Centers’ research aids hurricane awareness

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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.

FIU’s IHRC is composed of four distinct laboratories, each specializing in a particular area. These include the laboratory for Social Science Research, the Laboratory for Insurance, Financial and Economic Research, the Laboratory for Wind Engineering Research, and the Laboratory for Coastal Research.

The Social Science Research Laboratory researches what hurricanes do, how they affect the lives of the people and how these people recover after a storm. This laboratory also researches how much an evacuation will cost the local government. 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.

The Laboratory for Wind Engineering chases hurricanes with instrumental wind towers. The instruments consist of 10-meter steel towers on trailers attached to pick-up trucks. The trucks are left where the hurricane is expected to hit and the towers are raised so they can cost an average of $5 billion worth of damage in an average year; this year the state of Florida has already sustained about $20 billion in damage.

IHRC’s total budget for 2003 was about $2.6 million, including research projects funded 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.

Hurricanes are estimated to carry $100 billion in damage each year; this year the state of Florida was supposed to receive $4 billion in damages from four hurricanes. With participation from UF and Clemson University, the FIU Hurricane Research Center (HRC) at FIU is hard at work raising storm awareness while better learning the affects of a hurricane.


Critical issues find way into convocation

By ADRIANA PEREIRA
Contributing Writer

The University Park Faculty Convocation, which took place last week on Oct. 1, recognized the University’s top scholars and research achievements with Professor Christos Koulamas of the College of Business Administration, taking home the prestigious Council of 100 Outstanding Faculty Award and its $10,000 cash prize.

Yet there was much going on during the three-hour ceremony, an FIU academic tradition.

Two critically important issues—one spoken and the other unspoken—took center stage in a key note address on FIU’s pursuit of a medical school and in a silent protest by faculty members about stalled union negotiations.

Faculty filled the seats of the Wurtham Performing Arts Center sporting an array of colorful academic regalia.

Many wore stickers reading “FIU, Bargain Now!” and buttons declaring “UFF: An FIU Tradition.”

“I believe the administration is stalling in its deliberations with the faculty union and this is a very sore spot for faculty,” said Hedy First, Faculty Senate administrative assistant, after the event.

Conflicts arising in union negotiations have centered less on issues concerning money and more job security, academic freedom and non-discrimination, according to the July report of FIU’s United Faculty of Florida chapter. The UFF, which came to FIU in 1976, had served as the bargaining agent for faculty until 2003 when the contract between UFF and the Florida Board of Regents expired. Faculty members have been working without a contract since that time.

Earlier this year, FIU recognized a local chapter of UFF and since then, the faculty has been bargaining with the university administration in hopes of speeding up the negotiating process.

“I think it is important for the administration to know that the faculty are concerned,” said James Sutton, an associate professor of English. “It was an appropriate way to convey the message.”

Because negotiations are still taking place, Provost and Executive Vice President Mark Rosenberg could not comment on many of the issues.

“I’m confident there will be a resolution and I hope it’s sooner rather than later,” he managed to say.

One notable absence from Faculty Convocation this year was University President Modesto A. Hauptli.

Speaking on the president’s behalf was Rosenberg, who mentioned that Maidique had a prior commitment—an answer that didn’t go over well with protestors.

“The President has made the faculty angry,” First said. “If he wants faculty support, he needs to get on the side of the faculty by not stalling any more and work with the union.”

Faculty Senate chair Bruce Haupli said the stickers and buttons pointed to a community-wide concern faculty have with these negotiations.

During the Sept. 21 Faculty Senate meeting, a motion regarding the halt in union negotiations was passed. The motion reads: “We urge addi...
**NATIONAL**

Mount St. Helens releases large ash and steam cloud

Mount St. Helens on Tuesday blew off its large-est 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 northwest of the volcano.

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

Instead, they said, the mountain is most likely beginning an extended period of magma movement that could last weeks or even months, as the 20-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 120,000 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 30,000 slots in coming years.

Recruiters exceeded their active-duty recruiting 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 two.*

By next Sept. 30, though, recruiters need another 80,000 souls to put their lives on the line for the Army—and an additional 22,175 to fill the Reserve.

In the coming year, recruiters will look especially hard for people to fill certain specialties: “combat arms,” or infantry, artillery and armored units; health-care jobs from medic to M.D.; and “special-forces,” or infantry, artillery and armored units; health-care jobs from medic to M.D.; and linguists and intelligence specialists.

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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 hurricanes, but we have to learn how to live with them,” said Willoughby.

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*Labs interpret difficult hurricanes*

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.

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**MUSIC, politics collide at Penn State**

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**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 peopleplugged down $50 for tickets to get inside the Bryce Jordan Center as an estimated 15,000 people plopped down $50 for tickets to get inside the Bryce Jordan Center to see the Dave Matthews Band.

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The university submitted its medical plan proposal to the Florida Board of Governors in July.

