Students sipped joe with Joe Garcia

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On the morning of Sept. 4, FIU students at the University Bookstore’s Starbucks enjoyed a different cup of joe.

Democratic Congressional hopeful Joe Garcia made an appearance to mingle with students and exchange ideas, while enjoying some coffee.

Garcia came in, shook hands with students and proposed some of his ideas for change if elected to Congress. He is currently running against Republican Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, who has held the congressional seat for the 25th District of Florida since 2003.

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Campaign intends to save Cuban rebel

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Students are mobilizing a campaign to save Iris Tamara Pérez Aguilera, a Cuban dissident, who is being held in Cuba under charges of resistance toward officers of the National Revolutionary Police.

The FIU chapter of the Free Cuba Foundation discussed the situation and decided to hold a campaign to save Pérez Aguilera.

Pérez Aguilera, a long time member of Free Cuba Foundation, has been sentenced by a Cuban judge to either pay a hefty fine or face up to 250 days in jail for having intervened on the National Revolutionary Police, who was beating a young Cuban man by the name of Melquíades Hernández on the streets of Placetas, Cuba.

Upon intervening, officers slammed Pérez Aguilera against the nearby police vehicle, yelling racist profanities at her such as “f*cking black” and “black monkey.”

A short while after that exchange, they told her that all they needed was “an order to kill all these f*cking blacks who stick their noses into everything,” according to Pérez Aguilera’s husband, former political prisoner Jorge Luis García Pérez “Antúnez” in an interview with the Cuban Democratic Directorate.

“I have no reason to pay a fine if I have committed no crime. My only crime, according to them, was to have defended Melquíades Hernández, a young man who was bleeding profusely, and on top of that, the Cuban police was beating him,” stated Pérez Aguilera by telephone to the Cuban Democratic Directorate.

On Aug. 20, Cuban democracy activists all over Cuba and Miami petitioned to consider Pérez Aguilera’s case.

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Due to technical difficulties, page 2 was cut off. The Beacon apologizes to its readers for this inconvenience. To read the full version of stories that were cut off, please go to fiusm.com
NEWS FLASH
FIU
Entrepeneurship institute to hold special seminar

FIU’s Global Entrepreneur Center will host a lecture by the U.S.‘s largest financial and technology services firm on Monday Sept. 15 from 6 p.m to 8 p.m. Doug Tatum, a founding partner of Tatum LLC, will speak to students and offer insight during a two hour lecture held at the University Park M A R C Invitational Pavillion.

FIU proves its all business

FIU’s College of Business was ranked as one of the top business schools in the country by U.S. News and World Report. The magazine ranked different colleges and universities in their annual report titled “America’s Best Colleges 2009.” FIU’s College of Business was the only business program in Florida to received a top-15 ranking.

HIV researcher allotted more funds

FIU professor and HIV researcher Madhavan Nair has received a generous grant from the National Institute of Health. The professor an additional five years and a total of $3 million. Professor Nair’s current grant, giving

POLICE NOTES

Aug. 14 - Aug. 27

Aug. 14: Public Safety was called by a University faculty member in reference to a 21-year-old male who was sleeping at the University Park Towers TV Lounge. The subject had been warned verbally in the past for similar actions by police officers, some two to three weeks before. The subject was given a written violation for trespassing and was subsequently arrested.

Aug. 20: Public Safety was contacted by a student who stated that he left his laptop notebook unattended on top of his desk inside 345B of the Biscayne Bay Campus Library. When the victim returned to the room, unknown person(s) had entered the unsecured room and removed his black, Toshiba laptop computer. A canvas of the area yielded negative results.

The only functional camera in the area of the incident was unable to capture the culprit.

Aug. 27: Two male students got into a physical altercation late in the evening.

One of the students, on his way to the FIU Recreation Center, parked in parking lot B and was met by the other male. The first student walked away, not wanting to talk. The first student was followed into the gym by the other male, when both began arguing.

Then, the first student left the gym and proceeded to get into his vehicle.

