Centers’ research aids hurricane awareness

By MICHELLE AREAN
Contributing Writer

This past hurricane season has been a rather active one. With Florida reeling from the combined punch of four hurricanes in six weeks, the International Hurricane Research Center (IHRC) at FIU is hard at work raising storm awareness while better learning the affects of a hurricane. IHRC’s total budget for 2003 was about $2.6 million, including research funds provided by local and state governments, according to Hugh Willoughby, Research professor and senior scientist at the International Hurricane Research Center. The Laboratory for Insurance, Financial and Economic Research is now working on a model which the public will be able to use in order to calculate how much money they are supposed to receive from insurance agencies based on losses sustained in a hurricane, as early as the day after the storm.

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read the proportions of the hurricane winds. The full impact of wind is then tested by taking the speed of the hurricane winds with measuring instruments, recreating them later with wind machines. Model homes are then built and exposed to this fake wind in order to see how the houses react to the wind speed and what precautions can be taken in order to make people’s homes safer. The University of Florida, Clemson University and FIU are partners in this wind research.

“The beauty of full scale testing is that now people who do insurance policies can know how the house will behave,” said Wil- loughby.

The Laboratory for Coastal Research conducts research on beach erosion caused by hurricanes and the vulnerability of the coastal areas during a storm. Laser technology is used to measure ocean depths and how much erosion was caused by storms. The annual National Healthy Beaches Campaign is also conducted by this laboratory. All of these laboratories and the National Hurricane Center which tracks storms, configures building codes and evacuation plans and interprets how storms affect the environment.

“We’re not all going to move out of Florida [because of the hurri- canes], so we have to learn how to live with them,” said Willoughby.

NATIONAL

Mount St. Helens releases large ash and steam cloud

Mount St. Helens on Tuesday blew off its largest plume of steam and ash so far since it stirred to life late last month, prompting federal scientists to issue an ashfall advisory for sparsely inhabited areas northeast of the volcano.

But scientists were also optimistic that these repeated emissions aren’t necessarily a buildup to a massive eruption that would come close to rivalling the catastrophic eruption of May 18, 1980.

Instead, they said, the mountain is most likely beginning an extended period of magma move- ment that could last weeks or even months, as the 28-year-old lava dome in the crater breaks apart and is replaced by a new plug of volcanic rock.

Scientists said ash and steam emissions will remain spectacular and a significant eruption remains possible enough that the volcano alert remains at its highest level, at three.

Army recruitment seen as new challenge

As the war in the Middle-East rages on, the hunt for potential soldiers continues especially with about 130,000 U.S. troops in Iraq and another 18,000 in Afghanistan, including Army divisions stationed in South Korea and Germany.

According to a recent report, the Army has met its recruitment goals for the year—even when its active-duty goal grew mid-year by more than 4,000 people after Congress mandated the Army expand by 20,000 slots in coming years.

Recruiters exceeded their active-duty recruit- ing goal of 77,000 people by a few hundred, said Maj. Gen. Michael Rochelle, while the Army Reserve topped its target of 21,200 by less than a hundred.

By next Sept. 30, though, recruiters need 80,000 souls to put their lives on the line for a hundred.

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In the coming year, recruiters will look espe- cially hard for people to fill certain specialties: “combat arms,” counterintelligence, linguists and intelligence specialists.

There’s also a growing need for special-forces soldiers, like Green Berets and Rangers.

To woo people into these critical areas, the Army offers lots of incentives—growing pots of cash for college, enlistment bonuses, delayed entry for college students, even shortened terms of service.

OTHER UNIVERSITIES

Music, politics collide at Penn State

Big time politics met big time pop culture Friday at Pennsylvania State University as an estimated 15,000 people dropped down $50 for tickets to get inside the Bryce Jordan Center to see the Dave Matthews Band.

It was one of six concerts held across Pennsyl- vania expected to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for two political organizations—Americans Coming Together and MoveOn.org political action committee—dedicated to defeating Presi- dent Bush in the Nov. 2 election.

That motivation left a few dozen Bush support- ers, who otherwise would have been inside where the music was, outside, where a mild-mannered protest took place.

Billionaire George Soros bankrolls MoveOn.org and has vowed to use his money to oust Bush, a motivation that Republicans used in protest-sign themes that lent a carnival-like atmosphere to the Jordan Center surrounding concert.

