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Famed solar house gets another chance

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The solar house which won FIU a spot in the National Solar Decathlon and an invitation to the 2008 China Summer Olympics was forgotten after it was destroyed by Hurricane Wilma in 2005.

Two years later, Emerging Green Builders, a student organization concerned with the fate of the solar house, is working to bring it back to life through a new design.

The solar-powered house, which took two years to build, was designed for a competition of Energy Balance at the National Solar Decathlon in Washington, D.C. The house not only won the section of the Energy Balance Competition in the Decathlon, but also resided in FIU being the only US university to be invited to create an energy-efficient house in Beijing, China for the Summer Olympics.

Once the competition was over, the materials were dispersed and sent back from Washington D.C. to the FIU Center for Engineering & Applied Sciences. The day the parts arrived, the University grounds were evacuated due to a hurricane alert. The material was never safely stored. When Hurricane Wilma struck the next day it destroyed almost $200,000 worth of materials.

“The team was very, very upset. During the competition, everyone had a goal. After the solar house competition, 80 percent of the students were gone, we lost momentum,” said Ming Feng, a participant in the Solar Decathlon competition in 2005.

With very little drive to continue the rebuilding of the house, the few materials that were saved before Wilma struck began to wither away.

Last February, Professor Yong Tao gathered a group of students and formed an organization named the Emerging Green Builders; their first mission was to rebuild the solar-powered house.

The house is located near the parking lot at FIU CEAS. Built and bolted to the ground, with the windows in play, from a distance the only thing that seems to be missing is a good paint job. However, once one moves in closer, small details, such as flooring, are still needed to complete the project.

The solar-powered house will be permanently rebuilt on the CEAS. Once it is completed, it will be showcased for educational purposes.
Discounts in the works

The Beaco Plaza at Doral, which is located 15 minutes away and is open everyday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., compared to BBC which is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is compared to the General Medical Clinic at UP, which is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m, and open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Baptist Medical Plaza is nearest to Biscayne Bay Campus, located 17 minutes away, and open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. This is compared to the General Medical Clinic at BBC which is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m on Fridays.

The Baptist Medical Plaza at Tamiami Trail, located 24 minutes away, is open Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is compared to the Baptist General Medical Clinic at UP, which is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Though the service may be available by Labor Day this year, representatives at the Baptist Health Systems warn that the agreement is far from final. The amount offered in discounts has yet to be confirmed and may not be allowed to be advertised, according to Lilly Macias, director of Manage Care Contracts.

“We’re not anywhere near a concrete agreement,” said Amanda Gonzalez, a marketing manager at Baptist Health Systems.

Robin Telles, reportedly in charge of the contract with FIU, did not return a phone call for comment by the time of publication.

It is also unclear as to whether FIU students will be able to attend all Urgent Care Centers, or only the Baptist Medical Plaza at Tamiami Trail, located 24 minutes away

The house will also be opened to the public, so that everyone who visits will realize the effectiveness and productivity of a solar-powered house. Stephanie Strange, assistant director of Recruitment and Retention, hopes that the open access to the solar house will encourage others to practice the use alternative energy.

The rebuilding process of the solar house has been delayed due to a lack of resources. According to Owens, mostly everything for the house was damaged, and the price to have the materials replaced has been $50,000. The Engineering of having the Green Emerging Builders a grant of that amount. The only missing material is the flooring.

For present students, the house will be used as a study and an example for the future Solar Decath-

The date of when the project will be finished is unsure. Feng believes it might take two months, all goes as planned.

“Right now we have a contractor who is doing the renovation of the major systems, like foun-

dation, floor and walls, but in the future, we have have hurricane-resistant and compliant with the Florida building code, we hope to have students help in restoring the houses beauty,” Owens said. With new challenges ahead, the Emerging Green Builders will continue and finish the solar house.

“This is a good project and we are trying to do all that is possible to make the material useful and make sure that it does not go to waste,” said Emerging Green Builders member Eugenia DeMarco.

