Annual event celebrates Latino roots

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FIU students, faculty and parents gathered together to celebrate Latinos Unidos 2006, presented by the Residence Hall Association, the evening of Oct. 29 at the Graham Center Ballroom. Over 150 people gathered at this year’s event, which is held annually as part of the Hispanic Heritage week, and consists of dance and music performances by students.

Guests were welcomed to dance merengue, salsa and bachata on a spacious dance floor while they waited for the show to start. The theme of this year’s event was Black to Our Roots, and it commemorated the Hindu, African and Asian cultures which contributed to the formation of modern Hispanic culture.

The event opened up with a welcome speech from this year’s host, Matt Parisi, resident assistant, followed by a lineup of events performed by FIU students.

“I have come to see the show during the last couple of years, but this is the first time I’m the host of it,” Parisi said. “This is a great learning experience about the Hispanic heritage.”

Although the main celebration was for the Hispanic culture, performers’ nationalities were from all around the world. An Argentine tango performance was the first show of the night, held by the Prowl Dance Team. It was followed by a guitar medley performed by the University Park Wellness Center, the second stall.

Novoa said she knew something wasn’t right.

“I looked up and saw someone trying to look between the stall walls,” Novoa said. “I breathed deeply, and as I got up, he ran out. I ran after him, and when I ran down the right hallway, he was standing by the stairs and just stared me down.”

Novoa isn’t alone in her experience. The past few months have found a ‘peeping tom’ alienating female students on campus and peaking in on them as they use the restroom.

The individual has targeted four other young women in the past few months, but only two filed police reports right after it occurred. Three incidents occurred around the same time period.

Due to the small amount of reports filed, BBC’s Public Safety has yet to follow-up, though it did conduct a search of the area with negative results, according to the most recent police report filed by Novoa.

Julie Costa, a senior majoring in premed, remembers discussing the incident with Costa after it occurred. She later came into contact with a black male who resembled the suspect walking out of the same bathroom.

“Something caught my attention from the corner of my eye, and I saw someone in the corner of the stall. I now know it was someone’s forehead, but at the time I didn’t know what it was until I ducked down and saw the white of his eyes,” Costa said.

“When he realized I saw him, he ran out.”

Costa said that in retrospect she should have run out of the restroom to get a description, but she said that she didn’t know what to do with herself.

“I was petrified and really scared after it happened initially and felt paranoid the rest of the day,” Costa said.

Monique Mattiace, a senior majoring in journalism, remembers discussing the incident with Costa after it occurred. She later came into contact with a black male who resembled the suspect walking out of the same bathroom.

“Told him, ‘Are you lost?’ And he kept walking, Mattiace said.

According to Captain Michael Wright, commander of operations of Public Safety at BBC, this is the first time he has heard of any additional cases, besides the two that were filed by Costa and Novoa.

“When we get a description, we scour the area, though sometimes finding the individual is difficult by nature of a report,” Wright said.

“This fall there has only been one inci-
**NEWSFLASH**

**LOCAL**

Car involved in hit-and-run case linked to police officer

A car in a Broward hit-and-run fatality is registered to a Dade police officer. The victim, 34-year-old Rick Nye, of Pompano Beach, was killed Oct. 10 as he traveled west on Interstate-595 near Flamingo Road.

A Lexus rear-ended the Chevy Trailblazer Nye was driving and slammed into a guardrail, according to Florida Highway Patrol. Nye’s vehicle overturned, he was ejectcd and died on impact while the driver of the Lexus took off.

The Lexus is registered to Miami-Dade detective Michael Alayon. According to his attorney, Alayon reported his car stolen several hours after the Oct. 10 accident and was staying at someone else’s house that night.

Broward County prosecutors and Miami-Dade police are investigating the case with FHP to determine who was behind the wheel that morning.

**NATIONAL**

Officials suspect produce in salmonella cases

Health officials are considering the possibility that a salmonella outbreak could be linked to produce that has sickened at least 172 people in 18 states.

