President Uribe to address local Colombian community

By CESAR GUTIERREZ Contributing writer

Alvaro Uribe Velez, president of Colombia since 2002, will be at the University Park’s Wertheim Performing Arts Center on Sept. 30 to discuss issues affecting the South Florida Colombian population.

According to Victor Uribe, director of FIU’s Colombian Studies Institute, the president’s visit will offer Colombian citizens residing in the area a venue for the discussion of many important issues relevant to their community. Colombia, which for the past four decades has been engaged in a civil war between Marxist guerrillas and a succession of conservative governments, has experienced such an economic slump and increase in kidnappings that many citizens have chosen to leave their country. South Florida has, for the most part, the greatest concentration of expatriates.

“It will be a sort of ‘Town Hall meeting’ where people will be able to ask the president about different problems ranging from migratory issues, trade, the validation of degrees, money transfers, the new ID cards for Colombians living in the USA, the payment of social security coverage in Colombia from the USA and so forth,” Victor Uribe said. The institute’s director also says that the public can expect the president’s visit to answer a list of specific questions for the future consideration of Colombian officials, with a chance for Colombians living abroad to interact with their president.

“In addition, by hosting Uribe’s visit, FIU intends to let Colombians and the media know about the Colombian Studies Institute which is dedicated to the study of that nation’s economic, social, political and cultural issues,” said Victor Uribe. Participants will include Colombian groups, professors, elected city officials and students. Anyone wishing to attend may receive free tickets at the Latin American and Caribbean Center in UP; DM building, room 353. Although the American and Caribbean Center in UP, may receive free tickets at the Latin and students. Anyone wishing to attend...
Faculty receive awards, recognition

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two for service, one for advising, one for librarian-ship and three for adjunct professors. Among the winners stand political science Pro- fessor Astrid Arraras, who will be given an award for teaching.

"I feel very honored for receiving such a presti- tigious award at a very early stage in my career," she said.

Religious studies pro-fessor and associate dean of the Honors College, Lesley Northrup is also being recognized for her service to FIU and the community.

"The truth is that many, many of our faculty deserve awards for their service to the university and the wider commu-nity," Northrup said. "To be honored for service is really just to be one of the lucky few who represent many others."

The most prestigious honor being given is the Council of 100, Outstanding Faculty Award that brings with it a $10,000 cash prize. The winner has been selected by FIU Pres- ident Modesto Maidique, Provost Mark Rosenberg and the Council of 100 and has been FIU’s best kept secret of the week. No one, with the exception of this selection committee, knows who the winner will be.

Aside from the award ceremony, faculty will hear the thoughts of Cohen, who has been chosen as keynote speaker and is expected to offer his per-spective on FIU’s pur-suit of a public medical school.

The university submit-
ted its proposal for the school to the Florida Board of Governors in July. "Dr. Cohen’s address is certainly of central rele-vance as we continue to refine and develop our medical school initiative," Bruce Hauptli Faculty Senate chairperson said. "I am confident that the faculty will find his remarks instructive."

Hauptli, who serves on the Faculty Convocation Week committee, says the opportunity to reflect on this major initiative is an

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Associate Dean of the Honors College

important aspect of this year’s Convocation. Apart from the many other pur-poses of the week, the fac-ulty have focused all week on discussing the medical school initiative and what it means to the university’s future.

Many of the faculty are aware of the importance of a medical school and are supportive of the idea. "I believe FIU faculty feel that the medical initia-tive is a natural step in our evolution to becoming a top urban research univer-sity," Hauptli said.

The university faculty members are not the only ones with an opinion on the medical school pro-posal. Students have also had plenty to say as they are encouraged to take an active role in the discus-sion by attending Con-vocation on Friday and listening in to Cohen’s lecture. He believes it will serve as a great opportunity to net-work and meet the deans of each college and the university’s vice presidents. It will also allow students to interact with professors beyond the typical class-room setting.

FIU students are known for voicing their opin-ions and being involved. Sutton says that students play an important role in the decisions made at the university and they have a place in faculty life.

This is why Sutton encourages them to attend the Convocation: to listen in on the medical school talk and pay tribute to their professors.

"I do this because events like these are very important," Sutton said.

This is his third year chairing the committee. He has been working with 16 other faculty and staff members since January to successfully put on this event.

"Convocation creates tradition and consistency in FIU and it’s an impor-tant reason to take a break from the grind of univer-sity life," spectro Sutton.

