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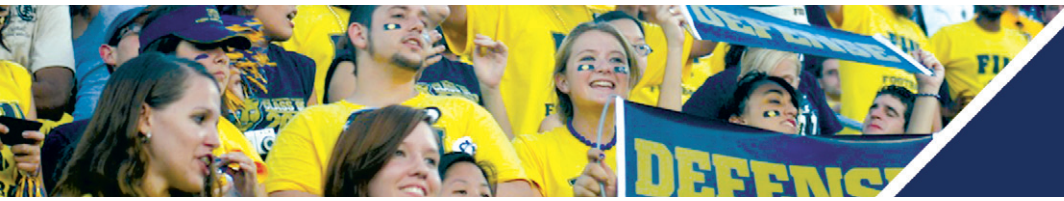
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Most people who are serious about sports will tell you that there is no such thing as a moral victory on the field. It can make a nice bed-

COMMENTARY



CHRIS
TOWERS

time story to pacify disappointed fans, but if, in the end, Mighty Casey strikes out to end the game, you can't exactly walk away feeling anything more than disappointed.

Mario Cristobal, FIU's head coach, would probably agree with this sentiment, having written off the suggestion that anything short of a notch in the win column counts as a victory, so it wouldn't be right to classify what went down on the field during the inaugural game at FIU's new on campus stadium as a moral victory.

But, as the clock struck zero, with about half of the 16,000 gone, there was something different about the atmosphere amongst those fans from the end of a typical FIU game.

As the team made its way towards the band, students stayed in



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

READY FOR ACTION: The Golden Panthers football team race onto the field at FIU Stadium before facing the USF Bulls on Sep. 20.

the stands to show their appreciation for the valiant effort the team put out on the field, hanging tough for 60 minutes despite being 28-point underdogs against the 12th-ranked South Florida Bulls.

There may not be such a thing as a moral victory on the field, but judging by the stands packed with students on the east end zone underneath the scoreboard, and the actual

masses of people taking advantage of game day to take part in the tailgating tradition of college football, you can have a moral victory in the minds of the fan base.

PRE-GAME

For the first 6 years of FIU football, game day was nothing more than another day for the vast ma-

jority of the student body. With the notable exception of the first ever home game and the two UM vs. FIU games, apathy couldn't even describe the way most students looked at the team.

But on this day, there was a palpable buzz on campus. Normally a ghost town on a weekend afternoon, there were actual lines at the merchandise area of the bookstore and

seemingly everyone inside of the Fresh Foods cafeteria was sporting FIU paraphernalia.

As strange as that might seem, the greater shock may have been looking out on the fields by the housing buildings in Tamiami Park and seeing a vast expanse of cars and fans, sporting blue, gold, and

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Students voice concerns, get feedback at first SGC forum

JULIO MENACHE
Asst. News Director

Engineering student Camilo Silva had a purpose and few complaints when walking inside Graham Center 243.

He wanted to know when the FIU School of Engineering would get around to fixing fire tubes that had been long damaged by a hurricane.

He also wanted to bring a security issue to light, since one of his classes exceeded its maximum capacity, and he feared that could be a safety issue in case of a fire.

Silva, along with other students, took part in a forum hosted by the Student Government

Council at University Park on Sept. 17.

It was the first of three forums in which students will be able to ask questions and receive feedback about issues that affect their everyday life at FIU, such as parking, public safety, tuition increases and budget cuts.

Among those addressing questions were members of SGA, Emergency Management Coordinator of Public Safety Charles Cyrille, Chief of Police Bill King and Director of FIU Parking and Transportation Bill Foster.

"This forum is a great way to address the officials who make the [important] decisions," said

SGA Advisor Jose Toscano.

The forum began by addressing the issue of public safety. Cyrille, who heads the department, focused much of his time discussing the emergency text message system.

He alluded to criticism his office received for sending out emergency text message alerts regarding Hurricane Ike.

"Our decision was based on the fact that Ike was not affecting the University too much," Cyrille said.

Cyrille also struck down any notion that the emergency text program should become mandatory for all students.

He noted that there is a fee attached to sending those

messages.

Cyrille is currently trying to approach Congress to allow for free text messaging alerts for students.

After speaking about public safety, Foster stressed that there needed to be an improvement in the area of communication between students and his office.

Foster urged students to learn more about the GreenRide project, a school carpool initiative.

He told students to consider carpooling in order to not only have more parking spaces but fewer carbon dioxide emissions.

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SGC FORUM

- Public safety official Charles Cyrille is trying to contact Congress to make text messaging alerts free for students.
- Plans for a 2,000-space parking garage are in place.
- Chief of police says FIU needs to improve campus security cameras to reduce larceny.
- Next SGA Forum on October 8th at 12pm in GC 243



JESSE MEADOWS/THE BEACON

TRUMP CARD: Ivanka Trump spoke at FIU GC Ballrooms about entrepreneurship and life.

Trump offers students business, life advice

ANDREW CALIENES
Staff Writer

To the surprise of most students, Ivanka Trump, daughter of real estate billionaire Donald Trump, came to FIU and spoke about business and entrepreneurship on Sept. 17 at the Graham Center Ballrooms.

