College of Law closer to full accreditation

By MICHELLE AREAN
Contributing Writer

The FIU College of Law received provisional accreditation by the American Bar Association on Aug. 9th, which may be considered the first step in a long journey to obtaining full accreditation.

Now, after crossing the school’s first hurdle, the 50 students planning to graduate in May 2005 will be able to sit for the Bar Exam and practice law.

“All important criteria were met comfortably. We are blessed with the support from the state and the FIU resources to attract an excellent faculty and provide good temporary facilities,” said Strickman. “We are also blessed with demographic. We are the only public law school in this metropolitan area and have a great, diverse student body.”

The Association sent a site team of six people to examine all aspects of the school. Their final report was then submitted for consideration. Their report did not offer an evaluation; it simply served as a basis to determine if the school is fit for accreditation.

The exams the students had taken, as well as the students’ answers, to see how competitive they are.

“The student faculty ratio is so small that it gives a lot of opportunity for students to ask questions and get answers inside the classroom as well as out,” said Alejandro Alvarez, a third-year law student and president of the FIU Student Bar Association.

“Dean Strickman and his colleagues have done an excellent job in successfully attaining provisional accreditation for FIU’s College of Law. We look forward to working with them as the school seeks full accreditation,” said John Sebert, consultant in legal education at the American Bar Association.

The Trail of the Torch will be a candlelight procession across FIU’s University Park campus culminating in the lighting of the school’s torch of service. The event is meant as a symbolic start of the new school year, welcoming all new freshmen.

“We are also proud of this faculty. This is the proudest of is this faculty. This is the...
Interview with FIU president yields sought-after answers

By ALEJANDRA DIAZ
Editor in Chief

The Beacon recently had the opportunity to sit down with University President Modesto A. Maidique. Sitting comfortably in his office located on the fifth floor of PC, the president spoke candidly about the status of FIU and his thoughts on its future. Many of the questions for the interview were generated from your concerns about campus issues, and the new developments happening throughout FIU.

Q: There are many construction projects and renovations happening at the University Park and Biscayne Bay campuses. Why build everything at once?

Because even by doing a dozen or a dozen and a half projects simultaneously, we are still behind where we need to be in terms of facilities. So, we are trying to do as rapidly as possible build all the pieces of a great university. And that’s going to continue for years and years and as the student body grows we need to accommodate them.

Q: Now that the football program has gone Division I-A, are we able to meet the requirement of 15,000 ticket holders at every game?

I don’t for a minute doubt that we will be able to do that. Also, I believe that to get huge attendance for Division II football is almost impossible, unless you are a consistent national championship team year after year. What our transition to division I-A will bring us is phenomenal in terms of funding. It’s a very exciting year and prospects are high. I have no doubt that we will get the attendance and we will have a very prized winning team.

Q: What was the motivation behind starting a School of Hospitality in China?

It’s two-fold. We are a university that tries to have international outreach. The Chinese school will be a funnel through which professionals who aspire to higher training will come here and get a masters or a Ph.D. in hospitality management and then return to China and teach. But even more significantly than that, that program has the potential to boost the budget of the hospital-
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Trail of the Torch event sets out to welcome freshmen

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of the Students Organiza-
tion Council, one of the organizations massively promoting this event. According to the plan, the procession would start from the FIU football sta-
dium ("The Cage"), ending at the Torch of Service located in front of the Charles Perry Building. "It's the one event fol-
lowing Freshmen Convocation that will promote unity amongst the new and current students, the alumni and the FIU com-

unity at large," said Kimberley Castillo, president of the Student Alumni Association. Also scheduled for the event is a short speech by Ty Javellane, the president of the FIU Alumni Asso-
ciation, and Jorge Rosario, the SGA president. The procession is set to begin soon afterwards. About 300 to 400 students are expected to attend. According to Sean Kramer, the Graham Center catering staff along with the staff of both Gra-
cie's Grill and the Book-
to-

