The College of Medicine will open next fall with an unprecedented effort to improve the health of 40 low income families.

The program, called the NeighborhoodHELP (Health Education Learning Program), involves teaching medical student monitoring and tracking the health of a specific family over a four-year span. At present, the communities and families that will be a part of this project are still being chosen. Families are being interviewed and selected based on their economic status; they will be a part of this project.

"[FIU alumni] were responsible for designing and building it, therefore it is unique," said Armentia, who works for Odebrecht Construction Inc., a Coral Gables based construction company that has built or renovated major buildings in South Florida including Miami International Airport and the Miami Performing Arts Center.

"FIU alumni aren't the only unique aspect of the University's new 18,000-seat stadium. Its "pit effect," the sensation that fans get of being close to the field, is not common in most college football stadiums.

"When you stand up on the stadium, you feel like you could jump down," Armentia said. "Each person behind the next is tall-er. This will greatly improve what you can see.

Rather than the old parallel side lines, the new stadium offers a curve effect: guests will no longer need to turn their heads to position themselves.

As of Aug. 28, Phase One has been completed but approximately six more phases are yet to come.
Odebrecht is proud to have built the new FIU Stadium

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Phase two: 45,000 total seats

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Phase One of the stadium renovation included seat back rests, greater height, a 20-foot-wide walking area wrapping around the upper-level of the stadium, a 6,000 square foot open floor lounge, and 15 suites, according to Armenta. The stadium suites were originally going to be 245 square feet, but were increased to 350 with no additional charge to the budget.

Visiting teams will also enjoy a new feature: separate locker rooms for the opposing team.

The new stadium has grown only about 1,000 seats in the first stage but further expansion will culminate to a stadium of about 45,000 seats in the next two years.

"The stadium was modified from 18,000 square feet to 17,000 to accommodate a new field house," Armenta said. "Everything is built to support further growth."

However, before the future 45,000-seat stadium, Phase Two will be in full swing by the middle of next year. It will consist of a new field house, which will overlook the stadium, allowing teams to see both the score board and field, according to Armenta.

During Phase Three, the northern side of the field will undergo an extreme makeover made specifically for the FIU student body.

"The lower bowl will become a new Student Center that will include an admissions office, housing office, financial aid office, study hall, and conference auditoriums," Armenta said.

Thus far, the expansion of the stadium has been made possible through bonds and loans. The projected $29.7 million budget for Phase One was not completely used, said Armenta.

"(FIU alumni) can give back and become a part of something that will bring a lot of good to the University," Armenta said. "It is a way to give back to the University for them giving us an education."

Panel stresses comprehensive sex-ed

Elise Pugui
Contributing Writer

The pre-marital sex controversy took center stage in the 2008 Video Music Awards when host Russell Brand teased the Jonas Brothers for wearing prom- tresses.

In defense of abstinence until marriage, Jordin Sparks responded, "It's not bad to wear a promise ring, because not everybody, guy or girl, wants to be a slut."

William Smith, of the Sexual Information and Education Council of the United States, mentioned Sparks' remark as part of the panel discussion called "Sex, Lies and Stereotypes: The Harm of U.S. Abstinence-Only Policies at Home and abroad on Sept. 16 in the G.C. Ballrooms.

The event was hosted by Voice of Planned Parenthood, a student based group on campus that advocates reproductive rights.

Among the panelists were Julie F. Kay of Legal Momentum, Serra Sippel of the Center for Health and Gender Equity, and Lillian Tamayo of Planned Parenthood.

The panelists discussed the harm of teaching abstinence-only curriculum in schools, instead of sex curricula that mentions both the benefits of practicing abstinence and informs students on contraceptive methods.

The panel discussion was partly based off a 2007 study conducted by Mathematica Policy Research. It found no evidence that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services abstinence programs increased the rates of sexual abstinence and delayed sexual initiation of sexual partners.

Kay mentioned that taxpayer dollars are used to fund "fear based programs" that rely on sexual stereotypes like the notion that there is an emotional cost for women who engage in short-term relationships.