At that time, the other male began pulling the car door so that it would not close.

A minor physical altercation ensued and then the first student was able to close his door and call FIU Public Safety.

Units responded to the scene. Afterward, both parties left the scene without incident.

- Compiled by David A. Barrios

CORRECTIONS

In the issue dated Sept. 3, 2008, the news section photograph titled “Hey Mr. DJ” mispelled the event’s DJ. His name is Anthony Sobers-A socie, not Anthony Sabers.

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

CUP OF JOE:

Joe Garcia, Democratic Congressional hopeful, drinks a cup of coffee in the FIU Bookstore with Jose Marantes, a sociology graduate student.

Not so average Joe Garcia addressed student concerns

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Some small businesses offer tuition reimbursement for newly gradu- ated employees,” said Garcia. “And consequently, it will boost the local economy and help students pay off debt.”

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For his constituency, Garcia hopes to invest in the individual and the community as the root of change, much like education is the foundation for fueling the economy.

“Homestead is one of the most productive agricultural lands in this side of Florida, but it’s the people that make it productive,” he said.

The problem, he says, is that the government is spending more than it earns.

He also addressed another common complaint among college students: the lack of career opportunities and debt after graduation. He offered a solution he claims will directly steer money toward the local economy.

According to Garcia, education and economy are two factors that are inextricably linked, and small businesses can act as an effective liaison for both. He proposed there should be more of an incentive to prepare a future task force of new hires in small businesses.

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“For every one dollar that goes into education, you get six dollars back,” he said. “Therefore, there is an incentive for government to channel funds toward education.

If elected, he hopes to expand college loans and reduce interest.

“I was very impressed with the ideas he offered, especially those for education,” said Garcia. “I was actually even considering being involved with campaigning,” said senior Gore Salva a liberal arts and science major.

Afer Garcia spoke with students and drank some coffee, he headed over to FIU’s radio station Radio FM, where he was interviewed. This interview can be heard at FIU SM.com.

Notice of Public Meeting

The Speech-Language Pathology Program in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders is having a reaccreditation site visit on September 22 and 23, 2008.

A meeting is scheduled on September 23rd at 8:15 am in room CBC 232 for public input on the program’s compliance with the Standards for Accreditation of Graduate Education Programs in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology published by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA). A copy of the Standards for Accreditation and/or the CAA’s Policy on Public Comment may be obtained by contacting the Accreditation Office at: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association 2200 Research Boulevard #101, Rockville, MD 20850 or by calling ASHA’s Action Center at 800-498-2071, or by accessing the documents on ASHA’s Web site at: http://asha.org/about/credentialing/accreditation/

The meeting is open to interested parties from the university and the community.

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Main goal of free lecture series on ecology is preservation

JULIA CARDENUTO
BBC Life Editor

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BBC's Student Government Council main environmental initiative, according to SGC-BBC President Ana Maria Silva, is the "Day On The Bay," which will take place in November and will aim to "reach the community, students and professors to help clean the bay."

"The lecture series will be presented under a tent by the bay and is being co-sponsored by the City of North Miami. Dinar stressed the fact that the event came together with help from various parties."

"It's not any one person, but a team of people, and the students are a main part of this team," Dinar said. For more information visit www.fi u.edu and RSVP or call (305) 919-5700.

PEACE POLE: The Campus Ministry Council will lead a dedication ceremony for the Peace Pole during its annual Multifaith Peace Fair on Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Peace Pole will represent a remembrance for Sept. 11 victims and Virginia Tech. It will take place behind the WUC and the Marine Biology Building.

"The best thing about BBC is that it's quiet and homely. I'm new here, but everyone is very welcoming, and there are lots of Caribbean people."

Lorraine Henderson
Freshman

"You build real friendships with people. You actually feel like you are part of a community instead of feeling lost in this humongous world. The areas surrounding the campus is way nicer than down by UP."

Ryan Jagessar
Senior

"BBC is great because it is convenient. You can park closer to class than at UP and can meet up with people better. And there's a family environment too."

