Museum to open in 2008

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It began in 1977 as a 2,000 square foot student gallery in University Park’s Primera Casa building. Now, the Frost Art Museum has grown into a 46,000 square foot building that stands on its own. The new building’s construction, from contract negotiations to completion, has been in progress for almost six years.

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Frost Museum delayed to attract larger crowds

In the Sept. 10 issue of The Beacon, the Daniel Bonachea should be given the photo credit of Howard Rock.

In the same issue, The Beacon misspelled Joseph Goebbels.

The Beacon will gladly change any errors. Call our U office at 305-348-2709 or BBC at 305-919-4722.

The Frost Art Museum has been under construction since 2003 and is being subject to many construction delays.
FLI Career Services hosts Mega Career Week

The Career Services Office is hosting a MEGA Career Week Sept. 19-24. The expression that will include workshops and activities designed to prepare FIU students for the Career Fairs on Sept. 25.

Workshops will include salary negotiations, interviewing skills and resume writing.

The workshops will take place every day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Graham Center Ballrooms.

Career Services is also offering the Executive Protégé Initiative in preparation of the Career Fair.

Participants of the EFI will be involved in programs such as Dress for Success, Business Etiquette Dinner and the opportunity to enter the Career Fair 30 minutes before anyone else. Students interested in the EFI program can contact Ashley Clayton at Ashley.Clayton@fiu.edu or call 305-348-2423.

The Career fair will take place Sept. 25 and over 100 employers are scheduled to attend the event. A complete list of employers and more information is available at www.fiu.edu/career.

NATIONAL Congress passes financial aid bill

In the wake of budget cuts and looming tuition hikes, there is a silver lining for students. The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives passed on the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, a bill that promises to grant additional aid for low-income students and help students repay their debts.

President Bush has said he will sign the bill, which was passed on Sept. 7, into law.

Lowering subsidies to private banks will pay for the bill instead of passing the money on to students. This will create no additional costs for taxpayers. Instead, lenders will receive a reduced rate of return for offering federal student loans and a slightly reduced reinsurance rate from the federal government.

The new act will help low-income students by increasing the amount offered in Pell Grants. The maximum amount, currently at $4,310, will be increased over the next four years to $6,000.

The grant will first increase by $490 over the next two school years and by $690 the following two school years. Currently, 5 million low-income students receive Pell Grants.

The act will also create an Income Based Repayment program that will allow indebted students to repay their loans as a percentage of their income.

Interest rates will also be reduced for students receiving subsidized Stafford loans.

Compiled by Christina Veiga

FIU/UM DEBATE

FIU and University of Miami students held a political debate titled “We the Students” on Sept. 10. The rally will be free and open to all FIU students, according to Viviana Jordan, director of legislative affairs for SGA.

“Math is something you have to learn by doing, not seeing,” Edward said.

Edward also believes students need to be careful when choosing their math courses since many people make the error of taking college algebra when it is not required in their majors.

For non-science and non-business majors, Edward suggests that students take finite or social choice math.

Don’t fall into the false belief that this course will be easier due to the familiarity with the material from high school,” Edward said. “We cannot leave any topics off because the syllabus is state-mandated.”

For college algebra tutoring information, visit the departmental Web site at http://w3.fiu.edu/math_help.htm.

We want to get students out there as soon as possible,” Jordan said. Busses will leave from the University Park campus Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. and arrive in Tallahassee the next morning.

Breakfast and refreshments will be provided by SGA, Jordan said.

The rally will start at noon and end at 1 p.m.

“It is going to be short, sweet and to the point,” Jordan said.

To participate in the rally, students must sign up in the SGA office located in the Graham Center, room 211, by Sept. 18 at 5 p.m.

SGA will not limit the number of students who can attend to the rally. Anyone interested will be allowed to attend.

“I am hoping to have a great amount of student support,” said SGA Vice-President Arthur “AJ” Meyer. “The rally will give students an experience they might not have otherwise.”

