Men's Soccer
Winless start to season

Professor leaves after 35 years

Andrew Lenis
Staff Writer

Not only is Howard Rock an American History professor, he has brought about change as a member of the Faculty Senate. He has most recently taken part in a lawsuit against the Florida Legislature over the control of the state's public universities' tuition. “The tuition increase that was vetoed by Governor [Charlie] Crist amounted to $10 per course, that's like one trip to McDonald's. The universities in Florida are under funded and a tuition increase will help students,” Rock said.

Aside from serving on the Faculty Senate for 25 years, Rock was also on the FIU Board of Trustees and the Florida Board of Governors from 2003 to 2004. He did this because he wanted different focuses throughout his life. Rock will be retiring after this Spring; he plans to spend his retirement writing another book on the history of New York in the time of Jefferson, among other things.

“I have the greatest respect for what Professor Rock has done. He has been an extremely effective spokesperson for the faculty and universities at the local, as well as the statewide level,” said Bruce Hauptli, spokesperson for the faculty and professor of philosophy.

Rock also founded the Faculty Club in the Graham Center where all University Park or Biscayne Bay campuses are required to meet at least once a month, but can meet as often as the couple deems necessary.

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Women’s Center advertisement for the program. All female FIU students qualify as mentees for the program.

Wright would like to encourage all eligible students to take advantage of the program. Wright is taking a bit of her own advice, and joining as a mentor.

“I had the option to be a mentor, but for me, being a new student … this is a new transition for me, so I think it’d be good to have a mentor to get adjusted,” Wright said.

Interested students can obtain an involvement form at www.fiu.edu/women.

The deadline to return the forms is Sept. 14 at 4 p.m. For more information call the Women’s Center at 305-348-1506.

Women's mentoring program provides guidance

Christina Vega
Asst. News Director

Living in what seems to be a man’s world, the Women’s Center at FIU is working to give female students an upper hand through their Mentoring Partnerships Program.

The program is meant to provide female students at FIU with a sense of belonging at the University, networking opportunities, as well as provide guidance and support for the student with their current schooling and future career choices.

“The value of a mentor relationship is that it differs from one with a professor, advisor or friend,” said Browne Barres, coordinator for the Women’s Center and the Center for Leadership. “You can get friendly [with your mentor] but you can also gain experience in things that interest you.”

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Women’s mentors will include chief financial officers, FIU professors and more, according to a
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**Exhibit reveals propaganda in children’s books**

**DANIELLA BACIGALUPO** Contributing Writer

It’s hard to believe that books with passages such as, “any person who tells us that this war isn’t any of our business doesn’t know what he’s talking about,” can qualify as a children’s book.

Yet My Book to Help America (1942) is just that, and the current exhibit at the Wolfsonian Museum in Miami Beach, Indoculturizing Youth: Selections from the Wolfsonian Museum in a children’s book.

The content of a couple of books, such as encouraging children to buy stamps, conducting scrap drives for the military, and another promoting laughter as the means to defeat Hitler, seem innocent enough.

Nonetheless, it’s hard to call the books subtle as the majority of them depict strong war images such as children wearing gas masks and an alphabet book from World War II with Adolf Hitler, Hermann Goring and Joseph Goebbels in stocks on the cover. Even others demonize the enemy by casting the opponents in negative stereotypes or as threatening animals like wolves.

“One of the things that makes such an enormous collection is that it shows different players in the various wars, especially during World War I and World War II,” Luca said.

One person not surprised by the content in the exhibition is Professor Brian Peterson from the History Department at FIU. An expert on Nazi Germany and Soviet Communism, Peterson explained that propaganda was a big thing during the Nazi and Soviet totalitarian regimes, which tried to control everyone’s thinking and life.

“They especially wanted to get to children while they were young,” Peterson said.

He mentioned that youth programs like the American Boy Scouts were also popular ways of fostering nationalist sentiments in the children. The Nazi version of the Boy Scouts was called the Hitler Youth.

While there were similarities between American, Nazi and Soviet propaganda, Peterson added that the dividing line seems to be setting the children against their parents, something that was encouraged in totalitarian states.

Peterson mentioned a famous story from the Soviet Union involving a peasant boy who reports his father for anti-communist sentiments to Soviet authorities. The boy was considered a hero by the communist leadership.