The lecture had a good turnout, nearly the entire ballroom was filled with students; some even forced to stand in the back due to lack of seats.

Trump, who is vice president of Real Estate Development and Acquisitions for the Trump Organization, focused her lecture on the lessons she learned while growing up which have helped her attain success.

“Love what you do,” she told the audience, “because if you don’t love it you won’t have the drive to do well in whatever field you choose.”

Trump also stressed the point to “fight to the death” for what you want.

She also cited that without the proper drive, her father would never have

made it out of the financial misfortune he encountered in the 90s.

When speaking on whether her father would fire his own daughter, she referred to a Larry King interview, where her father stated, “Yes I would fire [her], but not just fire [her], I’d fire [her] like a dog.”

Trump then went on to talk about how important it is to put oneself out there and to demand to be a part of those projects students feel they can do well in. “It is important to be bold in your endeavors,” Trump said.

Some audience members felt her lecture could be applied to real life situations.

“She kept it brief and informative, to the point where we can apply it to our daily lives,” said sophomore Elise Manley. “I think she’s great but I think the [\$30,000] SGA paid to get her here could have been applied elsewhere.”

SGA did consider several factors before paying Trump to come speak at FIU.

Nivv Oudit, Speakers Bureau Chair for SGC-UP, was the main contributor

in coordinating the lecture, according to SGC-UP President Arthur “AJ” Meyer.

“It was extremely difficult to get Ivanka to come to FIU, it took a lot of British charm,” Oudit said.

According to Oudit, SGA was able to get ahold of the young entrepreneur through the William Morris Agency, a talent agency with offices all over the world.

“When I met Ivanka she was the perfect image of excellence, sophistication, professionalism and class,” Oudit said.

“I was really astonished how downright sweet she was.”

Although Trump was brought up in the lap of luxury, students said she came across as humble and appreciative of the opportunities life has provided her.

“It was a really good lecture. She didn’t only focus on business and entrepreneurship but life lessons that can help anyone,” said senior Ramsy Sarraff.

“Who cares how much they spent, it was great exposure for FIU.”

Forum focuses on public safety, parking problems

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Foster also addressed complaints from students about difficulties in finding parking spaces.

He asked students to remember not to always look for the most convenient location.

However, Foster announced plans for building a new parking garage, adjacent to the Red Garage, which he said will have over 2,000 spaces and will house retail stores and campus security.

After discussing parking, the focus shifted toward campus security.

The chief of police pledged his commitment to enhance communication alert system.

While statistics for ag-

The low turnout is possibly due to lack of interest ... If only two-three students out of 38,000 show up, it’s poor representation.

Jose Toscano, advisor
SGA

gravated and sexual assault are low, King took time in the event to point out the most significant problem: larceny.

King pointed to other areas that need improvement, such as the amount of cameras available on campus.

“We need to have better camera security,” King said.

Although the event was heavily promoted, the meeting was only attended by a handful of students.

Most of the questions were asked by members of

SGA.

The lecture by Ivanka Trump could have been one of the reasons why the SGA forum had a low attendance.

Toscano thought student body apathy was responsible for the turnout.

“We did a lot of marketing,” Toscano said. “The low turnout is possibly due to lack of interest. This is a great way to voice your opinion. If only two-three students out of 38,000 show up, it’s poor representation.”

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Sept. 10: An FIU student stated that while sitting at the picnic benches located on the north side of Lakeview Housing, she placed her wallet on the table, turned her back for a moment and her wallet was gone.

Sept. 10: An FIU student parked his vehicle at the Red Parking Garage between the listed dates and times. Unknown person(s) used unknown tool(s) to break the right passenger window and gain entry into the vehicle. The subject(s) then used an unknown tool(s) to pry open the underside of the dashboard and removed the engine computer.

Sept. 16: An FIU student stated that while he was on the seventh floor of the Green Library when he left his laptop on a desk to go to the restroom. When he returned, his laptop had been removed by unknown person(s).

- Compiled by David A. Barrios

CORRECTIONS

In the issue dated Sept. 19, 2008, the article “Panel stresses comprehensive sex-ed” stated Florida has the second highest teen pregnancy rate. Florida has the sixth highest teen pregnancy rate.

The Beacon will gladly change any errors. Call our UP office at 305-348-2709 or BBC at 305-919-4722.

Campus Go Green program still not green enough

NATHAN VALENTINE
BBC Photo Editor

Take a quick stroll around BBC, and keep an eye out for recycling bins. You won't find many. Of the 300 recycling bins reportedly located around campus, approximately only 16 are easy to locate.

Considering the size of the campus and the distribution of the bins, this isn't a large number. Where are the remaining 284?

A majority of the outside recycling bins are hard to find, hidden behind dividing walls and in low-traffic areas.

Every office has the little blue recycling bins, according to custodial services. These bins are confined to each office and mainly used for recycling paper.

Campus-wide, there is a notable lack of plastic and aluminum recycling bins, especially in open areas, Panther Square and the cafeteria.