Students will return to FIU at approximately 10 p.m., according to Jordan.

Breakfast will be provided the morning of the rally and lunch and refreshments will be provided on the return trip.

SGA is also inviting Gov. Crist to attend the rally in an attempt to show him that SGA is not the only one concerned about their proposed cuts, but the entire student body as well, Meyer said.

Talks are also underway with the University of Central Florida in attempts to have its students join in on the rally.

UCF’s medical school funding was also among the proposed cuts.

“We want a strong presence, the capital that tells the governor FIU students fully support the medical school,” Jordan said. “And to remind the Legislature that we know that they will be supporting us in securing the funding is necessary.”
Club promotes use of sign language

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The members of Flying Fingers, a club that was started last summer, hope to increase awareness at FIU about the hearing-impaired and mute communities.

Brittney Eichler, the club’s president, has begun a petition through the club to bring back sign language classes to FIU. “We want to start a petition because [we] have a large community [at Uni- Versity Park],” Eichler said. “Our main concern is FIU offering sign language classes again and it is up to them where [the classes] are going to be offered at.”

Joanna Lindsay, the club’s advisor, supports the idea of bringing back sign language classes to FIU. “If FIU used to provide sign language classes... there weren’t enough stu- dents. It would help the school and the [student] body. I know students who have taken the classes... and taught others too about it,” Lindsay said.

The club began as a group on Facebook.com, a networking Web site, which escalated to per- forming as FIU’s only deaf and hard-hearing club. “We began as a club at the Biscayne Bay Campus, according to Eichler.”

“It is not only for the hearing impaired and mute, it is open to all students,” Eichler said.

“Our basic goals are to provide an environment for the deaf and hearing impaired [where the stu- dent body] is able to get together and familiarize with one another,” she said.

During the club meet- ings, everything is done by sign language, but people are more than welcome to join and be taught how to perform sign language, Eichler said.

“Learning from a book is a complete opposite from learning it in a small group. Last semester, we had one member who didn’t know sign language and learned [from us]. Those who know sign language and don’t mind [teaching] others, help them learn and inter- act. Just like there are slang words in any verbal language, there is slang in sign language and we teach members the basics with personal classes and then [teach them] as a club,” she said.

Flying Fingers club members look for different ways to address students about the inability to speak or hear. During a meeting in the fall, club members watched the movie Cars with captions.

The club also has social outings at Dave & Buster’s in Dolphin Mall in order to get the members together, according to Eichler.

These social dates are important for club mem- bers to intermingle, said Melanie Castronovo, activ- ities director. “It is part of our cul- ture,” Castronovo said. “Learning the language [is] to learn the culture...to interact.”

Because Eichler and most of the club members are based at UP, the club is interested in moving their meetings out of BBC, where they were originally based. The official transition to UP has not been made yet, Eichler said.

The club has already begun to advertise more at UP. Last summer, club members passed out flyers during a club fair at UP to inform students about their goals and what they are all about.

According to Eichler, the club is planning to have meetings at UP once a month, Tuesdays from 5:45 p.m., depending on the members’ availability.

They hope to acquire a room for future meetings at UP when they become an official club there, Eichler said.

Castronovo wants all students interested in join- ing to do so. “We encourage people to join. [Students need] no experience, just have an interest and come on in!”

Anyone interested in joining the club can add the club’s profile to their Facebook group or e-mail flying_fingers_fiu@yahoo.com.
Crist sacrificing South Florida's future

We’ve all known for a while that FIU – like other state institutions – would have to make some sacrifices this year. The facts are simple enough: Florida’s economy is down, and, between that and property tax reform, tax revenues came short of budget this year. The only logical consequence is that state agencies should have to trim their budgets.

And we’ve heard plenty of words to that effect since the beginning of the year: much talk about belt-tightening and trimming the fat and such. It’s only natural that FIU and public universities throughout the state should have to make some sacrifices, but when Gov. Charlie Crist presented his proposed budget cuts, he may as well have spit in FIU students’ faces.

