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Attempts at dry campus debated

By PETER ZACHARIADIS
Special To The Beacon

Ask any college student at Florida International University what the legal age is to knock down a beer in the state, and the likely response is “21.”

Probe further and ask if students understand the intricacies of FIU’s rules concerning use and distribution of alcohol on campus, and you’ll probably be met by silence.

Pi Kappa Alpha (PKA) fraternity chapter president Manny Niebla says he understands the rules about alcohol on campus affects his fraternity directly. “Our fraternity is going to be under some stringent rules,” Niebla said.

Niebla, who will end his term as chapter president after the fall semester, looks forward to the opening of the PKA fraternity house with pride, still knowing there’s much at stake.

“Our fraternity is going to be under some stringent rules,” he says. “One of them might be living in an alcohol-free house.”

According to Niebla, finding responsible pledges is part of the solution to alcohol awareness.

“The reasons for such stringent rules remain dear to the members, though. ‘PKA’s national office could revoke a fraternity charter for four years because of an alcohol-related infraction,’ Niebla says. ‘Then there’s university punishment coupled with legal punishment. It all adds up to too much trouble for the sake of a few drinks.’”

For a college of more than 30,000 students in a major metropolitan area, alcohol related crime remains low at FIU. According to crime statistics for 2002, there was only one incident where Public Safety made an arrest for an alcohol-

Complaints spur gym construction at BBC

By MARK SCOPETTA
Contributing Writer

The building currently being constructed behind the Wolfe Center will house the Biscayne Bay new 10,000 square foot gym, which is over four times larger than the old one (4,200 square feet). The gym will be adjacent to the pool and attached to the Wolfe Center.

“We’re trying to improve campus life on BBC,” said Greg Olson, Director of Student Affairs. “Currently, we are planning to break the gym up into four sections: cardio machines, weight resistance machines, free weights, and an aerobic center,” Olson said. The 1,200 square foot aerobic center will be equipped with ballet bars and floor-to-ceiling mirrors.

Reginald LaFontant, a freshman criminal justice major, who currently works in the old gym, says people are looking for locker rooms, a water fountain, and more space in the new gym; most of the other people with whom I spoke echoed these same complaints. Currently, students have to leave the gym and go down the hall to use the bathroom and there are no lockers whatsoever.

Administrators have listened to these grievances and are planning to include male and female locker rooms fully equipped with both showers and bathrooms. There will be water fountains as well.

“I can’t wait for the new gym to open up. I’m tired of the closet they call a gym,” said Rudy Dunin, a junior Finance major living in BBC.

$1.7 million of Capital Improvement Trust Funding (CITF) has been earmarked for the outfitting of the gym. Though it’s a lot of money, the $1.7 million pales in comparison to the $10 million being used for the University Park’s new gym.

“Lace up your shoes and ready your towels because the new gym is slated for completion in Aug. 2005.”

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Drinking policies seek safety

Drinking, from page 1

for students found on every campus.

"It’s a place to grab a bite to eat, play dominos, watch television, or meet friends for a beer. Thurs- day and Friday are most popular," Niebla says.

He and other Greeks meet there for a beer before meetings.

Sporiting events will pack people in as well, he says.

"But it’s a way to socialize, not to go on a rendezvous," Niebla added.

For sports fans, the only area where drinking is allowed around Community Stadium is in the designated tailgating area.

"There’s no way we should be advocating a dry campus," says Jesse Campbell, chief of Public Safety.

"Taking away the only place where students can drink legally might cause some students to drink in secret or drink illegally," he says. "FIU needs a place where students can relax, have a good time and responsible behavior." 

Niebla said.

According to statistics from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 1,400 college students die from unintentional alcohol-related injuries. About 500,000 more suffer unintentional injuries due to alcohol.

The study also shows that about 600,000 college students nationwide suffer assaults from other students under the influence of alcohol. Seventy thousand of those assaults are sexual in nature and involve alcohol.

Jennifer Mwaisela, the 2003-2004 chair of the Substance Abuse Task-
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

With the strike of Ivan and more cancellation of classes, what should FIU do to salvage the semester?