Marcello Paciotti
Senior

Volunteers welcomed at Arsht Center

Students looking to acquire experience in fields like theater, education or art have an opportunity to do so while having fun, meeting new people and learning about the performing arts.

The Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County, formerly known as the Carnival Center for the Performing Arts, is looking at FIU students for volunteers to help in performances, tours and offices.

We are really excited about getting more students involved at Arsht Center," said Evelyn Gigiras, volunteer services manager at the Arsht Center.

A Volunteer Fair will be taking place Sept. 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Panther Square at the Biscayne Bay Campus. Students will have the opportunity to meet the volunteer services manager and apply.

Volunteers will have the ability to choose the area in which they want to help, depending on their field of interest.

A coordinating at Gigiras, students have the option to help as ushers, ticket-takers, in guest services, tours, and even during special events such as the Calle Ocho Festival. Bilingual students and sign language speakers are a plus, according to Zachary Trautenberg, marketing specialist at the Wolfe University Center.

"Any major is welcome. There are many positions available, and students can find one that fits them," Trautenberg said.

The program consists of a 72-hour volunteer commitment that can be arranged according to the student’s availability.

"The schedules are flexible. We have matinee and evening performances," Gigiras said.

For each performance, the volunteer should be able to work at least four hours. A commitment to at least two months is also requested. For students volunteering an entire day, lunch and free parking will be provided.

Afer completing 72 hours of service, volunteers also receive a series of benefits, ranging from an annual volunteer awards banquet, four tickets to any performance and a basic Arsht Center Membership valued at $55, to T-shirts and other discounts.

During daytime events such as Snow Day, where real snow is brought for children to play with, volunteers are also welcomed to bring family and friends, according to Trautenberg.

"Getting students involved is important because they are our future patrons, and volunteering is a wonderful way to enhance their experience," Gigiras said.

For more information contact Evelyn Gigiras at (786) 488-2285 or volunteers@arshtcenter.org.
Legal hurdles shouldn’t hinder academia

América is a country that values academic freedom more than most. Imagine a world where scholars are prohibited from doing research because of government restrictions that prevent travel to certain countries. We seem to take for granted that students here and across the country can walk into a classroom and hear a professor lecture about how the current government is corrupt and wrong. It is certainly a step up from the era of McCarthyism in the 1950s as well as in other countries today where forced patriotism is the norm.

It may surprise some that, since 2006, research by public colleges and universities, even if funded by private money, has been prohibited in countries listed as terrorism sponsors by Florida statutes, specifically the Florida’s Cuban Research Institute has sent faculty and students to the country for a class on humanitarians, and the University of South Florida’s Institute for Research in Art has had long-standing academic relations with the nation that was hindered by the signing of the law. These projects and others should not be banned over well-intended but impractical fears of terrorism. Striking down the portion of the law that prohibited private dollars from conducting research is a step—albeit a small one—in the right direction.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Novel Nixed’ article presents faulty view of decency standards in relation to free speech

Matthew Ruckman’s article, “Novel Nixed: Fears of Violence Hinder Manuscript,” shows the lack of knowledge that typifies his position. Ruckman argues that Random House’s decision not to publish “The Jew of Medina” was a small act of censorship. Random House is perfectly justified in not publishing this novel, and it has no way of doing its act to meet the term “censorship.” A publishing house is not a branch of the government, it is an art form, and it is its own right to look for its interests, profit and reputation.

We live in a global market, and due to the global spread of information, what is published in the United States is quickly read in the Middle East. We cannot simply state that deciding not to publish this novel was for fear of repercussion from the radical sects of the Islamic community. Ruckman’s generalizations about the Islamic community also illuminate his lack of knowledge of the Middle Eastern culture. Even Cuba, North Korea, Sudan and Syria.