Of 250 line items, Crist proposes cutting from the state budget, four directly involve FIU. That’s twice as many cuts as any other Florida university.

Adding salt to the wound, one of those cuts would postpone funding for FIU’s School of Medicine.

Besides cutting funding for the Med School, other cuts were especially painful for FIU.

The $4 million in funding for enhancements to FIU’s Life Sciences program and the $550,000 cut for a Hispanic Crime Prevention program were among the cuts that are not only at the disadvantage of FIU, but also the South Florida community it serves.

That’s where Crist’s cuts become downright irresponsible; when he cuts funds for programs that conduct research and training meant to solve some of South Florida’s deepest social and economic problems.

The fact that 28 percent of Crist’s proposed cuts are in higher education is disconcerting enough.

By pinching a few pennies in the wrong places today, he’s risking the quality of the education that is producing the professionals of tomorrow.

In the end, what makes Crist’s proposal most confusing is that, he’s cut $227 million from public universities, but kept an $80 million appropriation for a genomics institute at the private University of Miami, plus $10 million for it’s medical school.

If these cuts are to go through, the University should take the initiative to get the Med School funded because many students’ future may be compromised. The University should have an alternative in place if the Legislature agrees with Crist, and passes the cuts.

If cutting from public universities’ budgets is completely reckless, simultaneously giving millions in taxpayer dollars to a private university is simply unconscionable.

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Iran needs to be taught a lesson

It’s no secret that the Iranian regime is an insane collective of radical religious lunatics with a president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, intent on “wiping Israel off the map,” which he said two years ago in a speech to 4,000 students.

He publicly stated that he does not believe the Holocaust ever happened and hosted a conference this year to discuss the validity of the Holocaust as a historical event. This alone is enough to definitively prove the regime is utterly mad.

Israel has not taken Iran’s threats lightly and neither has the United States. Iran’s nuclear ambitions for “peaceful nuclear energy” are as bad as it gets.

Iran constantly says their efforts to produce nuclear power are simply for electrical purposes, not for military use. That would be a valid statement if it weren’t for their abundance of natural resources.

Iran ranks second in the world in terms of natural gas production, third in oil production and averages around 4 billion barrels of oil per day.

Iran simply lusts to become a regional superpower and in order to achieve that, it needs big guns. Those big guns are nuclear weapons:

“Nuclear weapons are weapons of mass destruction, or, as our very special president would call them, “New-dual” weapons.”

The reason Iran wants to acquire WMDs is simply to challenge the current role of the United States is playing in the Middle East and the relations it has with the Saudi government and oil. The Iranians view the U.S. encroachment as a threat to their future plans and development of a regional empire.

If Iran were able to produce a nuclear arsenal, it would have greater bargaining power when dealing with the United States. According to CNN, Iran just recently reached its goal ofactivating 3,000 new centrifuges which can enrich Uranium for nuclear production.

Bush recently warned the world of the threat of a potential “nuclear holocaust” from Iran. Regardless of all the rhetoric from either the United States or the United Nations, only calculated military force can prevent Iran from attaining nuclear capability.

Israel has been preparing their forces for a possible strike on Iran’s nuclear production facilities, as well as the United States, which has sent several naval vessels and a battle group to the Persian Gulf.

There have also been rumors circling around the Internet on popular blogs, specifically the Daily Kos, a liberal political Web site, which claims to have inside information from a sailor stationed on a U.S. aircraft carrier, that contradicts what the government tells us about Iran. There has definitely been some debate on whether the United States will or will not strike Iran militarily – the low deckers of the aircraft carrier have been bolstering around reminiscent of the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq.