store will be wearing shirts promoting the event. SAA and SGA mem-

bers have also planned an extensive promotion which they claim is hard to miss. "I have never felt as certain about an event as I do about the Trail of the Torch," said Castillo concerning the success she thinks the celebration will be. "I believe it is an event that will [bridge] differ-
ences. It will be known as a tradition that pro-
vides incoming students... a bright, new and exciting start at FIU." "I think it
is the [biggest] event that has come to FIU since Dance Marathon," said Kramer, who takes respon-
sibility for introducing the 25 hour event which annually raises money for kids at Miami Children's Hospital. "Hopefully, in the near future, we would have great media coverage, lots of publicity and notable attendees from Faculty, Deans, the President and prominent alumni out-
side the university," said Lockett. Following the Trail, the coordinators have arranged for a "Slip-n-

Slide" foam party right by the Torch. The event is scheduled to take place Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Students who are members of school organizations are encouraged to meet at 7:30 p.m. at the FIU Football Stadium for the reception of can-
dles.

SMOKEY PATH: The Trail of the Torch event is set to take place in the FIU University Park campus, beginning at the football stadium and ending at the Ernest Graham Torch of Service. COURTESY PHOTO

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The troubles with Panthersoft

By AMANDA RAMíREZ CASTANEDA
Contributing Writer

As of July 1, the new Panthersoft system permanently replaced the SIS system the FIU community had been using for approximately four years. Although the new system has been partially running since February 2004 the students were not faced with the dilemma of getting accustomed to the new system until August during registration week.

To many trying to register, the change from SIS to Panthersoft has seemed to cause much confusion and frustration.

“Students are just expecting to register as usual and that is not what is happening. I mean you have regular registration issues that now you also have the problem of getting used to a new system. It’s just evil,” said Jamie Moo-Young, a student and lab assistant at FIU.

As many students have found out, the Panthersoft system has a completely different format than the previous SIS system. Everything from the web address to students’ individual identification number has changed. That, apparently, has left many students unprepared.

“The biggest challenge with Panthersoft has been communication. Some students rarely visit the campus and because of that they don’t see the flyers...they don’t see the information tables we’ve set-up and some do not check their FIU e-mail account. Some students weren’t aware that this change was going to occur,” Yogi Misir, associate director of marketing and customer relations for UTS said.

Other than the initial surprise of a new system, students encountered other problems while trying to register for classes using Panthersoft.

“I think it’s cool how you can get [a class] schedule and check your financial aid online—but I don’t like the fact that a time or a place for one of my classes doesn’t appear on the system. Now when I go and check the class, it doesn’t even come up as a registered class,” said Stanky Stankevits, a marketing student.

Ben Guanella, a civil engineering major, agrees.

“I had to get the same hold removed four times. I also don’t like that if you want to take a class that is not in your specific major you have to go get a pass and code from whatever department the class is in. It takes up too much time.”

The department of customer service for Panthersoft has received hundreds of e-mails and phone calls from students trying to register on a daily basis since registration began.

“A lot of calls or e-mails are from students who are just trying to get used to the system and they get frustrated because the new system doesn’t look like the old,” said Norman Broderick is in charge of UTS Marketing and Customer Relations. “Usually by the time they contact me they are already completely frustrated and some students let that show.

But we do take their feedback, however they might say it, back to the team to see how we can use it to better the system.”

One main issue the students had while registering for classes on the new system was that, during the first days of registration, in order to select classes for the fall term they had to enter a code. Not many students knew the code or even knew they needed to know a code to register.

A large number of students also encountered problems with the finances department.

“Financial aid needs to make sure they’re on the ball with the new system. They are using it for the first time as well as the students and I feel they need to be trained a little bit more on how to go about doing things on the system before they can do anything else. That is why we see such a long line outside,” said John Cabarga, a marketing major.

Guanella was also upset about the situation in the financial aid department. “They told me at financial aid that they can’t process my paperwork until they figure-out the system. Most of the modifications have been made based on the feedback we have received from students and faculty.”

When asked about the line in PC for the finances department, Robert Grillo, director of the administrative software unit at UTS denied it had anything to do with Panthersoft.