The legislature has approved its medical plan proposal, which includes a $1 million Honors Pre-Med collaboration with the University of South Florida and by providing funding for the new Molecular Biology and Social Sciences Building. Cohen said the world of medicine is “indicative of our turbulent times,” and two battles FIU must win to overcome this turbulence are that medical degrees are affordable and the problem of racial and cultural barriers that exist in medical education.

According to Cohen, America’s medical school graduates are in debt for years as a result of student loans and that universities in search of medical schools must find ways to finance their program. He pointed out that one way to do this is by re-allocating existing resources. “The future of a medical school in public education is challenged but ripe with opportunity,” he said.

Many expressed concern about how FIU will afford a medical school program and questioned where the university will find the money. Cohen’s suggestion of re-allocating existing sources is just what many faculty members fear – that a medical school will drain resources from other parts of the University.

“Faculty who have been here the longest feel that perhaps it is too soon for a medical school and we don’t have the funding,” First said. “Many feel our superintendent, staff, classroom, budget, etc. isn’t strong enough for another major school.”
OPINION

EDITORIAL

Political activity on campus sparks a newfound interest in South Florida’s college-age voters

In a time where young people are stigmatised as apathetic, aimless and without concern for the workings of government, the explosion of political activism on campus has been a welcome challenge to that sentiment. Last week, both democratic and republican rallies were held at the University Park campus in preparation for the first of three presidential debates.

Students, community leaders and enthusiasts alike, gathered in order to support their respective candidate and show how important voting is. People from both sides were carrying signs and handing out bumper stickers to passers by.

The recent flare up of political activity on campus sends a strong message that there is a rising demand for focus on young voters. Many are new to the political process and are just starting to form their own opinions and leanings.

This kind of activism is not only helpful to those finding their niche, but also to those who already have formed strong opinions and are looking for others to share those opinions with.

It also sends a message to those who are still indifferent and believe their opinions don’t matter. The fact is they do matter and it’s the votes of these young undecided voters that will make the election this year a success for one candidate.

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.

For 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 times 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 loser 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 a day in 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 chiefs and governed by a puppet president who cannot leave the capital city without the US Armyanking 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 help 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 the winner of any election, as a nation will continue to befooled into believing whatever babble streams from the mouths of these politicians. Ultimately in the end it will be the American people who lose.

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History

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

WINNER & LOSER

WINNER

The Flu: Just in time for flu season, Americans’ supply of the flu vaccine has been cut in half due to the shutdown of a major British producer. The remaining shots will be reserved for the elderly and those at higher risk. Biohazard suits will be on sale for the rest of us.

LOSER

Elton John. After last week’s battle with Taipei TV crews, John is in the news again, this time accusing Madonna of lip synching on her “Reinvention” tour. Apparently someone can’t feel the love tonight.

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Speak your mind!

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Search for the perfect age results in sublime regression

Up to a certain age, we are all constant, squared, groomed, warned and fixated on the day we will finally become adults. There is a small, indefinable grace period. Then we are bombarded with tools, toys, ideas, mantras, and methods on how to become as childlike as possible.

How can people go from looking forward to wrist and wisdom to recoiling in horror at the prospect of losing the best days of their life? How can they go from wanting to lose all of their baby fat so quickly to wanting to inject that fat back into their wrinkling face?

With a window of satisfaction and contentment in life so small, this leaves one question: what exactly is the “perfect” age, and what happens if you missed it?

A natural assumption would be the college years. College seems to be the final threshold before adulthood. It can be viewed as the best of both worlds. It’s a time where terms like “Thoreau” and “beer bong” can be used in the same sentence. However, for many the desire to break loose from financial dependence and to begin a career can gnaw viciously at them like termites on Pinocchio. Also, the reality between President Bush and Kerry seems like termites on Pinocchio. Also, the issue of whether we need a serious president in the White House can go from looking for- ever to wanting to inject that fat back into their wrinkling face.

The position of chief on you must be an individual of great resolve, that is the one Sen. Kerry is not.

Kerry point of view was rather poor, he kept calling the Iraqi war an important, repeating this multiple times, eventually concluding that it was impossible to end.

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

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 be our com- mission. We should have our hands-on approach to war.

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, more truths will come out and the sparkles that Sena- tor Kerry seems to possess will greatly be extin- guished.

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

The search for the perfect age results in sublime regression.
Cell phone mania

Cell phone users spending millions on ring tones

By JENEE OSTERHELDT
Knight Ridder Newspapers

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...

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 phone book has been assigned a distinct ring. For her mom, there’s a rodeo ring. Keller’s unidentified callers, says Keller, 23, says. “When you get a ring that’s happy with the 40-plus tones standard in her Verizon phone.

“I have never heard anyone with the same ring as me,” Keller says. “It’s 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 ringer and BlingTones.

For $2.50 a ringer, you can download (www.sprint-pcs.com) the voices of NFL hot shots like Tony Gonzalez and Daunte Culpepper. That same price will get you a BlingTone. Sprint has partnered with some of hip-hop’s hottest producers and DJs like Rockwildor and Hi-Tek to deliver the BlingTone ringer.

