The college football game day experience has arrived

Most people who are serious about sports will tell you that there is no such thing as a moral victory on the field. It can make a nice bedtime story to pacify disappointed fans, but in the end, Mighty Casey strikes out to end the game, you can’t exactly walk away feeling anything more than disappointed.

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Trump offers students business, life advice

ANDREW CALIENES  Staff Writer

To the surprise of most students, Ivanka Trump, daughter of real estate billionnaire Donald Trump, came to FIU and spoke about business and entrepreneurship on Sept. 17 at the Graham Center Ballrooms.

The lecture had a good turnout, nearly the entire ballroom was filled with students; some even forced to stand in the back due to lack of seats.

Trump, who is vice president of Real Estate Development and Acquisitions for the Trump Organization, focused her lecture on the lessons she learned while growing up and her here could have been made it out of the financial misfortune he encountered in the 90s.

When speaking on whether her father would fire his own daughter, she referred to a Larry King interview, where her father stated, “Yes I would fire [her], but not just fire [her], I’d fire [her] like a dog.”

Trump then went on to talk about how important it is to put yourself out there and to demand to be a part of those projects students feel they can do well in. “It is important to be bold in your endeavors,” Trump said.

Some audience members felt her lecture could be applied to real life situations. “She kept it brief and to the point where they can apply it to our daily lives,” said sophomore Elise Manley. “I think she’s great but I think the $30,000 SGA paid to get her here could have been applied elsewhere.”

SGA did consider several factors before paying Trump to come speak at FIU.

Nivv Oudit, Speakers Bureau Chair for SGC-UP, was the main contributor in coordinating the lecture, according to SGC-UP President Arthur “AJ” Meyer.

“It was extremely difficult to get Ivanka to come to FIU, it took a lot of British charm,” Oudit said.

According to Oudit, SGA was able to get ahold of the young entrepreneur through the William Morris Agency, a talent agency with offices all over the world.

“When I met Ivanka she was the perfect image of excellence, sophistication, professionalism and class,” Oudit said.

“I was really astonished how downright sweet she was.”

Although Trump was brought up in the lap of luxury, students said she came across as humble and appreciative of the opportunity lives has provided her.

“It was a really good lecture. She didn’t only focus on business and entrepreneurship but life lessons that can help anyone,” said senior Ramys Sarraff. “Who cares how much they spent, it was great exposure for SGA.”

SGA also addressed complaints from students about difficulties in finding parking spaces.

He asked students to remember not to always look for the most convenient location.

However, Foster announced plans for building a new parking garage, adjacent to the Red Garage, which he said will have over 2,000 spaces and will house retail stores and campus security.

After discussing parking, the focus shifted toward campus security.

The chief of police pledged his commitment to enhance communication alert system.

While statistics for aggravated and sexual assault are low, King took time in the event to point out the most significant problems: larceny.

King pointed to other areas that need improvement, such as the amount of cameras available on campus.

“We need to have better camera security,” King said.

Although the event was heavily promoted, the meeting was only attended by a handful of students.

Most of the questions were asked by members of SGA.

The lecture by Ivanka Trump could have been one of the reasons why the SGA forum had a low attendance.

Toscano thought student body apathy was responsible for the turnout.

“We did a lot of marketing,” Toscano said.

“The low turnout is possibly due to lack of interest. This is a great way to voice your opinion. If only two-three students out of 38,000 show up, it’s poor representation.”
NATHAN VALENTINE
BBC Photo Editor

Take a quick stroll around BBC, and keep an eye out for recycling bins. You won’t find many of the 300 recycling bins reportedly located around campus, approximately only 16 are easy to locate. Considering the size of the campus and the distribution of the bins, it is a bit of a challenge. Where are the remaining 284?

A majority of the outside recycling bins are hard to find, hidden behind dividing walls in low-traffic areas. Every office has the little blue recycling bins, according to custodial services. These bins are confined to each office and mainly used for recycling paper. Every Thursday, 16 large “tot” containers of paper products are emptied from the loading zone and sent to be processed, contributing to the 40 tons of paper recycled by FIU each month, according to the Go Green Web site.