Though the events increase as the years go by, Sutton also states how Convocation is only made possible with the help of many sectors, including the Office of the Provost, the Graham Center staff and University Publica-tion.

On Monday, The Honors College kicked off the week with its Parade of Nations and States and the Honors Convocation.

At the Honors College events students play their biggest role in Faculty Convocation Week.

Other events included a Tenure and Promotion Reception, a folk concert and the Provost’s Dinner. On Tuesday, the Biscayne Bay Campus hosted the first of the two Convocations at which Carolyn Roberts, chair of the Flor-ida Board of Governors, spoke about the challenges facing Florida’s urban uni-versities.

Organizers say Con-vocation will be a suc-cess if the 450 seats in the Wertheim Performing Arts Center are filled with faculty.

"I find it frustrating that some faculty blow off Convocation as unimportant or tiresome," Northrup said. "I suspect the ones who do that are the ones who have never gone and seen how much Convoca-tion can do to build com-munity and remind us why we’re proud to be FIU faculty,"
UP career fair set to help students find right jobs

By EVELYN MARTINEZ
Contributing Writer

Get your resume, portfolio, and business attire ready because the Fall Career and Internship Fair is here! All FIU students and alumni are urged to attend the free fair on Monday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the University Park Campus.

The fair, organized by Career Services, usually features 150 through 165 companies and 1,500 - 2,000 students who come together to meet, interact, and make professional connections.

The purpose of the career fair is to network your way to a job, according to Dulce Ramirez Damon, fair coordinator and assistant director of career services.

“The event allows the students to gather information regarding the company, sign-up for on-campus interviews, if the company has scheduled them, find out about current job openings and simply network with companies that may interest them,” says Damon.

Although the fair does not guarantee that you will get a job on the spot, students can land jobs or internships as a result of the networking and follow-ups made on the students access to FIU’s online interviewing system, Pantherlink. Pantherlink allows students to view positions and submit their resumes online.

However, Golden Panther Services is not mandatory. Students and alumni are encouraged to attend the fair and gain the experience of meeting with potential employers and practice their networking and interviewing skills.

“I can list a lot of things...proper attire, professional demeanor, resume...but I think the single thing that will give you a competitive edge is confidence!”

Duke Ramirez Damon
Assistant director of career services

Most nurses will enter the U.S. healthcare system. You’re not most nurses.

POLICE BEAT
SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 19

An FIU housing student returned home and discovered that an unknown person had punctured his right rear tire with a sharp object. An area search was conducted for suspicious activity, but met with negative results. No suspect was found.

WEDNESDAY • SEPTEMBER 22

Police responded to Lot 6 in response to a vehicle on fire. Upon arrival, the officer tried unsuccessfully to put out the flames with an extinguisher. Fire Rescue then arrived and successfully extinguished the fire. Officials were unable to determine the cause of the fire. There were no damages to other vehicles in the vicinity.

A female student parked her car in Lot 11 and went to the Fitness Center to exercise. When she returned she discovered that an unknown person had broken her passenger window and accessed property inside the car. The victim then exercised. When she returned she discovered that an unknown person had broken her passenger window and accessed property inside the car. The victim then exercised.

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A MASTERCRAFT PLAN: The FIU Solar Decathlon team exhibited a wooden replica of its 800-square foot completely solar-powered house as part of a groundbreaking ceremony held on Sept. 24.

Cooper Pero

AID WORKERS WARN OF EPISTEMIC DISORGANIZATION FROM HAITI FLOODING

By MAMIE WARD and MICHAEL A.W. OTTEY
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The trail of homeless Haitians left by Hurricane Jeanne earlier this week huddled under tarps and scrambled for food earlier as relief workers warned of epidemics from flooding caused by the bodies of human and animal victims.

According to the latest statistics, at least 1,113 people were confirmed dead and 1,251 remained missing, mostly in the northern port city of Gonaives, while more than 900 were treated for injuries and 300,000 were homeless.

About 30,000 children under the age of 5 also have been affected, some of them orphaned when Jeanne hit them hardest and many of their siblings. UNICEF will dispatch 30 staff members to find orphans and provide them with support and counseling.

Argentina sent two cargo aircraft with food, water and medical supplies, and the Red Cross was sending four more carrying blankets, plastic sheeting, water purification equipment and cooking utensils from Panama, Canada, France and Spain.

