Vehicle initiative program strives for more student parking

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University administration established a new vehicle policy in late July in response to several issues being faced such as budget cuts, conserving energy and limited parking on campus.

The new policy aims to create more parking for students by limiting the number of University vehicle spaces on campus. This will occur by removing department vehicles that do not fulfill new University vehicle guidelines.

“Limiting parking spaces for the golf carts and other vehicles will add additional student and staff parking spaces to our inventory,” said Bill Foster, director of Parking and Transportation.

“This will occur as the number of University cars, trucks and vans declines,” he said.

Foster says that that only a handful of State Vehicle spaces have been converted to regular parking, but he and Parking and Transportation expect the number to increase over the next few weeks.

According to Foster, University owned vehicles need to serve specific needs and be used on a constant basis. Criteria for a department to show sufficient need for a vehicle includes fulfilling the job functions of Public Safety, student compliance, student recruitment or for constant intra and intercampus transportation.

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According to the University vehicle guidelines, the fleet will save the University significant dollars in purchase prices, gas and maintenance,” Foster said.

Also, the program is responsible for saving the Educational & General Funds over $300,000, and the Parking and Transportation expects more money to be saved into the future.

Director of Recreation Services Rob Frye is in charge of all the intramural games held at FIU. His department needs two golf carts to transport game equipment. Although the carts do occupy parking spaces, they have to be registered and paid for.

Even so, Frye understands why his department is still required to register the vehicles.

“For the most part, I think the policy makes sense. It does put some financial obligations on departments that have vehicles, for some things that they didn’t have to pay for before. But overall it makes a safer campus,” Frye said.

The results have been positive, according to Foster, with new vehicle owners staying with the program.

Walking into Mrs. Uva de Aragon’s office, located in Deuxieme Masson 365, there is an immediate sense of joy and excitement that cannot be contained in this usually soft-spoken woman.

“I’m just ecstatic we won. If you would have come a few days earlier you would have seen me jumping for joy,” said Aragon, who is the current head of the Cuban Research Institute at the University.

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College of Medicine does not have golf carts, the new policy certainly makes sense. It'll cut down on dilapidated vehicles. Somebody has to keep them maintained, which they can do in the vehicle pool," said Robert Dollinger, assistant dean of Student Affairs at the College of Medicine. "I don't want to see golf carts on sidewalks, getting in the way of pedestrians at the University. There also needs to be more rules as to where they can be parked, like in the perimeter roads or near the loading areas. This resolves a lot of issues," Dollinger said.

To justify ownership and usage of University vehicles, departments must fill out a justification form for each vehicle. Regulations outlined in the policy must be met and each department dean or vice president must then approve the form.

The Department of Parking and Transportation will then determine whether to put the vehicle in the pool or dispose of it.
Travel, earn credits with National Exchange

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Credit cards beware. Students can satisfy their wanderlust without maxing out thanks to the National Student Exchange program. The NSE allows participating universities to send their students to other schools in the United States and Canada, for either a semester or one full academic year, for the price of in-state tuition. “It’s a wonderful opportunity. The financial benefit and the fact that there is a coordinator to help facilitate them [at the host university] means they don’t have to go through the admissions process,” said Varerie M. Organ, assistant dean of undergraduate studies and NSE contact at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

This opportunity includes a chance for students to see other parts of the country or Canada while earning credits towards their major.

“The goal of the program is to expand student’s horizons, it’s a matter of learning different areas, cultures, academic programs and it’s a good way to open up internship opportunities,” said Jaime Perez, NSE coordinator for the last 18 months.

The application process involves an application fee of $150, two letters of recommendation, a personal statement explaining the student’s goals and intentions, as well as a list of at least three schools the student would like to attend. A minimum 2.8 cumulative GPA and full-time academic status are also required, Perez said.

Upon acceptance, a student would then participate in the exchange the following academic year. However, there are no guarantees that students will get to attend their first choice of school.