Every Thursday, 16 large "toter" containers of paper products are emptied from the loading zone and sent to be processed, contributing to the 40 tons of paper recycled by FIU each month, according to the Go Green Web site.

Aside from paper, FIU recycles ten tons of materials monthly, including plastic, glass, cardboard, light bulbs and aluminum. The eight bins, used for recycling bot-

tles and aluminum at BBC, fill up approximately every six weeks. The content is sent to be sorted, adding a negligible dent to the monthly figures. This turnover rate is very low, considering there are 37 drink vending machines scattered throughout campus.

"We need to educate people. [Students] have to pull out their paper, cardboard and food before recycling it," said a member of custodial services. "If it's too contaminated, we have to throw it out."

Sorting through the recyclables can become a tedious task for custodians. The contaminated

materials attract pests, posing more threats to the recycling program and its workers.

David Fonseca, director of the Student Government Association community relations and environmental affairs, has been pushing forward with Go Green. The initiative aims to move FIU practices toward technologies with minimal environmental impacts, so the university can become "climate neutral." This means that FIU will not emit greenhouse gases, or offset its emissions through energy credits and other means, according to the Go Green Web site.

"There is a very low number of recycling bins for plastic and aluminum because the custodial side is not sure what is being done with the



NATHAN VALENTINE/THE BEACON

HIDDEN BINS: Recycling bins in the School of Hospitality Management building are out of sight.

recycling," Fonseca said. "Before, [BBC] had no recycling, and the bottles would be thrown away, which is a shame."

The low number of easy-to-locate recycling bins at BBC could be one reason that a disproportionate majority of FIU's non-paper recycling is being done at University Park. Recently, a medium-sized recycling bin showed up in BBC's Panther Square, though it is off to the side and, based on its small content, many students seem to overlook it. With a high-traffic area of that magnitude, high-profile recycling bins should be easily visible

and well-marked.

"People usually just dump their trash in the bin and don't [consider] what is going on there. They don't take a minute to read the sign and end up throwing out garbage in the recycling bin," Fonseca said.

Fonseca is currently conducting student surveys in order to receive a grant from the Coca-Cola/NRC Recycling Bin Grant Program, which supports local community recycling efforts.

With the grant, both campuses could improve FIU's non-paper recyclable collection program.

"We're trying to cut costs, so

recycling would be a good area for everyone to get involved with," said Janice Spann-Givens, associate director of multicultural programs and services at FIU.

By maximizing the use of its current recycling bins, FIU can help set higher standards for South Florida's recycling initiatives.

Go Green is a monthly column about green initiatives at BBC.

If you have any suggestions or want to write for the column, please e-mail your ideas to julia.cardenuto@fiusm.com.

Forum talks sexuality without taboo

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Contributing Writer

Sexuality, men, women and relationships are just some of the topics discussed with a little spice at Wild Succulent Women.

Wild Succulent Women, a monthly forum sponsored by the Women's Center at FIU, held its first meeting of the year on Sept. 18. Bronwen Bares, coordinator of the Center for Leadership and Service and the Women's Center, led the meeting held at Bay Vista Housing at Biscayne Bay Campus.

"It's interesting because most people who come have questions [about sexuality] they want answered. [The Women's Center] provides facts," said KyKy Davis, a second-time attendee and Bay Vista Housing resident.

But Wild Succulent Women is not just for women; men are also encouraged to come and join the discussion.

"The event is entertaining and informational. I've been to previous ones, and they have good teachings,"

said Andrew Schwaegerl, an attendee at Thursday's meeting and a hospitality management senior.

Bares reminded the audience that people with different cultural backgrounds were present, and that sexuality is an extremely personal subject. She then proceeded

and help students ask questions in a mature manner and environment.

As students became more comfortable, Bares instructed everyone to stand in a circle with their eyes closed in order to pair each student with a partner.

While keeping their eyes

Helping someone regain control after assault, by giving them control in a relationship, can be the best thing you can do as a partner.

Brownen Bares Coordinator
Center for Leadership and Service

with a question, "What is sexuality?"

Words like sex, relationships and orientation were hesitantly whispered by a few students.

One woman broke some of the tension when she answered, "How you relate yourself to what you're attracted to; your views on sex."

Attendees were then asked to define the terms sexuality, sexual, erotic, and sex itself. According to Bares, the point of the meetings is to facilitate discussions about sex,

closed was a little too uncomfortable for the majority of students, most participated in the paired activity. Each pair had to define different words associated with sexuality by their own standards, thereby allowing the partner to learn a different view on sexuality.

In another activity, students read an anonymous personal account entitled "Erotic Robots," which lead to a discussion about the best way to handle a situation in which a sexual partner struggles with a past of sexual assault.

"Helping someone regain control after assault, by giving them control in a relationship, can be the best thing you can do as a partner," Bares said.

Sexual consent and condom availability between partners was also a heated topic.

During an activity, 11 people stood in the front of the room holding different signs with steps in the process of sexual intercourse. People had different opinions on where consent to have sex should take place on the list. Some thought consent should go after condom availability, while others thought it should come after sexual arousal had been achieved.