“I feel the line [was formed] because people need to get their financial aid so that they can pay or get assurance that their payment was received the cashiers office wasn’t open so the line was already building-up,” he said.

The director also acknowledged that the problem of credit card usage played a role in the formation of the massive lines.

“It has to do with the issue of what credit cards the university is accepting and that they didn’t open the ball room this year, as they did in previous years, in order for students to pay,” he added.

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OPINION

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Opinions need research

To the Editor:
I am writing this letter in response to Gretel Sarmiento’s article published the week of July 19th. I do not pretend to be an expert in foreign affairs, however, I would like to state that this is the most ridiculous, unimportant piece of journalism that I have ever come across. I realize that this was an opinion piece, but the author had made no effort to present both sides of this issue.
Ms. Sarmiento went on a tangent about Bush’s policy concerning Cuba without any real research or facts to back up her opinion.
First of all, Bush is not the originator of U.S./Cuba interaction. Let us forget Bay of Pigs, the Cuban Embargo, the Cuban Missile Crisis! The U.S. has had a naval station at Guantanamo Bay for several years. Regardless, travel restrictions to Cuba have existed long before President Bush came into office.
Bush’s reforms to these travel restrictions come only as the result of an effort to stop funding the Cuban government. It is not an act of defiance against the Cuban people.
The money that enters Cuba through tourism does not help the Cuban people. It funds the lavish lifestyle of the wealthy politicians who oppress the citizens of the island.
Furthermore, the author referred to the United States as a “wealthy Cuba.” Such a comparison is ludicrous considering she has the right to publish her own opinions in a university newspaper.
If our president were really a modern day Hitler as the author implies, she would not have the privilege to say so.
Obviously, this person has no respect for this country and the freedom that we can enjoy as citizens of the United States of America.
I find her tirade to be disrespectful, offensive, and uninformed.
Nathalie Blanco, Senior Accounting

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WINNER & LOSER

WINNER
Miami, FL: For the first time in four years it is not the nation’s poorest city, according to the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey.

LOSER
Cleveland, OH: As the nation’s new number one in poverty, the phrase “hey, things could be worse,” has lost some meaning.

QUOTEABLES

“It’s a fallacy to think that the university will fund the medical school. We don’t have a dime to spend on a medical school. We don’t have a dime to spend on a law school.”
– Modesto A. Maidique, FIU President, explaining that FIU must rely on funds from the state, donors and supporters.

“I mean, you have regular registration problems and now you also have the problem of getting used to a new system. It’s just evil.”
– Jamie Moo-Young, student and FIU lab assistant, complaining about the new PantherSoft system.

“To Strickman, our fierce leader.”
– Alejandro Alvarez, Student Bar Association President, in response to a toast from the College of Law dean Leonard Strickman after the accreditation of the school.

“It doesn’t mean a lot to me honestly. I’m from England and I’ve learned that American tradition is a lot of statistics.”
– Everton Edwards, Women’s Soccer head coach, on the importance of reaching 150 wins.

SEND US YOUR LETTERS

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Welcome back!
The Beacon is returning to its regular publishing schedule, Mondays and Thursdays.
Country boy discovers fun and magic in the big city

By NICHOLAS J. RONDA
Contributing Writer

Miami can be an intimidating place, especially for a newcomer to the Magic City like me, who’s from a small town in Arkansas named Twist. Based on what I gathered about Miami before relocating here, I must admit I was a little afraid of roaming the streets after sundown. When I transferred from the community college in Twist to FIU in order to be closer to my girlfriend, but she wasn’t feeling about my move as I was; that’s when I realized she dumped me for a football player.

Sadly, I wasn’t even one of the handsome hunks on our school team, so this guy turns out to be a backup quarterback at a local mediocre high school football team. But I’m not bitter, not anymore. I came down to FIU to get a degree in international business. So I looked for a job this summer hoping to find something that could provide me with some international business experience.

After weeks of no luck and my vacation money running out, I finally got a break with a Latin American restaurant chain named La Carreta.

My ideal position would have placed me in an environment where I could be hands-on with the day-to-day operations of the company, but I was offered an entry-level position bussing tables instead. I guess I need to be a little more specific in my job interviews from now on.