Concertgoers—many from Virginia, New Jersey, Massachusetts and upstate New York—said they were mostly Dave Matthews Band fans first and supporters of Sen. John Kerry second. Those other bands were also featured in the concert.

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EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

The big winner at Convocation: Christos Koulamas, Ryder Eminent Scholar and chairperson of the Department of Decision Sciences and Information Systems, part of the College of Business Administration.

Koulamas was conferred the most prestigious honor an FIU faculty member can receive, the Council of 100 Outstanding Faculty Award, which brings with it a $10,000 cash prize.

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Grad student finds little to look forward to in either candidate’s presidency.

To the Editor:
The two-party system has become a mainstay of American politics. Nearly two centuries the American public has had to choose between two candidates for the White House and this has remained unchanged from generation to generation.

In the past this may not have been a problem because candidates had differing views on an array of important subjects but as we move toward this year’s crucial election we find that the American people are left with essentially one choice.

You can call it voting for the lesser of two evils, or casting your ballot for anyone but Bush, or deciding on voting for a candidate that is less likely to trouble your conscience after the elections are completed. In the end though, we as a nation, will lose.

George W. Bush and John Kerry offer little hope for Americans.

We are looking at an election where both candidates provide almost identical views on the most important subjects facing this nation.

We are offered no concrete plans by either candidate as to how to end the stalemate in Iraq. We have an army where our soldiers are being shot down by the day in a vain attempt to spread liberty and freedom to people who never asked for it. This is not just occurring in Iraq but also in Afghanistan. The long forgotten Afghani people have suffered through war and terror for the past twenty-five years in one imperialist regime after the other.

There is no plan of action to help this country, now run by corrupt tribal chieftains and governed by a puppet president who cannot leave the capital city without the US Army flanking his sides.

Amid all of this is the long forgotten Osama bin Laden, the one man we can agree to hate, but who disappeared as the target of the Bush administration for the possibility of finding mythical WMDs in Iraq and to take down its dictator, to whom we gave WMDs in the first place.

All the while US soldiers continue to come home in body bags; the Bush administration continues calling the Iraqi debacle a victory for freedom and liberty.

Just who is free and has liberty in Iraq seems to be a very subjective idea as thousands of Iraqis have perished in our army’s charge for freedom and their names and tragedies are never mentioned on our nightly news.

John Kerry on the other hand has been exactly what the Republicans could hope for in an opposing candidate. He is a dry and boring man who has no plan of action himself to change things in Iraq.

All he can muster is the claim that he will do better than Bush in Iraq and will look to draw international support for stabilizing the region.

His plan then is essentially to ask the British, French and Germans to have their sons and daughters come home in coffins as well.

Kerry gives us no hope of ending the stalemate in Iraq by doing the one sensible thing any person with any sort of intelligence would deem the best plan of action: to pull out.

No, instead we as a nation will be duped by both candidates and their respective parties into thinking that the horrible anarchy and chaos in Iraq is only the precursor to freedom and prosperity and not what it obviously is: complete and utter disaster.

I wish I could say there seems to be some hope in a third party candidate but being someone who thinks realistically, although reluctantly at times, there does not seem to be any hope in this election for the betterment of our nation or for the world.

We as Americans have to demand change in our political system. We cannot be satisfied by these candidates who serve only their own agendas and the agendas of those with the largest wallets. If we do not look to change this political party system then no matter who we vote for this election for the betterment of our nation or for the world.

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Send us your letters

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Edge to edge with us is plainly unreal and unfathomable. Kerry can rise to the challenge of a real debate and prove us wrong. I'm sure people will be shocked.

By JUAN E. D'ARCE, JR
FIU College Republicans President

The upcoming debate should be rather interesting, as it will delineate the reality between President Bush and Senator Kerry. As we saw in the first debate, the spark that Senator Kerry was expected to possess will greatly be extinguished.

To be our commander in chief you must be an individual of great resolve, that is a serious one. Senator Kerry is not.

The Kerry point of view was rather poor; he kept calling the Iraq war an unnecessary and p o r t a n t , repeating this multiple times, eventually concluding that it was impeachable.

Here is a man promoting himself as the savior of the world if elected, and he still cannot take a stand on such a critical issue.

If we are to believe that his future choices will be better than those he made in the past then we are truly in trouble and in for a rude awakening.