But the planes were land-

New mass graves were dug Thursday at a Gonaives cemetery to dispose of the stacks of bloated bodies that have accumulated in the city's three morgues.

But relief officials said their prime concern was delivering food and potable water to about 300,000 Haitians who have had little of either in the past five days.

The U.N. World Food Program delivered 71-12 tons of food to Gonaives, and peacekeeping officials said they had reports that some families are managing to cook rice on their rooftops while staying out of the floodwaters below.

Scuffles broke out among Haitians as relief workers tried to distribute emergency supplies in Gonaives, and police reported overnight shootings by property owners trying to find off looters.

In terms of the security situation, it has not been controlled yet," Fritz Fougy, deputy chief of mission at the Haitian Embassy in Washington, D.C., told The Miami Herald. "As for the distribution of food, it's been known that people are very hungry and these things could happen.

After days of complaints about the meager $60,000 in U.S. emergency assistance to the island nation, the Agency for International Development announced Thursday that it would provide an additional $2 million in aid to help flood victims in Haiti.

"The administration has now promised significant aid to Haiti. However, it does sadden me that the United States, as leader of the free world, took so long to come to the plate," said Rep. Kendrick B. Meek, D-Fla.

"Condescension and courage to an entire nation that has seen much pain and suffering in this tumultuous bicentennial year," Aristide said. "We continue to stand in solidarity with all Haitians who suffer."
**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

In tribute to the Dalai Lama’s appearance at FIU, how spiritual would you say you are?

- My spirituality is a part of my everyday life; I use it to make most of my decisions. **51%**
- I practice some spirituality through organized religion once a week. **10%**
- I rarely find time for spirituality; I don’t find it important. **27%**
- Spirits! I don’t believe in ghosts. **12%**

Total participants: 49

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**WINNER & LOSER**

**WINNER**

Conan O’Brien: It was announced that the late night host will be taking over the coveted “Tonight Show” in 2009. Time will tell if mainstream audiences will accept the man who hosted “The Daily Show” and “Real Time”.

**LOSER**

Starbucks: The bigger-than-life coffee chain has decided to increase prices on all of their products by 11 cents. That’s 11 cents that won’t be going into anyone’s tip jar.

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**QUOTEABLES**

“Rude, vile pigs! Do you know what that means? Rude, vile pigs! That’s all of you!”

– Elton John, singer and songwriter, to the pushy photographers and TV crews that greeted him in Taipei.

“I had very little in common with and knew even less about a generation that I was supposed to be the voice of.”

– Bob Dylan, singer and songwriter, from his new memoirs discussing his role as a musical hero for the 1960s counterculture.

“I’m thinking between the ground and his knee, my water is going to break and I’m going to have a miscarriage or something.”

– Sakinah Aaron, on being handcuffed and forced to the ground by transit police for cursing loudly into a police radio.

“Ah, surprise! When I got on being handcuffed and forced to the ground by transit police for cursing loudly into a police radio.”

– John Kerry, democratic presidential candidate, on his promises to be more fiscally responsible than his rival, President Bush.

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**OPINION**

**By CESAR GUTIERREZ**

**Contributing Writer**

Should students from overseas consider FIU to complete their education? Maybe they should think about it twice. Not only do we have to pay quite a bit of money ($514 per credit), but by immigration laws we must enroll full time meaning we need to take 12 credits per semester ($6,384) plus buy a medical insurance that costs nearly a $1,000 per year. In addition, there is rent, food, gas and don’t forget books. By the way, we aren’t allowed to work.

But, that’s okay. What’s discouraging is the unwillingness of FIU’s different departments to help international students when it comes to us asking for assistance. Whether it is either professors’ refusal to give us an override so we can meet the number of credits immigration demands, or the International Student Department’s refusal to make an exception to not report us because we aren’t enrolled full time thanks to FIU’s lack of organization.

For instance, for this term my online appointment to register was on Aug. 10 at 11 a.m. Knowing that a minute can be vital to getting the last seat in a class, I was careful to be on time in front of my laptop to enroll for classes.

Oh, surprise! When I got to the last class in the list my advisor had given me two months before the computer kept saying “Error found.” In plain English that meant that the class was already full. It didn’t make sense to me. I had been on time to my appointment. I thought that if FIU gave a set time to enroll, it knew how many students were going to take the class.

