FIU offers 23 scholarships for all education expenses. "With the tuition that increased, I need them and we need to work together," Meyer said. "We need them and we need to work together." When Rosa Jones, vice president, was not surprised by the election results to the crowd while she'll check out the scholarships website. Students can apply for more than one scholarship. "I really need financial aid. I can't afford most of the things I need for school and I don't have a job. It wasn't a big shock for that tuition increase since it's my first year at FIU," said Patricia Perez, majoring in Foreign Languages. The application also requires students to write a typed two-page essay. The essay should be double spaced, describing educational and professional goals, and tell how being a recipient of a scholarship will help fulfill them.

**REQUIREMENTS**

Undergraduate students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and graduate students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher, unless otherwise indicated. Students with lower GPAs should still investigate these awards because there are some with lower GPA requirements. Interested students must have at least nine undergraduate credits or six graduate credits during the academic year. All applications must be submitted by April 4, 2008. The award is given, unless otherwise indicated. Students will need an unofficial transcript from FIU, or if students have less than 12 credits, an official transcript(s) from the other college(s) attended must be submitted. The application also requires students to write a typed two-page essay. The essay should be double spaced, describing educational and professional goals, and tell how being a recipient of a scholarship will help fulfill them.

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**UNIVERSITY PARK**

Meyer, LaPointe win; year of change ahead

**BEN F. BADGER JR.**

Asst. News Director

Reaping the rewards of record voter turnout, Arthur “AJ” Meyer and Paige LaPointe won Student Government Council University Park presidential elections for the 2008-2009 academic year. Meyer, current SGC-UP vice president, and LaPointe, a current representative-at-large, received 1933 votes. Their opponents Jen Ruiz and Maria Cedeno, current Student Organizations Council president, received 1195 votes.

"I could not have done it without all these people,” LaPointe said. “I think we have an amazing council and I am more than excited to start right away.”

This year’s elections marked the first in three years in which the candidates did not run unopposed. Meyer is also the first vice presidential candidate to be elected to his own term as president in over a decade. "Paige and I are here for the students," Meyer said. "We need them and we need to work together." When Rosa Jones, vice president, was not surprised by the election results to the crowd while she'll check out the scholarships website. Students can apply for more than one scholarship. "I really need financial aid. I can't afford most of the things I need for school and I don't have a job. It wasn't a big shock for that tuition increase since it's my first year at FIU,” said Patricia Perez, majoring in Foreign Languages. The application also requires students to write a typed two-page essay. The essay should be double spaced, describing educational and professional goals, and tell how being a recipient of a scholarship will help fulfill them.

**BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS**

Silva’s visibility during campaign leads to victory

**SUSANA RODRIGUEZ**

Asst. News Director

Winners for Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus were announced April 3 at 12:30 p.m. in the Wolfe University Center’s Panther Square. Craig Cunningham, SGC-BBC advisor, and Gerardo Gomez, SGC-BBC elections commissioner, read the election results to the crowd while a buffet table stocked sandwiches, fresh fruit, cookies and refreshments were on hand for celebration afterward. Ana Maria Silva was elected SGC-BBC president, garnering 51 percent of the majority vote. "I was shocked at the numbers. I was overwhelmed. I mean, overwhelmed in a positive sense," Silva said. “I was really happy with the votes and I just want to thank everyone for their support, for coming out today. Some people are already tired of me and my flyers all over campus.” Kaitiana Saintable, current SGC-BBC president, was not surprised by the election results because Silva actively promoted herself.

**OVER $200,000 in University scholarships up for grabs**

**MARELIA LOPEZ**

Contributing Writer

Paying for college is stressful for junior Melissa Grabiec. "With the tuition that increased, I put it into my credit card. What can I do?" Grabiec said. "People say to stay out of credit card debt, but it's all education expenses." Grabiec and others in her situation should know University-wide scholarships are available to help. FIU offers 23 scholarships for students with award money ranging from $750 to $3,500. In total, FIU is giving more than $225,000 to help students pay for college at a time when tuition is rising.

"It's a great opportunity, whether in need or not. Some scholarships are need-based and some are merit-based, but it helps ease the burden of college classes," said Bill Beesting, assistant dean of Undergraduate Studies. Freshman Patricia Perez thinks she'll check out the scholarships available. "I really need financial aid. I can't afford most of the things I need for school and I don't have a job. It wasn't a big shock for that tuition increase since it's my first year at FIU," said Patricia Perez, majoring in education.