The state never had any business prohibiting private funds from financing any sort of research. Moreover, though the possibility misusing these funds exists, much legitimate and important research does go on in these nations, most notably in Cuba. FIU’s Cuban Research Institute has sent faculty and students to the country for a class on humanitarians, and the University of South Florida’s Institute for Research in Art has had long-standing academic relations with the nation that was hindered by the signing of the law. These projects and others should not be banned over well-intentioned but impractical fears of terrorism. Striking down the portion of the law that prohibited private dollars from conducting research is a step—albeit a small one—in the right direction.

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We’re all familiar with cell phone payment plans, where you pay a certain amount of minutes, and additional usage incurs extra charges. It seemed as if it was just a matter of time before Internet service providers wised up to this ever profitable system—and one finally has, recently amended its plan to cap users’ bandwidth at 230 gigabytes per month.

Though Comcast claims this system has always been their policy, ISPs typically do not enforce bandwidth usage among their users. Beginning Oct. 1, 2008, users who exceed this limit will be “contacted by the company and asked to curtail their usage” and those who refuse to comply may find themselves disconnected, according to the Associated Press (and also stated on the Comcast Terms of Service Web site).

Many questions arise when a system we are so used to is altered, for one why? Major ISPs are working with systems that are already in place or have been testing this type of system for some time. Maybe Ruckman is a blaring religious fanatic, I wouldn’t print anything that includes the head of a world religion in a soft-porn dialogue.

RODRIGO PRICHARD
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International Relations

Comcast limits bandwidth

On the other hand, fears have arisen that if such a system succeeds for this one company, others will quickly follow suit, which may lead to a quick race to the bottom; the cap may be increasingly lowered across the board. Other companies have already been testing this type of system such as Time Warner and Cox Communications; both have experimented with caps ranging from 5 to 75 GB per month.

Another set of problems with this type of limited access stems from the increasingly high bandwidth content ISPs to combat the popular switch over from traditional TV and phone systems to the Internet, which can perform both of those functions and at typically lower costs. Whatever the reasoning may be, it is clear that we must keep a close watch as this story progresses. As students and intellectuals of the 21st century, the Internet has become our source of knowledge, communication and entertainment.

We must ensure our right to quality Internet and not allow ISPs to slowly chip away at it with lower standards and higher costs.
FIU alumnus writes autobiography with spray paint

SHANNON FALLON
Staff Writer

Claudio Picasso – yes, that is his rightful birth name – is making his mark on the streets of Miami with his larger than life graffiti artwork. With his modest manner and wondering mind, this native Chilean artist may be more than meets the eye.

"Dressed in everyday cargo shorts, a striped blue polo and flip-flops, Picasso looks like anything but an artist besides his blue paint-stained hands. Graffiti art had been introduced to Picasso in the nineties as the hip-hop scene emerged and he took to the streets to express his art. As a former FIU student, Picasso studied art history but dibbled in the different creative arts such as photography and drawing.

"I didn’t know what I [wanted] to do in college. I just knew that I liked art and that I was going to do something with it," said Picasso. "A professor once told me that I had an off way of looking at things. I didn’t know it at the time but I guess it was a compliment. That comment has stayed with me throughout.

After college, Picasso took a break from graffiti to pursue other career options. Currently, he teaches graphic art to students at Corporate Academy North in Brownsville. It wasn’t until Lauren Reskin, a former co-worker and friend, asked Picasso to paint a mural outside her independent record store “Sweat Records,” that Picasso picked up the spray can.

Picasso’s first mural, one of his favorites, is a painted red and white scene from the Akira Kurosawa film Yojimbo. The idea can be accredited to Picasso’s childhood memories in which he rented videos from a Chinese movie store and had been introduced to Asian samurai films.

"I asked the owner one day to recommend some movies so he gave me a couple of foreign ones. After watching them, I went back and told him I needed more. These movies changed my life and introduced me to foreign films."

Picasso has now returned to do a second mural for Reskin at her new “Sweat” location.

This time, Picasso’s mural, also known as the Wall of Idolatry, depicts various influential artists such as David Bowie, Billie-Holiday and members of Daft Punk in vibrant green, blue and white.

