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-Compiled by Kassandra Pool

**NEWSFLASH**

Florida’s Footlights Club establishes theater and music scholarship fund

Dinmy Dinofer, president of the Footlights Club - a theatrical social organization supporting young artists - announced the establishment of a student scholarship fund for the College of Arts and Sciences department.

Ryan Rodriguez, who played the male lead and singer in the Broadway show “The Who’s Tommy”, presented in October by the Department of Theater and Music, was one of the recipients of this year’s scholarship.

Bertha Leal, who played a double role in the production of “Little Shop of Horrors” performed at the University Center Concert Hall, was the other recipient of the scholarship.

According to Dinofer, the scholarship fund was born because often times, teachers, professors [and] counselors misunderstand, Tranquilino said.

Armando Tranquilino and art director of the college. “I’m excited to do it; I think it’s a very strong message,” she said.

The film was written and directed by Church; music was done by Armando Tranquilino and art direction and editing by Anton Church.

“I hope that it sheds some light on the common problems that students [who] are lost on many levels are having problems.” Tranquilino said.

I also hope it sheds some light on teachers, professors [and] counselors because often times, teachers don’t know how to advise a student who is having problems.

The film was developed by the College of Architecture and The Arts in hopes of having it as a mandatory showing, hopefully by the Spring 2008 semester, according to Jessica Rodriguez, public relations student assistant in the Architecture department.

The 20-minute film was sponsored by The Audrey Love Charitable Foundation and What If Productions.

Filming began this past summer at UP and will feature different scenes that students can relate to, such as the fear of graduating and not knowing whether or not a successful future will follow or being overwhelmed by the complexity college life offers.

Alain Mesa plays a college senior who is about to graduate, but doesn’t have any confidence for what awaits him after college.

Ginelle Rosenberg plays a freshman making the transition from high school to college.

“Your feel the weight of all this knowledge that is contained within these buildings,” Church said, commenting on how an incoming freshman may feel when beginning college. “It’s pretty overwhelming for a young person making that shift.”

Church’s ideal goal is for the video to have mandatory play once every Fall semester, and possibly in orientation for incoming freshmen.

Church plans on speaking to the provost to require teachers to screen the film.

University President Modesto A. Maidique is expected to attend the event.

Other guest speakers include Dr. Sean Kennedy of CBS-4 with special guest Mark Rosenberg, the Chancellor State University System of Florida.

The event will begin Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Wertheim Performing Arts Center Concert Hall.

It will start with a 30-minute reception where free food and drinks will be provided. Afterwards guests will be led to GC where the film will be shown.

For more information call (305) 348-0496.

- Additional reporting by Charlie Grau and Christina Veiga

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The proposed amendment failed with only two votes of support.

Aside from Maidique’s rating, the BOT discussed several financial matters including current fund-raising initiatives.

“The United Way campaign is underway under the leadership of Mitch Maidique, Bruce Hauptli and Stephen Sauls and I know they have all worked hard on the campaign,” David Parker, chairman of the BOT, said. “I do intend to contribute FIU’s United Way Campaign.”

Hauptli responded that he would be sure to remind Parker, as well as the rest of the BOT to donate to the charity. Private fund-raising goals that would benefit Fiu were raised to $30 million.

As of Oct. 31, Fiu has secured $2.3 million in new cash, gifts and pledges according to Joseph L. Caruncho, chair of the dean’s council for the College of Business Administration.

The funds raised will benefit the College of Medicine and other Fiu programs according to Caruncho, which will be vital with looming budget cuts of $7.7 million. According to Landon, the cuts were not as harsh as originally expected, but additional cuts could be expected next year.

The 5 percent tuition increase that was proposed by the state legislature during a special session and approved by Governor Charlie Crist was also voted on by the BOT. In a unanimous decision the BOT voted to approve the increase of $7.7 million.

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**DECISIONS, DECISIONS:** Associate professor Phillip Church was inspired to make ‘Loners not losers’ after he saw the Virginia tech shooting.
**Recycling program makes strides, students work for improvements**

**DANIELLA BACIGALUPO**  
Staff Writer

It has been a year, but the University Park’s recycling program is struggling, and students for Recycling Education Action (SEA) have continued petitioning for change.