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Online voting glitch does not affect record turnout

According to Carlos Ordoqui, SGC-UP elections commissioner, voter turnout nearly tripled last year’s. Ordoqui attributes the rise in participation and commitment, “to announce the new president and those elected. When it came time to announce who would make up next year’s UP student government, people were trying a lot harder to get those extra votes.”

“In our first day of voting, we did last year,” Ordoqui said. “I definitely believe the online voting played a huge part in it. The fact that we have so many more candidates helped. I saw a lot more campaigning this year than last. People were trying a lot harder to get those extra votes.”

Following tradition, Meyer was taken to the fountain in front of Primera Casa and thrown in, as is the tradition for newly elected SGC-UP presidents. Later LaPointe and some of her campaign members also took a dive in the fountain.

In addition to the elections, an initiative to change the current SGC-UP constitution passed with 2015 votes in favor and 315 against. The new constitution creates new representative seats in the SGC-UP, among other changes. Voting began April 1 and it started with a glitch that made it impossible for students to cast their votes from roughly 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Jose Toscano, SGC-UP advisor, commented that a missing “s” from an Internet link was to blame.

According to Toscano, no votes were lost as a result of the glitch, as the glitch stopped votes from being cast in the first place.

Prior to the glitch, SGC-UP elections commissioner, voter turnout nearly tripled last year’s. Ordoqui attributes the rise in to several key factors including the fact that this year, more than one ticket ran for president and vice president. The availability of online voting for the first time also helped.

“I want to thank you for your participation and commitment,” Jones said.

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Supposed medical school delay cleared up on NPR

CHRIS TOWERS
Assistant News Director

With the looming budget crisis and the upcoming opening of the medical school, FIU President Dr. Modesto A. Maidique took to the airwaves on April 2 to answer questions on South Florida NPR affiliate WLRN’s “Topical Currents” show.

Along with Dr. John Rock, the dean of the Medical School, Maidique fielded questions from “Topical Currents” host Joseph Cooper and callers from all over South Florida on topics ranging from his past in Cuba to the statewide budget cuts.

“The total cuts for the state budget are 13%,” said Maidique. “Education may be cut 10%, which would represent $40 million for FIU.”

The promotional materials for the Maidique’s appearance incorrectly stated that the medical school’s opening would be delayed, but both public relations and Maidique made sure to correct the mistake.

“I have complete confidence that our friends in Tallahassee will make sure our college of Medicine will open on time,” said Maidique.

In a newsletter sent out on March 27, Maidique said that the state legislature hasn’t yet approved the school’s state budget. Maidique concluded with a metaphor for FIU’s current status, saying that the medical school and athletics were on target due to their independence from the general operating funds, but that the rest of the school will be dependent on the funding the state allows.

“The students, of their own will, have increased the Athletics fee,” said Maidique.

“My wish is to have FIU funded competitively with the ‘complexities of health care delivery to underserved populations’,” according to FIU’s Legislative priorities.

“We have a community focus,” said Rock. “How can we be a part of the solution and help neighborhoods?”

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Staff Writer

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“Students at Pines Center have different and unique needs because they are non-traditional students,” said Sumnia Chaundry, Pines Center student government representative. “We try to organize at least one big social event per semester to get students to interact.”

The Spring Cruise will take place on the Musette Luxury Yacht that departs at 5:30 p.m. from New River, Fort Lauderdale.

The cruise will tour the intercoastal for three hours and will include appetizers, a buffet dinner, entertainment and prizes. A raffle will take place to raise funds for the Smile Train, an organization that provides cleft palate operations to children.

“It costs $250 to conduct one surgery, and our goal is to raise enough money for three surgeries,” Chaundry said.

The Spring Cruise is being funded by BBC and the Pines Center Student Government Council.

Tickets for the cruise have been sold out since March 29, according to Leslie Nisbet, student life coordinator at the Pines Center.

“The cruise has been done before and it has been a success in the past,” Nisbet said. “When we were trying to decide what to do for the Spring event it hadn’t been done in three years and we got a good response. We even have a waiting list because our spots are full.”