- Cancel the rest of the semester, giving students a full refund and the grades they’ve earned at this point.
- Continue classes as scheduled, even if they are being held in the parking garage.
- Make up missed days by removing holidays (including winter break) for good measure.
- Require more money from students for generators, powdered milk and canned goods.

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WINNER & LOSER

WINNER

South Florida’s Economy: On average, it costs $450 a person to prepare for a hurricane. With round three approaching, at least no one is worried how Publix or Home Depot’s stock is doing.

LOSER

Ralph Nader: A Florida judge ruled that because the candidate has no national party backing, he cannot be on Florida’s presidential ballot. It’s truly a blue day for the green party.

QUOTEABLES

“Maybe someone creative in Hollywood could come up with something like this, but this is past my imagination to imagine having the possibility of a third term of this magnitude hit our state.”

– Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida, on the oncoming threat of Hurricane Ivan.

“I feel like Hollywood is a big high school again. Seriously, Adam Kutchler is the prom king.”

– Adam Brody, young star from “The O.C.”, reflecting on the sense of community in his profession.

“I’ve seen a lot of guys get hurt and you get a lot of money on your class. I don’t think you care about the grill and the only place on campus to get fresh food off the grill and the beach and the only place on campus to get beer. There are also televisions all over the place. If you are looking for a slightly intimate atmosphere then this is the place to be.”

By REYNARD ALLI AND DANNY MUELA
Contributing Writers

It’s a typical afternoon on a typical day, and typically you are bored and wandering around campus looking to end your descent into madness.

Either you scheduled your classes too far apart or the professors decided to offer the only courses available for your major in some horrible configuration involving you getting here at 7 a.m. and not leaving until 5 p.m.

We have come up with an assortment of things that will either keep you entertained or get you arrested in the process.

THE BOOKSTORE

Known for expensive books, expensive coffee and expensive books (yes, it had to be said twice), many don’t realize that the upstairs coffee shop is a perfect place to just sit and chat, depending on how popular you are. The coffee smell is pleasant, you can always grab a book or magazine, and not to mention all the reading material is free. Perfect for the cheap, college students.

GRACIE’S GRILL

Gracie’s is half of the Rathskeller. The other half was the pool hall/game room that should have also made this list of things to do, except we don’t know where the pool hall went.

The other reason to go there is because it is a grill and sports bar, which means they serve food fresh off the grill and the only place on campus to get beer. There are also televisions all over the place. If you are looking for a slightly intimate atmosphere then this is the place to be.

But, you know what? We get freaking sick of this campus sometimes. Let’s say that you want to eat a buffet-sized meal but you either don’t like the Fresh Food Company menu or just don’t want to spend six bucks for garbanzo bean soup (by the time all you are really surprised when all you are really going to eat is the pizza."

So, right down the street you’ve got a Pizza Hut. Where from 12:30 to 2:30 you can lay down the same six bucks and get a greater variety of pizza, along with salad and various other stereotypical Italian dishes like pasta and James Gandolfini. Nearby is also a China buffet which is always good. I mean you’ll be hungry an hour later, but by then you’ll be in class.

CLASS SAMPLING

Ever get bored of your own classes? Well then, guest star in your friend’s classes. Show up, take notes, ask questions, if you’re really good you can even take the tests just to see how you would do.

Not all teachers allow this and we are not even sure if the university allows, but let us tell you from experience it is fun and educational at the same time.

Speaking of professors, whether you know it or not they are some of the loneliest individuals on the planet. They love it when anyone comes to visit them. You may be surprised what they have to say. They actually have senses of humor and can carry a conversation without preaching or trying to impale you with a Sharpie. So hey, they have office hours for a reason right? Take advantage.

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Most people know about the books (at least we hope they do). But most do not know about the wonders of the fifth floor. You can actually check out movies, CDs and records for free! You can listen to them right there or take them home for free! And you can also use the computers there for – you get the point. Remember your tuition’s paying for this, so use it, damn it!

Despite the fact that we may sound like a couple of PR agents for FIU, we just want you to know that we are just two individuals who have suffered through a fate that has been handed out to all college students: boredom.