Officials think the bacteria may have spread through either lettuce or tomatoes. However, the illnesses reported have not been tied to any specific produce chain, restaurants or supermarkets. Eleven people have been hospitalized, according to officials from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The states involved are Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin.

**WORLD**

Authorities rescue 200 immigrants from boat

Italian authorities rescued a boat carrying more than 200 illegal immigrants south of Lampedusa, Italy Oct. 30.

PALMERO port authorities reported escorting the boat to shore, after receiving a rescue call from one of the immigrant’s friends in Italy.

Two Coast Guard and one Navy vessel escorted the boat carrying 254 people. There have been no reports that the authorities questioned the immigrants and it was also not know what countries they are from.

**Ancient coins found on a Swedish island.**

Archaeologists digging on the Swedish island of Gotlan found more than 1,000 silver coins in a Viking-age reserve.

The treasure is believed to have been buried in the 10th century and was originally discovered by two brothers who were helping their neighbor with some yard work.

According to local curator Majvor Ostergren, the coins were found by chance and the reserve also included several silver bracelets and weighed about seven pounds.

According to the report, dozens of silver hoards have been uncovered on Gotland, the largest island in the Baltic Sea, which used to be a major trade center for the Vikings. The largest treasure found on the island contained about 143 pounds of silver and 44 pounds of bronze.

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“We are going to have kits for those who participate,” Roache said. “There will be one for the smokers and one for the non-smokers adopting them for the day.”

The point of the event is to give a person trying to quit smoking a helping hand.

It’s essentially a short-term sponsor program for smokers, not unlike what alcoholics receive during their recovery period. During the “Adopt a Smoker” event, smokers will be urged to give up smoking for 24 hours to see how it feels to do so without lighting a single cigarette.

The second event planned is a special luncheon being held Nov. 16.

During the luncheon there will be several presentations about the effects of smoking.

The main goal of the luncheon will be to have people give up smoking entirely that day.

The Center has been hosting these two events for several years and is hopeful about this year’s events.

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**NO CENSORSHIP**

Bolivarian Youth members gather outside the South West Regional Broward Library after the library attempted to ban the film “Motorcycle Diaries.”

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**Group tackles human rights issues**

Not many people have heard of the Bolivarian Youth, a small FIU club that has been operating as an official FIU club since Fall 2005.

However, the club has a ten-point program which includes to end capitalism as a system that perpetuates social and economic injustice, to have free healthcare and education, to give access to every human being to water, food and housing, and to turn the means of production in the hands of the people, according to a flyer the group hands out.

“I became interested in social injustices while growing up. I witnessed the different treatment Cubans and Haitians received, so I wanted to do something about it,” said Sonia Swanston, one of the club founders and current president of the organization.

In Cuban-dominated Miami, some members feel many oppose the club’s beliefs.

“We have been verbally attacked many times while having our table in [the Graham Center at University Park],” said club member Victor Maxwell. “Once, someone even suggested we get them outside to light.”

However, the club consists of a diverse base, even some Cuban members.

Some people are surprised to find so many young Cubans, like myself, in an organization that supports the Cuban Revolution. The fact is that just as in Cuba, in Miami there are many Cubans that support the socialist lead by Fidel Castro, although the media would have you believe that all Miami Cubans are “exiled,” said co-founder Mike Martinez.

According to Swanston, the Office of Student Affairs once tried to cancel one of their events claiming they didn’t follow the protocol, but after meeting with them and the club’s faculty advisor, the event was held.

“I wouldn’t say all the times was intentionally, part of it has to do with FIU’s bureaucracy,” Swanston said.

The club defines itself as an alliance of young people who are anti-capitalists and who are engaged in revolution-ary action, and it attempts to achieve its agenda by supporting immigrants’ rights, human rights, pro-choice campaigns, gay rights and women’s rights, among other issues.

The FIU Bolivarian Youth were active in pressuring the U.S. government to free Father Gerard Jean-Jus, a Haitian priest who defended human rights in Haiti and was detained by the Haitian government.

“We mobilized the necessary masses on the streets of Miami to garner enough support to free him. We are proud we were able to free him,” Swanston said.