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BBC Life Editor

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THE RESULTS ARE IN

POST CAMPAIGN: SGC-BBC presidential candidate Shane Gray reacts to the election results on April 3. Gray lost to Ana Maria Silva.

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“If you were on campus at all during the campaign period you would definitely see that Ana was out there and she was pushing. Her family was out here, her friends and her supporters were out here and they were really pushing,” Saintable said. “So students who don’t know neither Kanasha, nor Ana, nor Shane, if they see them and speak to them the first day of elections or the day before elections and tells them where the free pizza is, that’s who they vote for. Visibility and marketing is important and she definitely had that on lock.”

Along with promotional flyers, Silva’s strategy included referring to her brother, 2006-2007 SGC-BBC President Camilo Silva, for advice.

“I had a campaign team and basically, first and foremost, it was my family - my parents and my brother,” Silva said. “My brother was my campaign manager so he helped me with a lot of ideas, a lot of strategies for talking to students.”

Silva appreciated the student body’s support in electing her and looks forward to the 2008-2009 school year.

“I feel the 2008-2009 year is going to be a good year for campus involvement because now that the campus knows who I am it’s going to be easier to reach out to the students and invite them to events, invite them to be involved,” Silva said. “I’m very happy to be elected as SGC-BBC and Pines Center president.”

Saintable hopes the new council will continue to maintain BBC’s standard of excellence.

Katiana Saintable, current SGC-BBC president

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At the Bay
Fees, safety need to be SGA’s priorities

ERIC M. FELDMAN
Asst. Opinion Editor

Editor’s Note: On March 31, The Beacon’s Editorial Board endorsed Jen Ruiz of the majority of The Beacon’s Editorial Board. However, missing from the editorial were some positive aspects of Arthur “AJ” Meyer and Paige LaPointe’s campaign, as well as commentary on what should be SGA’s main focuses.

Much like the upcoming presidential election, the 2008 SGC-UP elections boiled down to a debate of experience versus change, though both sets of candidates have ample experience in SGA.

While Jen Ruiz has been both Speaker of the House for SGA and representative-at-large, AJ Meyer has had a greater hand over the events of the past school year as vice president during Marbelly Hernandez’s administration.

TO THE VICTORS: SGC-UP vice president Paige LaPointe celebrates after SGA election results were announced at noon in the Graham Center Pit.

FEES
The defining difference of these candidates is how they would handle a proposed increase of Activities and Services fees, the per-credit-hour fees that make up SGA’s budget.

“When this issue does come up to vote, Paige and I will definitely hold forums, and surveys,” Meyer told The Beacon in an interview.

Ruiz took a less democratic approach to speaking to a potential fee increase.

“An A&S fee increase would be the most amazing thing ever,” Ruiz told The Beacon.

“As you know those are the funds that [Student Government] gets to appropriate.”

Both sets of candidates had a list of goals and priorities, though the majority of issues are obvious.

“Sure, the money is reinvested in students so they will ‘develop a better sense of community and develop into exceptional student leaders,’” Meyer said that SGC-UP prefers not to start initiatives that have been given special treatment for a long time (by not treating them special anymore).

The entire system for allocating A&S funds to organizations is being suffocated with flaws. Funds should be distributed based on who generated them.

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Meanwhile, organizations with insufficient funds and growing student population are scrutinizing every dollar spent and reevaluating event ideas ever so carefully because they were not given the funds they requested for the events they planned.

So is it really worth it for students to pay hundreds of dollars in A&S fees each year when all it does is put another financial burden on them?

Summia Chaudhry
Finance
Junior

PRIORITY
Both sets of candidates had a list of goals to accomplish if elected.

These goals were made well known during the campaign process and now that the ballots have been cast, it is time to finalize the population with attention.

Meyer said that SGC-UP’s foray into “going green” is somewhat of a shift from this past year, in which SGC-UP led the charge.

In the Nov. 27, 2007 issue of The Beacon, Meyer said that SGC-UP prefers not to start environmental initiatives of their own, while Cassandra Andrade, SGC-BBC’s vice president said that her campus has been dedicated to achieving their goal of having a more environmentally friendly campus.