According to Bares, condom availability should always come first because the risk is too great otherwise.

"It only takes one time," said Bares, speaking of how easy it is to contract sexually transmitted diseases.

Bares also explained that consent to have sex is imperative, and that everyone should find their own way to ask.

"The law says that anything less than a 'yes' is a

NEWS FLASH

FIU

Fire reported in Bay Vista Housing complex

An electrical fire was reported early morning on Sept. 17. at the Bay Vista Housing building, according to the Department of Public Safety.

There were no injuries and no significant damages, Public Safety said.

"Apparently one of the residents left trash on top of the stove," said Ryan Jagessar, Bay Vista Housing resident assistant and a senior majoring in business.

So much water came out of the sprinklers from room 432, that it resulted in some minor water damage in that room and the room under it, Jagessar said.

"no," Bares said.

Bares then opened the floor to questions.

Earlier in the evening, she had students write any questions they had about sexuality on an index card, allowing for anonymity.

One of the questions read, "Is there a difference between sex and making love?"

"Yes," one woman said. "Sex is like a sport!"

After a chorus of laughter, someone else chimed in, "Yeah, making love has more emotion and feeling in it."

After the group discussed all the questions on the cards, Bares brought the meeting to a close, encouraging students

to stay tuned for more sessions in the coming months and to fill out evaluation sheets about the meeting.

"I'm passionate about women's issues and educating women. I love talking about this stuff," Bares said.

There are workshops open to all students at both the University Park and Biscayne Bay campuses.

The next event will take place Oct. 9 at 9 p.m. in the Bay Vista Housing Community Room, according to Bares.

For more information, contact Bronwen Bares at BBC WUC 256 or e-mail her at baresb@fiu.edu

THE BEACON | Editorial

At \$30,000, students stand to gain little from Ivanka Trump lecture

The Student Government Council at University Park recently invited model and businesswoman Ivanka Trump, daughter of real-estate mogul and TV personality Donald Trump, to lecture students on business and life Sept. 17.

The lecture, held in the Graham Center Ballrooms, was well attended by students who went as far as to line the walls of the ballroom when sitting space was scarce.

The lecture cost SGC-UP an estimated three-fifths of its total speakers’ budget for the entire 2008-2009 academic cycle, \$30,000.

With only an estimated \$20,000 left to fund remaining lectures, some students are understandably questioning SGC-UP’s decision to spend such a large portion of their budget on one speaker.

“She kept it brief and informative, to the point where we can apply it to our daily lives,” said sophomore Elise Manley. “I think she’s great, but I think the [\$30,000] SGA paid to get her here could have been applied elsewhere.”

Students were also very interested to find out what it was like to be the daughter of one of the richest, most successful men in America, and rightfully so. Yet it begs the questions of whether or not students attended merely for the name and whether or not it was worth the investment.

No disrespect toward Ms. Trump herself, of course. She may have had many insightful things to say and may have discussed worthwhile topics certainly worth hearing, yet most of what she said was your common guest speaker fare: do what you love, never give up, etc.

Aside from the sheer nostalgia of being in the presence of a Trump, the question remains of whether or not Ms. Trump and her insight was worth the \$30,000 bill.

A year after many student organizations had their budget’s cut due to a shortage of Activities and Services fees, couldn’t this large sum of money have been used to bring a, or several, speakers who can better relate to students or offer more unique advice.

Such liberal spending during a budget crisis is not responsible and students do not stand to gain much by having Ms. Trump as a guest lecturer.

The question now arises as to whom SGC-UP will invite as a follow-up to Ms. Trump. With roughly \$20,000 left to work with, SGC-UP will either have to be very conservative with its options or, the more likely scenario, have to hit-up other student organizations to co-sponsor any big names they may have in the works.

With many organizations cash strapped as it is, SGC-UP should work with the money it has allotted itself for lectures and live within its means.

The Ivanka Trump lecture will most certainly be remembered for bringing one of the most successful American families to the doorstep of our humble institution. However, whether or not the lecture will be remembered for its substance is still a question that remains to be answered.

Every Monday, The Beacon publishes its editorial on a University or college related matter. The Beacon’s editorial board is composed of The Beacon’s editors and managers.

MONEY ON MEDS

Bailouts only treating symptoms

JOSE PAGLIERY
Staff Writer

Somehow, the failures of modern medicine have seeped into the way we tend to the problems of our suffering economy.

Horrible cough? Here’s some decongestant. Back pain? Take some aspirin. Collapsing corporation? Government bailout.

We treat the symptoms of our complications because somewhere in our Excedrin-drugged heads we reason that immediate gratification is far more important than an eventual permanent solution.

MARKET LOYALTY

The Federal Reserve decided Sept. 16 to lend \$85 billion to the crumbling insurance giant American International Group, which insured investors who had bought securities backed by doomed mortgages.

In return, the Fed will control 80 percent of the company through holdings in the firm’s stocks.

Wall Street investors argue that

whose stock price had plummeted for similar reasons. However, such lucrative help from the Fed is giving Wall Street an unprecedented sense of security and is toying with a capitalist market that has the ability to adapt and recover after shakes like those currently affecting it.