Our national security should not depend on the United Nations or any country. Our national security should not be fixated on the United Nations or any country.

A serious man is a man who can take a stand and can stick to it, not a man who changes sides and issues as quickly as he can blink.

The cliché goes, “high school was the best years of my life.” If this is true, I may have to make an appointment with a bottle of cyanide. Things remembered from high school include perpetuating insecurity and pimpls that could be used to direct traffic. While there were good times, it would be a fallacy to call it a barrel of laughs.

Then, it hit me: the downfall of every- one is puberty. Before you’re worrying about what the opposite sex is thinking about you, you’re free to enjoy the simple pleasures. You’re old enough to distinguish right and wrong and able to understand the significance of art and concrete events. At the same time, though, you’re favorite activity is spinning around in circles until your sick and your biggest concern is if you’re mom is cooking her “specialty.” In retrospect, that stuff was pretty nasty.

Now that the perfect age is lost, what can we do? Look forward to endless days of working, paying bills, raising children and then dying? There must be a time when we can return to this state of bliss.

Serinity seems like a good option, but the transition into it seems rather grueling, upsetting and anything but smooth. So until there’s some sort of technology that can make that change last about three seconds, we’ll all have to make do with meditation, setting aside time to reflect, and of course, lots of coloring.

College political leaders face off on debate highs, lows

The spark of Kerry will soon fade

By JULIAN D'ARCE, JR
FIU College Republicans President

Realistically speaking, many of the nations Kerry mentions as potential allies do not hold our best interests in mind.

Trying to sell the concept of forging a coalition with those who do not see eye to eye with us is plainly unreal and deceitful.

America cannot depend on foreign powers to dictate our actions and foreign policy. It would be rather interesting to see a four-month tour member take a h a n d s - o n approach to war.

In the next debate, America will see George W. Bush show why he is indeed president of the United States of America and not the president of the Haters of America.

Furthermore, he will speak about issues, detail facts and drill Kerry on the transition into it seems rather grueling, upsetting and anything but smooth. So until there’s some sort of technology that can make that change last about three seconds, we’ll all have to make do with meditation, setting aside time to reflect, and of course, lots of coloring.

Bush failed to defend record as chief

By JAMES VALLE
FIU College Democrats President

Last Thursday night’s Presidential Debate was the most momentous event in this roller coaster campaign. President Bush had a real opportunity to put John Kerry away and have smooth sailing toward reelection. Bush was leading by five to 12 points in every major poll and Kerry was having difficulty connecting with voters. What a difference 90 minutes makes.

From the initial handshake, where Bush blantly pulled away from Kerry early, it was clear he did not want to be there. Going into the debate, Bush needed to accomplish two things: adequately defend his record as commander in chief and continue to have voters questions Kerry’s ability to win the war on terror. He failed miserably at both.

Kerry had articulated, educated responses to moderator Jim Lehrer’s questions all night. He questioned Bush’s decision to rush into war in Iraq under faulty intelligence. With our directly saying it, Kerry made it clear Bush is the real flip-flopper in the race. Iraq had WMDs. Now it doesn’t. Saddam had ties with Osama bin Laden. Now he doesn’t.

Bush once misspoke, stopping half sentence when he confused Saddam Hussein with bin Laden. Kerry even caught him claiming that Saddam, not bin Laden, had attacked us on 9/11.

This debate proved that without a script or Dick Cheney telling him what to say, George W. Bush gets that “deer caught in the headlights” look. It’s no wonder he needed Cheney by his side when he caved into pressure to testify before the 9/11 Commission.

All night long, Kerry looked presidential, and in these debates body language speaks volumes. Bush was slumped over the podium making juvenile facial expressions while Kerry wowed America with his performance.

Kerry made nuclear proliferation his number one priority, he outlined his plan for bringing home our troops from Iraq and made it clear that no country on this planet would be needed to approve President Kerry’s plan to defend our nation. Kerry’s performance brought new life back into his campaign and this election.

The latest Newsweek poll has Kerry ahead by 2 points with the Gallup poll showing him tied with Bush at 49-49. These next two debates are now absolutely critical for Bush.