While the exhibit at the Wolfsonian only has 23 books, it can be considered a preview to an enlarged exhibition that will open December at the Green Library in University Park and which will also include a wide range of contemporary books, war games and three-dimensional propaganda pieces from the Boer War, WWI and WWII.

“It will be a different look at propaganda and censorship. Posters and usual advertisement make [propaganda] seem more adult,” said Althea “Vicki” Silvera, the department head and university librarian of the Special Collections section of GL.

“Look forward to the exhibition because I have never tied childhood with propaganda before.”

**PHOTO COURTESY OF THE WOLFSONIAN**

**“A IS FOR ADOLF:** An alphabet book displays Hitler, Goring and Goebbels in stocks on its cover.

**Berkman: With hope Legislature honors budget commitments**

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Gov. Crist’s plan and its back on any agreement, FIU will not be able to afford the required cuts to the College of Medicine on schedule and the University would not have any legal recourse.

“We’re hoping that the Legislature honors their commitment in the budget,” Berkman said.

Although the Legislature has made no mention on whether the development of either school will be postponed indefinitely, Maidique has faith that both are still top priorities.

“I’m absolutely convinced we have the support of the College of Medicine and the College of Medicine and the University,” Maidique told The Beacon.

When asked about the $80 million, Maidique commented that the money is not coming out of the State University System.

FIU has already hired faculty and signed an affiliation agreement with Jackson Memorial Hospital to provide care to the indigent. FIU has also received approval for an accreditation site visit by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education, the accrediting agency in medical education for the College of Medicine, according to Maidique.

“A special session of the Legislature to address the budget was scheduled for later this month but was abruptly cancelled after agreements could not be reached as to how the cuts should be handled according to Berkman.

While no plans have been made, a proposed trip to Tallahassee for the next Legislature meeting has been made an option, according to Jordan.

Of all the Universities that have specific line item cuts proposed by Gov. Crist, FIU has the most: four.

The University of Central Florida and Florida State University have two.

From the direct proposed cuts, FIU would stand to lose approximately $10 million.

In the Sept. 6 press release, Maidique encourages those students who wish to voice their concerns or opinions directly, to contact their elected officials at http://government.fiu.edu.

“We’re doing research to determine what is out there,” Berkman said.

“We will be putting the credit service out to bid along with banking services and credit cards, etc. The bid itself will be more attractive to investors.”

The Office of Business Services declined a second interview and referred The Beacon to The Office of Relations.

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According to Media Relations, business and financial services was first trying to compose the RFP in-house, the task has been outsourcing.

“Business Services has abandoned the effort to put together an RFP in-house and are now in the process of hiring a consultant who specializes in that area,” Media Relations said in an e-mail.

Townsend was on vacation and was not available to answer follow-up questions on what this meant.

Currently, the bank that FIU affiliations with and promotes for student use is the University Credit Union while Bank of America also offers banking services to FIU. The lease for the space the University Credit Union occupies was up in September 2009, and is currently operating on a month-to-month contract that can expire at any time.

Marbely Hernandez, president of UP-Student Government Council, who represents the student body at FIU, said Townsend has already worked on some ways of improving the services available through the Panther Card.

Hernandez is interested in offering services such as meal equivalency and the ability to use the card as a debit card outside of the University.

“It would be good to have the card available around town so students could be able to use banks at the mall or other areas around town without worry,” Hernandez said.
**FIU complies, reveals names**

The Recording Industry Association of America sent 433 pre-lawsuit letters to university students in late April. Sixteen of the letters were sent to FIU.

The RIAA figured out the 16 students’ Internet Protocol and MAC addresses that they used on FIU’s wireless network. The RIAA approached FIU with the addresses and the university turned over the students’ identities after a subpoena was issued.

There’s certainly room for debating whether file sharing should really be illegal, and even whether it’s right for the RIAA to collect settlement money on behalf of artists.

But it’s not really up to FIU to arbitrate that debate. FIU’s actions in turning over the students’ identities to the RIAA were appropriate. As a public institution, it must comply with copyright laws, regardless of any philosophical debates on file sharing.

As far as the 16 students who received the letters go, they got what was coming to them. Illegal file sharing is wrong, plain and simple. What makes it even worse is that these students were using public resources to engage in illegal activities.