Both goals of environmental action and student involvement are noble, but SGA must realize that many companies are taking advantage of the “green” craze and not get caught up in any expensive endeavors which it may not be able to afford at the moment in order to achieve its environmental initiative.

On the token of student involvement, Greeks and non-Greeks, housing students and commuters, undergraduates and masters and doctoral students should all be considered when programming student involvement.

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Junior
“The Panther Safety Tram and non-Greek representation.”

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Sophomore
“Parking, especially during special events such as the Fair.”

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CAMPUS TALK

What should be SGA’s top priority next year?

University Park

Mary Knowles
Junior
“Lowering A&S Fees because a lot of money is going to places we don’t know.”

Alex Ortiz
Sophomore
“The Panther Safety Tram and non-Greek representation.”

Tania Lopez
Sophomore
“A cleaner environment, activities for students, and good grades.”

André Parcells
Junior
“Focus on stopping tuition from rising with the [recession] coming.”

Kaydianne Fletcher
Senior
“Work on getting more programs and services [at BBC], so we don’t have to commute [to UP].”

Abhishek Sinha
Junior
“Growing student population is really worth it for students to pay hundreds of dollars in A&S fees each year when all it does is put another financial burden on them.”

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Biscayne Bay

TO THE EDITOR
Structure of allocating student fees has some flaws that should be questioned

Why would anyone pay for something that they would not use? Should one disburse funds from their wallet for something they really aren’t interested in?

The answers to both of these questions are obvious. Yet thousands of students at FIU waste hundreds of dollars on student Activity and Service fees each year.

Sure, the money is reinvested in students so that they will “develop a better sense of community and develop into exceptional student leaders,” but is this actually the case?

The funds collected are not allocated equally to student organizations.

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In the spirit of April Fools Day, comedy troupe Just the Funny took audience involvement to the next level.

A cellphone erupted a brawl between two audience members, who were actors, and ended up just being part of the laughs; a staged joke from the troupe.

Audience involvement seems to be a focus of the troupe, as JTF regularly presents a Chicago-style improv show based on suggestions from the audience.

It’s “Saturday Night Live” meets “Whose Lines is it Anyway?” This weekend, audience members can expect a special April Fools edition of JTF’s monthly performances.

Each month, members of the board of directors for JTF take turns programming different comedy shows. For April, Jennifer Buddin is in charge of the April Fools theme.

“This is the perfect holiday for us to exploit,” Buddin said. “All of us have a little prankster in us.”

The two night event kicks off on Friday, April 4 at 9 p.m. This show is typically more family-oriented and open to all ages. The second showing starts at 11 p.m. and is meant for mature adults.

“On both nights, the 9 p.m. event will feature a prank created by JTF. Each night, pranks will be different — whether it be a mock fight or the use of some strange object kept under wraps.

When it comes to improv comedy, every JTF show is always fresh and new. “If I did a play for 13 years I would be bored by now because it’s always the same thing. Unlike with improv where you can always try something new,” said David Christopher, a founding JTF member.

JTF was started by a group of friends who are UM and FIU alumni. Christopher is currently part of the FIU Alumni Circle for the School of Business. Although his comedy was not inspired by FIU, it has helped him in the business aspect of JTF.

Before getting their own theater, JTF rehearsals were held at FIU’s Deuxième Maison in any empty room.

Today, the troupe performs at their own theater at 3119 Coral Way.

Tickets for the 9 p.m. performances are $10 and the 11 p.m. performances cost $5.

“It’s a cheap date if you don’t want to go to the movies and a good way to get into the pranking season,” Buddin said.
EDUARDO MORALES  
Contributing Writer

For the past two weeks, the second floor of the Green Library has been home to a mysterious maze, a chaotic piece of art and a fallen soldier with something to say.

The Aesthetics and Values Exhibition, now open for viewing, is entirely organized by Honors College students currently in their third year. The exhibition serves as a project in the art as a social science class, taught by Professor John Bailly.

“We learn about art through history and how it reflects the time it is from,” said junior Gabriela Perez, who is involved in the project.

While a large percentage of time during the class is spent organizing the exhibition, students are responsible for several other things as well.

“They also research papers about different artists, read books, complete visual thinking projects and do exhibitions for those projects,” Bailly said. The class was also responsible for a film festival earlier this semester.