The message is clear: risky investing made by the largest firms may lead to financial collapse – but if that happens, federal bailout money is sure to flow in like UN humanitarian aid.

THE COUGH

Let’s take a look at poor Mr. J. P. Lynch, who’s had a terrible cough since late last year.

Now, Mr. Lynch didn’t think much of the cough that stuck with him when he got the flu, so all he did was take a shot of Robitussin every so often to soothe his throat. That worked out for a while, but soon the decongestant increased his blood pressure.

Had he treated his cough, not his sore throat, he may have saved

mortgage market, they acted like high-risk investors hoping for massive returns and not like the low-risk, stable banks they claim to be.

Adding to the dilemma, AIG’s leaders made the terrible decision to provide substantial insurance to investors whose deals went awry because of the subprime mortgage crisis. Now consumer confidence is slithering on its belly, and GDP growth, along with investment, is at a crawl.

The reason? Wall Street let its greed finally catch up to itself.

They played the game, lost, and are now crying foul. But Daddy’s here to help the biggest players. The Fed’s actions are teaching other banks a disastrous lesson: they can take serious risks, and if they’ve wrapped their tendrils around enough necks to put the economy at stake, they can be saved.

Nevertheless, what was once the world’s most accurate manifestation of a free market system is now on the world’s largest social welfare program.

Americans are often told there aren’t enough funds for social healthcare. So why has almost half a trillion dollars in social welfare been reserved for Wall Street firms?

Bernanke and his team are saying that if the taxpayers let the profit-maximizing firms fall, our economy may suffer a paralyzing blow. That’s very true. But if we continue to refuse to stand up against the Fed as it treats the symptoms and not the causes of our economic maledictions, we may find ourselves swimming in side effects when we could have put down the Robitussin long ago.

“The economy’s cough is starting to spew a little blood. It’s time to put down over-the-counter drugs and work on a cure to its ailment.”

AIG is now so intertwined with the market that if it fails, the already suffering economy will all but die.

Sound familiar?

Those same fears were echoed at the halls of the New York Stock Exchange this summer when Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae were on the verge of a vertical plunge. It took a \$200 billion promise from the Fed to quiet those cries.

In March of this year, investors had worried before the \$30 billion bailout of Bear Stearns, a bank

himself some pain and money – lots of money.

The economy’s cough is starting to spew a little blood. It’s time to put down the Robitussin; an over-the-counter drug won’t do much to treat a case of tuberculosis.

PLAYING THE GAME

When Wall Street’s largest banks placed their institutions’ foundations on the subprime



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

New logo does not accurately reflect university’s prestigious reputation

With all due respect, I would like to present my opinion about FIU’s new institutional logo.

Being a student and an artist, I believe the new logo does not convey the respectability, the professionalism and the credibility the old one did. I believe it would work great as a logo for the Athletic Department, being that the first thing it brings to mind is standard football block letters.

But being that FIU is not only

look slick, sophisticated and worthy of representing such an important institution in the South Florida community, the State, and even the whole nation.

I hope FIU reconsiders its decision.

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THE FAN EXPERIENCE



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GRILLING LEGS: An FIU tailgater (above) prepares steaks at the Sigma Phi Epsilon tailgate before the game. During the game, the Golden Dazzlers (below) put on a show in front of the student section in the stadium's West end zone.



RICK MARTINEZ/FIUSM.COM

Classless actions of few don't take away from game

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even some green as Golden Panthers and Bulls reveled in the atmosphere of a legitimate college football game day.

INSIDE THE GATES

While a few hundred students were held up just prior to game time at the student entrance, it didn't spoil anyone's mood.

Once again, it was a sight to behold, as FIU students who normally don't care one way or the other about their team, were jumping up and down, dancing and chanting in the student section, braving an unforgiving sun that was right in their faces for most of the game.

A SOMBER MOOD

During the third quarter, the stands were rocking more than ever before and the team was rolling, until the tragic neck injury to USF linebacker, Bruce Mompremier.

While most of those in attendance were respectable and concerned, a small faction of the crowd took it upon themselves to make

an embarrassingly obscene and uncalled for chant toward Mompremier as he lay motionless on the field. This chant was easily distinguishable on the ESPN national broadcast, and it is a dark stain on an otherwise proud day for the school.

GREAT SUCCESS

Overall, there are only a few who could have left the gates of the stadium having felt unhappy with their experience.

Perhaps this is buying too much into Athletic Director Pete Garcia's big talk over the past year, but Saturday truly represented a new era for FIU football. This was, short of a massive upset, the best possible outcome for the Athletics Department, as the team played proud, hard and showed the fan base there is a reason to keep coming back.

Saturday's game was a victory that won't show up in a box score. It will instead lead to a renewed interest in the program and a new sense of pride for many students. Garcia can definitely put this one in the win column for the University.



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

PRIDE AND ANTHEMS: Three FIU students (above) painted their chests to show their pride during the game. American Idol finalist and FIU alum Syesha Mercado (below) sang the first national anthem in the new stadium.