In Twist, we don’t have as many options for entertainment activities. We have squirrel hunting in our backyard if you’re feeling a little uncom- fortable. And boy did we have squirrel hunting in our yard. We had squirrels on every branch and every tree in the neighborhood. We really didn’t know what to do with the squirrels.

On the plus side, we did have a bowling alley and a cinema that can show up to eight pictures (or how they say down here “ocho”). Twist however has nothing in comparison to South Beach, or so I thought.

In the end, I appreciate the kindness of the people in Twist. Even my neighbors there were friendly. They sat next to me and listened to my problem stories. Some even bought me a drink and offered a shoul- der to cry on. But I was there to help and not to be helped by others.

Thankfully, the guys at club Twist were real warm and friendly. They sat next to me and listened to my girl trouble stories. Some even bought me a drink and offered a shoul- der to cry, but I wasn’t there to help like some lost love hyena, no sir, I was there to party. We didn’t really come across many girls that night, but that didn’t matter much, I wasn’t running for my game much anyway. Because when you’re down in the levy and it’s all dried up, there’s nothing like a full room of guys to cheer you up. No man, no cry right?

I haven’t been back to club Twist since that night, but I’m glad my first clubbing experience was a positive one.

In the end, I appreciated the kindness of the strangers I met, despite the hang-up of my recent breakup. Hopefully this year at FIU will be as fun as my experience at club Twist. It’s like all the old-timers say back home in Arkansas, “you can live somewhere else, but your heart stays in Twist.”
Creative solutions keep random clutter at bay so decorating can get underway

By ALEJANDRA DIAZ
Editor in Chief

Moving in to a new dorm room shouldn’t mean unpacking boxes full of stuff into an empty bedroom. Instead, you can do more with your new space than just organize. With some simple tips, a few bucks and a little creativity, you can take an old dusty dorm room and turn it into a pad fit for the college student you hope to be.

Getting Started
First, keep in mind that in most housing units on campus the use of paint, wallpaper and nails is strictly forbidden. Make sure to ask for permission before you ever think about building lofted or rearranging furniture in a hazardous way.

Make sure to check with the housing office before doing any major remodeling in your new dorm. Beyond those rules, anything goes!

As you begin unpacking the first lesson you’ll learn is that space is a commodity in most dorm rooms.

So make space by stacking shelves on your desk or use plastic crates to optimize space under the bed.

You can also repack any extra items such as winter clothes and books in plastic containers and use closer organizers to make the most of the limited space in smaller closets.

Now don’t forget the area behind doors either. Buy shoe organizers and CD holders to keep your kicks and tunes in your new abode! Lighting is an easy and inexpensive way to improve your mood or adjust to your every activity.

Try small lamps with a 25-watt bulb for reading or watching TV. Floor lamps are also a great way to bring ambient lighting into a room. Just think, for only $12 or so you’ve found an inexpensive solution to the sterile fluorescent lighting you’ll find in most dorm rooms.

Desk lamps also provide just the right amount of light for those late night cram sessions when your roommate decides he/she needs to go to sleep early.

Odds & Ends
Once you’ve got all your knick-knacks under control in your new pad, it will be those harder to store items that will pose a challenge. For smaller objects use ice cube trays to organize easy-to-lose items such as erasers, paperclips, tacks and spare keys.

Wire baskets also help you make the most of your space by keeping random clutter at bay. They are great for keeping snacks, remote controls, or even old receipts and movie stubs. Just try to keep in mind that the more things you own the more creative you’ll have to be during your decorating spree.

If you are finding that your walls are still a little bare, spruce them up with corkboards wrapped in fabric or inexpensive frames featuring your favorite art. Try framing coasters, match boxes or even birthday cards.

Fair Play
Anything is fair game. Whatever your passion, there is always a creative way to keep those all important things under wraps, out of the way or on display.

If you have a roommate make sure to get their opinion when decorating your new bungalow. The space is as much yours as it is theirs. Besides, it will make the transition from home to dorm much smoother and it will allow for some early bonding with your new roommate.