Between lectures, protests and film screenings, the club is always working.

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Other cultures honored at Latino heritage event

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Maria Alvarado sang “Bidi Bidi Bom Bom,” a song from Mexican-American singer Selena.

“It is always important to remember where we came from,” Alvarado said.

This was followed by another tango performance from Sin Rumbo, by dancers Jasmine Flores and Thomas Uriarte.

“The event was better than what we expected,” said Maxi Arias, who performed in a stroll by the Latino Lambda Upsilon Fraternity Inc.

Insiya Ibarrialla, performer of the fashion show which was mainly dominated by Hindu and Moroccan dresses, said she felt appreciated by the recognition and acceptance of her culture by Latinos.

In addition to the live performances, during the event, the winner of the Latinos Unidos essay contest was announced.

The winner, Jenny Terreros, won a $100 book scholarship to be used at the FIU Bookstore.

In her essay, Terreros highlighted what it means to be a Latina girl.

Besides the number of people that attended, some felt that the time and day of the event affected the appeal and participation of FIU students.

“It is very difficult to come to school on a Sunday night. Most of my friends couldn’t make it just for that reason,” said freshman Mariela Mendoza.

The performances continued around 9:30 p.m. with a melody from Voices of Unity.

The event was followed by a Latin themed dinner from Blue Sky, which included congri, sweet plantains and pork and again everyone was welcomed to the dance floor.
Event highlights African art

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A two-day lecture and symposium looks to change the views of African Art and its impact on the world.

“Cameras are controlled and maintained by Facilities Management. We would get cameras located in front of the bathrooms. Officers have not checked the tapes from can develop a suspect.”

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Students blitz for registration

Registration for the 2007 Spring semester will begin Nov. 11, giving rise to that haunting question that burns in the minds of every FIU student before each registration period starts: Will I secure a spot in the classes my major requires?

As a student at FIU, you’ve most likely encountered difficulties in registering for your courses at some point during your academic career. A shortage of available classes and open sections, along with the administration’s failure to help students left without a spot in the courses required by their program, make the registration process a trial for students. This problem must be addressed in order to satisfy the needs of FIU students.

It’s a scene that almost every student has lived through: you’re racing through PantherSoft to take and waiting for your registration appointment to begin. Once the appointment starts, you race through PantherSoft to get the classes you need. It’s a competition among classmates; a vicious fight to get into the one available section for your required course, that elusive section with the absurdly limited amount of slots.

You type in the course number, and a message appears that is all too familiar for FIU students: “The search returns no results that match the criteria specified.”

This is a problem that students face every semester, especially in the Fall and Spring semesters. During registration for the Fall 2006 semester, one student was left crying in the offices of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication because she had only one class left to take in order to graduate but it filled up too quickly.

Even freshman students, who have priority when choosing their courses, that elusive section with the ability and finances.”

Though these difficulties surrounding registration may stem from complicated funding issues and logistical snags within the University, the important thing to realize right now is that a serious problem exists and it must be resolved immediately.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Are you planning on voting in the midterm elections?

- Yes – I’ve been following the election issues all along
- Yes – I don’t know who’s running, but I’ll vote anyway
- No – I’m sure my vote won’t make a big difference

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LIFE!

To InfinINDIE and BEYOND!

SAMANTHA QUINON
Staff Writer

If you don’t know what indie music is, don’t worry. There are radio DJs, record store owners and indie musicians who don’t know where the genre begins and ends. That’s because labeling an album “indie music” is like trying to define your major when you want to do everything. The most accepted definition of indie music is music that doesn’t get significant mass media recognition or get played on commercial radio. Beyond that, anything goes.

The following is an informal guide to the genre to encourage your exploration of indie bands and artists.

If you like ...

**TRIP HOP / DREAM POP**

Such as ...

Bjork, Thievery Corporation, DJ Shadow, The Chemical Brothers, Portishead

You would probably like...