Emerging Green Builders is a group of approxi-

Anyone is welcome to attend the group, at any matter what one’s major might be.

“Support to our program is very important. Right now we need the support from FIU stu-

dents desperately,” Feng said. For more information on the Emerging Green Builders, visit their Yahoo Group at http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/fggreen/ or visit their Web site at www.

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Aramark pushes health initiatives

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trans-fat oil provided by Mazola. Avidai Manso, Biscayne Bay Campus chef, said the BBC cafeteria has been using Mazola oil since last year when they switched from Frymax, a shortening loaded with trans and saturated fats.

According to Garcia, the only company on campus that uses trans-fats is Burger King because of their vegetable oil, although they are moving toward a zero trans-fat policy. A *Miami Herald* article written May 17 said that they may be able to stop food production with trans-fat by the end of this year.

"Rolling out trans-fat free oils is the first phase to becoming a completely trans-fat free system," said Kea Silver smith, a spokesperson for Burger King Corporation. "As far as the State of Florida goes, we don't have a set date for rolling out the oils yet. The first priority is to comply with state regulations in New York and Philadelphia. Our second priority is to supply where we can most quickly. By the end of 2008, the whole country will be trans-fat free in restaurant cooking oils."

Dr. Campa explained why, despite its risks, some restaurants still use the bad fats.

"Manufacturers use trans-fats because it increases the shelf life of their products, but for us it increases the risk of coronary heart disease, insulin resistance, metabolic syndrome and arteriosclerosis," Dr. Campa said.

New York is phasing out trans-fats between July 2007 and 2008, while Philadelphia is following suit September 2007 through 2008. Once their current deadlines are reached, trans-fats will be banned from use in restaurants in both states. Aramark has self-implemented a nationwide health initiative to screen out foods with trans-fats. The process begins at the corporate level with chefs that screen products for distribution and ends on campus, Garcia said, and added that if the company finds a product has trans-fats, and it's an Aramark product, it stops using it.

"We try to stay aware of research and development that may impact our business," Garcia said. "When we find out about this, that not only affects the company but the nation, we respond immediately."

Off-campus food options that avoid trans-fats are also available, such as the Latin American Restaurant and Caterers on Coral Way and 107 Avenue, which displays signs saying, "Because we care about your health we use 0 trans-fat cooking oil."

According to Carlos Reyes, Latin American’s manager, the restaurant decided over a month ago not to use trans-fats. He said customers ask to see the new box of oil to see if they’re really not using trans-fats and commend the restaurant for their efforts.

"Even though this oil costs double what the old oil does, we still buy it," Reyes said. "We want to be an example to follow, not only in business but in concern for the health of our customers and the public."

At the moment, Aramark is working with interns from FIU's Department of Health and Sciences and school chefs to design menus and healthy food choices, Garcia said.

Manso highlighted BBC’s Grab & Go menu where “everything is a healthy choice and is made every day.”

He also encouraged students to pitch food requests.

“If you want to see something, we can change the menu. I want to see the students happy: if you’re not happy, we’re not happy,” Manso said.

To limit trans-fat intake, Dr. Campa recommends cooking and dressing with olive oil plus limiting fatty meats, whole milk products, and tropical oils. Other sources of trans-fats are deep-fried foods, baked products, crackers, margarine, nondairy creamers, and fast foods.

“The damage done by food choices today are seen twenty to thirty years down the road and translates into lower life expectancy,” Dr. Campa said.

**Latin American Restaurant and Caterers:**
Coral Way and 107 Avenue
Uses zero trans-fats.

**Taco Bell:**
S.W. 8 Street and 107 Avenue
Stopped using shortening for cooking and now uses Canola oil.

**Subrageous:**
S.W. 15 Street and 107 Avenue
Uses olive oil only as a dressing on sandwiches and their grill is oil free.

**KFC:**
S.W. 9 Street and 107 Avenue
Corn on the cob, chicken, mashed potatoes trans-fat free.

**ORDER’S UP:**
Nadine Candelario, 19, and Adam Hernandez, 21, enjoy a meal at the Latin American Restaurant and Caterers near FIU. Concerned for customers health, the venue cut use of trans fat oils.