Heck, you may even decide to go shower curtain shopping together!

Regardless of what colors you choose or how organized you keep your space, decorating your dorm doesn’t have to be as daunting and unpleasant as unpacking all your stuff.

So go on, grab all those creative juices that got you into college in the first place and put them to good use. The better your dorm room looks, the better you’ll feel about college, your new roommate new abode!
Shape up and Ship out

Twelve Tips and Tricks for an Organized Move

By ALEJANDRA DIAZ Editor in Chief

When faced with moving away from home, students don’t worry about moving but more about the items they can’t live without. Here are some tips to help you achieve a successful, organized move.

1. Leave the Junk Behind
Don’t bring anything you don’t really need. Wait until you move in and figure out what you or your roommate forgot to bring. It makes no sense to bring two TVs, two microwaves and two radios.

2. Buy Ahead
Make a list of things you are going to need before and after you move. Try duct tape, bubble wrap or old issues of The Beacon. If you are low on cash, old towels will also protect those fragile items during the moving process.

3. Pack Early
Start packing as soon as possible. The earlier you start the less stress, confusion and anxiety you’ll experience when it comes time to move.

4. Box It
A variety of boxes will help you get through the hassle of looking for bags, cartons and plastic crates which can tear or break.

5. Mark It
Black markers, felt pens or grease pencils are great for labeling boxes with more about the items than they can’t live without. Here are some tips to help you achieve a successful, organized move.

6. Lose Weight
Remember that boxes and crates can only hold so much weight. So, lighten the load by distributing the weight evenly among several boxes. This will keep you from having to sort back when it’s all over.

7. Enlist Any Help
Everyone knows that you moved by sending postcards, letters or e-mail. Try planning a small get-together after you’ve set up your new space. Invite the neighbors and enjoy yourself! You’ve earned it!

8. Secure Yourself
Pack all your important documents such as credit cards, receipts, birth certificates and voter registration cards in the same place. This will make changing your address much smoother when you get to your new place.

9. Prepare Yourself
It may take some time to get settled in so pack a small bag with anything you will need for the first night in your new home. Helpful items include: toiletries, snacks, a blanket and pillow, pen/paper and a few magazines.

10. Make a Plan
Before you start unpacking, sit down and figure out a plan of attack for unpacking your stuff. If someone is going to help you unpack, let him or her in on your plan and give them something specific to do. This will keep them out of your hair and focused on the task at hand.

11. Arrange Everything
It’s best to arrange your furniture and make sure all the boxes are out of the way before unpacking accessories and other items. Sometimes, it’s best to start out by putting clothes away in closets and in drawers.

12. Be a Neighbor
Let everyone know that you moved by sending postcards, letters or e-mail. Try planning a small get-together after you’ve set up your new space. Invite the neighbors and enjoy yourself! You’ve earned it!

You Can Get
Don’t take the hit of moving all by yourself. Bring a friend, your parents, your old roommates or even the guy who helped you when you dropped a box in the elevator.

Quick & Easy Stirfry

Ingredients:
- 1 pack of Ramen noodles
- vegetables
- try a frozen medley that has water chestnuts and snow peas, but you can use canned or fresh ones. (Defrost frozen veggies before cooking)

Directions:
1. Boil water and put the Ramen in (as you normally would).
2. When it’s done, drain the water.
3. In a wok or skillet, add veggies (if they’re frozen, you should defrost them before this step).
4. Add Ramen noodles to veggies until everything is warm.
5. Add seasonings on top of it all, or soy sauce if you prefer.
6. Can also add shrimp or beef.

English Muffin Pizza

Ingredients:
- 6 English muffins, split in half
- 14 ounces pizza sauce
- 12 ounces pepperoni, sliced
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 can (2.25-oz.) sliced black olives, drained

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Line a baking pan or baking sheet with aluminum foil.
3. Arrange muffin halves in baking pan and spread 2 to 3 tablespoons pizza sauce on each.
4. Cover with pepperoni slices.
5. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese and olives.
6. Bake for 10 minutes or until cheese is bubbly.
7. Serve hot.