• Boards of Canada – Music Has the Right to Children
• Massive Attack – Mezzanine
• Tricky – Maxinquaye
• Everything But the Girl – Walking Wounded
• Air – Talkie Walkie

You might even like ...

• Sneaker Pimps – Becoming X
• Bowery Electric – Beat
• Esthero – Breath from Another, Morcheeba
• Who Can You Trust?
• Nightmares on Wax – Carboot Soul

If you like ...

**HIP HOP / RAP**

Such as ...

The Fugees, Gorillaz, Talib Kweli, Black Eyed Peas, Gnarls Barkley

You would probably like...

• Danger Doom – The Mouse and the Mask
• Buck 65 – Vertex
• Boom Bip – Seed to Sun
• The Roots – Phrenology
• Common – Like Water for Chocolate

You might even like ...

• Digable Planets – Reachin’
• Diplo – Fabriclive.24
• The Fall – This Nation’s Saving Grace

If you like ...

**BRITPOP**

Such as ...

Blur, Oasis, The Libertines, Muse, Coldplay

You would probably like...

• Lush – Ciao!
• Catatonia – International Velvet
• Dogs Die in Hot Cars – Please Describe Yourself
• James – Laid
• Supergrass – Supergrass is 10: The Best of 1994-2004

You might even like ...

• Pink Flag
• Repeater
• Raw Power
• This Nation’s Saving Grace

If you like ...

**INDIE ELECTRONICA**

Such as ...

Radiohead, Le Tigre, LCD Soundsystem, Zero 7, Dalt Punk

You would probably like...

• Ladytron – Light and Magic
• Goldfrapp – Supernature
• Figure – Transportation + Communication = Love
• My Favorite
• Love at Absolute Zero
• Architecture in Helsinki – Fingers Crossed

If you like ...

**PUNK**

Such as ...

Green Day, Blink 182, Weezer, The Ramones

You would probably like...

• Mousketeers
• Niun Niggung
• Broadcast – Ha Ha Sound
• Ms. John Sada – No P. or D
• Cornelius – Fastasma

If you like ...

**INDIE POP**

You would probably like...

• The Apples in Stereo – Velocity of Sound
• The New Pornographers – Mass Romantic
• The Cardigans – First Band on the Moon
• The Go! Team – Thunder, Lightning, Strike

You might even like ...

• The Mendoza Line – We’re All in This Alone
• Papas Fritas – Buildings and Grounds
• Tiger Trap – Tiger Trap
• The Essex Green – Cannibal Sea

If you like ...

**BRITPOP**

You would probably like...

• Pulp – Different Class
• Elastica – The Menace
• Spacexhog – Resident Alien
• Super Furry Animals – Mwng

You might even like ...

• X – Los Angeles

If you like ...

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**INDIE ROCK**
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- Dismemberment Plan – *Emergency & I*
- Ted Leo/The Pharmacists – *Hearts of Oak*
- Metric – *Old Underground World, Where Are You Now?*
- Sonic Youth – *Daydream Nation*

**ALTERNATIVE COUNTRY**
- Interpol, The Walkmen, The Strokes, Arcade Fire, Jet, Spoon

**R&B/SOUL**
- Macy Gray, Wyclef Jean, India Arie, Lauryn Hill, Maxwell

**SINGER/SONGWRITER**
- Lucinda Williams – *Essence*
- Bonnie "Prince" Billy – *I See a Darkness*
- A Girl Called Eddy – *A Girl Called Eddy*
- The Jayhawks – *Tomorrow the Green Grass*
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If you might even like...

- Interpol, The Walkmen, The Strokes, Arcade Fire, Jet, Spoon

If you would probably like...

- Ryan Adams, k.d. lang, Emmylou Harris, (early) Wilco, Neil Young

If you might even like...

- Gillian Welch – *Revival*
- Magnolia Electric Co. – *Fading Trails*
- Katell Keing – *Jet*
- The Sadies – *Favorite Colours*

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Helping renovate a clinic in Jamaica is not something an average college student expects to do on a typical spring break; however, some do take part in this life for an entire week as part of Alternative Spring Break. ASB is an international program that allows students every spring break, to travel within the U.S. and worldwide to do volunteer work at sites such as New York, Tennessee, and the Dominican Republic.