**Healthy Off-Campus Options**

**Quizno’s:**
S.W. 8 Street and 105 Avenue
Currently collecting nutrition data to publish online on September 1, 2007.

**Dunkin’ Donuts:**
Coral Way and 107 Avenue
Announced Aug. 27 that it will be “zero grams trans fats” by Oct. 15 across the US.
A NAME’S PRICE
Faculty raises funds to rename SJMC after Miami Herald reporter

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Two years after the death of Gene Miller, Jane Daugherty found a way to honor the former Miami Herald reporter and editor by changing the name of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Florida International University.

Daugherty and other SJMC faculty and staff began the fund-raiser on Aug. 21 along with Miller’s family and friends. They have helped Daugherty jump start the fund-raising effort to raise the $5 million necessary for a naming license.

The name change has been approved by Robert Callahan, FIU’s associate vice president for development for University Advancement. However, the name change won’t happen unless the money is raised. Since the money must be collected from organizations outside of FIU, Daugherty expects most contributions to come from journalists who worked with or admired Miller or foundations that support journalism and education.

Although the fund-raiser is still in its beginning stages, Daugherty said she has already received a $3,000 contribution from a small foundation she contacted.

Daugherty will announce an honorary fund raising campaign committee in a few weeks. According to Daugherty, the idea of naming SJMC after the 48-year Miami Herald veteran occurred to her after visiting his widow, Caroline Miller, on the second anniversary of his funeral in June.

Daugherty sat in front of Miller in the newsroom of The Miami Herald from 1976 to 1985. She said Miller, who was known for his brand of hard-hitting, fact-filled reporting, helped Millerize several of her stories.

“I remember once investigating a doctor who ran a small hospital in a very poor Miami- Dade community. The guy was receiving millions of dollars in Medicaid payments a year with only a couple hundred patients. [It] started out as a pretty boring Medicaid fraud story. Gene’s suggestions turned it into a fascinating piece about an already rich doctor’s greed and exploitation of unsuspecting, poor, young women,” Daugherty said.

Caroline, a former Miami Herald reporter and current assistant US attorney in Miami, has known Daugherty for many years and also supports the fund-raiser.

“Gene was a doer, not an academic, but he had a deep respect for academic institutions and seeing fine journalists go to The Miami Herald from FIU,” Caroline said.

Miller’s hard-hitting reporting won him two Pulitzer Prizes. He won the first in 1967 after extensive investigations that freed two innocent people from prison, both who were convicted of separate murders.

His second Pulitzer came in 1976 after eight years of reporting on two Death Row inmates charged with killing two gas station attendants in Port St. Joe, Florida. There was no evidence, only confessions beaten out of the men by police officers. Miller wrote almost all of the 130 Miami Herald articles written about the inmates as well as a book on the subject, Invitation to a Lynching. Miller’s investigative reporting resulted in both men being freed.

Miller died of cancer on June 17, 2005 near his South Miami home. He was 76 years old.

Caroline believes her late husband would have been honored to be named for FIU’s SJMC.

“Gene was in his late 70’s when he passed but was still a person of tremendous energy and youth of spirit [before he died],” Caroline said. “I know he would have loved for a school full of smart-aleck, young journalists named for him.”

CASH FLOW
GRAB AND GO: Graduate student Bowen Liu grabbed $50 after participating in a Welcome Week event called “Blizzard Bucks,” which took place at the Wolfe University Center Aug. 31.

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At the Bay

NEWSFLASH
Ceremony, vendor fair to commemorate Sept. 11

The following events will take place on Sept. 11 in order to honor those who died on Sept. 11, 2001. A multi-faith vendor fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Panther Square within the Wolfe University Center. Religious vendors and organizations from around the North Miami community will pass out their information to students.