The unveiling of the mural this past Saturday kicked off with kegs and cupcakes, as guests bumped to the beats of local DJ’s.

The success Picasso has had with his murals has branded him an artist, even though he may beg to differ.

"I don’t like when people call me an artist. I just don’t consider myself an artist. I just don’t consider myself an artist. I hate the process of painting."

"When you do that one piece and it comes out just right, it makes up for all the rest," he said.

He calls his work autobiographical, something that he has just recently realized. His paintings depict different people influencing his life in one way or another at some point in his life.

FIU alumni writes autobiography with spray paint

MONICA PUERTO
Contributing Writer

University Health Services and Student Health Advocates for Peer Education are concerned about students’ transitions into college. This transition impacts everyone differently at an academic, personal, social and intellectual level.

UHS and SHAPE collaborated with other departments including the Victim Advocacy Center, the Student Programming Council, the Counseling & Psychological Services Center and Career Services, to create The Real World: College Style. The pilot project has been planned since last spring with the purpose of answering any questionsimaginable about college life while making it fun for the audience.

Real World will take place at Lakeview North on Sept. 10 at 7 p.m.

Speakers from these departments, as well as FIU students, will be at the event to speak to students about what to expect out of college life. Questions ranging from how to prepare after college, how to practice safe sex, how to deal with peer pressure, how to manage studying time and more will be explored.

"I hope I can learn how to [have] a fulfilling college experience without living at the dorms," said freshman Anthony Rodriguez.

Real World will also present attendees with information about internships, clubs and organizations that help build experiences and skills. Students will also be encouraged to ask questions about any concerns they may have and make new friends who have similar aspirations or questions.

Healthy cash is a new initiative by UHS that rewards students for being healthy. Attending other UHS events and programs, signing up for a free HIV test, acupuncture, or a 30-minute massage, will accumulate healthy cash. The cash can then be exchanged to redeem gifts that are on display at the Wellness Center or at the student health Web site.

Students exchanging healthy cash may choose among “I Heart Boobs” T-shirts, mugs, “I Love FIU” tote bags or even school supplies as prizes.

A deejay will be present and food, t-shirts, glow in the dark bracelets and healthy cash will be given away.

Casandra L. Roache, Wellness Center senior health educator, is part of Real World and the Healthy Cash program. She was surprised to see how many people are not aware about the utilities at FIU.

“IT is amazing to see even seniors at FIU that don’t even realize they can get a free HIV test. That is why programs and events like these are created. So they can be aware of the tools that they can use here to prepare them for the real world,” she said.

For more information on student health, visit studenthealth.fiu.edu.
Seth Rogen lands dream role in latest Smith film

DAVID GERMAIN
AP Wire

All Seth Rogen really wanted when he came to Hollywood was to make a movie with Kevin Smith.

His dream came true, and more: Rogen got to make a dirty movie with Smith.

Rogen stars with Elizabeth Banks in Smith’s "Zack and Miri Make a Porno," a romantic comedy with a whole lot of skin showing.

The 26-year-old actor recalled a meeting nearly a decade ago with a prospective agent who asked what his career goals were. That’s when he confessed his desire to work with Smith, whose profanity-spewing raconteurs were an influence on the sort of films Rogen eventually would make himself.

"I started seeing billboards going up with his face on them and I was like, we lost this guy," Smith said. "This dude was like a supporting actor in ‘40-Year-Old Virgin’ and he’s just waiting for somebody to give him his own movie."

But Smith said that when he sent an e-mail to Rogen asking if he would read the screenplay, the actor shot back an answer within 2 minutes.

"I love porn. I watch tons of porn. The Internet speeds have evolved directly with my sexual drive," Rogen said. "I almost did it purely based on the title."

That, and the chance to work with one of his idols.

"Without Kevin Smith movies, I don’t think I would be doing exactly what I’m doing now," Rogen said.

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GETTING PHYSIC-AL

MAD SCIENTISTS: Seniors Irene Perez (right), Felipe Garay (middle), and Nathan Samuels (left) spend time at the Society of Physics Students’ table at the SCO Club Fair.