Immediately, I started calling the advising office to talk to my advisor, but as every student knows, no one ever answers the phone. Then, I went to the office looking for some advice. However, neither the advisor nor her bosses knew what I could do.

I decided to go to the International Student Department to explain what happened. They suggested that I take another class. But since I’m in my last year, the classes that I was trying to take were the only ones I needed to register.

After a few minutes of going back and forth, they told me they could do nothing and that I knew that if I didn’t enroll full time my student visa would be suspended. I didn’t understand why they wouldn’t help me. I had done nothing wrong. I wasn’t my fault that for the time my appointment had been scheduled, the class had already been full. Frustrated as I was, I asked them to write a letter explaining the situation so I could show the professor proof that I desperately needed an override for that class.

To my dismay, after explaining myself and showing proof to the professor, his response was a definitive “no.” To him it didn’t matter that I didn’t have any other classes I could take, or the fact that not taking that class meant my graduation would be delayed. Or, hey? If I didn’t register for that class, my status as an international student would be taken away and that all the money and time invested in my education was at risk. All he could do was suggest that I take any other class. Gee, thank you! I guess for him $1,542 is just loose change.

After many tries, I finally enrolled in the class. Now, I’m meeting all the requirements FIU and immigration stipulates. However, I still don’t understand the professor’s refusal to give me the override. Half of the class is empty and it’s not even a core class. It is just one of those classes that’s a requirement.

FIU should have a better idea of just how many students can register for each class, and the amount of international students that need to, by law, enroll in classes. Or if that is too difficult, FIU could be more flexible with its rules. Maybe we should not have an appointment to register. It rather be on first come, first served basis. Then, if we don’t register on time, it would really be our fault.

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**Phew! [FIU]**

**PROWLING THE HALLS**

By LIJUS NIN

For a first person view on what you should do or what you should say, visit www.beaconnewspaper.com.
For all the cynics out there who think Americans are reading less and less, it is obvious they have yet to visit the Miami Book Fair.

The Miami Book Fair International in its 21st installment will set up shop at Miami Dade College’s Wolfson Campus in downtown Miami from Nov. 7-14. The week-long event, free and open to the public, will conclude with its street fair the weekend of Nov. 12-14.

“Tons of local people have been invited who are writing a bit about everything: Holocaust education, Florida election politics, New South Florida cuisine, family issues, plus fiction and poetry,” said Lisa Palley of Palley Promotes. Palley handles the public relations for the fair as well as the film festival.

The highlight of the fair, Congress of Authors, takes place all day Saturday and Sunday. Over 300 authors will have panel discussions and readings. There is also a segment called The Evenings With … that allows readers to spend an evening with one of their favorite authors.

First known as Books by the Bay in 1984, the two-day fair has evolved into the largest and finest book fair in America. Attracting more than 500,000 literature fans every year, the fair enables both readers and writers to come together. Readers can listen to authors’ new work, participate in personal, question and answer sessions, or get authors to autograph their work.

The Street Fair offers outdoor exhibits by nearly 300 national and international booksellers and publishers, plus author presentations.

An interactive environment known as Children’s Alley allows young readers to join the festivities, while a lifestyles section will feature presentations on health, wellness, gardening and home improvement.

Authors from all over the globe will be in attendance covering a wide range of topics and literary genres.

Writers such as Bell Hooks, Maureen Dowd, Edwidge Danticat, Brian Weiss, Alexander McCall Smith and Florida International’s own Dr. Carol Boyce-Davies will be present. Dr. Davies will also head the Africa Diaspora Panel.

A Spanish language program with readings and panels with authors from Spain and Latin America is available. The annual Caribbean Authors Panel will discuss their craft and literary experiences.

All fair events will take place at the Wolfson Campus and the surrounding downtown area.

Miami Book Fair International
Nov. 7-14 at Miami Dade College

AUTHORITATIVE FIGURES: The 21st Miami Book Fair International will feature key speakers such as authors Harlen Coben (left) and Art Spiegelman (center), author of the holocaust-inspired graphic novel, “Maus” (right). Courtesy Photos.
By SUE ARROWSMITH

Contributing Writer

For rocker Ben Folds, his latest EP, Super D, is a personal affair. Even his wife, Frally Hayes, makes the cover as she appears sprawled on the hood of a 1964 Buick Electra. The widely anticipated EP, the final of a trilogy, was released last month and is only available on the internet. A full-length album including the two previous installments, Speed Graphic and Sunny 16, is expected for release in early 2005.