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

Broadway Across America paves way for child actors to thrive

NELSON HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

Any parents seeking to make their child an orphan? As disturbing of a question as this may seem, it may very well make your child a celebrity.

Broadway Across America is seeking potential orphans for a production of the classic musical “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang,” based on the story by famed “James Bond” author Ian Fleming.

The tale of whimsical adventures and childhood fantasies is coming to life in this off-Broadway production, but it features the flare and unpredictability of a Broadway show on the run throughout various states. Most important to note is the fact that this will be the opening leg of the tour across America.

Spokesperson for Broadway

Across America Jennifer Sierra-Gobbelaar has made it very clear as to what the prospective child actors would be facing in their mass audition call.

“We’re looking for six children, eight to twelve years of age to be members of an ensemble,” she said.

The auditions are being held on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. It seems as if the children would be lost in the ebb and flow of a major production and cattle call, but the purpose of the auditions was made explicitly clear.

“This is not an audition to seek out a particular talent. We are setting up an opportunity for the children to have an experience, get their feet wet and add to a résumé while experiencing the thrill of performing,” Sierra-Gobbelaar said.

The kids have their parents bring them to the theater, sign a waiver, have their headshots taken and get a chance to bring a classic musical from Broadway to their part of town.

There has been a level of excitement and anticipation in this particular production.

“This is the first production of ‘Chitty Chitty Bang Bang’ that Broadway Across America is undertaking, ever. It’s something that I’ve kept with me because it brings out the child in me, along with anyone in the audience, whether you’re two or 92,” Sierra-Gobbelaar said.

The musical premieres Nov. 18 and runs through Nov. 30 at the Broward Center and seems focused on preserving the beauty and charm of the original production for a new audience and, more importantly, a new generation of fans.

SHOOTING FOR STRIPES



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LINE ‘EM UP: Freshman Lidia Bojorge (center) and freshman Nelson Lopez (right) play pool in the Porter Davis Game Room.

Latin fraternity embodies spirit of brotherhood

Lambda Theta Phi, Latin Fraternity Inc., was founded on Dec. 1, 1975 at Kean College.

It is the first latin fraternity in the United States and the largest one in the nation. At FIU, it is among the founding organizations of the Multi-Cultural Greek Council.

Friday, Sept. 12 was a proud night for the Lambda brothers at FIU.

This was the night of their first probate show of the semester. Four new pledges started at the beginning of the pledge period and four crossed over.

Many people in the audience were impressed with the outcome of the show and the brotherhood

that stood out among them.

Onix Salva, a senior liberal arts major at FIU who is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity Inc. and keeper of records for his chapter, commended the Lambdas by saying, “The show was really good. I liked how I saw a lot of brothers from other schools there to support them. You can tell they have a very close-knit brotherhood.”

Albert Santana, a sophomore construction management major, was one of the pledges who came out at the probate.

He became a brother about a week before the probate show, and the show was a way for him and

the other pledges to come out to the other organizations on campus and prove they made it.

He explained how the Lambdas were the first organization to start saluting. Saluting is an art form that involves both words and movements to tell a story. At the probate, they used this to tell the history of their chapter and fraternity.

While Santana knew several of the brothers before he officially decided to become a Lambda, he said that he ultimately decided upon this fraternity because he saw that they had a really tight brotherhood. He also stressed the benefits of belonging to a smaller organization.

“Everyone knows each other and you get to really know your brothers personally,” Santana said.

Right now, they have 12 active brothers.

Santana’s pledge master, Robert Melo, a junior international business major and vice president of Lambda Theta Phi at FIU, was pleased with the turnout and support of the other Lambda Theta Phi chapters at the probate.

“We have a real close bond with other Florida chapters,” Melo said. The other chapters in Florida include UM, USF, Barry, FAU, Nova, MIU, UCF, FSU and UF.

You can see more of the Lambdas this semester by attending any of their events.

Coming up on Oct. 1, a founding fathers will be giving a speech in Green Library 100 at 7 p.m. and will be talking about the latinization of America.

The Lambdas also host many fundraising events, which include attending sports events where they have a stand and sell food and drinks.

While Lambda Theta Phi is a latin fraternity, they do not discriminate against any other ethnicities and welcome any male who shares their same values.

Their mission statement includes: “To cultivate a spirit of brotherhood. To value education. To promote unity amongst all Latinos. To be proud of and to cherish your heritage.”

Male students interested in learning more about the Lambdas can visit their Web site at www.FIULambdas.com or e-mail them at FIULambdas@gmail.com.