After the fair, the Pledge to a Promise ceremony will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Mary Ann Wolfe Theater in WUC. The ceremony will consist of a special non-denominational peaceful prayer to remember Sept. 11. Both events will be sponsored by Campus Life and Campus Ministry at BBC.

Career Fair to be hosted in WUC

The Office of Career Services and the Center for Leadership and Service at the Biscayne Bay Campus will host its sixth annual Part Time Job, Volunteer and Internship Fair on Sept. 30. The event will take place at WUC’s Panther Square from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Elliott Sklar at 305-919-5426 or contact Brown C. Barres at 305-919-5960.

--Compiled by Nicole Acosta
**THE RIAA VS. YOU**

**Note to music execs: sharing is nice**

**RICK MARTINEZ**

**Staff Writer**

Chances are, you are among the millions of people who download and share music on the Internet. For that, you may be a target of the Recording Industry Association of America.

You or a friend may have received a nasty letter asking to settle with the RIAA for an amount of money based on how much music you have been accused of sharing.

Typical settlements average above $3,000, and the RIAA has settled some 2,500 such cases. So far, Florida lawmakers have seen a cent from the RIAA’s all efforts to phase out trans fats were Florida to pass a similar law.

Music sharing, however, has brought artists money. Music sharing lets fans to try out new music without having to spend $15 on a new CD they can’t return if they don’t like it. It increases artist awareness and allows new bands to become popular faster than ever before. It has allowed musicians of all genres to reach their target audience and has boosted concert attendance.

But that about buying music online? Digital Rights Management makes buying tunes online a bad deal. It restricts how many copies of the song users can burn onto a CD or transfer to MP3 players. DRM also forces you to choose one sole provider of music and one compatible MP3 player. For example, if you buy protected music on iTunes, you can only play it on iTunes and your iPod.

Even Steve Jobs, CEO of Apple, Inc., opposes DRM. He says they only use it because the labels force them to.

The RIAA needs to understand that it’s by pleasing customers that you make them want to give you their money. The RIAA needs to find a compromise where recording companies and artists are properly compensated and listeners are happy with the cost of buying music.

For listeners, this should mean that if you buy a song, it’s yours — you own it and you can do what ever you want with it. It should also mean compatibility across music vendors and music players. If you want to buy a song on iTunes and put it on your Zune, you should be able to.

But so far, the RIAA has not made a real investment in research ing how to get music to customers in a way that pleases everyone.

Instead, its efforts have made it lose the respect of many of the artists the RIAA is supposed to represent and the confidence of many of its customers.

The RIAA should realize, a little bit of effort and investment could go a long way. It could make their business more profitable and their customers happier than ever before.

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**OPINION**

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**BK should phase out trans fats**

Let’s face it: the pickings are slim when it comes to eating healthy on campus. Pizza and burgers abound. Sure, Subway and Einstein Bros. offer healthier sandwiches, but they’re fast food nonetheless.

But unless they’re at Burger King, health-conscious students at least have the comfort of knowing that their grub is trans-fat free.

Aramark, FIU’s food service provider, phased out cooking oil containing artery-clogging trans fats last year, said their district manager, Jonathan Garcia.

But though Aramark can replace trans-fat shortening with healthier Maizola oil in its own kitchens, it has no control over the oils used in the restaurants it runs as franchises, like Pollo Tropical and Burger King.

Of all the franchise restaur- ants on campus, Burger King is the only one still using trans fats in its kitchen.

According to a May 17 Miami Herald article, Burger King intends to scrap trans fats by around late 2008.

Not soon enough. That’s at least a year and a half from now. In fact, Burger King doesn’t even have a set date for replacing its cooking oils in Florida.

Right now, it’s focusing on making its food healthier in Philadelphia and New York, which have banned the use of trans fat in restaurants by 2008.

That move suggests that, were Florida to pass a similar law, Burger King would make all efforts to phase out trans fats within months.

So far, Florida lawmakers have neglected to pass such a law.

But that shouldn’t mean Florida students should wait more than a year before getting trans-fat-free burgers.