In fact, in this quest to alleviate our boredom we have become better at finding things to keep ourselves entertained rather than actually using the university for it’s intended purpose. So if any of these things sound boring or uninteresting to you, you can always – God forbid – do your homework, study, or here’s a novel idea: go to your own classes.

In closing, boredom sucks, but flunking out of school and working as a door-to-door champagne salesman sucks even more, believe us.

Phew! [FIU] TRUTH AND BEAUTY

By Luis Nin

MATH, PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY CONTAIN THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL AND ELEGANT TRUTHS OF THE UNIVERSE

THE DEEPEST SECRETS ARE REVEALED AND WE BEGIN TO FINALLY UNDERSTAND THE MIND OF GOD

HOW DO THEY MANAGE TO MAKE IT SO BORING?

VISITING HOURS

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The cloud of white gravel dust looming over the construction-ridden University Park Campus is about to settle. The loud drills have finally stopped (for the most part) and in no time the detours will disappear. Along with the new buildings begins a new era at FIU, which has recently been rated as one of the fastest growing universities in the nation.

The Graham Center expansion seems to be the focal point of all the renovation at FIU, or at least the most visible. The new wing of the student center will sport a brand new food court and other campus office buildings. Two retail spaces will also be available, with a possibility of space for a U.S. Postal Service.

Other new FIU additions are beginning to finish up as well. Two new parking garages (one of them already open and in service) will bring relief to the commuters, offering several hundred more spaces.

A new recreational center will open as well, turning the existing gym into the athletes' gym.

In the short span of three decades, FIU has blossomed into a major facility with a plethora of modern buildings. If in only one year the face of FIU can change so rapidly, who knows where we’ll be after the next ten?

New buildings offer glimpse of modern University design

By JOHN LOVELL
Managing Editor

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INSPIRING THOUGHT. DAILY.
Baller meets match in opposite gender

By NICHOLAS J. RONDA Contributing Writer

With Shaquille O’Neal now a member of the Miami Heat, basketball has never been as trendy as it presently is. However, there are some true fans in our town who eat, sleep and sing hoops.

As a youngster growing up in Westchester, his father – former El Salvador basketball star, Lorraine “Choo Choo” Campos – introduced him to the game of basketball. “Before I knew how to read and write, I was able to dribble between my legs and sink hook shots. Not bad for a 8-year-old boy,” gloats the younger Campos.

With ambition that can eclipse Shaq’s jump shot, Campos tried out for his high school basketball team year after year, but standing at five-foot-six inches in height, he was told that he was too small to play basketball and nobody is going to stop me from playing it.”

What cannot be measured in inches is the dedication Juan Campos has for the sport. “To me, basketball isn’t just a game, it’s my way of life. I don’t like going to the park and playing with the bigger, heavier, and meaner boys in the district. The other boys relentlessly teased him for his height deficiency. “I heard it all, pipsqueak, perwee. Willow, smurf, all the short names. Kids can really be some dirty birds some times.”

After failing to make the team during his junior year, head basketball coach Albert Rodriguez pulled him aside and recommended him to a local gym that was dedicated to a sport where lack of height was not such a negative, a sport such as badminton.

The coach’s suggestion did not sit well with Campos. “Nothing against all the badmintonians around the globe, but I play basketball and nobody is going to stop me from playing it.”

And so he did. He mastered the techniques of badminton and was soon playing at a high level. “I don’t take the game seriously, that really makes me want to shut.”

Not being a member of the school team or leagues organized for a boy his age, his basketball dreams were fading. As he worked on his hook shots one night at a local park, a few players from the girls’ basketball team showed up in search of some action. Familiar with his struggles to make the boys’ team and thought of as a pushover because of his size, the girls challenged him to play.

“When I see that I’m seen as inferior because of my height, I get really angry and like a machine, the switch goes on. I shout and I’m like a rabbit in a forest fire.” Apparently, he beat each girl one on one and in a game of H-O-R-S-E.

Even after easily defeating the female players, they still teased him about not being suitable for the boys’ team. Feeling a lack of respect by the female players, Campos has shifted his entire focus to playing against females only.

“I don’t know why they have to hate, but now they’re on the tracks and the train’s coming full steam.”

