a "LOL" into their sentences.

It might seem silly to notice such a slight slip-up, but this could evolve into a much worse scenario. This might appear to be a distant occurrence, if it even happens, but we could potentially waltz right into a world where people no longer speak coherently.

I can already feel Virginia Woolf and Mark Twain turning in their graves.

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Frost to present new exhibit on babies, lullabies

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FIU's own Frost Art Museum will receive a rejuvenating new look, in the form of the upcoming exhibit, Baby Pictures and the People's Lullaby Collective. The name may seem like a mouthful, but it does a good job of describing what the public can expect to see at the new audiovisual presentation by Assistant Professor of Drawing, Michael Namkung.

The 'Baby Pictures' are, in fact, drawings by Namkung which seek to capture the movement and life of his newborn son. "The drawings resemble inkblots more than photographs, and require the viewer's imagination to work in order to read them," said Namkung of the visual aspect of the new exhibit.

Namkung's main draw to the exhibit, however, is the "People's Lullaby Collective": audio recordings of parents trying to put their infants to sleep.

Namkung wishes to explore the intimate concepts that accompany the act of accompanying a child to rest. To do this, he put out a call for parents and caregivers to record the raw sounds of their lullabies.

As of August 22, 35 lullabies had already been submitted, creating a sort of audio collage for the social network age. "Through our voice, we create intimate symbols of the complex emotions that come with the work of raising children," said Namkung.

A California native, Michael Namkung is a graduate of San Francisco State University with an MFA in Drawing and Painting, and is now Assistant Professor of Drawing for the Art + Art History Department. An award-winning artist who is no

stranger to innovative exhibits, Namkung's work has been presented across the nation in California, Iowa and North Dakota. His multimedia interactive pieces often touch on art's relation to the physical body and the strain experienced therein.

Rising from this aspect, the exhibit is designed to be a welcome and interactive experience for infants and toddlers, in contrast to the commonly strict environment that children have to endure in most art exhibits.

The Frost Art Museum's exhibition floor will be covered with approximately 900 square feet of foam alphabet tiles cover the floor from wall-to-wall. According to Namkung, this is "the world's largest foam alphabet floor."

"I wanted to design a space that is both practical for babies and caregivers, but that also challenges perception concerning the way that we read space and regulate behavior accordingly," said Namkung.

In an effort to involve parents and their infants in the physicality of art, Michael Namkung has transformed his trademark Drawing Gym workshop, which explores art as a form of physical exercise, into



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Assistant Professor of Drawing Michael Namkung wishes to explore the intimate concepts that accompany the act of putting a child to rest, and to do this, he put out a call for parents and caregivers to record the raw sounds of their lullabies.

an experience tailored to the exhibit. Instead of taking adults and having them express their art through physical motion, Namkung now invites parents to bring their children to participate in the Drawing Gym, which will be held on select Saturdays during the exhibit.

"You don't have to ask a baby to explore his or her physical limits—it is their developmental imperative to do so at every given opportunity," said Namkung of the Drawing Gym, which is only one of many weekly activities that will be held throughout the length of the

exhibition.

The experience of parenting is the inspiration behind this latest addition to Namkung's impressive portfolio, and much like he is no stranger to art, he is also no stranger to parenting.

Namkung had a daughter in 2011, and this particular exhibit has a particular muse in the form of his newborn son, Clyde.

Namkung used the emotions inherent in watching a child grow as the basis of the exhibit.

"When looking at baby pictures, we see and remember what we

want. I make these in order to create and consolidate memory, and to deal with loss."

With the exhibition due to open September 18, the FIU community is already anticipating this innovative presentation. "I'm really excited to see what he's going to do," said Lissette Martinez, an alumnus who volunteers at the Frost Art Museum.

Indeed, Michael Namkung's work will be an interactive exhibit for all to see.

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Alcohol and the apocalypse in 'The World's End'

COLUMNIST



JUAN BARQUIN

but two films this year make a contrary statement. Both "Drinking Buddies" and

Theater may not seem like the ideal place to hang out with your wasted buddies,

"The World's End" heavily feature humanity's "good friend" alcohol, but while one tastes great, the other's just plain flat.