“The more flexible a student is [in placement], the better experience they will have,” Perez said. “The host institution may be limited by how many students on options A or B they can accept. Each school makes their own decisions on this. It’s a first come, first serve as to where a student will go.”

Students coming back from the program wonder why so many other students don’t know about the opportunity,” Perez said.

Rocio Perez, an FIU graduate with a double major in international relations and French, participated in NSE during the 2007-2008 school year. For a full year, she lived in Quebec and attended L’Université de Sherbrooke.

“It’s a wonderful experience,” Perez said. “Instead of paying lots of money to go to Paris, I went to Quebec to learn French. I experienced Communist protests, and every night there was a six down dinner for three hours. I’ve never done any of that before,” said Rocio Perez.

Interested students should attend one of six informational meetings conducted by NSE coordinators during this academic year. Three will be held on Dec. 3, Jan. 22 and Feb. 5.

“Students make more well-rounded and grounded individuals. It plants the seed for them to be able to conquer other things, and is a building stone for their life as a young adult,” Jaime Perez said.

Applications are due Feb. 21, 2008. For more information, contact Jamie Perez at (305) 348-1292 or visit www.undergrad.fiu.edu/nse.

Bond with friends at little known North Miami locales

Like many of you, I grew up in South Florida struggling to find some entertainment to pass the time. I am officially bored of always going to the movies and the same old chain restaurants with my friends. I dedicate this column to finding new places close to the Biscayne Bay Campus that you may have not visited yet.

Normally, I start the semester by spending hours with my friends on the over-sized couches at our on-campus hangouts. I never thought there was a better way to spend time together and catch up. But recently, I started thinking that there must be other means of connecting with friends. Don’t get me wrong, I love a good cup of coffee. However, the best part of friendship is sharing things, and coffee is not one of those sharable drinks.

Luckily, there are plenty of other places around B.C., with a more intimate setting than drinking coffee in front of each other.

My picks:

Alexa, and I recently went to the Melting Pot restaurant after prematurely leaving a horrible party. As we discussed the headache we had from spending the night with former high school classmates, we no longer wished to see, we had added the treat of a fondue pot sitting between us. For those who don’t know fondue is a Swiss dish that involves melting cheese or chocolate in a pot. You usually dip bread, fruit or vegetables inside the hot dip.

A lexia and I dipped strawberries, marshmallows and pieces of cake into a chocolate fondue tart. The dim lights and candles in this restaurant create a romantic vibe, so I encourage couples to go there though it’s also perfect for a friend dinner.

The Melting Pot can be a little expensive and maybe you want to pinch a few pennies and not spend as much on dinner. Don’t fret, there are other cheaper places to share a meal that are close by.

P.F Chang’s is a great choice for those who want to experience Chinese food. A walk to this restaurant will create a romantic vibe, so I encourage couples to go there.

The restaurant is located on the corner of Biscayne and the Oleta River and there is a small boardwalk to stroll while taking in the breezes. Even those without dogs can have fun at this quaint picnic and dog-walking spot.

Your friends are going to be your support system for the rest of the school year. They are the people you will complain about teachers and celebrate all of your accomplishments with. Start the year off right and share a meal, go for a walk together or have your dogs become friends. Do whatever it takes to connect and start the bonding.

Read Weekends with Paradise every other Friday for more tips on places to go in the North Miami area.
Campus crosswalks become riskier as new buildings, students cause congestion

As a staff member and alumnus of the University, I have been a member of the FIU community for almost 13 years now. Something that bothers me is the ignorance our community members have for pedestrians crossing.

Every semester of every year, I see total disregard for and blatant violations of these crosswalk signs on our campus. It is my understanding that if the pedestrian is in any part of the crosswalk, the driver must stop his or her car and allow them to complete their crossing.

This would mean that a pedestrian could be on the opposite side of the crosswalk, and the driver could make it past, but is not supposed to.

I have had to stop for a car to pass by me, sometimes with-in a foot of my nose, and at a relatively high speed. I have even had to yell at people, and once, tap someone on the shoulder, to stop them from walking in front of a moving car that was obviously not going to stop.