Every other vendor on campus has eliminated trans fats. Many restaurants near campus have already phased them out as well.

If everyone else on and around campus — whether large chain or mom-and-pop joint — has phased out trans fats in their kitchen, Burger King can do it, too.

Clinic needs longer hours

Starting Fall 2007, students paid $67.20 in health fees — $20 more than in previous years.

Administrators justified this 35% plus fee increase by saying the money would be used to extend operating hours at the General Medical Clinic on FIU’s University Park Campus.

In a sudden change in tack, university officials decided that extending the clinic’s operating hours is too expensive.

They tried the expanded operating schedule for a few months, but staff shortages and liability issues cut the project short.

Now, they’re figuring out how else to spend that money.

As a result, FIU is currently negotiating an agreement with Baptist Health Systems.

Under the agreement, students would get a yet-unspeci- fied discount for treatment at Baptist clinics near either FIU campus.

This agreement is an unac- ceptable alternative to extend- ing the clinic’s hours.

Consider each alternative:

As far as good deals on health care go, a discounted fee at an expensive private clinic does not compare to free service at a University facility.

Besides, a rebate coupon at the private hospital is just not worth a $20 hike in health fees.

Dr. Robert Dollinger, exec- utive director of FIU’s Univer- sity Health Services, should make good on his original plan: extended hours for the clinic.

Otherwise, he needs to score a heck of a deal with Baptist to make up for this switcharoo.

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Skin becomes canvas for self-expression

As I was reading the magazine *Vida Americana* (translated as "American Life"), I stumbled upon a short article titled "Do you suffer from stomach cancer?" The article offered a checklist of stomach cancer symptoms. As I decided to check off every symptom that I suffer normally, I was astonished that I checked 83 percent of the list.

The checklist included these symptoms: abdominal pain, indigestion, bloating sensation, nausea and heartburn.

Alarmed by the results, I decided to find out more on the topic and do some research on stomach cancer.

According to the National Cancer Institute, stomach cancer, also known as gastric cancer, is a disease in which malignant (cancerous) cells form in the lining of the stomach.

An extended list of symptoms given by Baptist Health South Florida Hospital includes discomfort in the abdomen, diarrhea or constipation and vomiting blood or blood in the stool.

I do not suffer from any of the symptoms on the extended list but my concern is that I could start experiencing them if I don’t take care of the symptoms I suffer now.

But first, what is the cause of these symptoms? Currently, there is no certain cause to stomach cancer, but Baptist Health South Florida Hospital suggests these as risk factors: diets high in salted foods and starch and low in fiber and tobacco abuse.

Statistics from The American Cancer Society show that about 21,260 Americans will be diagnosed with stomach cancer in 2007. "There will be about 11,210 deaths from this type of cancer in 2007," said its web site.

If you have doubts about your physical state and if you suffer from this disease, the following tests may be used to determine your condition: physical exams, blood chemistry studies, complete blood count (CBC) and CT scan (CAT scan).

Treatment will be determined by factors such as your age, overall health and medical history.

Our lifestyle and diet definitely affects us on many ways and if we do not pay attention to it, stomach cancer could be a regrettable consequence. Make sure to watch over what you eat and control your habits to help you stay healthy.
Junior Sebastian Garcia plays basketball at least four times a week at the University Park Recreation Center, a facility he enjoys because it’s easily accessible to students.

“This is a great facility. One of the best in Miami,” Garcia said. Besides a gym consisting of 12,500 square-feet of fitness space including free use of weights, resistance machines and cardio equipment, FIU offers a wide variety of recreational facilities for students at UP and the Biscayne Bay Campus such as pools, gyms, tennis and racquetball courts.

But with a student population of 39,500 registered as of Fall 2006, statistics show that the majority of FIU students are not taking advantage of these facilities.

The number of Recreation Center uses this past fiscal year, based upon ID card reader statistics, was over 310,000 – an average of eight visits per student per year.

This was up from 260,000 visits last fiscal year, meaning more students are using the University’s facilities, but there was also an increase in student population: approximately 2,000 students.