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Kevin Smith

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After seeing what "An Inconvenient Truth" did for environmental awareness, Hollywood producer Laura Ziskin wanted to make a documentary about cancer, a disease she has fought since 2004.

Former Paramount Pictures chief Sherry Lansing, who established a namesake foundation dedicated to cancer research and awareness, was working with television networks to put on a cancer awareness TV special. Katie Couric, who has been an advocate for early cancer screenings and even televised her own colonoscopy since losing her husband to colon cancer 10 years ago, was working on a similar project.

So the women got together — along with other entertainment-industry execs and more than 60 of their famous friends — to create Stand Up to Cancer, a fund- and awareness-raising organization set to hold an unprecedented, star-studded live telethon airing simultaneously on ABC, NBC and CBS on Friday night.

"I jokingly say I have to make cancer awareness entertaining," said Ziskin, who is producing the show at Hollywood's Kodak Theater. "The good news is that the entertainment community gets it. We're touched. Look at Patrick Swayze. Look at Christina Applegate. Look at Robin Roberts.

"Cancer is not in the closet anymore, and now that it's out of the closet we have to motivate the public to demand that, as a country, we do better," she continued. "And if the country won't do it, we'll do it. We'll raise money ourselves and try to spend that money in a way that will lead to better, less toxic treatments that we can get to patients more quickly."

Applegate, who recently underwent a double mastectomy after being diagnosed with breast cancer, is among those set to help deliver the message Friday. She'll be joined by scores of other stars from TV, music and film, including Halle Berry, Forest Whitaker, America Ferrera, Jack Black, Salma Hayek, James Taylor, Carrie Underwood and Rob Lowe.

Celebrities will share their personal experiences with the disease and will help answer phone calls from donors, Ziskin said.

The hourlong show will also include a performance of "Just Stand Up," a charity song featuring Mariah Carey, Mary J. Blige, Beyonce, Rihanna, Fergie, Miley Cyrus, Underwood and others. Couric and her fellow network news anchors, Charles Gibson and Brian Williams, are set to host the show.

The aim of Stand Up to Cancer is to raise funds for "translational research," Ziskin said, which encourages scientists to collaborate rather than compete, translating basic science into applicable therapies for patients. She compared the approach to the Manhattan project.

"We took the best and brightest and locked them up in Los Alamos and said you can't leave until you split the atom and create, unfortunately, a bomb," Ziskin said. "This is no less a problem, with half a million Americans a year dying from this disease. If we take the best and brightest, encourage them and reward them for working together, the answers will come much more quickly."
Rouco shores up staff with addition of Evans

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Men’s basketball continued to fortify its sideline with the addition of assistant coach Dwight Evans.

The veteran coach has made six NCAA tournament appearances in his career as an assistant and joins FIU after spending his last six seasons on UCF’s staff. Evans also brings Sun Belt conference experience to the Golden Panthers, who have hopes of improving on their conference-low nine win season of a year ago.

Evans served on South Alabama’s bench from 1999-2002, which includes a conference championship.

The hiring is the second recent change to head coach Sergio Rouco’s staff, as Evans’ hiring comes a week after the team brought in Heath Glick as an assistant coach to replace the departed Ken Huber.

CROSS COUNTY WIN

FIU men’s cross country enjoyed a season opening victory at the Greentree Invitational on Sept. 5. The women’s team came in fourth at the event, which was held at Tropical Park in Miami.

Sebastian Castillo led the way for the men as he finished with a time of 21.24.02 over the four mile course.

The men’s team had four top 10 overall finishers, including Castillo. Despite the fourth place finish for the women, Daniela Espino provided an encouraging spark with her second place individual finish in the event. The team will run again on Sept. 20 at the Mountain dew invitational in Gainesville.