I’ve always viewed the world as a big classroom. There are good students who come to class, attention, and are respectful to the teacher and other classmates, and then are the bad students. Some are just misguided and can be helped and then there are some students who piss everyone off. Even if we reprimand them they’re still as reckless and idiotic as Lindsay Lohan in a sports car or Michael Vick in a dog kennel. Sometimes the teacher can only do one thing. Slap them across the face with a ruler and maybe they’ll rethink their actions. We should do the same with Iran.

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Restless leg syndrome characterized by uncontrollable urges

Catherine M., as she identifies herself in the RLS Rest forum on www.rlsrest.com, shares her story concerning her physical state. She is 61 years-old and suffers from the disorder known as restless leg syndrome (RLS).

"While I have had restless leg syndrome most of my life, only recently did I find out there was a name and a condition to describe what was going on with me," Catherine said.

She recalls swinging her legs and constantly shifting in her seat every time she was sitting down for long periods of time.

"My parents took to calling me the ‘wiggle worm’,” she said.

According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), some researchers estimate that RLS affects as many as 12 million Americans, but others estimate a much higher number since RLS is thought to be underdiagnosed or misdiagnosed.

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According to NINDS, RLS is a neurological disorder characterized by unpleasant sensations in the legs and an uncontrollable urge to move when at rest in an effort to relieve these feelings. As a consequence, daily activities such as sleep and work are easily disrupted.

The feelings are described as creeping, itching, pulling, creeping, crawling, tugging or gnawing, according to the Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation.

The cause of RLS is unknown, but a family history of the condition is seen in approximately 50 percent of such cases, said NINDS.

According to the RLS Foundation, some factors that appear to worsen the disorder include:

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The DRC’s mission is to ensure that students with disabilities the services they require to successfully graduate. “The center offers services, on average, 500 to 600 students, according to Interim Director Joanna Lindsay,” Niguidula said. But Assistant Director Beverly Trott commented that despite the number of students in the DRC, they are given the best services possible.

“It’s not about their disabilities, it’s about their abilities,” Lindsay said.

Among the core services the center offers is qualifying students and determining that a student has a disability.

“Our primary reason for existing in the University is to be the eyes of our University community and the law to say the person is qualified for the purposes of higher education as having a disability,” Niguidula said.

Niguidula also said that the DRC does not seek out students and that they must come to the center themselves before any service can begin.

“There is no master list or profile of disabled students,” Niguidula said.

If a student was recently made aware they have or might have a disability, the DRC can refer him or her to a licensed clinical psychologist at the Biscayne Bay Campus to perform psycho-educational testing, which can determine whether there is a disability in terms of a learning or attention deficit hyperactive disorder.

The test is only available for FIU students and costs $250; taking the test outside of the University can cost thousands of dollars.

After a student is registered with the DRC, the student’s functional limitations are determined.

Once that step is completed, the center works with the student’s professors to make known any special academic accommodations the student requires.

Accommodations range from extra time on tests, note takers and audio text books to lab assistants and other services.

The DRC also has two assistive technology computer labs with programs tailored to suit the needs of the disabled.

Services aside, the DRC is about hard work.

“This is not an easy out,” Niguidula said in response to thinking that by registering with the DRC, disabled students gain some sort of an advantage. “Our students really have had to work harder if not as hard as other students.”

Academically, disabled students perform the same work as any other student.

“When they first come to register, they will sometimes comment that they are concerned that their diploma or degree will be viewed as less than,” Niguidula said. “We assure them that they have to work just as hard as other students.”

Trott said that registering with the DRC makes the difference between receiving a D or a C in a class to receiving a B or an A for a disabled student.

According to Niguidula, one concern many students have is confidentiality.

Any student registering with the DRC has the same level of confidentiality as with any doctor.

Information on a disabled student is only shared with FIU faculty—an action that first requires the student to sign a consent form.

The DRC will be hosting several events throughout the Fall semester aimed at promoting awareness of the disabled. Oct. 17 will be the National Disability Mentoring Day.

NDMD is sponsored by the American Association of People with Disabilities and started in 1999.