There have been those who say that what he’s doing is degrading, but Campos feels his cause is just. “It’s fair, they’re still taller than I am, so it simply boils down to who wants to win more and that’s when I take it to the next level.”

The self-proclaimed “Inter-Gender Hoops Champ” he plays four to five games against top ranking high school and college females in the area. He claims that some females give him all he can handle, but he is still undefeated.

“I’ve been doing this for about 5 months, and I’ve yet to drink from the loser’s cup. If any girl thinks she can lace them up and battle with me, then my message to them is simply: Bring it!” boasts Campos.

With a regime that has him awake at five in the morning for a three-mile jog and three hundred hook shots at the park, he definitely makes it tough for one to compete against him.

He takes day classes and has a part-time job, his playing is all done at night, which is where his nickname “Night Train” stems from.

“My dad played a big role in my passion for basketball and being referred to as a train, like he was is a great honor.”

Hot study spots help students concentrate

By MELISSA ALBA Contributing Writer

As another semester begins to unfold, students vow that this term will be different; they try to unfold, students vow that this term will be different; they try to unfold, students vow that this term will be different; they try to unfold, students vow that this term will be different; they try to unfold, students vow that this term will be different; they try to unfold, students vow that this term will be different; they try to unfold, students vow that this term will be different; they try to unfold, students vow that this term will be different; they try to unfold, students vow that this term will be different; they try to unfold, students vow that this term will be different; they try to unfold, students vow that this term will be different; they try to unfold, students vow that this term will be different; they try to unfold, students vow that this term will be different; they try to unfold, students vow that this term will be different; they try to unfold, students vow that this term will be different; 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they try to unfold, students vow that this term will be different;
Many of his objectives as vice president deal with lobbying to the state legislature through Florida Student Association and he plans on playing a big role in the fight against block tuition and other accelerated graduation programs. He is helping council members improve academic advising and possibly make the Breakaway Café a twenty-four hour hang out. “My main focus is to keep people motivated and to get more done,” said Wilkes. Wilkes believes in giving back to the FIU community. “It’s good to know that you’ve done something to better student’s college experience just as others have done for me,” said Wilkes. His favorite saying: “When you take the elevator to the top, make sure you send it back down for the next person.”

Another very positive influence in his life is his fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha, also known as Pk. “The friendships and the bonds that I have gotten from being a part of my fraternity are invaluable,” he said.

He is also their vice president of recruitment. Holding a leadership position within the frat has challenged his leadership skills. “I feel that I have grown more confident of my abilities.” Wilkes hopes to leave his fraternity better than he found it.

He is participating only in Student Government and Pi Kappa Alpha this semester. Because of his large work loads in both organizations, Wilkes has decided to cut back on his involvement that once occupied his time. “With the demands of my roles now, I know that cutting back bad to happen,” he said. However, he hopes to find time for the events and organizations he used to be involved with. Majoring in English, minoring in psychology and tending to his commitments at FIU leaves this sports fan little time to relax and unwind. “I like to play dominos at Gracie’s Grill and read and write,” said Wilkes.

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Volleyball team suffers fourth loss in a row

By ASHLEY BUTLER
Staff Writer

It wasn’t all about winning this weekend for FIU’s Women’s Volleyball, but about individual player’s career-highs.

The Golden Panthers’ record dropped to 0-4 after playing in the Ocean National Bank Invitational at Lundholm Gymnasium in New Hampshire on Sept. 3-4. The team lost all three matches.

Despite the three losses, many Golden Panthers received individual awards. At least five of the players received their all-time career-highs in this tournament alone. Some of the girls include: Juniors Laura Vogel and Anna Dmowska had 12 kills each, while Vogel also had five service aces, and Dmowska contributed 10 digs for a double-double.

Dyyanna Smith who sat out last season as a medical red shirt due to a wrist injury, had her career-high with 45 assists and 17 digs. Freshman Heather Huber led FIU with 12 kills. Junior Lauren Stahoski had a startling career-high of 21 digs in her first match alone.

The Golden Panthers kept it close in three sets against Texas State. The Horns scored 21 total service errors in the game to win 30-25.