After delivering a rather entertaining performance in Adam Wingard's "You're Next," Joe Swanberg hits the screens with his latest work as a writer-director, "Drinking Buddies." The

film follows two couples, half of whom work at a brewery together, spending their days drinking and flirting. It doesn't take long for problems to arise when the four meet and start to hang out, blurring the lines between friendship and romance.

Swanberg's knack for focusing on relationships in

the indie fashion possible kills any buzz that "Drinking Buddies" sets up in its first act. Olivia Wilde and Jake Johnson have a delightful chemistry and the natural, often improvised, dialogue is a big help, but their story unfolds in the most predictable manner possible.

There's never a single feeling that there's any real

danger, even when relationships end and friends fight. That lack of tension makes the ninety minutes feel dreadfully boring, so much so that even Anna Kendrick and Ron Livingston look like they don't want to be hanging around anymore.

Thankfully, the movies offer a riveting group of five musketeers that are the

perfect alternative if you still want to watch a bunch of alcoholics hanging out. Edgar Wright strikes again with the third film in his Cornetto trilogy, which features "Shaun of the Dead," "Hot Fuzz," and now, "The World's End."

"The World's End"

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Diversity in India meets diversity in South Florida

COLUMNIST



HOLLY MCCOACH

With the second largest popu-

Sometimes students and faculty can take FIU for granted, but the University finds ways to reach across the globe and welcome people from many different nations into the Panther Family.

lation in the world, India is one of many examples. India's diversity spreads from all ranges throughout the country.

Bharat Sukhyani, who goes by "B" for short, moved to Miami on August 16 to complete his graduate studies in Telecommunications. FIU was his top choice for many reasons.

"The US was my priority because the quality of the educa-

tion in the US is good," said Sukhyani. "One of my friends already graduated from here. I got some good information about FIU, so I chose FIU."

Sukhyani did his research about FIU, and even learned a little bit of Spanish via YouTube after learning of the highly Spanish-speaking population in South Florida.

Sukhyani put forth the effort

to join the marching band, even though guitar, his primary instrument, was not an instrument used in the ensemble. Not knowing how to read music, Sukhyani was placed onto the cymbal line, where he is beginning a fresh start in the band.

"I wanted to represent FIU, and marching band was one way. I had watched [one to two] YouTube videos about the FIU marching

band. I walked to [the School of Music] to meet the band director, where I met Mr. Bernhardt, who welcomed me and I am grateful to him," said Sukhyani.

Sukhyani was born in Sierra Leone, but moved to India, where he spent most of his life. He grew up in Indore, located in central India. Indore is much more

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University implements writing services for local high school

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Staff Writer

In an effort to make students engage with the community through service projects, a group of members from the FIU community got together and brainstormed ideas to get students involved.

In partnership with the Office of Engagement, FIU and Miami-Dade public schools joined together to find ways to equally benefit both parties.

A curriculum was designed providing projects that have students working with community partners. Thus, The Education Effect began.

The Education Effect was funded by a grant from J.P. Morgan-Chase of approximately \$1 million. The allocated funds provided transportation from Miami Northwestern to Biscayne Bay Campus, where high school students got campus tours

and participated in learning activities.

The funds also covered basic needs like pens, paper and snacks for a final party for the students.

Miami Northwestern Senior High School, located in Liberty City, is the main school that students participating in The Education Effect collaborate with. The school was chosen because of its history and significance within the community.

FIU students are given the opportunity to mentor upper level classmen, offering insight and understanding on what to expect for college.

Professor of Writing and Rhetoric, Tania Lopez, noted that many students coming out of high school do not have proper English instruction.

In high school, most students are taught English literature courses rather than writing courses.

“Even some basic framework is not there for high



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Roary and the Golden Dazzlers revved everyone up for the first home football game of the semester at a pep rally on Wednesday, Sept 4.

school students. They think of writing and think ‘FCAT’ or schoolwork. They don’t think of writing in other settings,” said Lopez. “We are trying to challenge those

views of writing and show students that in college, they will be engaged in multiple forms of writing.”