Microwave Quesadilla

Ingredients:
- 1 (8-in.) flour tortilla
- 2 slices of cheese
- 1/2 cup Salsa

Directions:
1. Place tortilla on microwavable plate.
2. Place cheese on half of tortilla.
3. Fold tortilla in half to cover the cheese.
4. Microwave on HIGH 25 to 40 seconds or until cheese begins to melt.
5. Let stand, covered, 1 minute or until cool enough to eat.
6. Fold in half again.
7. Serve with salsa.

Good Eats

Courtesy of www.gotouttoday.com
Packing up: A guide for essential college furnishings

By DEBRA D. BASS
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — In the age of cheap, portable conveniences, students leaving home this fall to room on campus aren’t worried about leaving the material comforts of home behind. They are worried about where to put everything they can’t live without.

“My roommate last year brought everything from home... I mean everything,” said Michael Jarmon, 20, a junior at St. Louis University. “There was almost a whole carpet for the floor and a little personal rug to step on when you go out of bed.” So much for the notion of guys packing light.

Jarmon, an aviation sciences student from Atlanta, said he was more practical in his packing, but by the end of the year, he still grappled with storing things he had acquired throughout the year.

He warns fellow students to plan storage options, ask for the dimensions of your room, shelf space availability and the clearance for sliding totes under the bed. (Rods in some dorms can be raised as high as 3 feet, and most dorms offer the option of making twin beds into bunk beds.)

Every student talked to couldn’t stress the space constraints enough. It can be sobering if you’ve never had enough constraints enough. It can be tempting to couldn’t stress the space availability and the shelf space availability and the room in the back of some cabinet.

And most dorms offer the option of making twin beds into bunk beds. But by the end of the year, he says, he was packing up: A guide for essential college furnishings

### Essentials

#### What essentials would we take off?

- **92-Quart tote, $12.99.** Target (www.target.com). Some can even be checked as luggage if the top is secured with tape or string and isn’t too heavy.
- **Two bath towels, $9.99 each.** Target (www.target.com). Give twice the closet space.
- **21-by-34-inch striped nylon accent rug, $14.99, Bed Bath & Beyond (www.bedbathandbeyond.com).** It’ll keep your feet from touching a chilly floor first thing in the morning, and it’s a good way to individualize your space.
- **X-long twin sheet set, $14.99, Target.** We like jersey sheets because you don’t have to worry about thread count, and they feel like a well-worn T-shirt.
- **Bookends, $19.99, Pier 1 (www.pier1.com).** Necessity doesn’t have to book Spartans.
- **Clip lamp, $9.99, Bed Bath & Beyond.** A mobile lamp source that doesn’t take up too much space.
- **Shoe organizer, 24 slots for $9.99, Bed Bath & Beyond.** Use the slots for shoes, socks, and other small items.
- **Accent pillow, $9.99, Target.** It’s a nice touch and makes a convenient cushion when you’re asking a friend to pull up a crate.
- **Wall clock, $19.99, Bed Bath & Beyond. Monks’ quarters, parsons offices and student study rooms are best kept under control. Monks’ quarters, parsons offices and student study rooms are best kept under control.**

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Delta Phi Epsilon receives Rita Rossner Cup

By JULIA MARCHESE
Life! Editor

Fifteen years ago, the Delta Phi Epsilon chapter at FIU was established. Because of the chapter’s prestige, they have received the Rita Rossner Cup at a bi-yearly international conference in San Antonio, Texas this past July.

“This is the highest honor bestowed on a chapter,” said president Maria Garcia who attended the conference. “It shows the fruits of our labor.” The chapter, consisting of about eighty ladies, was recognized for their community service efforts, recruitment, campus activities and overall sisterhood.

Living by their motto, “To be rather than to seem to be,” the ladies strive to make contributions to various organizations. Several events geared toward helping others teach the girls valuable life lessons. The sorority has held a male pageant annually for the past 15 years. Their “Campus Man” is chosen while they raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, their official philanthropy since 1958. Males are judged based on their beauty, brains, dedication and talent. “The girls are very down to earth,” said this year’s Campus Man, Ian Lugo. “I support them in whatever they do.”