Nov. 14 marks the start of the Spinal Cord Injury Awareness week.

During the week, various presentations on spinal cord injuries and those who have them will be given as well as tips on how to avoid injuring the spinal cord.

The DRC is also in the process of bringing the Flying Fingers club from BBC to University Park.

The club promotes interest in sign language and lobbies for more campus events with a sign language interpreter.

Students interested in volunteering at the DRC need to visit the Center for Leadership and Service in GC 242.

For more info on all of the DRC’s policies, services and events, visit their website drc.fiu.edu.

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“Our primary reason for existing in the University is to be the eyes of our University community and the law to say the person is qualified for the purposes of higher education as having a disability,” Niguidula said.

Niguidula also said that the DRC does not seek out students and that they must come to the center themselves before any service can begin.

“There is no master list or profile of disabled students,” Niguidula said.

If a student was recently made aware they have or might have a disability, the DRC can refer him or her to a licensed clinical psychologist at the Biscayne Bay Campus to perform psycho-educational testing, which can determine whether there is a disability in terms of a learning or attention deficit hyperactive disorder.

The test is only available for FIU students and costs $250; taking the test outside of the University can cost thousands of dollars.

After a student is registered with the DRC, the student’s functional limitations are determined.

Once that step is completed, the center works with the student’s professors to make known any special academic accommodations the student requires.

Accommodations range from extra time on tests, note takers and audio text books to lab assistants and other services.

The DRC also has two assistive technology computer labs with programs tailored to suit the needs of the disabled.

Services aside, the DRC is about hard work.

“This is not an easy out,” Niguidula said in response to thinking that by registering with the DRC, disabled students gain some sort of an advantage. “Our students really have had to work harder if not as hard as other students.”

Academically, disabled students perform the same work as any other student.

“When they first come to register, they will sometimes comment that they are concerned that their diploma or degree will be viewed as less than,” Niguidula said. “We assure them that they have to work just as hard as other students.”

Trott said that registering with the DRC makes the difference between receiving a D or a C in a class to receiving a B or an A for a disabled student.

According to Niguidula, one concern many students have is confidentiality.

Any student registering with the DRC has the same level of confidentiality as with any doctor.

Information on a disabled student is only shared with FIU faculty—an action that first requires the student to sign a consent form.

The DRC will be hosting several events throughout the Fall semester aimed at promoting awareness of the disabled. Oct. 17 will be the National Disability Mentoring Day.

NDMD is sponsored by the American Association of People with Disabilities and started in 1999.

Nov. 14 marks the start of the Spinal Cord Injury Awareness week.

During the week, various presentations on spinal cord injuries and those who have them will be given as well as tips on how to avoid injuring the spinal cord.

The DRC is also in the process of bringing the Flying Fingers club from BBC to University Park.

The club promotes interest in sign language and lobbies for more campus events with a sign language interpreter.

Students interested in volunteering at the DRC need to visit the Center for Leadership and Service in GC 242.

For more info on all of the DRC’s policies, services and events, visit their website drc.fiu.edu.

Photo by Greta Martinez/The Beacon
NUDEWORTHY: Vanessa Hudgens arrives at the Teen Choice Awards in Universal City, Calif., Sunday, Aug. 26. Hudgens’ representative confirmed to MSNBC.com, that a nude photo circulating on the Internet is indeed the 18-year-old star of Disney Channel’s wildly popular “High School Musical” series.

Disney sticks with actress despite nude photo controversy

Vanessa Hudgens apolo-...
Integrity vital in rematch

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what FIU must follow for their own particular desired success.

Despite the fact that UM has lost its dominant strength of the past, the program has and always will be considered a tough opponent.

Their five national championships are enough evidence alone.

From a technical standpoint, the Golden Panthers have not been playing particularly well in their first two games and this is not only the result of a tough schedule.

Too many unnecessary and unacceptable mistakes have occurred to solely blame the difficult schedule on their winless start.