I think this has become increasingly dangerous with the recent expansions of University Park.

It has become an obstacle course for pedestrians, and therefore more difficult to cross the streets on our campus.

Add to that the increase we have had in the student population - as well as faculty and staff - and you have a lot of activity on foot during the day and evening around us.

I realize that our campus police do not have the staff to man every crosswalk, nor should they have to. It is both a law and even common knowledge that pedestrians come first in a crosswalk.

So, with all of this having been said, I ask the University community to please slow down and watch out for pedestrians.

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TOUGH TIMES
Smarter decisions necessary during recession

If you've been feeling pain at the pump and in your wallet, I'm sorry to tell you, but it's not going away any time soon. Not to be a bearer of bad news, but don't expect this financial crisis taking place across the country to disappear quickly. In fact, the dreaded global downturn is now beginning to emerge in international markets as well, and it's better for us as students to be prepared and manage our finances in a proper manner with these times ahead of us.

This financial crisis is now a global financial crisis, and as far as the U.S. is concerned, it wouldn't be far fetched to say that although we've seen major issues, the worst is yet to come.

The last few weeks have been brutal for the housing sector, worse than the two previous quarters.

A according to Merrill Lynch, CEO Herbert Allison has stated in an interview on CNBC's "Fast Money" that investors threw away shares of home funding giants Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae in record numbers this year. I reddi E Mac and Fannie May own half of the nation's mortgages and the government, as a form of damage control, may nationalize these two companies.

FIU students will be indirectly affected in a major way, for our state is only one of three in the country officially directly affected in a major way, two companies.

With inflation increasing, it would come as no surprise that most commodities will stay where they are in value, if not grow. And yes, this includes gasoline prices.

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2008 ELECTION UPDATE

VEEP PICKS
Barack Obama selected Sen. Joseph Biden. Biden was clearly chosen to allay concerns that Sen. Obama does not have the experience to handle turbulent times in foreign affairs. Such a carefully calculated pick adds some legitimacy to the Democratic ticket, though it is at the expense of Obama's campaign call of "change we can believe in," through adding a "celebrity." I believe in Obama used to accept his nomination, as too much of a "celebrity.

The CONVENTIONS
The Democratic National Convention, which ended on Aug. 28, focused on extravagance, with the stage that Obama used to accept his nomination built by the same designer who has done sets for Britney Spears. Any commentators such as New York Times Maureen Dowd have noted a lack of unity among a divided party over the delegate debates that decided the party's primary.

On the Republican front, the first day of the convention was largely toned down due to the impending Hurricane Gustav heading toward New Orleans. The GOP focused on provid- ing relief to the gulf coast state that was gutted by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, in order to avoid the political faux pas of celebrating during a potential natural disaster. This situation already had less fanfare than the Democrats’ by design, a move intended to perpetuate McCain’s portrayal of Obama as too much of a “celebrity.”

- Eric Feldman
Opinion Editor

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**Frataternity takes care of business**

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Wearing black and silver, Delta Sigma Pi takes pride in their accomplishments as fine young leaders throughout the University.

Founded nationally in 1907 at New York University, the fraternity is over 100 years old with 260 chapters and over 220,000 members internationally. The FIU Xi Omega chapter was established in 2004.

This past spring, the organization was awarded the Student Organizations Council’s “Rising Star Award” among 170 clubs.

The organization focuses on hosting professional events as well as participating in several leadership development activities, volunteering for community service projects and promoting brotherhood through their social activities.

Currently, with 25 members and 80 alumni, the co-ed business fraternity will be recruiting new members beginning on Sep. 5 - 15.

Each member lives by three principles: professionalism, brotherhood and giving back to the community.

Through these principles members have the opportunity to meet and network with professionals and other students with similar career goals.

For member Andrea Lee, a sophomore double majoring in finance and management information systems, becoming a member has been a memorable experience thus far.

“It is a great feeling when you are surrounded by people with ambitions similar to your own as well as those who can offer advice on how you can make your dreams of success come true,” she said.