FIRST LOSS

After a blazing start to the women’s volleyball season, they took their first loss on Sept. 5 to Iowa State, 3-0 (25-18), 25-9, 25-6). All conference pre-season performer Yarimar Rosa had her first game of the season in which she recorded less than 10 kills. The Golden Panthers were swept in a match for the first time since Oct. 13 of last season.

FIU (6-1), plays their first home game of the season on Sept. 12 against UCF.

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Iowa overpowers FIU

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The Golden Panthers allowed 512 yards on defense.

We got over powered. Let’s call it what it is. That’s a Division-I football team that’s way ahead of us right now.

Mario Cristobal
Head Football Coach

Wayne just looked like he was getting hot, and it was more of a better matchup for him to play in. We picked our slack up [in the second half], and we didn’t have our heads down, that the old FIU.

The coach also addressed Wayne’s play in the second half, and how it may have an effect on Paul McCall’s starting job.

“We’re still going in with Paul as our starter, and we’ll watch film and make some corrections, but we feel like we said at the beginning of the season, we’ve got two guys that can play football, and game for him to play in.”

Linebacker Scott Bryant looked to the positive after the game and talked about some attitude adjustments FIU has made under coach Cristobal.

Linebacker Scott Bryant

The Golden Panthers will have a week off before taking on USF on Sept. 20.

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CONF  OVERALL  PCT  HOME  AWAY  STREAK
Troy  1-0  1-0  1.000  1-0  1-0  W1
Arkansas St.  0-0  2-0  1.000  1-0  1-0  W2
FIU  0-0  1-1  .500  1-0  1-0  W1
La.-Lafayette  0-0  0-1  .000  1-0  1-0  L1
FIU  0-0  2-0  .000  0-0  1-0  L2
La. Monroe  0-0  2-0  .000  1-0  1-0  L2
North Texas  0-0  2-2  .000  0-1  1-1  L2
Wald Tenn.  0-1  1-1  .500  1-1  1-1  W1
*All records up-to-date as of Sept. 7

FIU FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

OPPONENT  DATE  TIME
South Florida  Sept. 20  7 p.m.
Arkansas St.  Sept. 27  7 p.m.
North Texas  Oct. 4  7 p.m.
Midd Tenn.  Oct. 11  7 p.m.
Troy  Oct. 18  7 p.m.
La.-Lafayette  Nov. 1  5 p.m.
Arkansas St.  Nov. 8  7 p.m.
La. Monroe  Nov. 22  7 p.m.
FIU  Nov. 29  4 p.m.
W. Kentucky  Dec. 6  7 p.m.
*Game played at Dolphin Stadium

WRAPPING UP: Jeremiah Weatherspoon looks to tackle Iowa tight end Allen Reisner. The Golden Panthers allowed 512 yards on defense.
Golden Panthers start off season winless after losing 42-0 to Iowa

ANDREW JULIAN
Sports Director

The Golden Panthers were shut out for the first time since last season’s opener at Penn State, when they lost 42-0 to the Iowa Hawkeyes on Sept. 1.

The Hawkeyes (2-0) rolled to a 28-27 victory against the Golden Panthers (0-2), averting an upset that would have given FIU its first win in the 15-year history of the series.

The Golden Panthers were unable to score in the first quarter, as the Hawkeyes took a 17-0 lead. Iowa quarterback Ricky Stanzi completed 8-of-10 passes for 162 yards, including a 59-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Jake Christensen.

Stanzi, who split the snaps with Andrew J.J. Murphy, finished the game with 271 passing yards and three touchdowns. Murphy was 5-27 for 271 yards, but he was intercepted twice.

Iowa’s defense played well, limiting FIU to just 105 rushing yards on 27 carries. The Hawkeyes forced FIU to turn the ball over on downs four times.

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McCall only played in the first half, and finished 8-of-16 with just 53 yards passing, and two interceptions. The junior starting quarterback looked ineffective at times and was replaced at the start of second quarter with Wayne Younger.

Younger had decidedly better results moving the football than McCall, completing 6-of-7 passes for 103 yards and two touchdowns. Younger also had 3-42 rushing yards on 13 carries.

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