As a public university, FIU is an extension of the state - the same state that makes the laws and enforces them.

If you carry out illegal activity using a state-owned network and you get caught, well, you asked for it.

**Football team’s success should be measured in future, not present**

Penn State welcomed new head football coach Mario Cristobal and his staff with a 59-0 loss Sept. 1.

Though the loss was a hoopla, Kansas and the University of Miami. When witnessing the struggles and shortcomings of the team this year, one should look to the glimmers of hope that each game produces because the success of the program hinges on the future, not the present.

It’s obvious that Athletic Director Pete Garcia and Cristobal are building this team for the future. With success comes not only glory and veneration, but money. Athletics gives a university a face and platform, as well as a means of generating profit for a university that’s already tight for money.

Money received from alumni donations can help fund other programs and schools, not just Athletics.

With such a heavy emphasis being placed on football - $31 million dollar stadium, new coaches and better training facilities - students, faculty, administration and alumni will be looking for the investment’s return immediately. Hopefully it will come sooner rather than later.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

**Do you think the Office of Financial Aid is doing a good job?**

- Yes – They are reliable when it comes to notifying students about deadlines and helping meet financial needs.
- Yes – It is not their fault some students cannot get their papers in on time. They disburse funds in a reasonable amount of time.
- I don’t care either way.
- No – They consistently fail to notify students about deadlines and missing documentation.
- No – They take forever to disburse leftover funds and ignore the needs of the student body.

**KASSANDRA POOL**

Staff Writer

The lines, the wait for reimbursement and the urgent need to pay tuition in fear of being dropped from classes can become a nightmare for students who deal with the Office of Financial Aid.

Away on vacation and lacking access to the Internet, Jonny Garcia, a junior, was unaware that his application for financial aid was unprocessed and incomplete.

Since the Office of Financial Aid never told him he was missing paperwork, Garcia was dropped from all his classes.

The damage to his schedule was irreparable and it was up to Garcia to pick up the pieces. He was left with no choice but to re-enroll in all his classes, which by then were all full.

It seems the Office of Financial Aid is doing just about everything wrong: flawed customer service, poor communication with students, over-complicated application processes, and long waits to fix problems.

For example, why make students wait in line just to turn in a few sheets of paper with some signatures? According to Garcia, there were a few more students waiting in line for the same reason.

Rather than having students make the long line, they could have an inbox where students can simply drop their documents to be collected and processed throughout the day.

Lines would be shorter and students who have been dropped from classes can instead use the time they spend waiting to fix their schedules.

No e-mails were sent to notify Garcia about his situation.

He had to dig into Panthoerxt to find out what was going on with his tuition payment.

“If someone has never been to Panthoerxt they would never know about the ‘To Do List’ [feature in the software].”

“People might think they can create an agenda for themselves or something” he said.

But as far as sending students e-mails go, it seems the Financial Aid office is inconsistent with its methods.

I remember receiving an e-mail from them sometime in the Spring semester telling me what papers I had to turn in for my money to be disbursed for the fall.

But why didn’t Garcia receive a similar e-mail?

It’s because the Office of Financial Aid doesn’t stick to one consistent method of notifying students of the status of their financial aid application.

There isn’t one consistent place where students can go to find out if their application’s missing something.

Students can’t know if they have a hold on their accounts unless they’re persistent enough in periodically checking Pantherxt.

Most FIU students work either part time or full time while managing to study full time.

Students need to design their schedules in advance and resolve any conflicts that arise between school and work.

The Office of Financial Aid may or may not be aware of this, but they can do serious damage to a student when they decide to drop all of his or her classes.

It wouldn’t hurt to figure out a way to work with, and not against, students when it comes to resolving financial aid issues.

As Garcia suggested, there are better ways to handle these cases.

“It can’t financial aid give you the option to hold your classes until you pay either your tuition in full or a certain amount to keep those classes?”

We are all here to receive an education to start a career in the near future.

But to get an education at FIU, students must also invest their efforts on jumping bureaucratic hurdles while managing to not drop their baton, or in this case, their classes.

The amount of red tape there is to trip over at FIU puts students at a disadvantage from the race’s start.