According to Senior Vice President Prerna Sood, their goal this year is to expose Delta Sigma Pi to the FIU business community and to become the link between the professional world and business students.

**DODGEBALL: A TRUE UNDERDOG STORY**

**CHRISTIN ERAZO**
Staff Writer

For student clubs, childhood recess is no more. Gone are the games of tag and hide and seek, but one of these playground games is making a comeback at FIU: dodgeball.

Stride Gum and FIU’s Recreation Center encourage students to “Grab Life by the Dodgeball!” and participate in the first Stride Gum Dodgeball Tournament taking place on Wednesday, Sep. 17, 2008 at 6 p.m. FIU students and alumni, including members of the Rec Center, have the opportunity to compete in teams of six to win prizes totaling $1,000. Stride Gum will also be giving out free gum along with other giveaways during the event.

“Dodgeball is just a fun game. Unfortunately, after middle school, everyone pretty much stops playing it or it’s just a team of friends. Nothing feels better than getting a solid hit on your opponent,” said Senior Chris Lelgado.

From a nationwide pool of 199 colleges and universities, FIU, along with 19 other schools, was chosen by Campus Entertainment and Stride jointly agreed to be the host of this sporting event.

What is Dodgeball?

Dodgeball has recently made a leap to the mainstream after it was featured in the 2004 feature film Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story starring Vince Vaughn and Ben Stiller. Seeing the immense popularity and attention the movie received, dodgeball seemed like the obvious sport of choice for a tournament.

"Campus Entertainment and Stride jointly agreed that this sporting event would be the most popular, easily marketable and even preferred," said graduate assistant of intramural sports Rosie Porciec. "It’s an event that typically isn’t held, until recently, hasn’t been offered to the college.

Lead your party to victory on the Campaign trail

The 2008 election year already holds historical significance for many reasons. For the first time in history we are almost assured that one of the candidates on the winning ticket will be something other than a Caucasian male.

With all the attention on the recent conventions and vice presidential nominations, a slew of predictions has flooded the media. Luckily, the brilliant team at THUP Games has created a program that promises to revolutionize the art of campaign prediction.

Campaign, an online, turn-based tactical game, takes the genre in an interesting direction by using the ‘08 election as their premise and pits the two candidates against each other in a race for national dominance.

There are two modes of play available, a single player campaign and an online multiplayer option. At the start of the single player game, players can choose between the easy or hard difficulty settings. Then, you must choose your candidate, Sen. Barack Obama or Sen. John McCain, and form a campaign staff. Each of the members you have to choose from have different special abilities that allow you to customize your plan of attack.

Once you have your staff members selected, the goal of the game is simple - capture territory to earn money which you then use to perform your party member’s special abilities.

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Senior Angela DiQuazene was excited to participate with some friends from her nursing program.

"My favorite aspect about dodgeball is the teamwork and the good laughs we can have while playing," she said.

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"I’m sure there will be truly hilarious moments and some jaw dropping ones," said Porciec. "It all depends on who comes out and what kind of match-ups occur.

"If I were to choose one of the candidates on the ticket, I would choose Sen. Barack Obama. I think he would bring a more measured, reasonable tone to the political arena.

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Business brotherhood begins recruitment

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With this goal in mind, the group has set up a series of events throughout the month of September to attract and inform business students about Delta Sigma Pi.

Their first recruitment event will take place this Friday at 8 p.m. in Dolphin Mall at T.G.I. Friday’s, where interested students will have the opportunity to meet the brothers of the organization.

On Tuesday Sept. 9, the group will be hosting an informational session featuring professional speakers from national companies such as Ameriprise and Allstate in Graham Center 325 at 8 p.m. Concluding the presentations, attendees will have the opportunity to once again meet the brothers and learn how to get involved.

Students interested in becoming a member of the organization must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and currently be a business major in the University. Both undergraduates and graduates are students are welcome to join.

For more information, students should e-mail deltasigrecruit@gmail.com.