FIU also suffered losses to Toledo in the tournament and Arizona State. Toledo defeated FIU 3-0 and Arizona State won 3-1.

LUM 3, FIU 0

The Golden Panthers suffered a disappointing 3-0 loss to the Miami Hurricanes on Sept. 1 at the Pharmed Arena. It was the first game for the ladies who have a relatively new team on the floor.

“The girls were just too nervous which is understandable because of the team being so young,” said Head Coach Cookie Stevens.

The Hurricanes started the game off with a quick 7-0 lead. Sophomore Oksana Zabalaeva who led the Golden Panthers with eight kills gave FIU the first point. Unable to catch up, the Golden Panthers lost the first set 17-3 in a game to UM.

In the second set FIU and UM were tied at six different times. FIU’s only lead was early on at 3-2. Even though block specialist Danielle Dubetz had five total blocks (alone) in the set, the Hurricanes defeated FIU 30-24.

The Golden Panthers started off well in the third set with a 4-3 lead. But, shortly after Miami quieted FIU with a 14-2 stretch and defeated FIU 30-14 in the set.

After the loss, Stevens knows what she will need to do in order to improve her team.

“The main thing we need to focus on is ball control. We also need to work on our passing and receiving, as well as serving a lot tougher,” said Stevens who wonders how her team to be aggressive and put the ball away.”

“I’m still trying to find the right combination of girls to play. We’re trying new things and playing different groups of girls,” Stevens said.

FIU took an early lead 4-3 in game four. The two teams stayed pretty much neck-in-neck until UNH started to play off of FIU’s 21 total service errors in the game to win 30-25.

FIU also suffered losses to Texas State as Madeline Gannon had two saves. Texas State out shot FIU in the first half shooting seven shots compared to one by FIU. FIU was out shot 12 to five in total but still managed to pick up the victory with key goals, as Texas State had not saved shots.

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TEXAS 5, FIU 0

Despite the eight shots against Texas, the team lost 5-0 on Sept. 3 at Myers Stadium.

Defender Taneeah Donaldson and Forward Tamara Kochen each had two attempts on goal but failed to score.

Kochen credited the play of Texas, which was superior despite FIU’s effort.

“They are top ten, very talented and skillful. We tried our best and gave a good effort but it wasn’t enough,” said Kochen.

TOUGH START:
The girls’ volleyball team is off to a rough start losing the first four games of the season.

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Tough start! The girls’ volleyball team is off to a rough start losing the first four games of the season. "Cookie Stevens/Special to The Beacon"

Coach Everton picks up 150th win despite one win out of four

By ANA SANCHEZ
Staff Writer

FIU 3, TEXAS STATE 1

The team picked up the first win of the season with a score of 3-1 over Texas State on Sept. 5. The victory raises the season record to one win and three losses.

During the second half Midfielder Janessa Taddei scored and was followed by another goal by Forward Janet Ligouri. Less than two minutes later, Texas scored their only goal that was later counter attacked by Janessa Taddei who scored in the 84th minute.

The goal keeper did not face much action by Texas State as Madeline Gannon had two saves. Texas State out shot FIU in the first half shooting seven shots compared to one by FIU. FIU was out shot 12 to five in total but still managed to pick up the victory with key goals, as Texas State had not saved shots.

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FLORIDA STATE 4, FIU 1

After a tie during the first half, the Seminoles made three goals in the second half of the game on Aug. 29.

On a pass by Chandelle Crosby, Ligouri scored the lone goal for the Golden Panthers. Goal keepers, Gannon and Carly Agro combined for five saves.

UCF 2, FIU 1

Women’s soccer began the season with a 2-1 loss to the University of Central Florida on Aug. 27.

Forward Janessa Taddei returned from injury that sidelined her last season to score the first goal of the year.

Gannon made three saves at 12 attempted shots directed at her during the game.

For more information contact Sports Editor Harry Coleman at HCole001@FIU.EDU

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their plan is long term and you know I wouldn’t want to come back for one year and later be traded in July because I don’t have any years after that.

I’ve always said I wanted to play in Miami my whole career but I wouldn’t want to have a big salary, which doesn’t allow us to get people to so that we can be competitive or without the stadium we don’t have the revenue to be competitive. If I believe the Marlins will be, I wouldn’t mind coming back but I haven’t really giving it much thought I just want to finish the season and see what happens.