Classes are hard enough. Administrative red tape shouldn’t make getting an education even harder than it already is.
Beat the Heat

Campus spots help students stay cool under the sun

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With summer vacation over, most students forget that hot days still linger on until the end of September. Finding a cool spot at FIU may seem like a pretty hard task, but if one knows where to look, avoiding those hot and sticky moments can be a lot easier.

CAMPUS POOLS

Located in University Park’s housing quad, the Panther Hall Pool is open to all FIU students and staff. Although it may seem difficult at first to juggle classes and find time to walk over to the pool, students such as Sara Lopez find the trek rewarding.

“Since I’ve been going to the pool during my free time, I’ve noticed a shift in my moods,” Lopez said. “All of a sudden I feel happier and less uncomfortable. The horrible heat usually made me cranky and left me feeling like I needed to shower three times a day.”

The Biscayne Bay Campus has a pool of its own: a 50-meter Olympic-sized one adjacent to the Wolfe University Center. According to the FIU Recreation Services website, www.fi.edu/~camprec, that pool is currently closed for repair and renovation.

Panther Hall Pool hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

STARBUCKS

For students who are tired of running to the water fountain, Starbucks is one option when seeking a flavorful drink. With two Starbucks located on UP (one on the second floor of Bookstore and the other on the first floor of the Green Library), hundreds of students line up throughout the day to grab a Frappuccino or iced coffee to stay cool and awake.

“As soon as I walk into Starbucks, the smell of freshly brewed coffee and the cozy atmosphere instantly comforts me,” said student Juan Mendez. “I love having a place to relax after a long day. Even the people that work there are friendly and efficient. The line always goes fast and I never have to wait too long.”

ROCKING TABLES

Hiding from the sun while still being outside is not impossible. The rocking tables located near the fountain between Primera Casa, the Graham Center and GL, are open to anyone regardless of time of day. The tables are highly popular, however, so students have to be in search of an empty one. Because of their covered roofs, the tables are an ideal location for students such as Carlos Ninao, who uses them for a daytime break.

“I usually take a 15 minute nap in these rocking tables – that gets me through the day and relaxes me,” said Ninao. “The weather there is perfect.”

A breeze usually swings by making it a perfect spot for having lunch or doing homework.

GREEN LIBRARY

“Every time I walk into the Green Library, I can’t help feeling alleviated and renovated,” said student Felicia Rodriguez. “It is like jumping into a pool or strolling in the rain after a walk in the desert.

With spacious commodities, Green Library is the place to be when heat overtakes the air. With numerous computers and seating arrangements, Rodriguez nominates the Green Library as her destined spot for a hot summer day.

“When I’m in a hurry to get some reading done, and I can’t seem to find a spot outside due to the weather,” she said. “I quickly stroll to the seventh floor of the library. The view from up there leaves you speechless, and the environment is perfect for studying.

WATER FOUNTAINS

Water is essential for survival, and it’s especially helpful for these hot summer days. In nearly every building on campus, there are water fountains for thirsty students on the run.

Business major Laura Menard finds the fountains useful because they are everywhere and allow her to refill her water bottle throughout the day without having to buy a new drink each time she’s thirsty.

“Love the fact that water is free,” she said. “I don’t want to be paying for water when you can actually find it free as you walk FIU ground. I just bring my bottle from home and refill it every chance I get…can’t get easier than that.”
Internships key to finding job

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It’s back to school time and many students are thinking about classes and enhancing their experience within the work field. According to business magazine Forbes, one of the best ways for college students to succeed and advance their careers is to work as an intern, which allows students the opportunity to build up their resumes, gain hands-on work experience and network.

Lorenzo Rodriguez, a Communication major, interned for a semester with the Walt Disney World College Program in Orlando and met people from all over the globe.

“I worked as a ride operator on the Indiana Jones ride at MGM Studios,” he said. “My favorite part of my job was that I got to introduce the ride and give a little speech before the ride began... It was never boring. I mean, I would look next to me and Pluto was my co-worker. I got to live on my own and experience a real work life.”

Although internships might not always involve working with your favorite cartoon character, they could be used as a stepping stone for an ideal job. Here are some ways college students have been landing internships and jobs:

Career Services, located in the Graham Center Cafeteria Annex on Sept. 4. The organization meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. in the annex to share their message of Christianity to anyone willing to listen.