Besides turning in research papers, attending field trips and reading several books, the class was hard at work on every aspect of the display, from filling the floor with art to creating the Web site advertising the event, http://hon.fiu.edu/av/.

Getting the art pieces on display was a hard and daunting task for the students.

Bailly put out a list of local artists that the students could choose from and represent, but students also had the option of selecting artists outside the list.

“If we found an artist that wasn’t on that list, we approached John to see if he’d allow them,” said junior Sarena Bahad.

“We had the power to choose an artist that intrigued us and go about it in our own way, which is excellent for this project.”

The exhibition’s main piece is “Man Down,” which was picked by students to stand prominently in the center of GL’s second floor.

The artwork, created by Guerr De La Paz and valued at $25,000, shows a fallen soldier with his arm in the air, middle finger on display.

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“The piece received quite a response from the University. On one occasion, someone left toy soldiers scattered around the display. An unknown viewer made physical contact with the piece and placed the finger down, only to have it back up again soon after.

While the artists are thrilled at the responses, Bailly is curious about how one can interfere with art. “How can you compromise the integrity of this powerful statement?” Bailly said.

Juniors Andrew Scharhag and Andrea Lahoz are the two students who worked together with De La Paz to put the work on display.

Other pieces such as “The Maze” required juniors Cindy Kohn-Cybikiewicz and Christian Villasbeck to put it together.

“Please Don’t Stop the Music,” a work that symbolizes the chaos and disconnection in our lives, required assembly as well.

It’s shaped differently everywhere it goes.

The Aesthetics and Values Exhibition organized by the Honors College will be open until April 11 at the Green Library; the exhibition is sponsored by Burger King, Carnival, the Student Government Association and the Resident Housing Association.

For more information, visit http://hon.fiu.edu/av/.

Library’s art exhibition enhances student learning

Aesthetic and Values Exhibition 2008

Artists: Carol K. Brown
Elisabeth Condon
Priscilla Ferguson
Guerra de la Paz
Pape Mar
Maritza Molina
Carol Prusa
Alethe Simonson
Kristen Thiele
Michelle Weinberg

APRIL 4

What: Miami Billfish Tournament
Where: Miami Beach Marina
300 Alton Rd.
Miami Beach, FL 33139
When: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
How Much: Varies

What: Compagnie Thor: D’Orient Theater
1040 Lincoln Rd.
Miami Beach, FL 33139
When: 8 p.m.
How Much: $18 - $26

What: South Beach International Animation Festival
Where: Miami Beach Cinematheque
512 Española Way
Miami Beach, FL 33139
When: Daily
How Much: $10

APRIL 5

What: Japanese Masters Film Festival
Where: Cosford Cinema
off Campo Sano Ave.
(University of Miami)
Coral Gables, FL 33146
When: 11 p.m.
How Much: Free

What: Miami Dolphins cheer squad tryouts
Where: Miami Dolphins Stadium
2269 N.W. Dan Marino Blvd.
Opa-Locka, FL 33056
When: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
How Much: Free

What: Big Drink Island
Where: The Cleveland.
1020 Ocean Dr.
Miami Beach, FL 33139
When: 9 p.m.
How Much: Varies

What: Chris MacDonald’s Memories of Elvis
Where: Gusman Center for the Performing Arts
174 East Flagler St.
Miami, FL 33131
When: 8 p.m.
How Much: $33 - $55

APRIL 6

What: Bay Jam
Where: Keys Amphitheater
Mile Marker 87
Summerland Key, FL 33042
When: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
How Much: $5

What: Amazing Sundays
Where: Nikki Beach
1 Ocean Dr.
Miami Beach, FL 33139
When: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
How Much: Varies

What: Happy Hour at Ivy
Where: Ivy Aventura Restaurant and Lounge
19004 NE 29th Ave.
Aventura, FL 33180
When: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
How Much: Varies
Second inning rally sparks UM offense, Golden Panthers lose

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slavish in the 4th inning.  Offensively, the Golden Panthers produced six hits with two runs to show for it. Tyler Townsend had an RBI groundout in the fourth inning, and Ryan Mollica singled home Steven Stropp in the seventh inning for the second run.  Junior Arrozito was thrown out at the plate by Hurricane right fielder Dennis Kalen on the same play.  UM pitcher David Gutierrez (1-0) pitched 6 innings and allowed only one run off of three hits.  He walked three and struck out only one.