Aside from paper, FIU recycles ten tons of materials monthly, including plastic, glass, cardboard, light bulbs and aluminum. The eight bins, used for recycling bottles and aluminum at BBC, fill up approximately every six weeks. The content is sent to be sorted, adding a month to the recycling process. Restocking the bins twice a month is an ongoing task for custodial services. “If it’s too contaminated, we have to throw it out.”

Sorting through the recyclables can become a tedious task for custodians. The contaminated materials are rejected, posing more threats to the recycling program and its workers.

David Fonseca, director of the Student Government Association community relations and environmental affairs, has been pushing forward with Go Green. The initiative aims to move FIU practices toward technologies with minimal environmental impacts, so the university can become “climate neutral.” This means that FIU will not emit greenhouse gases, or offset its emissions through energy credits and other means, according to the Go Green Web site.

“There is a very low number of recycling bins for plastic and aluminum because the custodial side is not sure what is being done with recycling,” Fonseca said. “Before, [BBC] had no recycling, and the bottles would be thrown away, which is a shame.”

The low number of easy-to-locate recycling bins at BBC could be one reason that a disproportionate majority of FIU’s non-paper recycling is being done at University Park. Recently, a medium-sized recycling bin showed up at BBC’s Panther Square, though it is off to the side and, based on its small content, many students seem to overlook it. With a high-traffic area of that magnitude, high-profile recycling bins should be easily visible and well-marked.

“People usually just dump their trash in the bin and don’t [consider] what is going on there. They don’t take a minute to read the sign and end up throwing out garbage in the recycling bin,” Fonseca said. Fonseca is currently conducting student surveys in order to receive a grant from the Coca-Cola/NRC Recycling Bin Grant Program, which supports local community recycling efforts.

With the grant, both campuses could improve FIU’s non-paper collection program.

“We’re trying to cut costs, so recycling would be a good area for everyone to get involved with,” said Janice Spann Givens, associate director of multicultural programs and services at FIU.

By maximizing the use of its current recycling bins, FIU can help set higher standards for South Florida’s recycling initiatives.

Go Green is a monthly column about green initiatives at FIU. If you have any suggestions or want to write for the column, please e-mail your ideas to julia.carbone@fi um.edu.

News Flash

At the Bay

NATHAN VALENTINE/AT THE BAY

Forum talks sexuality without taboo

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Contributing Writer

Sexuality, men, women and relationships are just some of the topics discussed with a little spice at Wild Succulent Women’s Center.

Wild Succulent Women, a monthly forum sponsored by the Women’s Center at FIU, held its first meeting of the year on Sept. 18. Brown Bares, coordinator of the Center for Leadership and Service and the Women’s Center, led the meeting held at Bay Vista Housing at Biscayne Bay Campus.

It’s interesting because more men are coming to the forum, she said. “They may have questions [about sexuality] they want answered. [The Women’s Center] provides facts,” said KyKy Davis, a second-time attendee and a Bay Vista Housing resident.

But Wild Succulent Women is not just for women. Men are also encouraged to come and join the discussion.

“The event is entertaining and informational. I’ve been to previous ones, and they have good teachings,” said Andrew Schwaegler, an attendee at Thursday’s meeting and a hospitality management senior.

Bares reminded the audience that people from different cultural backgrounds were present, and that sexuality is an extremely personal subject. Then she proceeded to help students ask questions on sexual matters and environment.

As students became more comfortable, Bares instructed students to stand in a circle with their eyes closed in order to pair each student with a partner. While keeping their eyes closed, students read an anonymous personal account entitled “Erotic Robots,” which lead to a discussion about sex.

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“Consensual and non-consensual availability between partners was also a heated topic.

During an activity, 11 people stood in the front of the room holding different signs with steps in the process of sexual intercourse. People had different opinions on where consent to have sex should take place on the list. Some thought consent should go after condom availability, while others thought they should come after sexual arousal had been achieved.

According to Bares, condom availability should always come first because the risk is too great otherwise.