“Love of the game” brings columnist to Las Vegas

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‘Love of the game’ brings columnist to Las Vegas

Las Vegas. We all think of going there, taking in the sights and winning it all on the strip. That wasn’t why I was there, though.

Not for the slots. Not for the roulettes or the blackjack tables or the other attractions Sin City has to offer. I was there from August 24-26 on the twilight of summer for one thing: EVO 2007.

The annual Evolution Championship Series is one of the top hot spots in video gaming competition for fighting games. Whether its old school, two-dimensional classics such as Super Street Fighter II Turbo or 3D placeholders such as Virtua Fighter 5, you’ll find hundreds of top-notch players from all over the world hungry for wins, money and bragging rights. With big name sponsors like Capcom, EVO has become more than just a place to play games – it’s become a grand spectacle for the gaming world.

All around, players gathered to cheer, bet on matches or even challenge others to back up their skills with cold hard cash. Upon arriving at the tournament, it hit me that this event was tailor made for Vegas. People can come to win or lose it all in EVO. I’ve talked about it with others. I’ve seen matches on Youtube.

But this year, it was different.

I was finally able to experience the Ninth EVO Championships in person: I had the opportunity to compete in EVO for Virtua Fighter 5, even if it was just to see how I’d fare compared to the rest of the world. Just waiting for a match to start was enough to make me uneasy about my skills as a player. I qualified for the semi-finals but didn’t last too long after that.

Considering some of my competition consisted of some of the top players from the United States and Japan, I had no regrets. At least I could say I did my best and I have all the reason to come back next year even better.

Of course, the trip wasn’t all just for the thrill of digital combat and the $5000 pot for 1st place. I finally had the chance to meet people I’ve talked to through the internet for years face to face and play casual matches in games that only few have even heard of and exchange stories. This is what it was about. These were people like me who saw video games as more than just a fad or a pasttime. It was something understood on another level that few can relate to.

Some have been to this very event for years to either face victory or defeat in a matter of minutes that could seem like an eternity with thousands of eyes watching every move. As fun as the environment is, it can get crazy like any other sport where just about anything can happen.


For love of the game and victory.

I didn’t know what to expect when I first came to Vegas and my 1st EVO, but now I can only wonder when and if I’ll ever get to come back to fight next year, providing my game of choice is offered as a major tournament.
Panthers host Maryland

DARREN COLLETTE Staff Writer

Coming off the worst margin of defeat in school history, a 59-0 drubbing at the hands of Penn State, the Golden Panthers will come home to take on yet another formidable opponent, the University of Maryland Terrapins.

Despite last week’s poor performance, head Golden Panthers’ defense managed to find success to begin the game. The defense played well on first and second downs and on offense Wayne Younger did pass for over 100 yards. However, the Panthers turned the ball over five times, gave up 549 total yards and rushed for negative three yards.

Despite what happened against Penn State, the Golden Panthers can come into the Maryland game with more confidence. This game will be played at the Orange Bowl against a familiar team who FIU almost defeated last season in a narrow 10-14 loss in College Park, MD.

In last seasons game, the Panthers saw a late lead slip through their hands, as a last second interception in the end zone ended what would have been the biggest upset in FIU history.

FIU will need to shutdown Maryland’s run attack led by Lance Ball and Keon Lattimore, who rushed for a combined 158 yards in a 31-14 win over Villanova last week.

The Terrapins also have a strong passing game led by quarterback Jordan Steffy, who completed 19 of 24 passes and passed for 178 yards. Steffy also gained 45 yards rushing on eight carries, including a 10-yard touchdown run.

After turning the ball over five times and fumbling six, the Panthers must avoid more turnovers.

Cornerback Lionel Singleton was responsible for three of these fumbles and must protect the ball better in the future.

The ground game will also need to gain a lot more than negative three yards if they hope to win.

The secondary needs to get on the same page because against Penn State they gave up over 300 passing yards. Offensively, the Panthers will be facing a defense that only gave up one touchdown last week.

After the loss to Penn State, head coach Mario Cristobal went on to say, “We made the typical young team errors. We gave the ball up in our own territory and had to fight our way back.”

Despite last week’s poor performance, could do some things to kind of irritate their offense. We have to go back and make sure we coach better, that we play better, make sure that our young guys play like they are older guys."