Michelle Cordoba, a sophomore and leader in Campus Crusade for Christ, truly believes that sex with- out commitment is emotionally and mentally harmful.

"I have girls coming to me crying, saying they feel used," she said. "But boys also, sex is like a rite of passage for men, and in this hyper-sexualized culture, those who choose to wait are mocked."

One statistic that Tamayo highlighted is that Florida receives the second largest amount of funding for ab-stinence-only education. However, it has the sec- ond largest rate of HIV in- fection and is the second largest teen in pregnancies.

The panel discussion ended with a Q&A, and the panelists reinforced the idea that students have the power to advocate com- prehensive sexual education by contacting their representa- tives in the House and the Senate.

The remaining money will go back to FIU, while the loans are paid back through events, tickets and corporate sales and sponsorships through the Athletics Department. The budget for Phase Two has not been set yet.

As an FIU alumni who graduated twelve years ago from FIU, Armenta feels a sense of pride. "It is a way to give back to the University for them giving us an education."

East of Havana in South Florida

The FIU’s Cuban Research Institute and the University of Miami’s Center for Latin American Studies have joined forces to present the ground-breaking film East of Havana at the University of Miami Cosford Cinema.

The film centers on the youth of the island and the growing hip-hop/rap movement as a way of self-expression.

The screening of the film will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m. following a panel discus- sion featuring Jaretalí Salzbarriti, the writer and co-director of the film, Anerl Fernández, a hip-hop artist and artist, and Alejandro de la Fuente, a pro- fessor in history.

The event is free and open to the public.

Relay for Life 2009 party

FIU hosted a "Kick-off party" for Relay for Life, a school fundraiser that raises money for the American Cancer Society.

The event took place on Monday Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in GC 243.

The 2009 FIU Relay for Life will take place on Wednesday March 6 and Thursday March 7 in the new football stadium.

Last year’s event raised over $72,000 to fight cancer.

- Compiled by Julia Menache

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Students help hurricane victims

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Asst. News Director

Haitians and Cubans, whose belongings were damaged by hurricanes with strong winds and flooding waters, will get help from students at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Hannah-Grace Oyar, a sophomore in physical education and member of InterVarsity, a religious group with a chapter at BCC, organized the Food and Clothing Drive for the Victims of Haiti and Cuba to collect non-perishable food, clothing or just about anything for those in need in these islands.

Collection boxes are located in front of the information desk at the Wolfe University Center, and everyone is encouraged to donate.

The boxes will be there until Sept. 26, and the goods will be sent to Cuba and Haiti by Food For The Poor, an international relief organization with distribution offices in both islands.

"As a student body, we can come together to help people," Oyar said. "If every student (from BCC) donated one can, we would have 10,000 cans of food for those people who need it."

Another student from BCC...
Some phrases really scare me as we near closer to the general election.

One of these is “voter eligibility.” This term reminds me of a time in the past where one had to be a person owning a horse to cast a vote for president. A another term is “vote suppression,” which is the complete opposite of what should be happening. More and more Americans are facing personal crises driving them to the polls.

Unfortunately, both of these phrases have been rearing their ugly heads in a recent news item out of Michigan.

The state’s Republican party is planning on using lists of foreclosed homes to prevent citizens from these homes from casting their vote.

They are challenging the “eligibility” of these voters by claiming that, due to the foreclosure of their homes, they are not actually residents of the municipality in which they are voting.

According to a Sept. 10 article published in The Michigan Messenger, state rules allow political parties to assign people to observe poll activities and to challenge the eligibility of any voter. Now, I appreciate such guidelines in place to prevent voter fraud, but the way in which it is being enacted by the GOP is simply skewed, if not malicious.

Of course there are requirements for eligibility to vote, including age and citizenship and steps should be taken to ensure that a voter may be ejected if they say they are. However, being able to say that a registered voter who cannot prove their identity is not “eligible” is insane.

It harks back to prehistoric days where voters had to pass “intelligence tests” or show proof of property ownership in order to vote, especially the latter.

Voting in a precinct other than the one you are assigned is one thing, but what is one to do when they are essentially homeless?

Does losing your home equate to losing your vote?