Senior Gloria Bauta, who participated in ASB last year, went to Tennessee to participate in the building of a hiking trail that would ultimately connect various states.

“It was an awesome experience. You meet new people, form relationships. We even had a hoedown one night,” Bauta said.

Together with her group, she was able to build three miles of trail in five days. Every morning, they would get to the site at 9 a.m., work until noon, when they would eat and be educated with presentations on environmental issues, get back to work until 4 p.m., and later be shown a presentation, according to Bauta.

Bianny Fernandez, ASB graduate advisor and a site leader, helped in the excursions to Jamaica last year and lived with the children of the community, even bathing in the river like the locals. For a week, she submerged herself in the lives of others, which she said made her experience life in a whole new way.

“From having participated so many times in these projects, it’s the cultural aspect of the whole experience that impacts me, as opposed to the service itself,” Fernandez said.

The ASB program started with an organization called Break Away, which was founded on the Vanderbilt University campus where students developed a spring break volunteer program. Now the program works with hundreds of schools and associations across the globe.

The program director, Molly McCabe, believes that every college student should participate because “it can have a lasting imprint on finding who you are, what you are capable of, and how you fit into the world as an active citizen.”

ASB considers issues varying anywhere from HIV/AIDS, to creating model elementary schools in communities that don’t necessarily have proper aid. If students apply for ASB, they have to check off the concerns that matter the most to them – without knowing what site they will be sent to. The sites are revealed in December, and an interview process is done to ensure commitment.

The 2007 spring trip will take place March 19-23, and interested students are already posted to information is available in the Center for Leadership and Service; the deadline is Nov. 17. Students pay $100 for domestic trips and then cover the rest of the trip’s cost by fundraising.

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When most people think of domesticated household pets, the usual suspects come to mind: cats and dogs. For Freshman Marco Lora, however, a monkey would be the ideal pet. They can take care of themselves and are almost as smart as people,” Marco said. There are an array of exotic animals that are legally obtainable for your household. For those tired of seeing Lassie and Garfield running around their houses, here is a list of alternative pets that could turn the average house into the most exotic of jungles or forests.

RAABITS
A rabbit is a domesticated animal that can be bought at any major pet store. At Petco, they can be bought neutered, which helps eliminate unpleasant sexual behaviors of male rabbits and reduces the risk of health problems in female rabbits.

Sophomore Nicolas Acuna has owned four rabbits in the past and says that eating is one of their favorite hobbies. “They pretty much just sit there and eat and run around sometimes,” Acuna said. He also says that chewing is one of their favorite hobbies. “Keep them away from Nintendo cables; they used to chew mine all the time,” he said. These animals can be bought at stores such as the Petco located at 1655 NW 107th Ave. in Doral for $99.99.

FERRETS
According to employees at the Pet Supermarket, ferrets are extremely intelligent and social animals that are very playful.

The Ferret Information Rescue Shelter and Trust Society website at www.ferrets.org states that once a ferret has been fixed and de-scented, it will only need one monthly bath to stay clean. When asked the advantages and disadvantages of owning this animal, Pet Supermarket employees consider ferrets fun animals, but the animals’ smell can be disconcerting. Ferrets can be bought at Pet Supermarket on 1950 SW 8th St. for $120.

HEDGEHOGS
Hedgehogs are known for their spines and according to freemachafeezoo.com, they jerk their body when defending themselves, which drives those spines into the skin of the unsuspecting. If you’re a fan of video games, like sophomore Jonathan Mojena, then this animal might interest you. Mojena, however, was a bit let down when coming across a hedgehog for the first time. “They are cool animals, but I was a bit disappointed to find out they really aren’t as fast as the video game Sonic the Hedgehog portrays them to be.”

SKUNKS
A skunk could also be an enjoyable animal to have at home. These animals are illegal to own in many states, but they are legal to own in Florida and several other states with the right license.