Last November, The Beacon reported that FIU’s recycling program was lacking efficiency compared with other state universities, stating that “FIU could be months away from fully implementing a plastic, bottle and glass recycling program, with campus groups such as [Students for Environmental Action] trying to speed up the change.”

The students are not informed and though the recycling program looks good on paper, it’s useless if it’s not visible enough so that people know it exists,” Mari Marasigan, a professor in the department of Earth Sciences, said.

According to Marasigan, the recycling program at FIU falls short because of the scarcity of recycling bins and their obscure locations around campus.

SEA has brought the recycling bins out of their obscurity, setting up camp in front of the Green Library for the last three weeks, and carrying out petitions and surveys to bring change and visibility to the University’s current recycling program.

Student Maria Zapata considers recycling to be so simple that she was surprised when she joined SEA and noticed that the FIU community does not actively practice it.

“For me it is so basic, you do not need to do a lot, it is just dropping cans into bins,” Zapata said.

Zapata, who is thrilled to see FIU students uniting to make a difference, hopes students will continue the initiative to recycle even when SEA takes its leave from the GL walkway.

“The work done by SEA and student turnout at ‘green’ lectures may prove that students are finally taking recycling seriously,” Zapata said.

SEA collected 2,300 signatures and more than 20 large trash bags brimming with plastic milk jugs and aluminum soda cans, not to mention the massive piles of newspapers.

Green lectures on campus are also generating high attendance.

**FIU is ready to start thinking about the environment, according to Anthony Rionda, lecture coordinator of the Student Government Association, who has helped organize various lectures on environmental topics this semester.**

One of these events, Time Magazine journalist Michael Grunwald’s lecture on his book The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise, had more than 150 students and professors in attendance.

Yet, Marasigan believes that a top-down approach is important for change. She hopes that the petition will “show the administration that there is a demand for a better recycling program and that more support needs to be put into it.”

“Recycling is a small idea that’s been around for a long time and most universities have them, even elementary schools have them. Hopefully, with support from students, faculty and mainly administration, an effective one will be in place and we can see the results as soon as possible,” Marasigan said.

The support for the green campus Marasigan is searching for might just be simmering underneath the surface.

Grunwald pointed out in front of the FIU community on Oct. 30 that concern for the environment is emerging because of necessity.

“This new generation has to fix the mistakes of the old generation. This is a green generation… because it has to be,” Grunwald said.

**SGC-UP Notes**

**Call to Order: 4:20 p.m • Adjournment: 4:50 p.m**

**President’s Report (Marbely Hernandez):**

$860 was raised for United Way during last week’s basketball tournament, which had over 100 participants.

Lecture featuring Carlos Alvarez will take place Nov. 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Rafael Diaz-Balart Library.

**Vice President’s Report (Arthur “AJ” Meyer):**

Panther Tram will be unveiled at 2 p.m. on Nov. 20.

Gracie’s Grill beautification plans are underway.

$5 will be donated to United Way for each student who donates blood.

**Graduate Student Association:**

‘Webinars’ a series of free online lectures dedicated to referencing materials will take place on Nov. 20 at 11 a.m. and Dec. 5 at 1 p.m. See www.fi u.edu/~gsa for more details.

**Resident Hall Association:**

A Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Graham Center Ballrooms. Admission to the dinner is by donation of canned food.
Man in monkey suit helps win float contest

HOMECOMING, page 1

Man in monkey suit helps win float contest

The parade and Mario Cristobal, head football coach, kicked off the six-hour Ultra block party, in which the winners of some of the competitions held during the week were announced. According to Eliza Arenas, a junior in charge of the event, this was the first on-campus parade. All the homecoming parades before this year had gone out into the streets surrounding FIU. “This year we are kind of limited to how much we can do,” Arenas said. In the past, the parade usually took place on Saturday before the football game, which would allow police to close the streets around campus. Because the homecoming game was played at the Orange Bowl instead of on campus, the parade had to be organized differently this year.