Against Penn State, the intimidation surely did play a large part but the turnovers and offensive futility is what ultimately led to the 59-0 demise.

It was the same story against Maryland as early turnovers and insignificant offensive production led to a 26-10 loss that was surprisingly close against a team that is above average (not at the stature of Penn State, but generally always competitive).

A knowledgeable fan can certainly assume that if FIU had both a productive offense and an even average defense, they could have come away victorious against Maryland and set a new standard.

Fixing these flaws and looking to improve upon them against UM is what truly is another important objective the team should have. Improving against top tier talent like UM will do loads for the future.

If freshman quarterback Wayne Younger can continue to flash his blessed speed and convert it into points on the scoreboard against UM’s solid defense, the game could be in reach. This is surely wishful thinking as last week was just the first time that he showed his talents in game-like competition.

Also, if the turnovers are significantly lowered, fans should expect a close one going into the fourth quarter. Again, this is all in a best-case scenario, and FIU has not given any reason to speak that highly of it.

The game against UM surely will be interesting in the sense that it will mark the second game of what was originally dubbed a “friendly rivalry.”

The Orange Bowl in the past has always contained boisterous surroundings and both schools will have their faithful in attendance.

Last year’s game did indeed bring out good numbers and that will probably will be the case this year. The incidents of last year are over, as this has been explained over and over again, but fans will be turning up and tuning in regardless.

There is a new attitude reflected in both programs, and it will be very intriguing to see how the focus has changed and how the two teams match up on the field.

The hoopla will obviously be there but the team’s focus and translations onto the field is what truly is the most important aspect of this game.

Hopefully, by next week many will be discussing what was both a very close and respectable game on both parts.

Until then, the anticipation amounts.

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FOOTBALL COMMENTARY

Mental lapses doom team despite offensive progress

The bleeding may be slowing, but the wound is deep and the pain still bears the body.

The Golden Panthers delivered a valiant effort against Maryland Sept. 7, but a brutal first quarter and several questionable decisions throughout the game doomed the team, which have now gone 644 days without a victory.

The first quarter could best be described as forgettable and the team can only wish that will end up being the case.

Giving up a safety on the first possession on a snap that nearly cleared the goal posts, the team dug themselves into yet another early hole, falling behind by 16 before even seven minutes had cleared the clock.

Several highly questionable decisions were made in the first half, most notably wasting all three timeouts in the first quarter.

Also, there was a total lack of outside containment that led to Maryland running back Keon Lattimore scampering untouched by the front seven and tallying up 89 yards going into the second quarter.

In an almost perfect encapsulation of the program’s recent struggles, a perfect pass delivered by quarterback Wayne Younger went straight through tight end Moses Hilton’s hands, bounced off his helmet and landed into the hands of Maryland linebacker Adrian Moten, which would lead to a Terrapins touchdown and the 16-point deficit.

Younger managed only one pass for positive yardage the entire first half, on a brilliantly called and executed double play action that had Hinton streaking down the sideline nearly untouched for a 49-yard touchdown reception.

Far and away the biggest question mark for the game, however, was the coaching staff’s refusal to insert running back A’mod Ned for much of the game.

When Ned entered the game late in the first half cutting and dicing on his first carry of the season, a collective gasp could be heard from every Maryland reporter in the press box.

It wasn’t until the third quarter that Ned saw action, averaging 5.3 yards per carry and showing a pulse that’s been missing from the running attack as of yet.

As any casual observer can point out that the decapitating blow to the Golden Panthers was once again self-inflicted, as kick returner Lionel Singleton coughed up his fourth fumble of the season.

That turned what should have been the start of an FIU drive with a six-point deficit into a Maryland field goal and a nine-point Terrapin lead.

Though it is almost mundane to draw positives when a team has gone so long without a victory, some noticeable improvements were seen from the second quarter on.

Pressure was continually applied to Maryland quarterback Jordan Steffy, and only 82 more yards were allowed on the ground after the explosion in the first quarter.