The answer is yes, if you ask a member of the Michigan GOP, but not if you ask anyone with morals.

“Vote suppression” is a sub-headline in the Michigan Messenger article, and it too, is a phrase that sends a shiver down my spine. Whether or not it is being presented under the guise of election integrity, there is really no other way to bill this except as the suppression of the voice of American voters.

Citizens with foreclosed homes are challenged in Michigan, due to residency status concerns, and there is nowhere else for them to go. According to the Michigan article, many of the residents are still living inside of their houses, and they are able to finance their home. They have been stripped of their votes.

Voters in Florida also have their own concerns as they head to the polls. On Sept. 16, Common Cause—a watchdog group—released a report ranking Florida as “one of the worst” states in terms of being prepared to fairly run an election.

According to news service Florida News Connection, the report cites Florida’s voter verification system, which could delay the process for many voters due to Florida being the only state that requires an exact match on voter identity.

While this may seem like a common sense good idea at first, but what this means is that a voter may be rejected by a middle initial appearing on their driver’s license, but not on their voter registration card. The Florida News Connection article also says that state laws make it “too easy to challenge a person’s right to vote.”

This is downright scary in a time when every citizen’s right to vote should be being affirmed, not inhibited, by those in power.

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Student, journalist sentenced

VERONICA TRUÉBA Contributing Writer

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Pre-gaming

Panther Rage hypes students for home game

JONATHAN DAVILA
Lifes! Editor

The FIU football home opener, as well as the unveiling of the new FIU stadium, wouldn't feel the same without some pre-game tailgating.

With that notion in mind, Panther Rage is hoping to lead the roars of students into FIU stadium this Saturday with their two-day event Follow the Roar.

“It's (the kickoff to the home football season. We have) a big game on ESPNU against a top-25 team... we're setting the tone for FIU football,” Campus Events Chair for Panther Rage Anthony Barbato said.

Follow the Roar kicks off tonight at 10 p.m. at Gracie's Grill with a pre-tailgate, blue and gold party. The party will be nothing out of the ordinary; it will offer free food and a deejay playing music, but students are being encouraged to show up sporting blue and gold attire to show support for their team.

“It's like a mini pep rally,” Panther Rage Secretary Betsy Guevara said.

After the party, students will surely proceed to sleep in on Saturday morning.

For those that will wake up too late in the morning for breakfast, yet too early for lunch, Panther Rage has you covered with brunch on Saturday morning. It will be served at Lakeview North between noon and 2 p.m.

Following the complementary meal, Panther Rage will lead participating students to the Housing Quad, where they will be greeted by a giant, inflatable Roary. Students will remain at the Housing Quads tailgating with the giant Roary until game time at 3 p.m.

At that time, Panther Rage will lead, and students will “Follow the Roar” into FIU stadium for the first time to cheer on the Golden Panthers as they take on the University of South Florida. During the game, the club will be painting faces and conducting undiscovered competitions during half-time.

“The [reason for [producing] Follow the Roar is to get everyone to come out to the game. Our job is to support athletics,” President of Panther Rage Michael Halpert said.

The other officers of Panther Rage agree with Halpert, but believe Panther Rage encompasses more than just its members.

“It's not only Panther Rage going to the football game, it's FIU students,” Barbato said.

“The whole student body is Panther Rage,” Guevara said.

The club hopes that response for Follow the Roar will be positive, because they aspire to make it a continuing event.

“We're trying to start a [new FIU] tradition,” Barbato said.

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WEEKEND CALENDAR

FRIDAY • SEPTEMBER 19
WHAT: Faculty Convocation Awards Ceremony
WHERE: Wertheim Performing Arts Center
WHEN: 9:30 a.m
WHAT: Center for Leadership ENGAGE Workshop “So you think you can Join”
WHERE: GC314
WHEN: 12:30 p.m
WHAT: SPC Movie “21”
WHERE: GC 314
WHEN: 7 p.m
WHAT: Panther Rage Blue & Gold Party
WHERE: Gracie's Grill
WHEN: 7 p.m
WHAT: Free to Sing Out Loud
WHERE: Wolfsonian FIU
WHEN: 7 p.m
WHAT: Film Pops in Concert
WHERE: ADEL Center for Performing Arts
WHEN: 8 p.m
WHAT: Democracy for America Campus Corp.
WHERE: GC 341
WHEN: 6 p.m
WHAT: Muslims Students Association
WHERE: GC 305
WHEN: 7 p.m
WHAT: Japanese Club Meeting
WHERE: GC 343
WHEN: 6 p.m
WHAT: Fraternal of the White Roses
WHERE: White Room
WHEN: 10 p.m

SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 20
WHAT: FIU vs. USF
WHERE: FIU Stadium
WHEN: 5 p.m
WHAT: International Coast Clean Up Day
WHERE: Islands Off The Coast of Coconut Grove
WHEN: 10 a.m
WHAT: The Sneak Preview with Rookie Of The Year
WHERE: Talent Farm
WHEN: 7 p.m
WHAT: Coconut Grove Chili Cook Off
WHERE: CocoWalk
WHEN: 12 p.m
WHAT: The Crumbs
WHERE: Churchill's Pub
WHEN: 5 p.m
WHAT: Florida Marlins Vs. Philadelphia Phillies
WHERE: Marlins Park
WHERE: 7:10 p.m
WHAT: A Romantic Night with Scholarship
WHERE: Barry’s Center for the Performing Arts
WHERE: 7 p.m
WHAT: Acting for the Camera
WHERE: Purynski Theatre
WHERE: 6:30 p.m
WHAT: Rick Ross
WHERE: Club 112
WHERE: 8 p.m
WHAT: United Nations Day of Peace
WHERE: Bayfront Park
WHEN: 12 p.m
WHAT: Coin and Stamp Show
WHERE: Art Serve Theatorium
WHEN: 10:30 a.m
WHAT: Hollywood Beach Latin Festival
WHERE: Hollywood Beach Boardwalk
WHEN: noon
WHAT: Aikido Sho Whitmore
WHERE: Josi
WHEN: 10:00 p.m
WHAT: Blueman Group
WHERE: Mosque Theatre
WHERE: 8:00 p.m
WHAT: Slow Foods Exotic Fruit Brunch
WHERE: Fairchild tropical Garden
WHERE: 11:00 a.m
WHAT: The Convertible Girl
WHERE: Broward Stage Door Theatre
WHERE: 2:00 p.m
WHAT: Yoga Philosophy and the Yoga Sutras
WHERE: Miami Life Center
WHERE: 6:00 p.m

SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 21
WHAT: FIU Music Presents: Chamber Players Concert
WHERE: Wertheim Performing Arts Center
WHEN: 4 p.m
WHAT: Rick Ross
WHERE: Club 112
WHERE: 9 p.m
WHAT: United Nations Day of Peace
WHERE: Bayfront Park
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Coen brothers’ latest film doesn’t burn after viewing

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Staff Writer

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Chris and Lisa Mattson (Patrick Wilson and Kerry Washington) are an interracial couple who move next door to Turner. They become a target for Turner, who disapproves of their relationship, determined to have the new neighbors move out quickly, Turner relies on annoying tactics such as security lights aimed at Chris and Lisa’s bedroom. When that fails to help carry out his mission, he uses scare tactics. Due to Turner’s constant harassment, the couple decides to fight fire with fire. Will cooler heads prevail or will this end in tragedy?

While the movie contains strong performances from Wilson and Washington as the terrified couple, the highlight is Samuel L. Jackson’s performance. When Jackson is present in any scene, he commands attention with his facial expressions and his unpredictably. His subsequent job loss for what was labeled a “drinking problem.” Following a tirade, catching everyone from his bosses to Mormons, Jackson storms off and sets about to writing a memoir as one last spit in the eye to his former employers.

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It's really hard to balance school with the immense social life available at FIU as a freshman. We first-years come into college expecting it to be similar to high school. We think we can show up to class, do a bit of work, go party on the weekend and still manage to pull off an A.