Arenas thought there would have been more school spirit if the parade had taken place earlier in the day instead of at 5 p.m., a time when most students are traditionally not on campus.

Most students who participated in the parade, especially in the construction of the floats, were members of fraternities, sororities and student organizations. The floats took about a month to put together and were decorated using a new technique called poming. In poming, small sheets of colored tissue paper, called poms, are pasted on a board in order to construct a picture. The floats also had many lights for visibility at night.

Although those who participated in the construction of the floats saw it took a lot of time and effort, they proudly displayed figures like Roary the Panther, our school mascot, despite the complexity involved. “I think the skill and the amount of work going into these floats is getting better and better every year,” Arenas said.

Fiji, Alpha Phi Alpha and Alpha Xi Delta were awarded best float for their collaboration on a gold and blue float that featured the figure of a girl in a polka-dot dress, and a dedicated fraternity member who danced on the float in a monkey suit.

The group also won the Homecoming Cup, an award given to the organizations that earned the most points by participating in homecoming week events. Other winners of homecoming week included Brad Low and Meagan Toca, who won the title of homecoming king and queen. The winners for all of the competitions were announced during half time at the football game.

For the winners, and for Arenas, all the hard work during homecoming week was worth the effort. “We pulled through together and had an amazing time. It was worth it,” Arenas said.

Additional reporting provided by Ashley Arielles

SGC-BBC Notes

November 14, 2007

Call to Order: 3:44 p.m.; Adjournment: 5:49 p.m.

Guest Introductions
- Zachary Trautenberg, information technology and marketing specialist, attended the Biscayne Bay Campus’ Student Government Council meeting on behalf of the Wolfe University Center. He wanted to bring awareness to the Go Green Bingo Game. There will also be a holiday seminar in December, with Christmas tree lighting, decorating, and carols.
- Greg Olsen, director of the Wolfe University Center, was also in attendance to discuss SGC-BBC’s “green” initiatives. Olsen suggested that instead of passing out paper agendas at every SGC-BBC meeting, that it should be written on or projected on a screen to save paper. katiana Sangeable, SGC-BBC president, expressed that the recorded minutes are now printed on both sides of a sheet of paper to conserve paper.

New Appointments
- Debbie Brown, an SGC-BBC House intern, was voted unanimously by the students to be the Lower Divisions Representative. Brown hopes to increase communication and see change for freshmen and sophomores and believes that she will be able to make a difference serving on SGC-BBC.

President’s Report (Katiana Sangeable)
- After meeting with Cathy Aiken, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, katiana attended the SGC-BBC meeting on Nov. 7. SGC is continuing with the Athletics Partnership Proposal without SGC-BBC.
- Kenasha Paul, Panther Power representative, was thanked for ensuring the Electoral Action Training went smoothly on Nov. 10.

- Compiled by Catherine Kaiman

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Treasurer, marketing director ousted by votes

Elvis Ramirez
Staff Writer

The Student Organizations Council at Biscayne Bay Campus will be holding a special election to fill the treasurer and marketing director positions on Dec. 6.

The special election will be part of the semester’s last SGC general meeting. SGC club representatives will vote on candidates for both positions.

The election will be closed to students who are members of an SGC registered club.

Daniela Dias, former SGC-BBC treasurer, resigned Oct. 29. Dias claimed she was too busy, according to SGC-BBC Vice President Didier “D.J.” Georges. Georges said Dias resigned because most of her attention is focused at University Park where most of her classes are held.

Danai Cheretis was removed from the marketing director position during SGC’s Nov. 1 general meeting.

“The vote was unanimous,” Mintz said. “probably because she wasn’t showing up.”

Both Dias and Cheretis had not been into the Campus Life office since the beginning of October, according to Georges.

“We had one [executive board] meeting in the month of September and that was the last time that the group worked together, and that was early September,” Georges said. “If an SOC official has not worked at the office for more than two weeks they are suspended.”