The team can continue to improve every game, but until the average fan begins seeing victories, be it against an ACC power or Division 1-A cellar dweller, the team will fall under the curse of all Miami based teams and trudge on without the relevance or income the program so desperately desires.

Fourth quarter melt-down sinks Golden Panthers

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scoreboard until late in the game. The teams went into halftime with a score of 16-7 with Maryland leading FIU.

In the third quarter FIU punter Chris Cook set a new school record by kicking a 66-yard punt that was downed at the Maryland 8-yard line. The previous record was also held by Cook who kicked a 61-yard punt last season. Ironically, that was also in a game against Maryland.

The third quarter ended with FIU driving into Maryland territory and A’mod Ned making some key plays. Ned, who did not play last week against Penn State, gained a total of 47 yards.

The fourth quarter started on a high note for FIU as kicker Chris Abend connected on a 42-yard field goal to make the score 16-10 and put FIU within a one score game and certainly had the opportunity to take the lead with the team down six.” coach Mario Cristobal said. “We were a couple plays short, a couple of mistakes short. We got better, but it is certainly not a moral victory.”

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19 kills and nine digs and Szymanska did her part with 12 kills and seven block-assists. Oliveira handed out a team high 38 assists despite splitting maestro duties with freshman setter Natalia Valentim, who was impressive with 28 assists of her own. Being able to interchange two quality setters has been a luxury early on, according to Tomic.

“Each one of them brings something different in different situations for us. They know that we will play the best players that we feel will be the best fit against the team we are facing,” Tomic said. “Natalia did a good job the first two games, and we felt that we needed to make some changes. Keila came to me and said, ‘Coach, I am ready if you need me.’ That’s what we need from our leaders. Leaders who step up and let us know they are ready. It has worked out really well so far.”

Daniela Novakovic had 21 kills for Oral Roberts, while Jackie Oliveira delivered a strong 20 kill-12 assist performance in defeat.

The Golden Panthers occupied three of the slots on the All-Tournament Team. Rosa earned her second such honor in as many tournaments, Szymanska, who averaged 3.71 kills per game at a .465 clip was named to the squad along with the tournament’s Most Valuable Player, Vyznancik.

The Golden Panthers (5-2) will return home for the Alumni Match Sept. 14 at 7:30 pm at Pharmed Arena. Tomic says that the team will spend time fine tuning their skills and watching video to correct some in-game mistakes before embarking on a tough, three-game road trip in New Orleans Sept. 21-23 where they will face Louisiana-Monroe, New Orleans and Louisiana-Lafayette.

Return: Junior Marisaria Dismerra returns volly as the team earns its first 2007 tournament win.

Duo outside hitters lead to first tournament championship

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Long resting period ends with first home game

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Sports Editor

Following 11 days off, the FIU Golden Panthers (0-3-1) commenced their home schedule against Bradhampton Sept. 13. This game will mark the first of three consecutive home games. Head coach Thomas Chestnut counted on the extended break to rest his players as the team will eventually play three games in the span of one week. The Bradhampton Bearcats have played twice as many games as the Golden Panthers this season. Both teams are winless clubs and they have both recorded one tie. The Bearcats began the season with two double overtime games; therefore, the Bearcats team has been exhausted much more than the Panthers have.

The FIU defense should not have trouble keeping the Bearcats offense in check as they have not scored more than one goal the entire season. FIU’s first and only loss of the season saw them engage in a shoot-out against the Florida Gulf Coast University. It is difficult for the Golden Panthers to keep up a consistent offensive attack because it hurt their defense.

After the game-long offensive game, all it took was two minutes for the wasted Golden Panthers defense to give up the game-winning goal to the Eagles. The first home-stand of the season may improve the Golden Panthers’ chances of mustering more energy on the field. Their lost and loss came on the road. Missed opportunities plagued the Golden Panthers this season. They were able to dominate the University of North Florida Lady Ospreys for two overtimes by running away from their defenders, but it could never finish.