Besides participating in Relay for Life, Dance Marathon and raising over one million dollars to benefit CFF, D Phi E also supports the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, a national organization dedicated to aid problems of anorexia and other eating disorders through methods of education to providing funds for research.

But, it’s not all work and no play for the members, who’s mascot is the unicream. The girls show their school spirit by attending sporting and homecoming events decked out in royal purple and gold colors. Chapter meetings, retreats and lunches help members create bonds.

“I always look forward to our sisterhood summer retreat,” said junior, Cheryl De Boehmiller. “We get the whole weekend to bond and to get to know each other on a whole different level.”

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Coach Edwards: “Bottom line: We have to score goals”

By ANA SANCHEZ
Contributing Writer

Although plagued by injuries and three starters on the bench, the women’s soccer team has a promising attitude for this year.

Last season they finished a disappointing 2-11-2. Despite the record, many games were close including eight in which FIU lost by one goal.

Midfielder Yenessa Taddei, one of the key players on the team, is returning from an injury which sidelined her for all of last season.

“I’m excited, happy that I’m not watching from the bench and I feel that it’s a different year and a different attitude. The team is more confident, the coach is more confident and support within the team will make us stronger,” said Taddei.

The team will kick off the season on Aug. 27 against state rival University of Central Florida.

Winning goals will be an issue for the Golden Panthers who averaged under a goal a game last year.

“We played well last year but we didn’t score goals, bottom line: we have to score goals,” said Coach Everton Edwards.

Defender Magan Meade agrees, “Goals for this year include improving record and coming together as a team,” said Meade.

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Evaluating student athletes important for Edwards

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That’s my main goal. I’d like these kids to graduate with good majors. I think college athletics has somewhat exploited the athletes.

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Q: What newcomers should fans keep an eye on?
A: One of the people so far is Lucas Rodriguez from Killian whose come out quicker than what we felt. Perea who I mentioned earlier is very good.

Q: How can you top the season your team accomplished last year, where they won the ASC division title and the NCAA championship?
A: We always look for special players to stretch the defense but has more than anyone else is outstanding. We always look for special players to come watch us. People are always impressed on how we play and we take lots of pride in how we play.

Q: What can fans expect from attending games this season?
A: We always give us great compliments that they enjoy watching us play. We always look for special players to do creative things and bring excitement to the game. If people can just come out to one game, they always will come back after watching us once.

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We’ve already had two of the new forwards hurt within the last three weeks. As far as who’s going to be, who’s going to be doing a lot of attacking during today’s practice... I’ll decide afterwards.

Q: Given the performance of the past two years and the current scheduling, which features the likes of UCF, Denver, Texas, FSU and UF, what would constitute a successful 2004 campaign?

I would like to get to 500, the reason we’ll be that good is that we’ll be competitive in the conference. I can actually go 7 or 8 or 9 games to start the season 3-0, but if I was into records, I would have done that years ago. I’ve never done that. I look to get the best out of my student athletes. You have to play good competition.

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Kremser’s goals: Reaching soccer NCAA championship

By HARRY COLEMAN
Sports Editor

After reaching the NCAA tournament last season, men’s soccer will begin the season ranked No. 23 in the nation. Returning as coach for the 25th season, Karl Kremser who last season picked up his 300th victory as head coach. Kremser has led the Golden Panthers to three consecutive NCAA tournament appearances and this season he expects nothing less. Kremser sat down with The Beacon and discussed this upcoming season.

Q: What are your goals for this upcoming season?

Kremser: Our goals are the same as every year. We want to win our conference, and then get to the NCAA championship. The goal is to go further this year than we did last year where we got to the third round.

Q: How do you plan to replace the loss of MLS draftee John Pulido?

Kremser: John did very well for us and he’s doing quite well in the MLS, but we have Lucas Suedler and Jean Camere who play very good. Lots of people we can plug into that position and once we get issues resolved with Luis, we will be fine.