Mintz sent e-mails letting both Dias and Cheretis know they had been suspended. Dias chose to resign.

Cheretis had initially resigned but later chose to remain in her position. However, she did not attend the next SGC general meeting.

“[After she agreed to come back] that was the last time that I heard from her,” said Georges.

SOC sent her a “firm” e-mail asking her to decide within the week whether she would return or not and Cheretis did not respond, according to Georges.

“We offered her a chance to defend herself but she didn’t show up,” said Mintz. “We lost contact with her.”

Mintz said SGC-BBC tried e-mailing and calling Cheretis but she never responded.

Ivy Seigel, SGC-BBC’s advisor, mentioned Cheretis was vanguard the last time she responded to SGC-BBC.

The change did not cause any panic because Mintz, Georges, Sabrina Saint Jour, SGC-BBC’s secretary and Jessica Casillo, the events coordinator, had been handling the work even before the resignations, said Georges.

“It’s basically been the four of us for a while, anyway,” Georges said.

Seigel was also unfazed by the sudden resignations.

“Change happens, change is good,” He will give the other students the opportunity to get this experience,” Seigel said.

The council is trying to let students know these positions are available and encourage applications.

Superhero-themed flyers have been posted throughout BBC, while SGC’s president and vice president have been visiting classrooms to recruit students.

“We’ve already run out of applications. We’ve restocked but we did run out quickly,” Mintz said.

Applications for the treasurer and marketing director positions are available at the Campus Life office in WUC 141.

Cheretis and Dias did not respond despite several attempts to contact them.

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Grades are out and President Modesto “Mitch” Maidique earned top marks. At the last Board of Trustees meeting, Maidique was evaluated by a committee that assesses how well he is doing his job. He earned 5-out-of-5 points; a superb rating by Bruce Hauptli, chair of the Faculty Senate, proposed Maidique receive 4-out-of-5 points, a “good” rating, instead. Hauptli sighted Maidique’s shortcomings in academic compliance and non-public fundraising as the reason for lowering the President’s score.

Though the committee gave him a perfect score, they did mention that the President needed to improve in the areas in question. These issues are vital to the University’s success.

The University cannot count on any help from the Floridiana legislators at a time when budget cuts are the name of the game and public universities state-wide are pinching pennies simply to meet their obligations to students.

Departments University-wide are reaching monetary limits of points, where they will be forced to compromise services they provide for students. It’s going to get to the point where the quality of services provided, including classes is going to be compromised. The University is coming to students to help fund various initiatives like a growing Athletics program. If the funds aren’t there, then put the burden on other departments and students?

With the College of Medicine preparing for its inaugural year and the Athletics department always needing more funds no matter what, the importance of scholarship funding cannot be overstated.

Hauptli was probably referring to the loss of a $25 million donation by former Board of Trustees member Herbert Wertzheim. Even though a $5 million donation was made to the Medical School, it still isn’t going to soften the blow of $25 million that would have matched dollar for dollar by the state.

Though Maidique has taken steps to fix this new law, it will still be a challenge and the median score isn’t going to soften the blow of $25 million.

... A woman wearing a see-through shirt with a black bra or a man in Speedos at the beach show much more than a person wearing baggy pants with last season’s Christmas boxers.
Despite loss, husband thankful for what he still has

CHARLIE GRAU  Editor in Chief

“I made it to Baghdad safe.”

This was the last text message Raymond Clamens received from his wife Lillian on Oct 8.

Two days later, she would have been home to be with her husband and three children: Victoria, 7, Lonna, 8 and Ayinde, 14.

But she wasn’t. On Oct. 10, she died after several mortar rounds struck Camp Victory in Baghdad.

The staff sergeant was among the two that died and 78 injured in the surprise attack.

This Thanksgiving would have been the first time in three years that the Clamens family would have been together for Thanksgiving. “The kids and I were looking forward to her coming home,” Clamens, 33 said. “I’m usually the one that’s gone for the holidays.”