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Orange Bowl a better home for Panthers than ‘Cage’

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“advantage” has simply never existed. FIU had the 10th lowest average attendance in all of Division I-A football over the past two seasons according to the Indianapolis Star. In fact, the 2005 and 2006 two-year attendance average of 15,170 (15,147 and 15,193 respectively) was just a shade above the requisite 15,000 that each school needs to keep Division I-A eligibility.

With nothing to lose after a wireless 2006 campaign and a $31 million football facility on its way, new head coach Mario Cristobal and his football team have an opportunity to win some games in a football stadium ripe with history— even if that stadium is the home of the Canes.

The Orange Bowl is well past its prime as a premier football venue. The University of Miami has decided that the 2007 season will be its last season at the historic stadium.

The Canes will begin play at the new home Dolphins Stadium in 2008, as the Florida Marlins and the city of Miami are in the planning stages to convert the Orange Bowl grounds into a baseball only facility for the team.

With the Canes gone, this will likely be the last season of football played at the Orange Bowl after 70 years of storied football.

Opened in 1937, the Orange Bowl has hosted five Super Bowls, the Miami Dolphins from 1966 until 1987, and the Miami Hurricanes to this day. The stadium seats 72,319.

The FIU players will call “home” the same field that football legends Joe Namath and Franco Harris have once played on. head coach Cristobal will walk the same sidelines as legendary coaches Bear Bryant, Joe Paterno and Lou Holtz have roamed. Take away the history of the Orange Bowl and you have a decaying mass of rusted metal that many Miami residents consider an eyesore. That eyesore, however, is a drastic upgrade for the FIU faithful, who have been relegated to “The Cage” since the inception of the football program.

FIU should be proud to call the OB “home.”

And in a strange turn of events, FIU will be the last team to call the historic Orange Bowl “home.” As UM plays their last home game of the season on Nov. 10, and while FIU continues to play there until the season finale against North Texas on Dec. 1.

Second, the players should relish in the fact that they are playing in a true college football stadium even if it lacks the modern amenities found in most stadiums around the country.

The stadium is in the heart of Miami and will be imposing for opponents coming in from cities like Lafayette, Louisiana and Denton, Texas. It’s not like the Orange Bowl has to travel to the Gables and set up shop on UM’s campus.

It is possible that the Orange Bowl will be destroyed after the college season ends. If so, FIU and UM will say farewell to the college football relic. Whether the OB is destroyed or whether it is an upgrade from “The Cage,” is an uncertainty.

One thing is sure, the OB is the Golden Panthers’ home this season.

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Club finds success after second tournament away from home

RENALDO SMITH
Staff Writer

The women’s volleyball team is the best fall sport to win a game for FIU this season. The team recorded a 24-8 record in 2006, and have begun their 2007 season away from home until Sept. 14.

The team is currently riding a come from behind upset victory over hosts Missouri at the Tiger Invitational this past Sunday. After dropping the first two sets, the Golden Panthers rallied for a 3-2 (18-30, 22-30, 30-24, 30-27, 16-28) victory against a Missouri squad provided to the team. “The Cage” was a glory field advantage. Can the team defend the team be successful without a true home-field advantage? Can the team defend the house of a cross-town rival?

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Walking to class last week, I noticed the football team practicing on the new, yet unfinished, FIU Recreation Fields. The sounds of football practice - coaches’ whirlwinds, players yelling in unison and line-men exploding into blocking sleds - ripped through the air. The sounds of practice are the only ones that will be heard on FIU’s campus this season as construction crews continue working to turn “The Cage” into a brand new, state-of-the-art football stadium complete with club seating, luxury suites and The Panther Club. In the meantime, FIU will play all five of its 2007 home games at the Orange Bowl.

I thought to myself: Can the football team be successful without a true home-field advantage? Can the team defend the house of a cross-town rival?

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Women’s volleyball

The women’s volleyball team is the best fall sport to win a game for FIU this season. The team recorded a 24-8 record in 2006, and have begun their 2007 season away from home until Sept. 14.

The team is currently riding a come from behind upset victory over hosts Missouri at the Tiger Invitational this past Sunday. After dropping the first two sets, the Golden Panthers rallied for a 3-2 (18-30, 22-30, 30-24, 30-27, 16-28) victory against a Missouri squad provided to the team. “The Cage” was a glorified high school football stadium. The...