A small group of eight students created a joint-class-

room experience, using group activities and techniques to teach high school students.

FIU students were designated to create coursework,

design lessons and deliver lessons like in a typical classroom setting.

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Album Review: “I thought I was an alien” by Soko

DIEGO SALDANA-ROJAS
Columnist

The 15-track, indie-folk album, “I thought I Was An Alien” is slow, somber and sprinkled with melancholic themes.

Soko’s soft, French accented voice sounds raspy and at times, cracks. The cracking will, at times, perfectly accompany the

transition from note to note on the acoustic guitar’s fret board, providing the notion of a small, intimate performance.

Overall, slow tempos and low dynamics provide a relaxed and downbeat vibe.

This, coupled with themes ranging from lost love, trying to date someone recovering from drug abuse and being alone firmly

cement this album in the indie-folk genre.

The more melancholic points of the album are reached on tracks 3,4,6,8,12 with 6 (For Marlon) and 12 (Happy Hippie Birthday) and 13 (I’ve been Along Too Long) standing out with some of the albums saddest lyrics and simple slow guitar melodies.

Tracks 1,2,5,7,9,10,11 are not

as absolutely slow and depressing as the above mentioned, but they will, in no means, make you want to get up and dance.

Standout tracks include 7 (First Lover Never Die) with a steady, mid-tempo, solid use of a high pitched electric guitar and back-up trumpets and track 10 (Don’t You Touch Me) with it’s surprising higher tempo and song

dynamics, which pick up as the track progresses.

Fans of indie-folk music, soft rock and female vocalists like Lykke Li and Florence and the Machine will find a place for Soko’s album in their collection. Just don’t listen when it’s raining outside.

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‘The World’s End’: ‘humanity’s good friend alcohol’

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tells the tale of five childhood friends who begrudgingly reunite for the sake of helping their friend achieve his dream of finishing an immense pub crawl in their hometown. It’s only when they realize that their town has been taken over by robots of some kind that things really get wild.

Were Douglas Adams still alive today to drink copious amounts of beer and watch

Philip Kaufman’s “Invasion of the Body Snatchers” late one night, this is exactly the kind of thing he’d write. That is the greatest compliment one can attribute to Simon Pegg and Edgar Wright’s brilliantly entertaining script. The comedy is non-stop, bouncing from physical humor that results in some wild action sequences, to some top-notch satire and British humor.

Pegg and Nick Frost are always a duo to be reckoned with in Wright’s films, and

the large supporting cast work wonders with them, but their bond here offers some surprisingly emotional moments that are unexpected in a sci-fi comedy feature. There’s never a dull moment and the soundtrack, full of eighties and nineties hits, only serves to complement and propel the narrative in the best way possible.

With two films currently in theaters about drinking with your pals, there’s one clear choice for the best brew in town. While

“Drinking Buddies” falls flat after its first act, “The World’s End” remains riveting throughout, making it a perfect finish to a terrific trilogy.

“Drinking Buddies” will be showing at Cosford Cinema starting September 6th, while “The World’s End” is in theaters everywhere.

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University truly living up to international name

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packed than Miami. Instead of cars, however, the most popular mode of transport is by motorcycle.

As for the culture of India, it changes depending on if you live in the north, south, east, or west. Fashion is inclined towards the European and American culture, but traditional style of dress can also be found in older people, and sometimes by the younger generations. As for most of India, these traditional styles of clothing include sarees and salwar kameez, which are worn by women, and sherwani, which are worn by men.

Sukhyani also clarified the stereotype that Indians worship cows, which is not true. However, cows are given

respect in that they are not killed for food. Most of the non-vegetarian food consists of chicken, goat, and fish.

Hindi is the most common language spoken in India, but English is mandatory to learn in schools, even if it not spoken much in some areas. English is spoken more commonly in Southern India. Different religions are also found throughout the country.

“We have basically four religions in India. There are Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, and Christians,” said Sukhyani.

These four religions are for the most part, evenly distributed across India, and depending on where you visit, one of these four will be recognized.

Sukhyani enjoys many sports including soccer and volleyball, but has yet to attend a sporting event here at the

University. Next Friday, September 6, will be his first time attending an American football game, something which he has never experienced in India. Nor has he experienced certain foods in the US.