With many voters giving Kerry a second look, for Bush to win reelection he needs to show a mastery of domestic issues and defend his record on them. That’s difficult to do when 5 million Americans lost their health insurance on his watch, when he is presiding over the greatest job loss since the Great Depression and while 200,000 of high school students can’t go to college because Pell Grants and government aid are being slashed across the board.

Voters clearly sided with Kerry on the domestic issues so far and combined with the fact that Kerry is known for his strong finish, troubles is on the horizon for President Bush and the Republicans.
When Cassie Keller gets a song, and snippets from the TV jingle. She even assigns a distinct ring. For her cell phonebook has been funny. I have even had people and tell who is calling. It's other room you can hear it says. “If the phone is in the right. The “Meow Mix” TV jingle.

That’s how it rings for the unidentified callers, says Keller, a senior who attends Fort Hays State University via the Internet from her Fairway, Kan., home. Just about everyone in her cell phonebook has been different people.”

That same price will get you a BlingTone ringer. Sprint has partnered with some of hip-hop’s hottest producers and DJs like Rockwilder and Hi-Tek to deliver the BlingTone ringers. Hip-hop is not only dominating the Billboard charts, but it also dominates the ringer world as well. At Sprint, Beyonce has achieved platinum status, with ringers like “Baby Boy,” “Crazy in Love” and “Naughty Girl” being downloaded more than a million times. And 50 Cent has been downloaded more than 500,000 times, giving him gold status.

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By JENEE OSTERHELDT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – When Cassie Keller gets a phone call, a lot more happens than an archaic “ring, ring.” Instead, her cell phone launches into this: meow-meow-meow-meow, meow-meow-meow-meow.

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Just about everyone in her cell phonebook has been assigned a distinct ring. For her mom, there’s a rodeo song and her boss has an ambulance siren. She even has the Kansas Jayhawks fight song, and snippers from the movie “Office Space” and “Chappelle’s Show.” Then there’s her personal favorite, “I’m unique, and it gets a lot of laughs when people hear it. I like that.” Keller says it’s the individuality that fuels the ringer trend.

“It has to be in the same vein of expressing yourself through fashion and stuff,” Keller, 23, says. “When you have a ringer and it makes people go ‘What is that,’ it’s fun.”

Wireless providers are broadening the alternatives to give cell users plenty of creativity when it comes to customizing their phones. Sprint, the first mobile carrier to offer master recording tones, just released two new ring options this week: pro football player voice ringers and BlingTones.

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Keller gets her ringers from her wireless provider, Sprint, as well as from Web sites like www.3gupload.com and www.matrixm.com. Most Web sites have a yearly fee that gives customers access to unlimited ringers, games and screen savers. Some even let you make your own ring tone. At www.3gforfree.com, you can pay $7 a year for unlimited downloads. Other sites, like matrixm.com, sell individual ring tones, starting at $1. A few are offered for free. And you can access the sites from your PC or your cell phone, if your phone has Internet access.

U.S. cell phone owners spent more than $75 million on ring tones in 2003, according to research by In-Stat/MDR, a digital communications research firm. Researchers predict cell users will spend $146 million this year.

They won’t see any of Kristen Vincent’s money. “I think I would have a hard time paying for ring tones,” says Vincent, 39, a Hallmark associate product manager. “You have to pay to download music already, gas prices are already higher and with people just trying to survive, it’s just hard to see myself paying for a ring tone.”

Vincent says younger, hipper people might think differently and she thinks it is a great option to have. But she’s happy with the 40-plus tones standard in her Verizon phone.

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Team America tackles big issues with mini actors

By HEATHER BRUMMER
Contributing Writer

Say what you want about the creators of “South Park,” but those guys know how to make a point. Over the course of its seven-year run, “South Park” has managed to distinguish itself by making fun of just about everything, including the untouchables: politics, religion, sexuality and everything that falls in-between. Its creators, Matt Stone and Trey Parker, are now attempting a new gimmick—marionettes—in their upcoming live-action movie, “Team America: World Police.”

The storyline is not too far fetched from what you might expect to see in an action film—an international police force embarks on a mission to save the world after learning that one of the characters is distributing weapons of mass destruction to terrorists.

What’s the catch? Parker and Stone decided to skip the hassle of working with actors and employed an all-marionette cast in their film, an idea that was easier thought up than put into action.

The 22-inch “actors” were created and designed specifically for the script. They can raise their eyebrows, open their mouths and have fully functional jaws.