I'm finding out the hard way that this is not so. This past weekend, I decided to attend two parties, one of them being a toga party hosted by the very well advertised Sigma Alpha Mu, otherwise known as Sammy. Mind you, I had a college algebra and an honors seminar test on the upcoming Tuesday, a sociology test on Wednesday, a paper for public speaking and a worksheet for first year experience due on Thursday.

But, I had survived three weeks of college and passed two tests already. I deserved a break, right?

Friday was the toga party. I arrived at my friend’s house around 8 p.m. After she told her mom we were going to the movies, we headed out to my other friend’s house to make the togas. One good thing about college parties is that they teach you how to put together outfits you will never use later in life, like togas.

About an hour and two instructional YouTube videos later, we were finally able to properly make the togas without having them fall off.

When we finally arrived at the party, it was dead. It started at 9 p.m. and, being the punctual freshman that we are, my friends and I got there at 10 p.m. Everybody knows the party really gets going at eleven anyway - and it did.

Everybody was having a blast dancing and mingling with the crowd. We lost track of time and left pretty late at night, or early in the morning, depending on how you look at it.

The next night we had been invited to a masquerade party. I didn’t have a mask, or the time to get started on my homework. I had overslept and still had to buy my mask and get ready for the night’s debauchery.

This time, the party started a little later - 10 p.m.

I had learned not to arrive at these parties until about 11 p.m. but I arrived at midnight just to ensure that the party was already in full swing. It was so packed that I had to park a block away, but the long walk to the party was well worth it.

At this party, there was more dancing and socializing. I left the party around 2 a.m., which is relatively early for a college party, but I desperately needed sleep.

I woke up at 3 p.m. on Sunday. It looked like I would be pulling my first college all-nighter. Not good.

Monday morning, after having slept nothing at all the night before, I got to school feeling like I was about to pass out. It turned out the quiz that should’ve been on Wednesday had been moved up, thanks to Miami’s wonderful weather conditions. I bombed it.

A word to my fellow freshmen: if you are going to party, make sure you get your homework done first.

Trust me, I learned this the hard way.

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Quarterback Pennington and offense yet to find consistency

STEVEN WINE
AP Wire

For Miami Dolphins quarterback Chad Pennington, this season is like being stuck in big-city traffic at rush hour: He figures progress will eventually come.

"I'm patient," he said Wednesday. "Being in New York for eight years, you've got to be patient or you won't last very long."

Two games into the season, Pennington and the Dolphins are still waiting for their first win. They'll try again Sunday as two-touchdown underdogs at New England.

Pennington was touted as an upgrade at quarterback when he signed as a free agent Aug. 8 after being released by the New York jets. But so far the offense has sputtered and the Dolphins have offered little evidence they're better than last year's 1-15 team.

Despite a passer rating of 77.7, which is better than the rating for any of the three quarterbacks who started for Miami last year, he has led Miami to only two touchdowns while averaging under 6 yards per attempt, and the longest of his 36 completions was for only 24 yards, reinforcing doubts about his arm strength.

In Sunday's 31-10 loss at Arizona, Pennington was the first Dolphins' second-best quarterback. Rookie Chad Henne came off the bench in the fourth quarter to direct their lone touchdown drive.

But in fairness to Pennington, he's working with perhaps the NFL's most modestly talented receiving corps. Sparano has tried various combinations at wideout and is still waiting for a glimmer of big-play ability.

"I'm hoping to see some of our receivers step up, make a big play, break a tackle, run after the catch, do something like that," the coach said. "That's what I want to see.

"With opponents geared to stop the run, receivers have struggled to get open. No wideout has caught more than 20 yards, a reflection of Miami's inability to throw downfield.

Compounding the offensive woes is a ground game that has yet to get untracked. Ricky Williams and Ronnie Brown make running back Miami's deepest position, but they've totaled only 100 yards this season, averaging 2.6 per carry.

"We want to get into a rhythm, which comes with having an opportunity on a drive to touch the ball a few times," Brown said. "Unfortunately we haven't been able to establish those long drives, and neither one of us is in a situation where we get those touches and get comfortable and get it in a routine.

The offense is off to an even slower start than last year. Miami has scored only 24 points and totaled 513 yards.