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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

MONDAY • SEPTEMBER 22

- WHAT: Stonewall Pride Alliance General Meeting
WHERE: Everglades Hall (Lobby)
WHEN: 5pm
- WHAT: Haitian Student Organization General Meeting
WHERE: Lakeview Lounges
WHEN: TBA
- WHAT: Muslim Students Association General Meeting
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 2 p.m
- WHAT: Preksha Meditation Club meeting
WHERE: GC 343
WHEN: 4:00 p.m
- WHAT: College Democrats General Meeting
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 8 p.m
- WHAT: Chinese Club Movie Night
WHERE: GC 150
WHEN: 7:30 p.m
- WHAT: Grants 101 Workshop
WHERE: WUC 157
WHEN: 8:00 a.m

TUESDAY • SEPTEMBER 23

- WHAT: Career Services “Career Fair”
WHERE: GC Ballrooms
WHEN: 8:00 a.m
- WHAT: Student Occupational Therapy Association General Meeting
WHERE: GC 150
WHEN: 1:00 p.m
- WHAT: SPC General Meeting
WHERE: GC 305
WHEN: 3:30 p.m
- WHAT: Bahamian Student Organization (BSO) Meeting
WHERE: GC 340
WHEN: 4:00 p.m
- WHAT: Italian Club General Meeting
WHERE: GC 343
WHEN: 4:00 p.m
- WHAT: Catholic Student Union Movie
WHERE: GC 150
WHEN: 7:30 p.m
- WHAT: Clubs Africa Meeting
WHERE: WUC 159
WHEN: 12 pm

WEDNESDAY • SEPTEMBER 24

- WHAT: Department of Career Service “Career Fair”
WHERE: GC Ballrooms
WHEN: 8:00 a.m
- WHAT: Music Saves Lives General Meeting
WHERE: GC 305
WHEN: 12:30 p.m
- WHAT: Yoga Club
WHERE: Yoga session
WHEN: GC Lawn
- WHAT: FIU Panther Promotions General Meeting
WHERE: GC 343
WHEN: 5 p.m
- WHAT: Leaders of Tomorrow General Meeting
WHERE: GC 340
WHEN: 1:00 p.m
- WHAT: Student Alumni Association General Meeting
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 5 p.m
- WHAT: SOC General Meeting
WHERE: WUC 150
WHEN: 2 p.m

THURSDAY • SEPTEMBER 25

- WHAT: Panther Pal
WHERE: GC 305
WHEN: 12pm
- WHAT: FIU Ecoists General Kick-Off Meeting
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 3:00 p.m
- WHAT: Women’s Center information Session
WHERE: GC 314
WHEN: 3:00 p.m
- WHAT: National Society of Collegiate Scholars
WHERE: GC 314
WHEN: 5 p.m
- WHAT: Caribbean Student Association
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 5 p.m
- WHAT: Muslim Students Association Ramadan Week
WHERE: Cafeteria Annex
WHEN: 7:30 p.m
- WHAT: Anything Goes Anime
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 8 p.m

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Stadium opener just didn't feel real, sincere

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televised home game in school history...hmmm?

Was it that the Golden Panthers played way above their heads, or that the Bulls played to the level of a lower-tier Sun Belt team or couldn't handle the pressure of a team opening their home stadium, in a 'biggest-game-ever' atmosphere?

It was probably somewhere in the middle, like all upsets and close games, a combination of one team taking a step back, and one taking a step forward at the same time.

Either way, there are some assessments to be made, both on and off the field.

First, and I think I may have heard this before, but why isn't sophomore Wayne Younger getting an opportunity in games that are closer?

Younger has an efficiency rating nearly twice as high as junior Paul McCall and has thrown for more yards (178-174) in nearly half as many attempts, Younger's 29 to McCall's 57.

This is an issue has been hashed all season long, so I'm done with it for now.

Second, and this is more important as it relates to the off the field issues at Saturday night's game, particularly in the stands, and it's a very important question.

Was it real?

The student enthusiasm, the crowd being into the game, the whole on campus college atmosphere leading up to the game, was it all contrived?

How much of the production of this football game was sincere? Maybe I'm just so starved and jealous of the Hilltoppers and the Blue Raiders; and I want more than 16,000 plus fans and a student section that I fear won't be filled for the four remaining home games.

How much of the production of this football program has been sincere?

The change from one of the most unique logos, and typefaces in college athletics, to something that might be considered more mainstream, with a varsity font, and even going so far as to eliminate the Golden from Golden Panthers in the FIU end zones.

Maybe I'm overreacting. Maybe its just one game, and the team needs a little more time to develop a rapport with its home fans, and home stadium. Maybe I'm looking for too much to early, but a little home grown tradition would be nice.



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

BROTHERHOOD: The Golden Panthers came out hand-and-hand to start the game.

Reams scores late touchdown

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in the evening.

When played resumed, the FIU defense would still give the USF offense problems.

After a USF fumble was overturned via a referee review, Grothe was stifled by the FIU defense on a fourth-and-1 from FIU's own 1-yard line.

The momentum was short lived when USF running back Mike Ford scored his second touchdown on a 1-yard run at the start of the fourth quarter to give the Bulls a 17-0 lead.

The direction of the game reversed 360 degrees in favor of FIU when defensive tackle Jarvis Penerton tackled running back Mike Ford in the end zone for a safety, a move that cut the deficit to 17-2

The FIU offense came alive in the final minutes of

the fourth quarter and scored their first offensive touchdown on a 1-yard run by senior running back Julian Reams. Junior kicker Justin Rivest added an extra point to put the score at 17-9. The score was made possible by a key 61-yard catch by freshman T.Y. Hilton on a throw by Younger.