Tennis court use, racquetball court use and Panther Hall pool usage adds more than 30,000 annual uses – many of which are recurring individuals, however.

All recreation services are paid for by students through the Activity and Services fee of approximately $11 per credit hour and are then available at no additional charge to all enrolled students.

Director of Recreational Facilities Robert Frye believes that just like any extracurricular activity, participation is mostly affected by people’s schedules and other things going on in their lives – classes, studying and life itself.

“We can’t meet everyone’s needs,” just as the Graham Center, SPC [the Student Programming Council], Greek Life or Housing can’t meet everyone’s needs. We can provide the opportunities, the information, the programs and the facilities, but you can’t force people to participate,” Frye said.

Junior Christopher Bello cites limited time as a reason that someone may not use the facilities.

“When I am on campus, I’m either in class or working. Between balancing work and school, I don’t have a lot of free time. There just aren’t enough hours in the day,” Bello said.

But, according to sophomore Mario Semiglia, the reason could be that students don’t know about the available facilities.

“I wasn’t aware that we had pools on campus,” Semiglia said. “I use the gym, but I didn’t know we had pools and tennis courts. I will definitely be using them now.”

Despite some lack of awareness and conflicting schedules, Frye encourages students to visit the Recreation Center and is putting forth maximum effort in order to accomplish this. He is doing this by promoting the facilities through freshman orientation and first-year experience classes.

“Everyone is paying for them, might as well use them,” Semiglia said.
Professor chooses Harry Potter over conventional textbooks

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Harry Potter is a book series that many students have grown up with, but when used for teaching in a college classroom, it’s a bit of a touchy subject. Nevertheless, adjunct English professor Kenneth Claus ignores the touchiness and analyzes the books in his early morning classes.

Claus uses the books in his ENC 1101 and 1102 courses, but for the Fall semester, he is only teaching ENC 1101 early morning classes.

According to Claus, about half of the students know that he uses the Harry Potter novels while the other half are taken by surprise. Freshman Wendy Perich, who took one of Claus’s courses in Summer B, recalled her reaction when learning that she would be reading stories of the young wizard.

“When I walked into Professor Claus’ class, I wasn’t sure what to expect,” said Perich. “I took my seat and waited for class to begin. He stood up, began to tell us about the class and when I heard that we were going to be reading Harry Potter I was almost too excited to start.”

Claus said that many ideas for essays arise from reading the Harry Potter books – students will usually read two of the novels; themes range from good versus evil to racial cleansing.

Despite the potential essay topics stemming from the books, his method of instructing the composition class isn’t free from criticism, particularly from his fellow professors.

“When half of them knock it, but if you’re going to knock it step up,” Claus said.

He said that many professors look down on the books because they are technically children’s books. But according to Claus, they are more of a hybrid book series meant for both children and adults.

“As a fellow teacher, it is not something I would do,” said English Department Chair Carmela McIntyre. “He is using [the Harry Potter novels] with great success.”

According to McIntyre, in recent years the English department had to enforce stricter curriculum policies because of the varying quality of courses.

“There was not enough oversight,” McIntyre said. “It did not serve the students well.”

According to Kimberly Harrison, director of composition for the English department, the ENC programs are moving toward more national standards, but as long as Claus accomplishes the set goals and criteria set up by the department, he has leeway in the methods he chooses to meet them.

Regardless of the minor disagreements in his teaching method with other professors, Claus said he is spoiled with the students he teaches.

“Attendance remains very high,” Claus said. “Usually only one student is missing if any.”

The feeling is mutual for Claus’ students as well.

“He was very involved with all of the students,” said freshman Melissa Rodriguez. “He just has a great outlook on life and teaches so that his students can learn and not so that he can get money.”

Claus also believes that teachers should treat their students with the same level of respect they expect from the students.

“You don’t treat them like middle school students,” Claus said. “A good teacher is always a student.”

Claus also believes that teachers should treat their students with the same level of respect they expect from the students. He tends to go the extra mile in helping people and have become completely intolerant of intolerance.