Now the Clamens family will be spending their Thanksgiving in Orlando at Raymond’s mother’s house. Raymond said the he has been trying to keep himself and the kids busy to help get past this difficult time. “You got to keep moving. You got to get back to work and the kids back to school. Getting back into a normal routine kind of helps,” said Clamens, now retired from the Army for 11 years.

The attack occurred as she and a group of soldiers were on their way to dinner. “From what I gathered, the attack came from a pick-up truck that was parked by a school near the base,” Clamens said.

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Clamens said. Despite the loss, Raymond said that he and his family still count their blessings and appreciate everything that they still have. “I’m just thankful for all my family and friends that are still here and the fact that the kids are doing well. Lillian was the type of person that did not want you sitting around moping. She would want everyone to be happy and move on.”

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Clamens, who works in FIU’s ROTC program as a supply technician, has received a lot of support from his family and the Army but said that he just needs to keep moving forward with his life. “[Working in the Army] makes it easier because you know how the whole process works. Being a soldier, it helps you understand how things work and happen. It’s kind of rough but you’ll make it.”

The couple met in 1996 when Raymond made his first tour to Germany. He had gone out one night to celebrate a course he had just completed and saw her at a local club. “I saw her across the bar as I was getting a drink,” he said. “I was looking at her and I thought she was looking at somebody else. I raised my eyebrow, she raised her eyebrow at me and that was it. Eleven years later, we were together.”

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Graffiti artists love to place their art in unique places around the city; Arthur Baute places his art uniquely around the areola.

Baute, a local artist who also goes by the name Mxytsplyk, uses the female body to execute his art on. He paints on a different body every Monday at One Mic Mondays, which takes place in the upstairs lounge of Miami Beach’s Jazid, 1342 Washington Avenue.

“We try to have different girls every time; it is something to look forward to,” Baute said.

“The girls are the surface for my art. Every bend and curve of those girls morphs the patterns and figures. My art is about layers and the placement of layers so the absurdity of the iconography I use can blend in harmony.”

Bringing Baute to paint at One Mic was the idea of the event’s creator Magen Herrera. She wanted people to not only listen to music, have a couple drinks and dance; she wanted people to sit down with some friends and actually watch something beautiful be created.

“I honestly, I couldn’t see how anyone would be against or offended by body painting, it’s art on art,” she said.

When coming up with ideas on what to paint on the girls Baute uses pop culture as his inspiration.

“My sources for inspiration usually come from pop culture and common knowledge, intensely. My roots of fine art and graffiti are a major element in the paintings, Baute said. “Graffiti is about vandalizing and disrupting the public lifestyle. I personally believe it’s just another layer of paint that eventually will be covered as well. The girls I paint are like the wall being tagged on.”

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**Game Review: Manhunt 2**

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Video game developer Rockstar Games has been the lightning rod for criticism due to their rampant and sometimes graphic depictions of violence in their games. While Rockstar’s Grand Theft Auto franchise has become a commercial success due in part to its satire of the sick sub-step, Manhunt has drawn notoriety primarily for its vivid depictions of murderous brutality. Now, with its sequel on Sony’s PlayStation 2, Rockstar Games has been forced to censor the game’s portrayal of his twisted psyche - his killings are not for the faint-hearted.

**MUSIC AND ART:**

The game did have to be censored from an initial “adults only” rating for release, but that still does not change the fact that it is not for the faint-hearted. The negative photojournalist taking Daniel’s kills is a clever move to censor the violence while furthering the game’s portrayal of his twisted psyche - his killings are still quite viewable.

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The Tabares clan was comfortable middle class, as Joaquin likes to say. Elias and his two brothers played soccer with a neighborhood team on Saturdays; their mother, Rosa, had tea parties at home every month. “My father did well and took care of us. What else could we want?” Elias said.

Black Friday – the popular nickname for the day after Thanksgiving – was the second busiest shopping day of 2006, according to the National Retail Sales Estimate.

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Elias Tabares, 20, used them for several months in 2002 whenever he played basketball with friends; they were also his first Thanksgiving Day present.