"I had a drag route but the linebacker was sitting in the middle so I kind of split in between him and I looked at Wayne and he looked at me," Hilton said of the reception.

The Golden Panthers attempted an onside kick for one last attempt to culminate the comeback but receiver A.J. Love recovered for USF to seal the game for the Bulls.

The close loss to an undefeated USF (4-0) team that was nationally ranked in the first game at a new \$50 million

stadium was a stepping-stone for endless possibilities that Cristobal believes he will bring to FIU in the coming years.

"We're going to be a championship program and I can tell you that any day of the week, that's we why we came here. It has to be understood we did take over a program that was 0-12 and it does take some time. The best part about it is that no one on our staff or administration fears that challenge," he said.

USF finished with 321 total yards of offense while FIU ended with 189 yards. The Bulls had 184 rushing yards and 137 passing yards while FIU had 74 rushing yards and 115 passing yards.

The Golden Panthers (0-3) are on the road next Saturday against the Toledo Rockets at 7 p.m.

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GOING DOWN: Quarterback Paul McCall gets sacked by Bulls defensive end George Selvie. McCall went 8-for-13 before being replaced by Wayne Younger in the fourth quarter.

Late comeback falls short as USF dodges upset

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In a contest filled with emotions and side stories, the Golden Panthers fell just short of a monumental upset losing to No. 12 ranked South Florida 17-9 in the home opener and debut of the it new on campus stadium.

“We really played with everything we had today and effort was not a question at all,” said head coach Mario Cristobal.

That effort that Cristobal was alluding to was the relentlessness that the Golden Panthers showed through all four quarters of play.

The FIU defense gave a solid effort against an offense that was ranked 13th in the Football Bowl Subdivision and a quarterback that has been in the same discussion as the Heisman Trophy award.

USF quarterback Matt Grothe finished 14-for-22 with 137 yards and for the just the second time in his 30-game career, he did not throw or rush for a touchdown. He was also sacked twice by a pesky FIU defense.

For the Golden Panthers, junior quarterback Paul McCall did all he could to avoid an overwhelming USF

defense that was ranked 25th but ultimately was replaced by sophomore quarterback Wayne Younger who came close to culminating a dramatic comeback in the fourth quarter.

The switch was made after McCall’s lone interception at the end of the third quarter.

Even though the Golden Panthers lost, the mood surrounding the team afterwards was somber according to Cristobal.

“It’s not a consolation prize, our guys are as down as they could possibly be and its our job to keep them up but it does say something,” Cristobal said.

The Bulls got the best of the FIU defense early with a 99-yard touchdown drive that was capped with a 2-yard touchdown run by running back Mike Ford to put USF up 7-0.

With the offense continuing to struggle while the defense was once again overworked, USF could not take advantage of a tired FIU defense until the final minutes of the first half when USF was in the red zone and leading 10-0.

Kicker Maikon Bonani, who launched a game-winner for USF against Kansas on Sept. 12, missed a field goal but was awarded a second chance after a roughing the kicker penalty by junior defen-



FERNANDO GARCIA/THE BEACON

MAKING AN ADJUSTMENT: Center Brad Serini makes a offensive adjustment before the snap.

sive back Dezariah Johnson. On his second attempt, senior corner back Robert Mitchell blocked Bonani’s kick, keeping the score at 10-0 at halftime.

The second half was marked by close-knit game and a scaring moment occurring in the third quarter.

Bulls’ senior line-backer and Miami native

Bruce Mompremier collided with safety Carlton Williams in a collision that left Mompremier motionless for several minutes. After a 20-minute delay, he was airlifted to Jackson Memorial Hospital. According to *fiusports.com*, he regained feeling in his arms and legs later

Loss will help Golden Panthers build foundation

The game was so much closer than the experts expected...17-9, yet still so far from the goal, but in the postgame press conference, FIU head coach Mario Cristobal put it best: “it puts the taste in your mouth.”

To build a program and mentality, the leader of the group in any endeavor has to be able to inspire his team or group to rally around something.

And in the case of the Golden Panther football team, that rallying point is a taste that has become almost foreign to FIU on the gridiron. Winning.

Close games like this can build a myriad of thing within a program: confidence, camaraderie.

All of this contributes to the foundation of a program like the one Golden Panthers are attempting to build.

Is this a starting point for something big, or just another brick in the campaign?

How often has a close home loss to a major home opponent lead to big things in a season?

Not too much that people remember, but this might be an

exception, of course, the ones that lead to big seasons are only remembered by the fan bases and students.

It’s the big road win or home overtime upset that the media often remembers as the moment a program begins its true ascent to the top of the sport...or the conference...or its on personal heights, but it’s games like the one the Golden Panthers played against the South Florida Bulls last Saturday night that can have that carry over effect, at least for this season.

FIU put on the kind of defensive performance that fans will remember for some time to come, but perhaps more important and pertinent to the development of the FIU football program, the players will remember, and carry it into next week, and the remainder of the season.

FIU proved to itself that it could hang with the best in the country on any given night ... when it’s at home ... and opening its new stadium...in the first nationally

COMMENTARY



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