Q: What are your fondest memories of FIU baseball Head Coach Danny Price?

The main thing with Danny Price is that he gave me a chance to play since my freshman year. I was struggling a little that he gave me a chance to play since Price?

I think he really enjoyed the 1995 team we had, I think it was a fun year. It was the year we had to play our home games at Frosthead and it was kind of a advantage but I think it brought us close together and I think it was a year he enjoyed and I did too.

Q: You were the recipient of the Trans American Athletic Conference’s student athlete of the year in 1995. Was it difficult to manage being a full time student while playing collegiate ball at the same time?

Yeah it’s hard because you practice so much but you still have to get your studies done. I think that if you budget your time it’s doable. I don’t think NCAA or college makes things are totally impossible.

When it was time for finals to come I didn’t start two days before I had to start a week to ten days before because I didn’t have the same amount as time as some one else has because of the traveling and practice. There are some sacrifices you have to make but that’s the price you have to pay if you want to be a student athlete.

Q: Many players are not concerned about graduating anymore, they think the younger they reach the pro level, the better their chances. You left school early but went back and graduated with a degree in finance. What advice would you give to young athletes about going pro?

Well, the problem is the money is so big for these young guys that it’s hard for guys to turn it down. I would never say don’t take the money but my advice would be to know that you need something to fall back on.

I’ve seen a lot of guys get hurt and when you get a lot of money in one shot and is not going to last forever. You need to have something to make a career out of. I left early from FIU after my third year but, I went just because I thought it was important because I wanted to have something to fall back on.

You look at the biggest stars today and even Shaquille O’Neal is going back to finish his degree and he has more money than he knows what to do with. It shows you that a lot of people really value what an education can do for you.

Q: Your introduction song before an at bat is “Party Up” by rapper DMX. Does this song hype you up before an at bat?

Well, I think its from Gone in Sixty Seconds and it sounded so good in the guy’s ear and I said man, with the sound system we have here, the beginning would sound real good. But it’s more superstition, when I started putting it I got off a good start so I said I can’t turn it off now.

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able to build more depth and I wouldn’t be surprised if they finished number one in the conference championships in about one or two years,” said Mello. “Therefore, this can only mean that this year’s team is being depended on for a magnificent successful year.”

Key returning players include Claudia Bassi, who finished sixth in the European Championship.

There is also returning diver, Megan Balkenbush and Tiffany Haynes who will be swimming in various events including free, back, and fly.

The returning freshman class from last season includes Victoria Molnar, Carly Cran dall, and Sarah Peretti.

The first invitational for the team will be on Nov. 19 where Zaharia’s team will participate in the Nike Invitational. FIU will host its first invitational on Jan. 9 against Carnegie Mellon and Tulane.

The NCAA championships will take place during mid March. This is where Coach Zaharia wants part of her team to be, come spring time. Last season many players attended and with one year under their belt, Zaharia expects big things.
Swimming team ready to kick with scrimmage

By YANELY PEREZ  Staff Writer

After welcoming the first ever women’s swim team at FIU in 2003, this year, both swimmers and divers set high goals for themselves in improving their results.

With many returning players, coach and Olympic medalist Noemi Zaharia is counting on the veterans to lead the team.

Coach Zaharia is hoping this year’s FIU will be an even stronger team and be able to compete and win in finals.

“T o my knowledge, this year’s team is much stronger than last years. Therefore, my expectations for competition are good considering the fact that there are returning players, who know just what being a part of a team means,” said Zaharia. “I look forward to improving our results from last season and have two women qualify for the NCAA Finals Championship.”

The team kicks off the season in a friendly blue and gold scrimmage on Oct. 9. The first meet will take place on Oct. 16 against cross-town rival Miami at Coral Gables.

The first home meet will take place on Oct. 29 against Princeton.

For being a new program last year, the swim team accomplished more than a usual rookie team.

Last year’s swim team finished fourth in the Sun Belt Conference, meaning numbers should improve with a returning team.