“Professor Kenneth Claus chooses to use the Harry Potter books to teach his students to write various types of essays in his freshman composition and literary analysis courses. He also teaches religion classes at Miami-Dade College.
FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

First game looks to be a challenge

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Head coach Mario Cristobal and the rest of the Golden Panthers will encounter a brutal splash of reality from the Penn State Nittany Lions, 107,000-seat Beaver Stadium, and legendary coach Joe Paterno Saturday Sept. 1. It is going to be loud, it isn’t going to be pretty, and more than likely it is going to hurt.

The offensive will showcase their new talents and system against a school notorious for producing All-American linemen and a secondary led by blazing junior Justin King, one of the top corners in the nation.

Meanwhile, Dan Conner will be replacing two-time Bednarik Award winner Paul Posluszny at middle linebacker, and the comparisons between Conner and the NFL linebacker have been made.

While the offense will be hard pressed to put up points on the board, the defense has made the best choice to keep this game competitive. While the Lions rushing attack is sufficient, it is the weak spot of their offense and the Panthers will need to shut it down in order to force the ball into quarterback Anthony Morelli’s hands, from where the secondary can create the turnovers needed to keep this game close.

The impact of playing this game on the road is paramount. The quarterback position, already one of the most uncertain spots on the team, will face with near certainty a far different atmosphere than any he has ever played in before, and anybody would be a fool to believe that it will not affect them.

It will be up to the running back tandem of Julius Reams and A’mod Ned to provide consistency if the offense stalls.

While it is obvious that the Golden Panthers are in over their heads in the season opener, do not count out a close game. Last year they faced a team of equal talent in the Miami Hurricanes, and while the scoreboard indicated a blowout, the score was only 13-0 leading up to the infamous brawl.

The team displayed a strong amount of resolve last year, from the Orange Bowl Game to the tough seven overtime loss to Middle Tennessee. Starting from the opening snap, they are going to need to apply their mental toughness on the field.

Turnovers will tell the tale of this game. The offense must not put the ball on the ground or give away easy turns, and while it seems the most basic of strategies, it can mean the difference between a reasonable game going into the fourth quarter or the third stringers seeing extended play time.

One bright note for the Panthers is that this is far and away their toughest game of the season and can be an on-the-job lesson in mental toughness and self-accountability.

Above all, success at any level will breed the confidence needed for this young team as they continue their tough streak through Sept.

Veterans mesh with younger players to compose new defensive makeup

“The game looks to be a challenge,” said Head Coach Smith. “While the offense will be hard pressed to put up points on the board, the defense has made the best choice to keep this game competitive.”

The secondary returns Lionel Singleton, who is arguably the team’s top returning player after tying the school record with five interceptions last season. He was given honorable mention by sportslust.com in the 2006 All-American team. Singleton, who has been hurt for much of camp, will be opposite of Robert Mitchell, who recorded two interceptions last season.

With the veteran leadership in place, it is the young linebackers who will likely be the key to the unit’s success this season, and the departed linebacker’s advice on being humble and keeping a strong work ethic has had an impact already.

“We are here to play football, not here for girls or any other distractions,” Bryant said. “Just football.”

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College athletes learning from Vick's recent troubles

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to Goodell and Blank about the case.

"We'll keep the conversation and what was said between us," Beamer said when asked if Vick also had lied to them at their meeting in New York.

Beamer said he hasn't spoken with Vick since, and it's clear Vick's problems is not a favorite topic.

The Hokies already are in the midst of an intense week, preparing for the first game since a gunman killed 32 people and himself on the Virginia Tech campus.

The shootings happened nine days before local officials in Surry County raided a home Vick owned as part of a drug investigation, setting off what evolved into the dogfighting probe that has seen Vick and three associates plead guilty.