Despite the winless season, Chestnut notes the improvement the team has made in game. His intensive practices begin with a team meeting to improve the conditioning of the team.

The Golden Panthers will have to use their stamina to outlast the Bearcats in a defensive battle if they want to win.

Lack of offense hands team two-game road series sweep

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The FIU Golden Panthers (0-3-1) dropped back-to-back games at the UConn/Adidas Classic against the University of South Florida Bulls (3-0-0) and No. 1 ranked University of Connecticut Huskies Sept. 7 and 8.

The two-game series was marked by offensive struggles and defensive prowess. Despite the Golden Panthers only allowing one goal in each game, they were not able must a goal in either game. In four games thus far this season, FIU has scored just one goal.

USF 1, FIU 0
The Golden Panthers’ great defensive performance was nullified by the team’s inability to score a goal. Goalkeeper Kyle Thomas logged six saves. The Bulls had 13 shots on goal versus the Golden Panthers three.

Thomas allowed the game-winning shot kicked 30 yards by the Bulls’ Kevon Neaves in the 36th minute of play. Senior Simon Schoendorf placed the ball at Neaves’ feet to record the assist. However, the single goal was enough to put away FIU 1-0 as the team’s lack of fitness is a cause for concern according to coach Munga Eketebi.

UCONN 1, FIU 0
The Golden Panthers could not escape the weekend sweep against the No. 14 ranked UConn club. With just nine seconds left in the match, the Huskies’ Akeem Priestly launched the game-winning goal.

Goalkeeper Kyle Thomas had 25 shots fired his direction by University of Connecticut players. Despite the 25 shots, the Golden Panthers managed to allow just one goal. Thomas recorded five saves, tallying up eleven saves for the weekend.

The Huskies were 1-for-25, but the number of opportunities gave them a chance to record the game-winning goal. The Golden Panthers shot a mere four times the entire match.

The Golden Panthers were also outmatched 11-1 on corner kicks. The team had barely any opportunities against the Huskies, in this game.

The 1-0 victory was the Huskies’ head coach Ray Ried’s 150th collegiate victory.

The Golden Panthers recorded the first shot of the game; but once the Huskies’ defense found a rhythm, they dominated. In the 90th minute of play, O’Brian White passed the ball to Priestley as he cut to the middle of the box and defeated the Golden Panthers 1-0.

The team plays next against Michigan State Sept. 14 at home.
Second game will be tough but not violent

Despite what many will expect, this Saturday’s contest between the Golden Panthers and the University of Miami Hurricanes will lack the hostility that last year brought about.

Too much is at stake for both universities, so if something were to happen, the consequences would be of epic proportions.

With this being said, it is extremely imperative for coach Mario Cristobal to have his men focused solely on the basics, and that is clearly the game itself.

If the squad leans towards a stance of retribution, the FIU faithful should expect not only a blowout but a lack of respect as well.

Last year’s actions already tainted the program enough that if anything close to a vengeful act were to occur, it will lower the program’s reputation even more.

For starters, FIU is currently 0-2 and wireless in its last 14 contests dating back to last year.

If freshman quarterback Wayne Younger can continue to flash his blessed speed and convert it into points on the scoreboard against UM’s solid defense, the game could be in reach.

Division 1-A football. Obviously, the continual losses should only focus the team on the game even more.

Miami, which is coming off a 51-13 thumping at the hands of Oklahoma, will surely be determined to win as well.

Only Duke’s futile 22 consecutive losses stand higher in the <|imago|>the encore to an impressive 3-1 (38-36, 20-30, 30-28, 30-22) win over Oral Roberts.

“We talked to Olga in the preseason about stepping up in more different ways to go about payback. This approach, regardless if UM is applying it or not, is a stance of retribution, the FIU faithful should expect nothing but a lack of respect as well.

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