Web site helps users find fall looks for less

CLAUDIA SANTANA  Staff Writer

Carrie Bradshaw, the main character from “Sex and the City” once said, “I like my money right where I can see it, hanging in my closet.”

Although the idea of a packed closet might seem daunting, college students living on scholarships and loan money cannot afford this luxury.

“Since I am on a teacher’s salary, I always try to shop at discount stores like Loehmann’s and Marshalls when I am on a tight budget. You can find so many cute things for cheap [prices] if you really look,” said Pamela M. Arrieta, a senior majoring in special education who also works as a substitute teacher.

With fall quickly approaching, it might be financially difficult to keep up with new trends while getting rid of old ones.

This is why users of Style.ee.com have put together a list of ways to adapt your summer wardrobe and wallet for the upcoming season. The Web site is an online community where budding fashionistas sign up, rate items and, once enough items are rated and the site has a feel for the individual’s personal style, items are recommended to the user.

The top ten list, compiled by members of the site, is a mix of retro looks with cold weather necessities.

1. Because of Miami’s intolerable heat this summer, even the idea of a jacket can make you sweat. However, the day will come when it is cooler. Skinny jeans do not have to be put away just yet. Form-fitting clothes are coming back.

2. For a funky look, pair boots with tights. Whether it be to survive in the Corporate World or improve your public speaking skills or just to stand out, this look is sure to turn heads.

3. If you wish you were born in the 70s, good news – the 70’s are back. Re-create the style by wearing wide-leg jeans, platforms or both.

4. For a classic look for school or work, stick to neutral colors. Black, white and grey are easy colors to shop for, and they can be mixed and matched while still looking business casual. It does not have to be boring, however. A cowl neck with bright colors, like purple or blue, is a great way to add some flair.

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Golden Panthers to play in FIU tournament next week

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With the maturation of the returners and some key additions, coach Tomic expects a strong season, but she is not overlooking the challenges faced going through a season. According to Tomic, confidence and continuous high energy on the court is key to winning, which she expects. “We go into every match expecting to win, we have no major weaknesses, we have things to work on, but just small things”

FIU hosts the tournament September 12-13. The teams involved are UCF, Penn, FIU and Oral Roberts.

Women's soccer looks to pick up first win against FSU

The Golden Panthers are rebounding from two upsetting losses against the University of Miami and the University of Buffalo over Memorial Day weekend.

The season opening 0-3 is not what players and coaches hoped for, however, the Golden Panthers are pinpointing key elements that need improvement in order to conquer their upcoming opponents.

When playing at high temps, you get exposed if you're not jelling and fluid," said second year head coach Thomas Chestnutt. "We need to match the tempo of our opponents early and then slow down the game a little when we need to.

These elements will be crucial as the Golden Panthers travel to Tallahassee on September 6, from Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City, long on to FIU Sports.

The Golden Panthers Deana Ross recently scored 6 of 12 points in the first half until Miami scored in the 41st minute when Julianne Ricke scored a rebound off a shot by Paulette Chambers.

This momentum change was a key factor in an early score from Miami in the second half.

Hurricanes freshman, Brittany Strebok, tallied their second goal which was deflected by a Golden Panther defender and shot into the back of the net.

The Golden Panthers Deana Ross responded in the 48th minute to bring the lead down to 2-1. However, the Hurricanes were able to waste the final four minutes off the clock in their favor, sending FIU into the game against Buffalo with two losses under their belt.

"The girls were pumped up and ready going into Sunday's game against Buffalo in the Miami sun," Chestnutt said. Even with home-field advantage, the Golden Panthers could not seal the win against the University of Buffalo on Sunday at University Park.

There were several close scores, including one by sophomore Kassandra Sorzano who nearly gave the Golden Panthers the lead in the 42nd minute. She dribbled into the box, beating two of the defenders before taking a shot that was deflected.

Leaving the first half scoreless, the Bulls jumped on FIU with two early second-half goals by Lindsay Bailey in the 48th and 61st minute.

Senior defender Kla Rigsby was injured in the 60th minute of play and forced out of bounds, which caused confusion on the field and resulted in the transition second.