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"For him to come out and talk about it and (say) 'Yes, I did it and I'm sorry' and to apologize to the kids, that's the main thing," he said. "It's the kids that look up to him and once you say sorry to them, there's not much you can say after that.'"
FOOTBALL

More responsibilities for new defense

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Last year’s lone bright spot, the defense, was overshadowed by negativity. But amidst all the negativity the defense still maintained some recognition.

The Golden Panthers featured former linebackers Antwan Barnes, James Black, Alex Bostic and Keyonvis Bouie, who combined for 333 tackles en route to being ranked 28th in the nation in total defense. The group featured Barnes, who was the first player ever selected in the NFL’s amateur draft.

Although the core of the defense left, the graduated linebackers bequeathed a message of advice behind to the young players looking to fill the holes they left. “Some people talk, some people just do,” sophomore linebacker Scott Bryant said. “They taught me that being humble is a very important thing.”

Fellow sophomore linebacker Michael Dominguez, who is the favorite to start at weakside linebacker, shares this sentiment. “Some people talk, some people just do.”

Bryant and Dominguez, along with fellow linebackers Tyler Clawson, Matt Garris, Mannie Willington and Armond Willis are all promising underclassmen who will try to replace the core of last season’s defense, which led the nation in tackles for loss.

Bryant is the centerpiece of the new linebacker core, and has impressed new head coach Mario Cristobal with his efforts in practice.

“My motor,” Cristobal told The Miami Herald. “The first word that comes to mind is ‘he’s got a motor,’ he’s a buzz saw.”

Cristobal believes the team is feeding off Bryant’s effort and beginning to resemble his style of play as a team. “The guy is going to be a Cannibal. That type of play is infectious and spreads fast, its going to help out the team.”

Veteran Defensive tackle Ronald Clarke has noticed Bryant’s impact already. “Scotty Bryant gets to the ball fast,” Clarke told The Miami Herald. “When he gets there he has a lot of explosion so you’re going to feel it when he gets to you.”

Bryant is aware of how successful defenses require several key players, not just one. “We got our hats flying everywhere, we’re bringing energy. But without Tyler [Clawson], Mike [Dominguez] and the rest of them, I would not be in the position that I am now.”

Bryant, who played linebacker at Lake-land High School, saw extended playing time following the highly publicized brawl with the University of Miami on Oct. 14 of last season that saw many veteran players suspended.

The group featured Barnes, who was the first player ever selected in the NFL’s amateur draft, and produced immediately. Bryant picked up 16 of his 21 total tackles during the final three games of the season and has seen his momentum carry into camp. He enters the season as the favorite to step in full time at strong side linebacker. Coaches and players believe Bryant and others can fill in and produce immediately.

“They have to be the best they can be,” said defensive coordinator Phil Galiano on Bryant. “They can’t just one. Scotty Bryant is a guy that producers immediate impact.”

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“Statistics can be misleading,” Cristobal said. We need to make sure everyone picks up their assignments and does the right things.”

The players have received message. “People come and go,” Dominguez said.

SUFFOCATING DEFENSE: Senior defensive back Lionel Singleton brings down a USF wide receiver

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FIU 3, NEU 2

FIU (1-0) mustered a 3-2 (21-30, 30-22, 25-30, 21-15) come-from-behind victory against the Northeastern University (0-1) at the Cal Molten Classic in Berkeley, Calif. for the first win of the season.

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 Idaho recorded the first point of the game, but would be their only lead of the first two games, which they lost 22-30 and 15-30 respectively. Game three was the Golden Panthers worst game as they fell 22-30, but the team bounced back clinching the victory in game four with efficient play. Both sides made only four attacking errors.

FIU, CALIFORNIA 3

The only ranked opponent in the Cal Molten Classic gave FIU its biggest challenge as FIU (2-1) lost their first contest of the season against No. 12 California (0-3) (30-23, 30-16, 30-21) in Berkeley, Calif. FIU’s offensive output was reduced by more than half as outside hitter Yarimar Rosa recorded 11 kills versus her 20+ performances in the previous two games. Angie Pressie was named tournament’s Most Valuable Player propelled her team to a perfect tournament (3-0).

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