With a few clothing and hair changes, the 90-plus marionettes manage to serve as a cast of 250 different characters.

They even travel the world—a scale model of the world, that is. To create the film’s scenery every miniature location was built to scale.

Though painstaking, the work really pays off as it brings the marionettes to life, using a live cast to give each one a unique voice.

Yet with all of the detail that went into making the movie as realistic as possible, one factor was intentionally overlooked—the visibility of the marionette’s strings. The creators decided it was more important for the wooden actors to move realistically than it was for the shots to be technically perfect.

The result of their hard work is a humorous and removed look at a much more serious topic, showing that a cast of marionettes can be used to make a film parodying of washed up celebrities and weapons of mass destruction.

In real life, a movie of this nature is more difficult to get passed the censors. But Stone and Parker learned something early on that has launched their careers: if you want to make a strong statement, do so using a non-threatening method.

In this case, it’s a marionette cast; in “South Park,” it’s animated fourth graders. This isn’t a new concept.

Anyone who has watched cartoons in recent years can see that they have become increasingly politically charged. And it doesn’t seem to be a coincidence that a film involving weapons of mass destruction is scheduled to open just weeks before the presidential elections.

Stone and Parker aren’t novices when it comes to making political statements. Their short-lived 2001 series, “That’s My Bush,” gently parodied the president and his life in the White House before it was cancelled due to the events of Sept. 11.
Zalava of Mars Volta fame dabbles in dub

By JARROD MILLER-DEAN
Staff Writer

When the term “dub/reggae” is mentioned, one usually envisions a small studio in Kingston no larger than a two door garage. Master producers Lee “Scratch” Perry and his Royal Highness Osborne “King Tubby” Ruddock sit in on all-night sessions mixing and re-mixing tracks, manipulating the controls of the sound board with the swipe of a hand. They add and drop echoes, delays, reverb and sample thunder crashes like dub gods.

This is dub/reggae, an often slow and atmospheric sound with deep bass lines that explode from your sound system, leaving your head rattling like a bobble-head doll.

Considering the fact that this particular form of classical artistry is done on studio sound boards, it leaves the mind wondering, “What would a modern dub band sound like?”

Omar Rodriguez-Lopez, on bass and Cedric Bixler Zalava (formally of At The Drive In and more recently Mars Volta), on drums, teamed up with El Paso native Jeremy Ward, playing guitar and legendary Long Beach Dub All-Stars groove man Ikey Owens, on keyboards, to create the super team known as Defacto.

The band’s first official studio album, Megaton Shot Blast (out on GSL Records) sits in a class of its own, showcasing true genre-straddling wizardry.

By using a dub motif as the base, the band fuses jazz and Latin salsa with electronica to create a hurricane of sound that comes crashing through your headphones leaving you in disbelief.

The album opens with the ironically titled “Manual Dexterity,” a mysterious dub track that seems impossible to figure out. A haunting toy piano echoes in the distance as an almost Pong-like creates a musical euphoria. Faster tempos run through “Cordova,” with its heavily jazz-influenced piano solo that easily extends passed the seven minute mark.

The track “Rodeche Defacto,” has a hard mix of maracas, congas and a mind-blowing trumpet. Being one of the few tracks with any form of lyrics, it’s definitely reminiscent of salsa nights on the beach.

Although Megaton Shot Blast may not be as easy to find as cruising down to your neighborhood record store, it can be ordered from the west-coast based independent record label, Gold Standard Labs (www.goldstandardslabs.com).

Defacto was scheduled to release a new album earlier this year on the Beastie Boys run Grand Royal Records but due to the company’s recent bankruptcy, the project was shelved. Do not be disappointed, the band’s semi-live follow-up album “Legende Du Scopion a Quatre Queues” can still be found in stores.

Members Omar Rodriguez Lopez and Cedric Bixler Zalava still keep close ties with their former At the Drive-In comrades.


DUBBED: Cedric Bixler Zalava (second from left) formerly of At The Drive In and the current lead singer of The Mars Volta experimented with reggae and dub with Defacto. The group will be re-releasing their original EP in the near future. — Courtesy Photo

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Volleyball woes continue as Golden Panthers drop seventh in a row in fifth set loss to South Alabama

By HARRY COLEMAN
Sports Editor

The Golden Panthers had the Jaguars right where they wanted them, up 25-23 in the third game with a chance at a 3-0 sweep. But with seventeen tie scores and nine lead changes in the third game, FIU lost its momentum and on its way to losing the game which ended up causing the match.