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 ringer 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.

In the future we’ll see even more innovative ways to customize cell phones, says Nancy Beaton, Sprint general manager of wireless music and personalization.

The next step in mobile customization is AAC sound, which has CD-like quality, Beaton says. In addition, there will probably be video ringer that not only play your favorite song, but also show a short clip of the video as well.

“It’s all about personalization,” Beaton says. “People buy ringers to customize their phones. They want ringer that are popular, the songs that they enjoy and they want ringers that have a special place for them.”
They can raise their eyes—specifically for the script. Sexuality and more in their new marionette film, “Team America: World Police.”

Action Figures:

South Park’s Matt Stone and Trey Parker take on politics, religion, sexuality and more in their new marionette film, “Team America: World Police.”

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 else 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.”

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 strings 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.

ACTION FIGURES: South Park’s Matt Stone and Trey Parker take on politics, religion, sexuality and more in their new marionette film, “Team America: World Police.”
Zalava of Mars Volta fame dabbles in dub

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

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 wandering, “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, showing 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 “Rodeo 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.goldstandardlabs.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.


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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 and 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 Demoska who finished with 20 and 10 kills respectively in the match. Dynonna Smith had 10 kills and 37 assists marking her sixth double of the season.

The Golden Panthers out hit South Alabama .335-.118 in game one. In game two, FIU held the Jaguars to a match-low .026 attack percentage. Demoska 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 6-1 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.

Strock’s team kept fighting Cajuns offensive attack

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had chances to win it should be a cause for concern, especially when untimely penalties and turnovers played key roles in the loss. UL’s first points of the game came when Josh Padrick threw a careless pass to tight end Sam Smith. Travis Bass jumped the route, intercepted the ball and took it back 36 yards toward the end of the fourth quarter, with the score knotted at 34-all and 1:42 left in regulation, the Golden Panther

The main difference between this year’s squad and that of the past is that the talent is there and we have a better chemistry through a short time.

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The Golden Panthers played its second consecutive five set match but came up short in the fifth game losing a close 15-13 to the Jaguars. Coach Cookie Stevens’ team has yet to show signs of chemistry through a complete game, due in part to a team full of new players. The teams record dropped to 1-12 and 0-3 in SBC play.

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Football keeps up with I-A school

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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 Lethy 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.

“Off our pace was non-existent and that’s something we worked on all week,” Strock said.

Added safety Nick Turnbull, “Our defensive line men weren’t penetrating. I don’t think we came out with enough intensity for his team. FIU kept up with the Cajun, the first Division I-A opponent to play at the FIU stadium.

Kentucky scored its only goal of the game.

Coach Everton Edwards pointed out after the game that two goals is not a comfortable situation for his team.

“It’s a danger zone. I wanted to get at least three up but we didn’t. The basic reason is that we got a win,” said Edwards who was pleased with the way his team played both games in a three-day span.

Everton will work with his players in order to achieve better discipline in the second half of games.

“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 4-0 on the regular season schedule.

WINNING STREAK: The Golden Panthers are a perfect 3-0 this season at home including 2-0 in Sun Belt Conference Play. By ANA SANCHEZ Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers kicked off the Sun Belt Conference with a 2-2 win at the FIU soccer stadium against Middle Tennessee on Oct. 1. At minute 1:42 Tennessee got on the scoreboard first.

Penalties hurt FIU, in particular the one on fourth and four that would have given FIU the ball with a chance to win the game.

“We had an opportunity to win and not to 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 I-A schools.

“It makes the loss harder to take,” Preston said.

Despite three 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 Haritan led with ten tackles and four seconds left in the game. Padrick, on the following return that and some people need to set it up a bit more,” Edwards said.

“We had chances, we scored one early but the [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, while 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 rough play the Golden Panthers saw numerous opportunities not only 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 home game stand on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.
FIU loses thriller to Ragin’ Cajun

By HARRY COLEMAN
Sports Editor

With the score tied at 34-34, the final minutes of the game would prove effective in the two minute drill driving the ball 54 yards and setting up a closing touchdown. Smith caught a 17-yard pass from Padrick to put the team up 14-3 with 11:16 left in the half and we didn’t take advantage of it done. We had opportunities to win the game, but we didn’t get it done. We had opportunities to win the game and we didn’t take advantage of them,” said Strock after the game.

The Cajuns got off to an early start as cornerback Travis Buss picked up the first down and returned it 36 yards for a touchdown.

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At the end of the first half, FIU was in the process of setting up a punt on fourth and ten. It was a tough third down to punt the ball on fourth and ten when you have a chance to work your way into the red zone to try to punt the ball on fourth and ten. The Ragin’ Cajuns got off to an early start as cornerback Travis Buss picked up the first down and returned it 36 yards for a touchdown.

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