“I’ve tried your hamburger. I loved it. I want to try sushi. I haven’t tried it yet,” said Sukhyani.

After spending only a little over a week in the US, Sukhyani has seen and touched a football, tried pepperoni pizza, hopes to join the soccer or baseball team, and possibly learn the flute. He is a research assistant for the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department. So far, everything seems to be falling into place for him.

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Freshman class impressing both coaches and players

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Many freshmen have been called off the bench for the FIU women's soccer team this season dedicated and ready to play. Freshmen such as defender Shelby Bowden, who has had two shots on goal this season, and midfielder Alyssa Robinson with one shot on goal and Ellen Crist, who served as a substitute during the Stetson match, have all shown that they are ready to step up and be a productive part of this Panther team.

Freshman goalkeeper Vanessa Plasencia has seen the most action of all the freshman class having started every game this season for FIU.

The Miami native has had a total of 23 saves this season and has remained alert to quickly pick up the way her new team plays.

"The freshmen have come and they've done a good job," Assistant Coach Kyle Schroeder said. "It's a step up, it's a different challenge for them that they've never faced before and I think they've risen

to that challenge and I hope to see more of them as they keep learning and developing."

Although the freshmen still have a lot to learn, the rest of the team has confidence in them and their playing abilities.

"The freshmen have been doing a great job," midfielder Johanna Volz said. "They have made a huge impact on this team and they have been able to come in and play some key roles and push everybody else to do better because we're all fighting for spots here and we all want to succeed."

Panthers look to increase defensive intensity

The Panthers are now 1-2-0 after defeating Stetson 2-0 and falling to Arizona 4-2, and to Florida 4-0. Nevertheless, the improvement is clearly noted from last season. The Panthers lost to Arizona 2-0 last year and this season they managed to score a couple of goals in its home opener.

The question still

remains; will the improvements or mistakes continue?

"I think a lot of it starts with hard work. If the little things aren't working for us then it's just about working hard to win the ball back and constantly keeping up our work ethic," Volz said. "As well as just staying focused and concentrated on the things we talk about before the game."

The coaches feel that the pressure from the Panthers is evident and serves as a great asset on the field.

"I think when the team does well, we do a good job of putting pressure on their players so we can win the ball back quickly," Schroeder said. "I think we have some good players on the ball that were able to create some opportunities off the dribble. I think we did well against Stetson; I think we did a great job."

The Panthers have lacked defense throughout their matches against big contenders such as Arizona and Florida. At the beginning of the



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The FIU women's soccer team looks to battle back from an early up and down season.

season, FIU started with a weak midfield that put it at risk throughout their game against Arizona, and recently failed to recover the ball from Florida.

"I think the biggest thing we need to work on is our transition. When we lose the ball, how quickly can we recover it and once we recover it, how quickly can we go in and really catch them when they're still trying to figure out

what happened," Schroeder said. "I think if we can catch them in those moments when they have just lost the ball, I think we can attack right there and we'll have a successful year."

The Panthers remain hopeful and ready to attack their upcoming games.

"We got a little bit of a rough start, not exactly where we wanted to be,

but I feel like game by game we've taken huge steps forward in little and big things so I feel confident coming into this weekend," Volz said. "FGCU has been a rival for us. We're moving forward. I think each day we're making improvements and I'm happy with where we are."

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Golf team members find unity in diversity

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From England to South America and back to Miami, the FIU women's golf team has truly embraced the word "international." Eight different women make up the team, and six of them are from a different country.

Scottish, Colombian, Ecuadorian, Chilean, American and English are the nationalities that make up perhaps the most diverse team at FIU.

"Adjusting to the mix of new cultures isn't so bad, except for all the Spanish that I'm trying to understand," sophomore Meghan MacLaren said with a chuckle.

MacLaren comes from Cambridge, England. She was named the Sun Belt Conference "Freshman of the Year." She was also named as an All-Sun Belt selection and led the conference in first place finishes and in stroke average.

"I think it's great being so diverse, we learn new things from each other all the time," freshman Coralía Arias said.