Freshman Jeannie Lombana, a skunk owner, states that many people stay away from them because they are scared of their smell or of being sprayed. According to Lombana, however, skunks are intelligent and very curious.

“Out of all my pets, my skunk is my favorite because it’s one of those animals you think are gross because of their smell, but they are really fun to deal with and are very friendly with my cats and dogs,” she said.

PIGS
Lombana, who is also the owner of a pig, says the ideal household for a pig would be that with a large fenced backyard with enough room for the pig to move around and perform its daily activities. Lombana adds that the legality of owning a pig depends on the area of the city you live in and the physical space of the house in which you will keep the pig.

If you are interested in owning one and want to find out more about these regulations, you should contact Miami-Dade County Animal Control Services at 305-884-1101.

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UCF win sneaks FIU into conference tournament

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Two-Boys Gumede faced first onto the pitch after he nearly flipped over. Both players remained on the ground for a few minutes, but the match referee presented Fisher with a red card as soon as he got up from the field.

LMOST BOOTED: UCF's win over Marshall puts FIU in Conference-USA tournament.

A winless season doesn't seem that unlikely now

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On ESPN’s Bottom 10, by David Duffey, FIU is ranked as the third worst football team in the nation. Next to FIU’s ranking he wrote, “Stay Away: The Golden Panthers return to the field this week. Let’s hope they stay away from any fights.”

Winless season can’t be blamed due to lack of talent because the defense has surely shown it has the talent to match up with almost any offense in the country. There have even been whispers that senior tight end Samuel Smith and wide receiver Chandler Williams being chosen in the NFL draft.

So how low will this season go before any drastic changes are made? I don’t know, but it will be a long time before this team ever finds Nirvana, let alone their first win this season.

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Women's volleyball gets mixed results with SBC foes

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Staff Writer

Locked in a three-way race for supremacy in the Sun Belt East Conference, the Golden Panther women’s volleyball squad faced their most familiar foes this past weekend at the Pharmed Arena.

With a ruckus home crowd backing them, the Golden Panthers played arguably their best game of the season Oct. 27 with an impressive 3-0 (30-20, 32-22, 30-19) win over the then-third place Western Kentucky Lady Toppers.

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Crimson Tide rolls over FIU

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Following a bye week, FIU knew they’d have to be prepared heading into an Oct. 28 showdown at Bryant-Denny Stadium. For a half, it seemed as though the 92-138 that showed up on Alabama’s homecoming might be in for a long afternoon.

Unfortunately for the Golden Panthers, the 18 suspensions stemming from the infamous Miami brawl accompanied them and showed as they gave up 28 second-half points.

“We obviously came in short-handed dressing only 52 players, but I was proud in the way they hung in there, especially in the first half,” said coach Don Strock.

The Golden Panthers (0-8), playing in front of a record crowd for the second week in a row, were handed a 38-3 drubbing in the first half, “My concern in the second half,” Strock said, “was getting worn down and Alabama made some plays—an interception, punt return and a fumble recovery at the 10. Making those kind of mistakes, especially on the road, is not conducive to winning.’’

With leading receivers Chandler Willifords and Sammy Smith sidelined through suspension, quarterback Josh Padrick relied on four freshman wide receivers through the air, finding success early on in the first quarter when he found Jeremy Dickens for a 68-yard completion that led to the only Golden Panther score; Dickens finished his first career start with a career-best four catches for 100 yards. Padrick concluded the afternoon eight of 24 for 134 yards and an interception, which was consequently returned for a touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

With running back Julian Reams also out with injury, the running duties fell on the shoulders of freshman Chance Attaway and Daunte Owens who managed just 36 yards on 20 combined carries against a quick Tide defensive front.

Defensively, the Golden Panthers were led by preseason Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year Keyonvis Bouie who now finds himself 10 tackles short of the 100-tackle mark with four games to play, thanks to a 20-tackle performance. Fellow senior linebackers Alexander Bostic III and James Black each added nine tackles a piece for a defensive unit that gave up 31 points.