The release of the album has been delayed due to his collaboration as co-writer and producer on “Has Been,” William Shatner’s upcoming album. (That’s right. You read correctly.) Folds mentioned that he chose to market the EP on the internet to prevent Big Media control and to present his music; he pays attention to mundane things some of us might overlook.

“Rent a Cop,” a song about a security guard whispering nasty things to young girls at a mall, has that sort of insight. He wrote his other song, “Adelaide,” right before catching a flight to Adelaide in Australia where he now lives. The song is a deep admission of his hopes.

Unfortunately, the best song on the EP is not an original. It’s a cover of The Darkness’ “Get Your Hands Off My Woman,” which Folds endearingly calls, “heavy metal on piano.” There is also a moving live rendition of the Ray Charles tune “Them That Got.” About two minutes into the song he abruptly stops and casually tells the audience that he doesn’t know the rest of the song. “Maybe one day I’ll learn the rest,” he says.

On Super D, Folds juggles the roles of songwriter and producer. He also plays piano, bass and drums on some of the tracks, earning him a solid place in the rare world of serious musicians.

No Joking Around:

Stewart’s ‘Daily’ genius on display in new book

Despite his occupancy, Jon Stewart says he doesn’t instinctively see all world events as slightly absurd jokes just sitting there waiting to be told. “Sadly, I tend to take things that aren’t very pleasant and turn them into something playful and entertaining.” It seems to be working. Stewart and “The Daily Show” walked off with an Emmy award Sunday for Best Comedy or Variety Show and Best Writing – both for the second year in a row.

Emmy Awards lately have been migrating from broadcast to cable shows, leading to the widespread suggestion that cable’s comparative lack of content restrictions has fostered a higher level of creativity. Stewart isn’t buying it, at least with “The Daily Show.”

“I sort of think that if you analyze our show, we’d fit within FCC limits,” he says. “We’re not out to get publicity by exposing our real selves. We’re just trying to do the funniest show we can.”

At 8 o’clock on network TV, you can watch girls in bikinis eating meal-worms. By that standard, we’re good.”

“The Daily Show” can, however, lob the occasional crudity if it fits the joke, and its writing team does that same liberty in its first book, “America” (Warner Books), which grafts the TV show’s tone of straight-faced absurdity onto a textbook about the country.

“It’s hard to miss the page that shows the nine Supreme Court justices naked, but the general tone of the book is more verbal satire than trash-and-burn.”

The Republican party is the party of nostalgia; “The Daily Show” is sometimes characterized as tilting left – John Kerry dropped in after he got the Democratic presidential nomination – Stewart says the premise isn’t partisan.

If many of the shots land on Republicans, that’s largely because Republicans hold many of the power positions. But with another set of Emmys, attention must be paid, Stewart said back-stage after the ceremony. “I think we’re king-makers, it’s clear,” he said. “I would not be surprised if, in this election, tens of people change their votes.”

All politicians who appear on the show, he notes, realize they will probably be part of some joke. And, no, he’s not surprised many of them do it anyway.

“They realize we respect the process,” theorizes Stewart. “But also, politicians are salespeople and we’re another place they can slap a campaign ad.”

Dating back at least to Richard Nixon’s “I Laughed” campaign of 1968, some politicians have also felt that appearing on a comedy show can humanize their image. Stewart agrees, though his perspective is a little different.

“Sometimes you hit a moment that gives you hope there’s a real person there,” he says. “Maybe it’s just a fleeting instant when something darts across the back of their eyes. But you hope that person someday will win out.”

Stewart, who turns 43 in November and became a dad for the first time this summer, started with “The Daily Show” in 1999 and is signed through 2008. The show’s four-day-a-week schedule is “just right,” he says, to keep its creativity fresh. And in his spare time “Bikinis and meal-worms,” he says. “That’s what I do.”

PIANO MAN: Ben Folds will compile his last three EPs onto a full-length album in 2005.
By JOSE APARICIO
Contributing Writer

In 1979, George Romero came out with the B-movie cult classic “Dawn of the Dead.” While “Dawn of the Dead” might not appeal to everyone, it did inspire a cult following.

Shaun (Simon Pegg), writer and main character, and Edgar Wright, writer and director, are two people greatly influenced by Romero’s creation.

And in their homage to Romero, they have created a movie that can appeal to a much wider fan base than the original.