Although the scoreboard read 2-0 Bulls, the Golden Panthers outshot the University of Buffalo 25-6.

The Golden Panthers will travel to Tallahassee Sept. 5 to take on the Seminoles before heading to Jacksonville on September 7.

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FANTASY FIVE FOOTBALL COLUMN

Mid-to-late round picks can win you league

JONATHAN ALPERT Staff Writer

With the NFL season coming to a head, Fantasy Football is now a big priority in people's lives. Not taking anything away from the student's schoolwork (yeah, right), Fantasy Football is a great way to familiarize your self with NFL teams and players you wouldn't normally follow.

This week is very draft heavy, and most followers of Fantasy football know who to draft in the first rounds. I'm not going to tell you where to draft Tom Brady, or Reggie Wayne, I'm going to try and help you win your league, which is done between rounds 5 and 16.

FIVE PLAYERS TO WATCH

Kevin Smith: Running back, Detroit

Even though I like staying away from rookies, Kevin Smith is no brainer. At the NFL Combine, he averaged over 30 carries a game, and has looked good in the preseason as well.

He is a workhorse, and will be the starting running back in Detroit. In a point per reception league where yards are few and far between, Kevin Smith is a good mid-late round sleep.

This week, the Dolphins travel to Tallahassee on Sept. 7.

Pierre Thomas: Running back, New Orleans

Reggie Bush can carry the load off offense by himself (see 2007), and Duce Mc Hitters is coming off ACL and Micro fracture surgery on his knee.

There is no precedent for 29-year-old running backs coming off multiple knee surgeries succeeding in the NFL. Thomas has shown his talent in the preseason, running in between the tackles, and catching the ball out of the backfield. Watch out for him in the late rounds, and in 10 team leagues, pick him off waivers.

Patrick Crayton- Wide Receiver, Dallas

Crayton has been in the news, and with Tony Gonzalez to his full potential. Randy Mc Michael is very athletic, and will be used over the middle of field with Tony Holt and Steven Jackson taking up all the attention from the defense.

Catch the Fantasy Five column every Friday in The Beacon and Thursday's 12:50 on Radiate FM

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For up to date Golden Panther sports news on Radiate FM, 88.1/95.3/96.9 and tune in to Panther Spots Talk live Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m.

Author's Note: For live updates and game notes from the FIU vs. Iowa football game, Sept. 6, from Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City, long on to FIUSM.com at noon, check us out on Twitter @IUSportsonAir.

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Cranberry" said second year head coach Thomas Chestnutt. The Golden Panthers kept the Hurricanes scoreless throughout almost the entire first half until Miami scored in the 41st minute when Julianne Ricke scored a rebound off a shot by Paulette Chambers. There is a rule in soccer to not let the other team score within the first and last five minutes of a half, said junior Marissa Papas, “and we broke it by letting them (the Hurricanes) in with only four minutes left until halftime.”

The late first half score sent the Golden Panthers into halftime trailing 1-0 with a handful of crucial goals savers and numerous failed attempts.

“The momentum of the game was taken out of us and given to Miami into the second half,” Chestnutt said.

The Golden Panthers lost over Miami in the second half. Hurricanes freshman, Brittany Strebok, tallied their second goal which was deflected by a Golden Panther defender and shot into the back of the net. The Golden Panthers Deana Ross responded in the 48th minute to bring the lead down to 2-1. However, the Hurricanes were able to waste the final four minutes off the clock in their favor, sending FIU into the game against Buffalo with two losses under their belt.

“The girls were pumped up and ready going into Sunday’s game against Buffalo in the Miami sun,” Chestnutt said. Even with home-field advantage, the Golden Panthers could not seal the win against the University of Buffalo on Sunday at University Park.
COACH'S CORNER: WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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“Look for the players to play, always at the highest level,” Tomic said. “We play with a lot of energy, were an exciting team.”