Jorge Castillo singled in the fourth inning to extend his hitting streak to 26 games.  He finished 1-for-4 on the night.  The two losses this week dropped the Golden Panthers to 11-19.  When asked about facing his former coaching partner in UM Coach Jim Morris, Thomas responded, “It’s not coach vs. coach it’s the players vs. the players.  We got behind big early and their starting pitcher pitched very well.”

The team will play the second game of the two-game set on April 23 at 6 p.m. in Coral Gables.  The attendance for the game was the highest at University Park so far this season as there were 1,786 fans in attendance.  The crowd consisted of a mix between both Golden Panther and Hurricanes fans as expected.

Bullpen play sets up extra inning win

SUN BELT SOFTBALL STANDING

Eagles to roll over after losing the first game was sorely mistaken as they challenged FIU to an all-out hitters duel.  Samantha Waldron started the action in the top of the first with a two-run double for the Eagles.  Not to be outdone the Golden Panthers responded with a monster bottom half of the inning scoring five runs.  Kim Rodriguez’s high- arcing home run to left field drove in three runs, her 14th of the season.  The top of second was a four-run affair for the Eagles followed by a three-run response from the Golden Panthers.  Entering the third inning the score was 8-6 in favor of FIU.

Their productive hitting continued as they scored more three runs and created more distance between the two teams.  Despite the deficit, Florida Gulf Coast did what winning teams do, they fought back.  They were able to score five runs for the next two innings and hold FIU scoreless at the same time.  At that point in the game, some stability was necessary for FIU and they found it in the form of relief pitcher Holly Satterfield.  In her seven innings of relief, she allowed four hits and one run, frustrating the FGCU batters with her variety of pitchers.  This was easily her best showing as a Golden Panther.

She held FGCU scoreless for six consecutive innings, then Jessica Landau was able to end the eleven-inning marathon match with a three-run walk-off homer.  She ended her day tying a program record with six RBIs in a game, and nine for the doubleheader.

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Cross-town rivalry ending; team’s pitcher faltering again

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If this is indeed the final time the two teams continue their rivalry, then I certainly don’t ask for more of a game out of it when the two meet up again in Mark Light Stadium on April 23.
LUCKY THIRTEEN

Two walk-off wins cap off slugfest, home doubleheader

RYAN ABBEY
Staff Writer

The Golden Panthers welcomed the Eagles of Florida Gulf Coast University knowing they were facing one of the most prolific offenses to come to the FIU softball stadium in some time.

The No. 2 ranked University of Miami Hurricanes (23-2) dominated the Golden Panthers 13-2 on April 2 at University Park Stadium in the first of two meetings between the two rival schools this season.

The Hurricanes amassed 17 hits and were aided by four Golden Panthers errors.

"It was just a very poor effort," head coach Turtle Thomas said.

Coming off of a 13-6 loss to Florida Gulf Coast University on April 1, a game that saw FIU produce five errors, the Golden Panther’s early deficit was too much to overcome.

By the bottom of the fourth inning, the Hurricanes led 12-0.

Pollizano (3-4), usually a weekend starter, was on the mound for FIU and lasted only 1.2 innings before being yanked for freshman Daniel DeSimone.

"I didn’t throw many good pitches tonight; I threw too many right down the middle," Pollizano said. "I got behind the hitters too much and they were just too good." His struggles were highlighted by a long two-run home run by UM left fielder Dave DiNatale.

DeSimone entered the game in the second inning but could not stop the powerful Hurricanes’ offense as he let up five runs, none of which were earned.

By the bottom of the seventh inning with FIU down 5-4, it was the perfect scenario for a hero step up and put the game to bed.

Senior shortstop Monique White and junior outfielder Kim Rodriguez both reached scoring position after a sacrifice bunt from Ashley Falk.

Then, catcher Jessica Landau sent a double to deep left field, ending the first game on the highest of highs for the team.

Anyone expecting the

golden Panthers not in the same league as ‘Canes

Sometimes you just lose a baseball game, and you walk away from it.

Hey, there’s another game on April 2 was one of the latter.

A clearly more talented