Arias just came from Quito, Ecuador and was the first ranked amateur in her country. She has placed in the top 10 in several big tournaments including a PGA international

junior tournament and the South American Championship.

The world has shrunk for these women as they find themselves in similar situations. Miles away from home and the only two things they have in common are golf and that they miss home.

"It can get hard living alone. It gets sad sometimes," Arias said. "Imagine leaving everything you found comfortable to chase a dream. The sacrifice athletes make often is a big one. Home is wherever you're playing at that time."

"Golf reminds me why I am here. When I'm out on the golf course, I forget about

anything that bothers me," MacLaren said. "It's these kinds of things that keep athletes going."

They are similar to paintings in



BEACON FILE PHOTO

Senior Shelby Coyle hopes to lead a young group of freshman and sophomores to continued success.

the sense that home is a canvas. Their talent provides a home for them. Every golf course is just a canvas that they paint.

"It makes me happy. Golf gives me something to do that I really like outside my country," Arias said. "You can paint anywhere;

art is art regardless of country or culture. Just as golf is golf."

The sense of loneliness however is treated.

"We have been through so much off the field that it's brought us closer as a team," MacLaren said. "I've adjusted okay, there are great people around me."

None greater than Head Coach Joe Vogel.

"Coach came out to see me in England. He made me feel like I was important to the team," MacLaren said.

"I always try to visit players, I want to impact them personally. They are important," Vogel said. Coach Vogel comes from the Midwest in St. Louis. He is from a culture just as different as the girls'.

It all seems to work. It clicks. "Last year we had a similar situation with many girls from different countries and we won a conference championship" Vogel said.

"We aren't so different. Yeah there are a lot of international players, but we get along great," Arias said.

They are just painters in the end. Painting golf courses one stroke at a time.

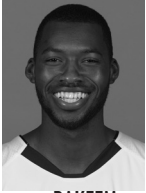
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Buckles to finish career at FIU despite transfer denial



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The Panthers plan to keep a big man on roster after a waiver to transfer was denied.

Rakeem Buckles, a transfer from Louisville, will be staying on roster as a scholarship player under new Head Coach

Anthony Evans.

Richard Pitino, who coached Buckles at Louisville and FIU, told Jeff Goodman of ESPN.com that the fifth-year senior will be returning to campus and that his transfer waiver to Minnesota was denied by the NCAA.

When Pitino took the head coaching position with the Gophers, word had come up that Buckles was looking to join Pitino and former Panther guard Malik Smith.

Once it was official that there would be no



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postseason for the Panther, it became inevitable that Buckles would look at every option of joining Pitino and Smith.

Buckles sat out his first year at FIU due to transfer rules by the NCAA.

There is no way Buckles was able to foresee the loss of Pitino to Minnesota and the loss of a postseason. Adding insult to injury, Buckles has been played by such.

He saw a season end twice due to a torn ACL, as well as missing time due to a spiral fracture in his finger while with the Cardinals.

It is unsure why Buckles' waiver was denied.

If the waiver would've been accepted, it wouldn't have been the first time a player with one year of eligibility remaining received a waiver from the NCAA to transfer and be granted access to play immediately because of a postseason ban.

Along with Smith, Alex Oriakhi chose to leave UConn when they were facing a postseason ban and played last season at Missouri.

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NY tribe launching radio ad against Redskins

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An American Indian tribe in upstate New York said Thursday it will launch a radio ad campaign pressing for the Washington Redskins to shed a name often criticized as offensive.

The Oneida Indian Nation said the first ad will run on radio stations in Washington before the team hosts the Philadelphia Eagles in its season opener Monday night. In the ad, Oneida Nation Representative Ray Halbritter says NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell should "stand up to bigotry" by denouncing "the racial slur" in the team's name. "We do not deserve to be called redskins," the Oneida leader says in the ad. "We deserve to be treated as what we are — Americans."

The radio ad said Goodell had rightly been critical this

summer after an Eagles wide receiver was caught on video making a racial slur against African-Americans.