Shaun is a 29-year-old appliance store senior clerk. He trudges around in his daily life much like the undead.

His girlfriend Liz (Kate Ashfield) is fed up with Shaun’s lack of creativity in their dating life. He is always going to the local pub, the Winchester, with his best friend Ed (Nick Frost) and makes little effort to romance Liz.

In all his misery and hangover glory, Shaun hardly notices what the local news is calling “Z-day.”

Sitting on his couch with Ed, flipping through the news Shaun doesn’t realize that London is being taken over by zombies until the hapless pair stumble upon what they at first think is a drunk girl in their garden.

Finally wise to what is happening to the local London neighborhood (and indeed the world), they must come up with a plan. The plan being, of course, to save their loved ones and head to a sanctuary (where Ed insists he must be able to smoke) where, of course, the Winchester, Shaun and Ed head off to rescue Shaun’s mom, Barbara (Penelope Wilton), his step-father, Philip (Bill Night), Liz and her two flat mates.

Along the way they smash their car into zombies, at times stopping to make sure their victim is indeed a zombie, not some poor innocent bystander.

Now, I have always thought of a zombie coming to bite me and eating my bowls while groaning like someone with a bad hangover and three hours of sleep, as somewhat comical. It’s not something that at first thought really sounds like it could be that terrifying. But by metaphorically suggesting that we are all going about our lives as zombies, this movie does a spectacular job of playing off that premise.

Of course it’s all fun and games until there are too many of them around to be outrun, and then someone gets dismembered and their innards become a scrumptious buffet for all the ravenous undead.

This is a satire that becomes its own driving force. It even has Romero’s seal of approval. At times the comedy is so much you almost forget that it is also a horror movie. Especially when it uses all the horror to help Shaun put the groove back into his relationship with Liz.

I would have to say that this might be the funniest movie of the year.

As the tag line says, “A romantic comedy. With zombies.” I think another way to look at it as a romantic dramedy with guts. And again, no pun intended.

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5:00 p.m. - Graham Center, East Ballroom
The FIU lady Golden Panthers lost 3-1 in a Sun Belt Conference match up against the lady Trojans of Arkansas-Little Rock on Sept. 25 at the Trojan Fieldhouse in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The young FIU team put together this summer dropped to 1-10 this season and 0-2 in Sun Belt Conference play. The Trojans improved to 7-5 (1-0, Sun Belt).

Coach Cookie Stevens says she knows her team has had troubles against Sun Belt opponents.

“Through two conferences opponents we have been struggling,” said Stevens.

Junior Anna Dmowska finished with 16 kills to lead the Golden Panthers. Freshmen Alyse Santisi and Dyssonna Smith added another 15 and 13 digs, respectively.

One of the match was a back and forth battle that was eventually won by the Trojans 30-28, but not before a total of four lead changes and eight tie scores. FIU managed to tie the score at one by home on Oct. 3rd for a match against another Sun Belt Conference foe South Alabama.

Set one of the match was a back and forth battle that was eventually won by the Trojans 30-21 win for the Trojans; however Dmowska added five kills for FIU. Game four, the clincher for the lady Trojans, was another dominant 30-19 victory.

With a new group of players, part of the Golden Panthers struggle has been chemistry. Stevens is confident the players will come together.

“We have not found a group of players but in this game [against the Trojans], we did find a group of players connecting but we need to finish games,” Stevens said. “No more excuses anymore. We need to get it done,” Stevens said. “No more excuses anymore. We need to get it done.”

The lady Golden Panthers return home on Oct. 3rd for a match against another Sun Belt Conference foe South Alabama. The match will take place at noon at Pharmed Arena.
extensive time off could hurt Golden Panthers

Football from page 12

Too much of anything can be harmful. There are still questions to be answered about this team, questions that can only be answered on the football field during game-time situations.

The offensive line, for example, still need to prove it can consistently protect Josh Padrick and open running lanes for Samual Smith quite a few times this game. Smith set a school record with ten receptions at Youngstown State and makes a great compliment to wide-outs Harold Leath and Corey McKinney.

As always, protecting the football will be a key component to winning. A plethora of second quarter turnovers allowed the Cajuns to come away with 29 points in the quarter en route to a 36-7 halftime lead last year. The team went through extensive practices last week for Western Kentucky and shifting strategies towards the Ragin Cajun changed some of the game plan.