“My parents thought we had to exchange gifts. We were new here and didn’t know Thanksgiving had no gifts. We’ve kept them ever since,” Tabares said.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team redeems regular season

Water polo team finishes sixth in championship

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Staff Writer

As the season came to a close, the men’s water polo team left for the National Championships in Chicaog, Ill. on Nov. 11. Coming in sixth place this season, this is the fourth consecutive year that the team makes it to nationals.

The Golden Panthers beat schools such as Florida State, Pennsylvania, Central Florida and Miami. At nationals, they played Minnesota by one point and UPenn by three and Grand Valley State. Florida and Miami.

It was the third year the team was defeated once until they reached the national championship. The Golden Panthers lost 9-7 to the C-USA Conference Champs, Marshall.

The Golden Panthers (5-13-2) fell behind early in the first game, the Golden Panthers would not score until they reached the 78th minute, Golden Panthers ahead in the 78th minute, one minute later defender Phill Fisher, Guerra came close to putting the Golden Panthers ahead in the 78th minute, but the shot bounced off the post.

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VOLLEYBALL

The Golden Panthers (19-7) took the first step towards the Sun Belt Conference Tournament berth by defeating the Arkansas Little-Rock Trojans (22-8) 3-1 on Nov.15 in Denver.

Senior Mia Spasajevic tied a 24-year-old school record by posting 13 blocks. Head coach Summer Sanders set the record against Florida Southern Oct. 1, 1981.

Offensive production led the Golden Panthers to victory with sophomore Yarimar Rosas making a career-high 23 kills.

The team is optimistic to be one of the best teams in the nation but to also get FIU support and recognition for being such a strong national team.

The team looks forward to being a reliable team as long as it can focus on playing and worry less about funding.
**Dropped passes hurt comeback attempt**

short history, continued to perform to his usual standards, coming up a yard short of a hundred on the ground to go along 127 yards passing and 3 touchdows.

One thing that hurt the Golden Panthers was dropped passes, as Greg Ellingson dropped a sure 1st down late in the game to put the offense in a situation to go for a 4th and long, which lead to Younger being sacked.

"A couple of our receivers were good early, dropped some balls later on in the game," Cristobal said.

It was a difficult loss for the Golden Panthers in a number of ways. It marked the second consecutive game that the team had a chance to win in the waning minutes of the game and could not come out victorious.

Furthermore, the game was also highlighted by homecoming as the team played their second biggest crowd of the season.

The Golden Panthers will look to end the longest losing streak in the nation this Nov. 24 against cross-town rivals Florida Atlantic University and famed coach Howard Schnellenburger at the Orange Bowl.

Additional reporting by Darren Collette.

**Fans should root for team, not select players**

While the offense looked shaper as it has at any point in the season, and Younger running back A’Mod Ned continued their maturation into two of the more exciting play makers in the Sun Belt Conference, the defense was once again the weak point, failing at any point to stop the Cajuns’ rushing game.

And while it has been easy enough to use the excuse that the talent isn’t there this year, that simply wasn’t the case in this game, as the coaching staff didn’t seem to make the necessary adjustments at halftime. The Cajuns’ offense essentially ran two simple plays out of their hurry up shotgun offense, a HB dive and a designed bootleg pass, and the defense wasn’t able to stop them.

You have to question the coaching staff’s decision to not load up against the run and force the Cajuns’ to try and beat them through the air.

Despite how difficult this loss was, it is of course important to remember that this is still a team that is the very definition of a work in progress, and as head coach Mario Cristobal made abundantly clear prior to the season, this is a building year, and in that way the game wasn’t all bad.

It is extremely encouraging to watch Younger quiet the skeptics (one of whom was me at the beginning of the season) with his strong play. He isn’t there yet, but he showed flashes of brilliance in this game, and not just with his legs.

He is starting to make the right decisions with the ball, as evidenced by his first game without a interception since the opening game against Penn State. If not for his receivers dropping passes, Younger could’ve had an even better day, although it is hard to argue with a 3 touchdown performance.

Ned also continued to show why he is the number one back on the team, with an incredibly impressive 20 carry, 152 yard performance.

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RUSHING ATTACK

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