The ads launch as the Washington Redskins this year face a fresh barrage of criticism over their nickname, with local leaders and pundits calling for a name change. In May, 10 members of Congress sent letters to Redskins owner Dan Snyder and Goodell urging the team to change the name. Snyder has vowed to never change the name.

League spokesman Brian McCarthy, in an email to The Associated Press, said they "respect that reasonable people may have differing views."

"The name from its origin has always intended to be positive and has always been used by the team in a highly respectful manner," McCarthy wrote.

There was no immediate response from the Redskins.

The Oneidas have been vocal opponents of the Redskins nickname — be it for NFL or high school teams. The tribe,

which runs a casino and resort in central New York, this year gave \$10,000 toward new jerseys to an area high school that changed its nickname from the Redskins to the Hawkeyes.

The Oneida said the first ad will run Sunday and Monday on several stations in Washington. Subsequent ads will run in Washington during home games and in the cities hosting the team when it is away. A spokesman for the Oneidas would not say how much the campaign would cost beyond "multiple thousands."

Halbritter said that fans also are being urged to lobby the NFL in support of the name change at www.changethemascot.org, a website that debuted Thursday. "We believe that with the help of our fellow professional football fans, we can get the NFL to realize the error of its ways and make a very simple change," Halbritter said in a prepared statement.

Hernandez arraignment set after murder indictment

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Former New England Patriot Aaron Hernandez is set to be arraigned on a first-degree murder charge following his indictment in the killing of a friend authorities say was shot five times in an industrial park.

The arraignment is scheduled for Friday afternoon in Fall River Superior Court. A Massachusetts grand jury last month returned the indictment against Hernandez in the death of Odin Lloyd, a 27-year-old semi-professional football player from Boston who was dating the sister of Hernandez's girlfriend.

It also includes five gun counts.

Hernandez, 23, was arrested in June and pleaded not guilty to murder and weapons charges in district court. The indictment moves the case to superior court, where jury trials in murder cases are held.

The ex-athlete, who was cut from the Patriots within

hours of his arrest, has been held without bail.

Prosecutors say Hernandez orchestrated Lloyd's killing because he was upset at Lloyd for talking to some people with whom Hernandez had problems at a nightclub a few days earlier.

Defense attorneys say the evidence is circumstantial and that the state's case won't hold up.

Two other men who prosecutors say were with Hernandez when Lloyd was killed are also facing charges. Ernest Wallace was indicted on a charge of accessory to murder after the fact. He earlier pleaded not guilty to the same charge in district court and was ordered held on \$500,000 bail.

Carlos Ortiz pleaded not guilty to a firearms charge and is being held without bail. He has not been indicted.

Lloyd's body was found by a jogger on June 17 in an industrial park in North Attleborough, about a mile from Hernandez's home. Authorities say Lloyd was killed with

a .45-caliber Glock, which they have said hasn't been recovered. But prosecutors say they have video footage of Hernandez at his home holding what appears to be a Glock, in the hours before and just after the killing.

Prosecutors have not identified the triggerman, but according to court documents, Ortiz told police Wallace said it was Hernandez.

Hernandez's cousin, Tanya Singleton, also was indicted on a criminal contempt charge after prosecutors say she refused to testify before the grand jury hearing evidence in the case, even after they offered her immunity. Her attorney has agreed she be held without bail.

Hernandez is also connected to the investigation of a 2012 double homicide near a Boston nightclub.

While probing Lloyd's death, police found an SUV, sought in the earlier killing, at the home of Hernandez's uncle in Bristol, Conn., the former football player's hometown. It had been rented in Hernandez's name.

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Sixteen new scholarships for BBC students

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This new school year, 16 new scholarships will be awarded to Biscayne Bay Campus students. Fifteen of these scholarships are \$1 thousand each, and one of them is of \$6 thousand, making it a total of \$21 thousand.

According to Jan L. Solomon, Development Officer for the office of the vice provost, there were 110 applicants, who will be narrowed down to a top 25 on Tuesday and later to the 16 students who will be awarded on Oct. 8.

At the ceremony, the students will have the opportunity to meet the sponsors of these scholarships, who compose The Vice Provost's Council at BBC, launched July 1, 2012.