Perea with the NCAA ineligible to play at the moment, will be a striker who can be a phenomenal player for us. He is just 17 years old and an outstanding player.

David Hope has also played very well as Fernando Plentz who was our leading scorer of the bench last year until he got hurt. They will fill all the spots.

Q: Who will replace the loss of goalkeeper Roy Rosenberg, who played every minute last season?

Kremser: We have a couple. Andres [Arguelles] who red-shirted last year will be there for us but [Shawn] Crowe without question will be our starter at goal. He was academically ineligible last year for a misunderstanding academically but in fact he is a very good player.

Not to minimize the loss of Roy, but Shawn is capable of upholding that standard of Roy. But [Arguelles] has the potential to have potential. He is just 17 years old and an outstanding player. Down the line they are working hard, running and learning from their mistakes.

Q: You will be playing [No. 6] among the tough

Kremser: Seven of eleven starters returning for men’s soccer

By YANELY PEREZ
Staff Writer

After cruising through the season with a 14-5-3 record, the Golden Panthers stormed into the NCAA tournament with championship hopes on their mind.

After picking up victories in round one against UCF and CSUN in round two, FIU suffered elimination in the third round at the hands of UCLA.

After a stable off-season compared to last year when the team almost got eliminated due to lack of funds, the Golden Panthers return with seven of 11 starters and have goals of advancing further than last season.

“We want to win our conference, and then get to the NCAA championship. The goal is to go further this year than we did last year where we got to the third round,” said Coach Karl Kremser who is entering his 25th season as coach of FIU.

The players worked together during the off-season and have also played scrimmages among themselves and other teams.

With a scrimmage against Lynn in Boca Raton and Nova Southeastern at home, the team experienced a lot. But it gave a chance for players to get adapted to each other and learn from their mistakes.

“Unfortunately, the team became a bit disoriented and unorganized after Lynn scored that goal on us. Players had to open up and move forward in order to score a goal faster therefore causing the back to be left open and available for Lynn to score,” said forward Oscar Gil.

“Throughout the game we had been playing very well but mistakes like these are what are going to improve our chances to win.”

With many returning players including seven starters, the team is hoping experience will be an advantage for this season.

“We are working hard, running a lot, and considering the fact that there are a lot of returning players, we will do very good,” said forward Oscar Gil.

“Not only are there returning players, but there are about 10 incoming freshman who are all somewhat new to what they are yet about to experienced.”

Even with many new faces on the team, veterans consider these players to have potential.

“There are a lot of incoming freshman who can be pretty promising and can be a recruiting team. Down the line they can be much help and be very experience,” said Plentz.

After being ineligible to play last year, goalkeeper Shawn Crowe is ready to take over the goalie job after Roy Rosenberg’s graduation last season.

“From what I understand, this is a much better team than last years. In comparison to last year’s goalie, I plan on being more organized and direct. It feels good to take over and by

International players serving it up for the Women’s Volleyball team

By ASHLEY BUTLER
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Last year, the Golden Panthers had a lot of injuries, finishing 14-16. However this upcoming season includes only four returning players; eight new players (three junior college transfers and five freshman) and three that either sat out last year with an injury or red shirted.

Head Volleyball Coach Cookie Stevens is confident that this high depth team will make it far this year.

Out of all the girls, only 6 are native Floridians. Girl’s volleyball gives a true meaning to the word “International” for Florida International University. These girls are from all over the world including Germany, Russia, Canada, Poland and the Virgin Islands. Two girls are from Virginia, one from Ohio and another from Kansas.

“Like it in here very much. The girls are nice and training is hard. It’s very different from Germany,” says Ruth Flemig from Germany, who enjoys Stevens’ training.

“The international players are at a higher level which makes us deeper at every position and makes us stronger. The new people will complement the existing players,” said Stevens.

Not only are the majority of the girls new but also there are two new assistant coaches. Coach Greg Tompos who graduated from Canberra in Australia in 2003, and Alice Persinova, who graduated from the Technical University of Liberec, 2003 in the Czech Republic.

Being one of the many newcomers to the team, Greg Tompos, assistant coach excited about the upcoming season.