After winning the first two games 30-23 and 30-27 respectively, FIU lost the next three 37-35, 30-24 and 15-13 on Oct. 3 at the Pharmed Arena. The loss dropped the Golden Panthers record to 1-12 for the season and 0-3 in Sun Belt Conference play.

Coach Cookie Stevens was unhappy with the way her team let the game slip away.

"The first two games were aggressive and after the third game, we should have come back aggressive and full of confidence but we didn’t," said Stevens. "We should not have been in that position. The way we played the first two games we should have won the third."

FIU was led by Ruth Fleming and Anna Dmoska who finished with 20 and 10 kills respectively in the match. Dyomi Smith had 10 kills and 37 assists marking her sixth double of the season.

The Golden Panthers out hit South Alabama .235-.115 in game one. In game two, FIU held the Jaguars to a match-low .026 attack percentage. Dmoska had seven kills in the game two to lead all players.

USA’s momentum shifted into the fourth game as the team used a balanced attack in game four by having five players tallied three or more kills led by Whitney Sanders who had four kills in the game. Sanders also led the Jaguars with 19 kills, 19 digs and five blocks.

FIU played its second fifth set match in a row. The match got off with an early 6-6 tie but USA pulled away with five consecutive points. FIU could not go away though as the team fought off three match points to get as close as 14-13 but after a USA time out, the Jaguars picked up the decisive point to win the game 15-13.

In the final two losing sets, FIU was held .200 by the Jaguars defense. Stevens is looking forward to getting her team on the right track.

“We need to start putting together a string of points at the right time and fight a little harder,” Stevens said.

The next home game for FIU will take place on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. against Western Kentucky at the Pharmed Arena.
Women’s soccer team wins two Sun Belt Conference games in three days

The Golden Panthers kicked off the Sun Belt Conference with a 2-1 win at FIU Soccer Stadium against Middle Tennessee on Oct. 1. At minute 1:42 Tennessee got on the scoreboard first. Tennessee on Oct. 1. At minute 1:42 the FIU soccer stadium against Middle Sun Belt Conference with a 3-2 win at Kentucky on Oct. 3 picking. Taddei, forward Whitney Rezendes happened. Added Nick Turnbull, “Our defensive line weren’t penetrating. I don’t think we played well.” FIU kept up with the Cajun, the first Division I-A opponent to play at the FIU stadium.

“During the second half we lost a bit of composure, I think we need to work on that and some people need to set it up a bit more,” Edwards said. The win puts FIU 2-0 in the Sun Belt conference and 4-6 on the regular season schedule. Everton will work with his players in order to achieve better discipline in the second half of games. “During the second half we’ve lost a bit of composure, I think we need to work on that and some people need to set it up a bit more,” Edwards said. The win puts FIU 2-0 in the Sun Belt conference and 4-6 on the regular season schedule.

The Golden Panthers got off to a quick start when Fernando Plentz capitalized on the one-one opportunity with USF goalkeeper Dane Brenner, when he found the left side of the net and recorded his team leading fifth goal of the season in the tenth minute, giving FIU the early 1-0 lead. “We had chances, we scored one early in the game, in the team just laid back,” said coach Karl Kremser. The Bulls then responded with two goals of their own, as they went into halftime with a 2-1 lead. Brandon Streicher first connected on a 25-yard free kick, when the Golden Panthers goalkeeper Shawn Crowe had momentarily, but lost the handle and provided for a 1-1 tie in the 28th minute. Kremser didn’t see the Crowe bobble coming. “Shawn is a much, much better goalkeeper than that, he doesn’t make that mistake everyday,” Kremser said. USF took a 2-1 lead when Rodrigo Hidalgo fired a bullet past Crowe for the game-winning goal in the 39th minute of the match. The game provided its share of excitement and was loaded with physical play from start to finish. The teams were issued a total of five yellow cards and were called for twenty-nine fouls. “We shot right at them and I was happy with our effort. That’s the best we’ve played all year,” Kremser commented on the physicality of the game. Despite the play the Golden Panthers saw numerous opportunities but were unable to take advantage and tie the game. “We moved the ball well, but we just need to move a little quicker and need to cut down on the mistakes,” Kremser said.