"These are people who take interest in our campus," said Solomon, "Who enjoy engaging with the students and who understand our student body, which is hard working, needs scholarships, work and go to school."

The Vice Provost Council at

BBC has 33 members, who come from North Miami, Aventura and other cities nearby campus; mayors, commissioners, business owners, and philanthropists, among others compose this group.

The council has an executive committee of nine members, including the Bal Harbour Village Mayor Jean Rosenfield.

This committee meets once a month, while the rest of the council is required to meet twice a year; but according to Solomon, many of them attend many of the University events, such as the Get Your Career in Gear event, where some of the members of the council talked about resume writing, job interviews and job-hunting tips.

'Mentoring' has been one of the primary goals of this council since it was launched, along with raising money and community outreach.

According to Solomon, this council wouldn't have been formed if a vice provost wasn't assigned.

"We had been waiting for that in BBC since 2006," said Solomon. "We have not had a

FREE EVENTS



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SGA gave students a chance to make a difference in food and restaurant choices at BBC by hosting an event where students like Maria Ortigueira, junior in advertising, were able to fill out surveys regarding an issue in exchange for ice cream and free t-shirts.

permanent vice provost since I've been here."

Once the vice provost was assigned, two years ago, the scholarship committee started reaching out to the community and to those who had an affinity for the school.

The audit students from BBC were the key to accomplishing this, according to Solomon. These students take regular courses at the University, but receive no credit for it. In BBC's case, these are city residents who have an appreciation for the classes and

FIU, said Solomon.

"We started pulling from those people, like inviting them to meet the vice provost and to also help us form an advisory board," said Solomon, who also said they were the connection to the community out there.

"Eventually, we got enough people and they started calling themselves The Vice Provost Council," said Solomon.

In order for any person to be part of the council, it is required to contribute money towards the council's fund and also to help

raise money. This year, 15 of the scholarships come from that fund. One of them, the \$6 thousand scholarship, is coming from one of the members, Jordan R. Laser who is the managing director of Laser Financial Group and North-western Mutual.

Next year, according to Solomon, the council expects to raise and give up to \$100 thousand in scholarships to BBC students.

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Get a taste for healthier things in life

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The Student Health Services department in the Biscayne Bay Campus will be hosting a Nutrition Tabling event on Sept. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the BBC Dining Hall in an effort to help readjust the gears of unhealthy culinary customs that students and faculty members might have acquired during this past summer.

The event, which will be open to all FIU students free of charge, will allow the student body to learn about the wide range of nutrition services that the University offers.

Treatments of eating disorders, chronic diseases and injuries; personal consultations covering issues such as stress management

and sexual health; and presentations on issues ranging from nutrition to preventative health and substance abuse are just some among the wide array of services offered by the Student Health Services department.

Students who live in any of FIU's residence halls can easily take advantage of the cooking demos offered by the Student Health Services department. The demos, which serve as a nutritional resource, aim to educate students on how to prepare healthy meals while living far from home. Group sessions are available and led by staff members belonging to the Student Health Services Wellness Center.

Employees of the University's Student Health Services Wellness Center will be present at the event to answer any questions that students may have related to nutrition

and general well being.

Students who decide to attend the event will meet their campus' registered dietician, Christine Tellez, who will be able to inform students about healthy eating habits, fitness options dealing with weight and body fat, and topics related to food allergies and special diets, among others.

Apart from regularly conducting the tabling event every year the Student Health Services staff always strives to provide a greater range of resources for students to take advantage of.

"There is something different every day in the world of nutrition," said Sarah Kenneally, Senior Health Educator of the SHS department, who hopes to educate a larger portion of the student body on nutritional issues every year and see a great

number of students attend the event.

"Those who attend the event will be able to walk away with some prizes," said Kenneally. "The staff at the event will be asking a series of questions regarding nutrition, and those who answer correctly will leave with something in hand."

Students who aren't able to attend the event at the BBC will still have the opportunity to learn more about the University's diverse offers of nutrition services by visiting the Student Health Services Web site at www.studenthealth.fiu.edu, or by calling the Modesto Maidique Office at (305) 348-2401, or the Biscayne Bay Office at (305) 919-5620.

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