Athletic Director Rick Mello sees last year’s success a key to the team’s bright future ahead.

“From what I observed last season, this year’s Women’s Swimming and Diving program will be

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Golden Panther Arena

changed to Pharmed Arena

by Harry Coleman  Sports Editor

After 18 years of holding the name Golden Panther Arena, the 5,000 seating capacity arena has a new name—Pharmed Arena.

A one million dollar donation by Jorge and Carlos Cespedes was awarded to FIU becoming the single largest donation in the history of the University Athletics department.

The donation will be matched by the state for a total of two million.

The Cespedes brothers are owners of Pharmed Group and in their honor the GPA will change names. The donation was welcomed by Athletic Director Rick Mello who considers the donation an important step in the growth of FIU athletics.

“This generous gift from Pharmed will be an important step in the growth of our Athletic programs said Mello.

“As a university we have a responsibility to mature the minds of our student athletes just as much as we do their athletic ability.”

In a statement through the university the Cespedes brothers were excited to give back to the community by helping FIU.

“We are honored to be able to give back to such a wonderful institution and to become a member of the Golden Panther team,” said Jorge de Cespedes.

“This is the first major gift that the newly formed Pharmed Cespedes Foundation will bestow. The Foundation’s mission is to assist South Florida students with their educational endeavors.”

The Cespedes brothers are also minority honors of the NBA’s expansion team the Charlotte Bobcats.

Pharmed Group is a $600 million company that distributes more than 25,000 products to hospitals.

Pharmed Arena will host basketball and volleyball this season.

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Former Golden Panther enjoys life as a World Series winner but the road to success involved dedication and importance of graduating

By Harry Coleman  Sports Editor

Growing up in Miami, Mike Lowell dreamed of becoming a Major League Player. Lowell began accomplishing his dream in 1995 when the New York Yankees drafted him out of Florida International University. Little did Lowell know that he would later be traded to the Florida Marlins and we all know the story from there.

Lowell arrived in Miami and quickly became a fan favorite. He stayed with the Marlins through four straight losing seasons before helping turn the team around in 2003 and win the World Series Championship.

Life has changed for Lowell since Josh Beckett finished off the Yankees in game six. Lowell who is now recognized everywhere he goes, carries an oversized championship ring with over 100 diamonds, and was awarded a contract exceeding $30 million.

With the season in full swing and the Marlins in the hunt for the wild card, Lowell found time to discuss pro baseball, his time at FIU, rapper DMX, and the preparation needed to face ace pitchers like Randy Johnson and Roger Clemens.

Q: You were here when the Marlins were having consecutive losing seasons and fans were not going out to the stadium. How did you feel to play in the World Series with crowds exceeding 60,000 fans?

We got a huge advantage that we never had, not even during the season. It provided a totally different atmosphere which the teams that played us during the year weren’t used to that atmosphere when they got here. We got a big home field advantage and it was very exciting, this stadium gets very loud when we have 20,000, 40,000 and you put it at 60,000, 65,000 and root for you that can only help you.

Q: How has your life changed since the World Series?

I think that from a baseball standpoint you accomplish something that everyone tries to accomplish. You see some of the greatest players in baseball like Barry Bonds and Albert Pujols and all they talk about is how they want to win a World Series and the fact that we did that, it’s a big under your cap that you can say you accomplished something.

Locally you get recognized a lot more but its usually positive feedback from people saying we went to game four or game five and it was great and that’s nice to hear.

Q: What are the types of things that run through your mind, if any, when you step into the batter box and you are facing top pitchers like Roger Clemens or Randy Johnson?

I try not to think of anything. The pitches are coming so fast that if you think of something else you have no chance. I just try to tell myself to see it and react because if you are thinking about your stride or your bat or your hand or something the ball is going to be right by you.

The simpler you can make it you try not to think, just to react. We have so much practice in batting practice where you try to just have those instincts and I just try to see it and hit it hard.

Q: You have an option to opt out of your contract at the end of this season. If the Marlins cannot come to an agreement of a stadium but stays competitive by keeping catcher Paul Lo Duca and pitcher Carl Pavano among others, do you stay with the Marlins?

Well I would definitely want to sit down with the ownership and see what