"We're so capable of doing so much more than we're doing," Brown said. Pennington agreed.

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Details emerge in Simpson Trial

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A key witness in the O.J. Simpson robbery trial was confronted with contradictions in his testimony Tuesday, including his claim that he didn't try to profit from the casino hotel room confrontation that led to charges against the former football star.

Memorialia dealer Bruce Fromong, who returned to the stand after becoming ill Monday, told defense attorney Gabriel Grasso he didn't have money on his mind while allegedly being robbed of sports collectibles by Simpson and a group of other men.

"You were not trying to profit off this?" asked Grasso.

"I was not trying to profit from it," said Fromong.

The attorney played a tape recording of the 2007 incident in which Fromong said, "It's not (expletive) over. I'll have inside Edition down with me tomorrow. I told them I want big money.

Fromong acknowledged it was his voice and he conceded that he later advertised memorabilia on eBay with the statement "The same ones stolen by O.J. in Las Vegas."

On redirect questioning, District Attorney David Roger asked to play more of the tape excerpt in which Fromong raged against Simpson.

"Nobody puts a (expletive) gun in my face. I stood up for this (expletive) when he was in jail. I stood up for him when he was on trial. I set up his offshore accounts," he yelled.

Testimony came on the first anniversary of Simpson's Las Vegas arrest. He and co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart are charged with 12 counts of robbery, kidnapping, assault, with a deadly weapon and coercion. They have pleaded not guilty.

Tempers in the case boiled as Roger referred to the confrontation as "the robbery." The defense, which claims Simpson was trying to recover stolen personal items, objected on grounds that it was a legal conclusion.


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The Patriots are hosting the Miami Dolphins, and after the Cardinals and their offense (over 400 yards of total offense), watch out for Cassel to find Walker and Moss open all day. *Others to watch on the Pats: running backs Sammy Morris, Lamon Jordan, and Kevin Faulk.

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The Golden Panthers host the University of South Florida Bulls Saturday night, and will begin the process usher in a new era of FIU Football as they unveil their newly built on-campus home to the South Florida public.

There is, of course, no campus without students, and being the major supporters of athletics, as they are, through athletic fees, they will have first crack at attending the game. The vouchers handed out last week, over 5,000 of them in total, will serve as a means of entry for students, but not the only means of witnessing FIU athletic history.

"All students, who present their student ID’s at the gate, will be admitted to the game this Saturday," said FIU Athletic Director Pete Garcia. The students acquired their vouchers at FIU Arena or the Biscayne Bay campus will be a privileged group, according to Garcia.

"While there isn’t a bad seat in the house, those students who picked up their vouchers will receive priority seating," he said. "The students are the biggest financial supporters of the athletic department, this is really their stadium, and their athletic department, and I’ve been adamant about not selling single game tickets at the expense of the students, when we expect 6,000-9,000 students to attend," said Garcia, and he was sure to add that no student will be admitted at the gate without his or her student ID.

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As the opener Saturday, the Golden Panthers are continuing to struggle at the FBS and possess one of the top quarterback in college football: junior Matt Grothe. Although the Golden Panthers have faced a polished quarterback this season in Kansas quarterback Todd Reesing, Grothe can be just as dangerous if given the opportunity.

He has completed 61-of-93 passes and has a 52.4 percent of his passes and has a 95.2 quarterback rating. The other offensive pieces have yet to establish themselves, particularly the receiving core, as sophomore Marquis Rolle leads the team in yardage with 46 yards and senior running back A’mod Ned leads the team with seven receptions.

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The receiving core is also a threat with three names to keep an eye out for: Taurus Johnson, A.J. Love and Jessie Hester. Johnson in particular has been the biggest difference maker of the three as he has 14 receptions for 235 yards and two touchdowns. Even though head coach Mario Cristobal has been pleased with the development of the defense during the bye week, the unit has to stay away from allowing the big plays that they were prone to allow in the first two games.

These two teams are going in opposite directions with South Florida continuing to rise up the ranks in the FBS this season, much like they did last season, while the Golden Panthers are continuing to struggle at the Football Subdivision level with a 1-25 record.