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LEAPING FOR SIX: Alabama wide receiver Matt Caddell catches a touchdown pass with 3:08 remaining in the fourth quarter as FIU defensive back Malik Jones arrives too late.

Though controlling the pass game, giving up just 117 yards in the air, the defense struggled to stop the run from the Tide, allowing 127 yards on the ground. Tide senior Kenneth Darby led the way with a first drive 33-yard carry, finishing the afternoon with 70 yards on 10 carries. John Parker Wilson and Jimmy Barnes combined for 117 yards passing to go along years.

Season all but lost for FIU football team

“T’ve never had a worse gift from God. They have not given me a gift any other team in the country was given. However, I have always been and always will until the end, hello, hello, hello, how low?”

“My life was changed when I was 19 after a 1991 hit single, “Smells Like Teen Spirit,” performed on the direction of the FIU football team’s (0-8) chaotic season.

Set aside the losses and think where is this team going?

In their first six games, they only managed to lose by an average of 6.5 points, but in their last two games, that average has ballooned to a 15-point average.

As the season has progressed, FIU has managed to squander away games in almost every imaginable way.

It has almost come to a point where fans expect a loss no matter how well the Golden Panthers may be playing; there will be some interception, fumble or other type of miscue that will cost them the game.

Would anybody be surprised if this was the time FIU went an entire season without winning a single game?

It obviously can’t get any worse after a 38-3 loss to Alabama in front of 92,138 Crimson Tide fans at Bryant-Denny Stadium (I hope).

But the craziest part about the loss is the Golden Panthers were actually able to score first and were only down by 10 at halftime, despite playing without nine starters.

Although the Golden Panthers came out with its second blowout loss, it wasn’t a result of the defense’s shortcomings.

Following the game, the defense was ranked 24 in the nation in total yards allowed while the offense was ranked 114 in the nation in total offense.

Both units’ split personality has kept them at the bottom of college football’s cellar.

Men’s soccer enters C-USA tourney despite loss

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Staff Writer

It’s the story of FIU’s season—a tale all too familiar. The Golden Panthers have followed the script so often, players would have a good chance auditioning for the United States’ national team.

They’ve played another hard-fought match and suffered another 2-1 loss.

FIU (6-9-2, 2-6 Conference-USA) allowed a late-game winning goal, this time against Alabama-Birmingham (9-6-2, 4-3-1). It was the fifth time that the Golden Panthers surrendered a game-winner in the last 15 minutes of regulation or overtime.

Despite the familiar situation, players weren’t exactly comfortable with the disappointment.

"I can’t believe it. I’ve lost so many goals late in the game … I’m just so upset right now,"freshman forward Christian Caporletti said after the game.

UAB midfielder Derek Riss scored in the 87th minute to give the Blazers a 2-1 win in the Oct. 28 match at the University Park Soccer Stadium. He netted the game-winner by slipping through a crowded penalty area and getting open directly in front of goal.

Sophomore midfielder Dejan Jakovic sent a pass to Riss that knifed through the FIU defense and was easily tapped into the left side of the goal.

Even less effort went into UAB’s first goal in the 22nd minute. Senior forward Lukasz Jakovic dribbled down the right touchline and sent a low cross into the penalty area. As FIU sophomore defender Raoul Voss slid and attempted to clear the ball, it bounced off his foot into the nearside net.

“We’ve had an unlucky season,” sophomore midfielder Oli Birgis said after the game. “We’ve had players sent off with red cards in two games, lost two games in double-overtime, an own goal in this game. It’s just been unlucky.”

FIU seemed to be reversing its bad luck in the 41st minute when Caporletti scored his fourth goal of the season. As Drake tried to control a bouncing back-pass, Caporletti rushed in and blocked the keeper’s clearance attempt. He then finished the job by tapping the ball into an open net from four yards out.

“I was convinced we were going to win the game after that,” Kremser said. “We weren’t playing all that well up until that point and I felt pretty confident.”

The game took a poor turn for FIU when sophomore defender Phillip Fisher was sent off in the 96th minute. Fisher made a reckless SOCCER, page 10