It's tough, but we got good preparation during last week. [Louisiana-Lafayette] is a little different than Western Kentucky, but we're sure we'll be fine," Strock said.

FIU killed several birds with one stone against YSU, winning for the first time under its belt where most teams have lack of experience the Golden Panthers much improved. The main concern is the FIU defensive unit appears to be for Louisiana-Lafayette, so we should be

We can't control Mother Nature. It's disappointing and it puts us back a bit but we've already started preparing for Louisiana-Lafayette, so we should be ready to go, said Strock.

Under new coordinator Tiger Clark, the FIU defensive unit appears to be much improved. The main concern is the lack of experience the Golden Panthers have had this year with only one game under its belt where most teams have played four.

The bye week followed by the rescheduled University of Kentucky means FIU hasn't played at game since Sept. 11. This game now serves as the measuring stick Western Kentucky was supposed to be in providing an idea of how far the program has come since last season.

The Cajuns were ranked last in total defense in the Sun-Belt Conference last year. As a result, they've switched from technological about it and e-mail him at HCole001@FIU.EDU.

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As advertised. Louisiana-Lafayette’s D-line will pose a bigger challenge, anchored by 6-4, 305 pound senior defensive tackle, Ken Harvey.

While the Golden Panther’s defense looked improved in the one game played so far, its still remains to be seen exactly how much better they are compared to the past two years. Questions remain as to whether they can consistently stop the run.

We may have more answers to these questions after Saturday’s game, but at least we’ll finally have more football.

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Football square off against Cajuns

By ANDRES CORDERO
Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers will make a third attempt at a home opener as the 1-1 Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin’ Cajuns (2-2) visit FIU Stadium for the first time on Oct. 2. FIU was scheduled to open the season at home on Sept. 2, but Hurricane Katrina thwarted the Jackson-ville Dolphins could not reschedule. The game against West- ern Kentucky, originally scheduled for Sept. 25th, will be the second half of the season. The sophomore quarterback Jerry Babb (47) to distribute the ball to his teammates. The Gamecocks will need to stop the run.

The Golden Panthers return to action on Oct. 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Cajun Field. The Golden Panthers gave up a total of 443 yards in the game including 236 yards on the ground. The most disturbing part was that no one particular ball carrier managed the bulk of the yards.

Instead, Cajuns Offensive Coordinator Rob Christophel used a revolving backfield of running backs Josh Harrison (63 yards), Chester Johnson (53), Dwight Lindon (32) and quarterbackback Jerry Babble (47) to distribute most of the ground game against an ineffective FIU run-defense. Babble is in his second year under center for ULL and is averaging 203 yards through four games this season. The sophomore has totaled 814 yards and five touchdowns on the air, but the Golden Panthers will have to respect his arm as much as his legs.

The 6-3, 215lb. scrambler currently leads the Cajuns in rushing yards (219) and touchdowns (3). He’s also thrown five interceptions, which means with pressure at the line of scrimmage, he can be forced to make mistakes. Despite losing both starting wide receivers in the off-season, ULL’s team may not have yet been in football shape.

Men’s Soccer dominates Highlanders 6-0

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Just two days after a tough loss against Florida Atlantic University, the Golden Panthers were able to bounce back to a 6-0 win over New Jersey Tech on Sept. 24. The Panthers recorded their fifth shutout of the season and improved to 3- 3-0, while the Highlanders dropped to 0- 8-0. FIU scored early on their way to dominating the game. The Golden Panthers pounded the first year Division I-A opponent.

“We created some chances, moved the ball better and I’m happy to get the conference win. This lifts everyone’s spirits after a tough loss to FAU,” said coach Karl Kremser who was glad to get his team back on track.

Senior Fernando Plentz got things started for FIU in the 2nd minute as he found the back of the net on a penalty kick. He was excited that his play, along with that of his teammates was much improved following the loss to the Owls.

“Everybody came hard and ready to play and what was missing against FAU happened now,” said Plentz. David Hope then added to the lead when he took a pass from Edgard Correa and recorded his first goal of the season in the 32nd minute. Hope added to the excite- ment when he delivered a def- encer header off of a corner kick from Gil in the 62nd minute. Plentz scored his team leading fourth goal of the season.

Freshman Andres Arguello saw his first action of the season and recorded one save. Once again FIU controlled the second half shooting New Jersey Tech 10-1. The Golden Panthers return to action on Oct. 3 at 7:00 p.m. against the University of South Florida.