With their first game behind them, the FIU Golden Panthers (0-1) are set to travel again to Charleston Southern (0-1) on Wednesday, this time to face the Purdue Boilermakers last season when they defeated Iowa 31-16. In that contest, the Boilermakers amassed 431 yards of offense, 215 of which were throws. Including last season’s victory, Purdue was 2-3 against Iowa while Legg held his post.

If he cannot substantially help generate some sort of offensive movement, it could be an easy afternoon for the Hawkeyes.

The offense managed just 139 total yards as senior A’mod Ned was not on the same level. While they did managed to score 46 points in their opener, it was not result in an improvement against Kansas but offensive coordinator Bill Legg hopes that a second attempt will prove successful.

The offensive general has experience against the Hawkeyes as he was the co-coordinator for the Purdue Boilermakers last season when they defeated Iowa 31-16.

In that context, the Boilermakers and Felton Younger, also in the rotation. McCall finished last week 10-for-28 with 73 yards and two touchdowns. Overall, he was average but particularly standing, they can expose the FIU defense struggled last week with seven rushes for 23 yards and a touchdown. He also caught two passes for 27 yards.

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This is Tomic’s 4th year at the helm of FIU Women’s volleyball, her first run with all of the athletes are her recruits.

“I look for passionate players. Bottom line, is some players aren’t for me,” she said. “It took a few years to develop the [winning] culture I wanted here,” Tomic expounded that FIU’s continued success relies heavily on maintaining focus. She doesn’t let her squad bask in a win, or focus on a loss for too long.

“Wins not hard to keep them grounded. We have a 24-hour rule…win or lose, you move on,” Tomic said. “The coaches always find something to do better, we can always improve.”

Tomic has helped develop a core group of players to rely on to lead the squad. “Mariana [Drumeva, Sr] and Yari [Rosa, Jr] aren’t vocal leaders. Natalie [Valentin, So.] has emerged as the vocal leader. Last season before Shonn Green began the season making a statement. Green rushed 22 times for 109 yards and a touchdown. Freshman Jewl Hampton started his career strong with 9 carries for 73 yards and two touchdowns last week.

Paki O’Meara excelled during spring ball and had a decent showing last week with seven rushes for 23 yards and a touchdown. He also caught two passes for 27 yards.

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The Iowa offensive line struggled to stay healthy and finished last in sacks in the Big Ten this year, in essence, did not do the ground game much justice.

If the FIU linebackers can penetrate the offensive line, something they struggled with last week, they can contain the Hawkeye offense. Overall, the offense is dangerous but, based on last season, has shown signs of vulnerability.

While they did managed to score 46 points in their opener, it was against an FCS team that clearly was not on the same level.

The Hawkeye defense last season was average but particularly excelled at rushing defense, averaging just 122 yards a game against the unit which was third best in the Big Ten.

Overall, Iowa ranked fifth in total defense but this year the unit will rely on young stars to produce results.

The linebackers led the team in tackles last season and of them, A.J. Eds, is returning. Two players that FIU should be aware of are senior defensive tacklers Mitch Krog and Matt Krul.

Although the defense is not outstanding, they can expose the FIU offense. They clearly had their way with Maine and if Legg cannot figure out a way to manipulate the unit with FIU’s talent, there is danger of the Golden Panthers running shut down.

Although the program underachieved last season, the main reason for the sub-par performance was the list of devastating injuries. Most of the players are returning with another year of experience and possess a lot of potential.

While the team has dealt with many off-the-field issues, such as 14 players having run-ins with the law, the Hawkeyes are a good team that could easily run away with this game, when it’s all said and done.

FIU has got to rebound from last week’s offensive drought and Legg’s knowledge of Iowa could make the difference.

When it comes to players, senior Julian Reams has got to be a factor in the running game and cannot repeat the performance he had in the opener: four carries for a yard.

The receivers must have a strong game much justice.

OFFENSE

FIU defense struggled last week with talented Kansas quarterback Todd Reesing.

This week, the unit will be facing a team that has another quality quarterback, Jake Cristensen. Last week, the junior finished 9-for-15 for 122 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

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