FIU out shot the Bulls 15-11, with a 10-5 advantage in the second half which included a couple of open shots at the goal when goalkeeper Brenner made two brilliant saves late in the match. “Man of the match for them was their goalkeeper, I thought he played super,” Kremser said. The Golden Panthers will complete their four-game home stand on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

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yards for a touchdown.

The third quarter opened with an FIU defensive stop. Padrick, on the following drive, drove the Golden Panthers 67 yards to cap off a 10-yard touchdown pass to Harold Leahy tying the score at 24 after another Adam Moss extra point.

Both teams later scored touchdowns on half-back draws, Lindsay for UL and Rashod Smith to put the game at 34-34. After the game, Strock was not please with the FIU defensive line.

“We pass rush was non-existent and that’s something we worked on all week,” Strock said.

Added safety Nick Turnbull, “Our defensive line weren’t penetrating. I don’t think we played well.”

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“We had an opportunity to win and to not do it, it’s very discouraging.”

Don Strock
Head Coach

“As a football team you can’t have penalties,” Rashod Smith said.

“Added Padrick, “we always seem to get penalties on the worst occasions.”

Linebacker Lance Preston saw how close FIU is to competing with Division 1-A schools. “It makes the loss harder to take,” Preston said.

Despite two interceptions, Padrick had a solid game finishing with 265 and two touchdowns. Receiver Cory McKinney tied the school record of ten catches that was set last game by Sam Smith. Strock stood by his QB after the game.

“He made some big plays and kept us in the football game. He made a couple of mistakes but the interception at the end wasn’t his fault. The early interception put us behind 7-0, but he fought back and got us right back into the game. That’s how you judge a quarterback,” Strock said.

On defense, John Hartian led with ten tackles and Greg Moss suffered a concussion making him unavailable for the second half of the game. FIU’s next game will be Oct. 9 on the road against Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Football keeps up with I-A school

By ANA SANCHEZ
Staff Writer

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“With the FIU defensive line today, it’s a danger zone. I wanted to get it done, but I couldn’t get it done,” Edwards said. FIU came out strong in the second half and was able to put away the Middle Tennessee with a 2-1 lead.

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Winning Streak: The Golden Panthers are a perfect 3-0 this season at home including 20 in Sun Belt Conference Play.

By NIKOLAY OREKHOV
Staff Writer

In a hard fought match on Oct. 3 at FIU Soccer Stadium, the Golden Panthers came up just short losing 2-1. FIU took on the University of South Florida, which came into Miami in an effort of dropping the Golden Panthers below .500 as the Bulls only trailed six minutes this season, coming into Sunday’s game.

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FIU loses thriller to Ragin’ Cajun

By HARRY COLEMAN

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TEAM TACKLES AWAY NEGATIVE CRITICISM

COMMENTARY

By ANDRES CORDERO
Staff Writer

For those involved with the Golden Panther football team, as well as its supporters, there’s little reason to hang your head after Saturday’s game against Louisiana-Lafayette. FIU lost. Go ahead and let out an explosive followed by a collective sigh. Done? Good, now get over it.

The first game played against a Division I-A opponent at The Cage turned out to be a high-scoring thriller of a home-opener before a crowd of 10,022, all of which should be motivated to continue to watch what’s become a very exciting team.

Though only two games have been played this season, they’ve been nail-bitters down to the final moments. More importantly, the Golden Panthers (1-1) have been in a position to win them both.

While it’s still just two games into the schedule, the casual fan now knows what the coaches and players have known since the off-season: This Golden Panther team is better . . . dare I say good.

At least good enough to execute a fourth quarter comeback on the road and win in overtime against a tough I-AA YSU squad, then go three weeks without playing a single down and give an even tougher I-A opponent a run for their money. This same Louisiana-Lafayette team that manhandled the Golden Panthers 43-10 just a year ago, has to feel lucky to escape The Cage with a win.

Though the loss dropped the Panthers to 1-1, the improvement on both sides of the ball is undeniable.

“We had opportunities to make plays tonight and that’s the most disappointing part about it,” Head Coach Don Strock said after the loss. “But we’ll learn from those mistakes and hopefully we’ll get better week-by-week.”

The disappointment is evident and inevitable. Anytime you lose a game in which you...