“Only takes one time,” Bares said, speaking of how easy it is to contract sexually transmitted diseases.

Bares also explained that consent to have sex is imperative, and that everyone should find their own way to ask.

“The law says anything less than a ‘yes’ is a ‘no,’” Bares said.

Bares then opened the floor to questions.

Earlier in the evening, she had students write any questions they had about sexuality on an index card, allowing for anonymity.

One of the questions read, “Is there a difference between sex and making love?”

“Yes,” one woman said.

“Sex is a sport!”

After a chorus of laughter, someone else chimed in, “Yeah, making love has more emotion and feeling in it.”

After the group discussed all the questions on the cards, Bares brought the meeting to a close, encouraging students to stay tuned for more sessions in the coming months and to fill out evaluation sheets about the meeting.

I’m passionate about women’s issues and educating women. I love talking about this stuff,” Bares said.

There are workshops open to all students at both the Biscayne Bay and Panther Park campuses.

The next event will take place Oct. 9 at 9 p.m. in the Bay Vista Housing Community Room, according to Bares.

For more information, contact Brownen Bares at BBC WUC 256 or e-mail her at baresb@fi u.edu.
The Student Government Council at University Park recen-
tly invited model and busi-
nesswoman Ivanka Trump, daughter of real-estate mogul and TV personality Donald Trump, to lecture students on business and life Sept. 17.

The lecture, held in the Graham Center Ballrooms, was well attended by students who went as far as to line the walls of the sitting space was scarce.

The lecture cost SGC-UP an estimated three-fifths of its total speakers’ budget for the entire 2008-2009 academic cycle, $30,000.

With only an estimated $20,000 left to fund remain-
ing lectures, some students are understandably questioning SGC-UP’s decision to spend such a large portion of their budget on one speaker.

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mative, to the point where we can apply it to our daily lives,” said sophisticate Elise Manley.

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plied elsewhere.”

Students were also very interested to find out what it was like to be the daughter of one of the richest, most suc-
cessful men in America, and rightfully so. Yet it begs the questions of whether or not students attended merely for the name and whether or not it was worth the investment.

No disrespect toward Ms. Trump herself, of course. She may have been an inspiration to many insight-
ful things to say and may have discussed worthwhile topics certainly worth hearing, yet most of which she said was your common guest speaker fare: do what you love, never give up, etc.

Aside from the sheer nos-
talgia of being in the presence of a Trump, the question re-
mains of whether or not Trump and her insight was worth the $30,000 bill.

A year after many student organizations had their bud-
ges cut due to a shortage of Activities and Services fees, couldn’t this large sum of mon-
ey have been used to bring a, or several, speakers who can better relate to students or of-
fer more unique advice.

Such liberal spending dur-
ing a budget crisis is not re-
 sponsible and students do not stand to gain much by having Ms. Trump as a guest lecturer.

The question now arises as to whom SGC-UP will invite as a follow-up to Ms. Trump. With roughly $20,000 left to work with, SGC-UP will ei-
ther have to be very conserva-
tive in its options or, the more likely scenario, have to hit-up other student organiza-
ings to co-sponsor any big names they may have in the works.

With many organizations cash strapped as it is, SGC-UP should work with the money it has allotted itself for lectures and live within its means.

The Ivanka Trump lecture will most certainly be remem-
bered for bringing one of the most successful American families to the doorstep of our humble institution. However, whether or not the lecture will be remembered for its sub-
 stance is still a question that remains to be answered.

Every Monday, The Beacon publishes its editorial on a University or college related subject. The Beacon’s editorial board is composed of The Beacon’s editors and managers.
LIFE!
THE FAN EXPERIENCE

Classless actions of few don’t take away from game

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even some green as Golden Panthers and Bulls reveled in the atmosphere of a legitimate college football game day.

INSIDE THE GATES

While a few hundred students were held up just prior to game time at the student entrance, it didn’t spoil anyone’s mood.

Once again, it was a sight to behold, as FIU students who normally don’t care one way or the other about their team, were jumping up and down, dancing and chanting in the student section, braving an unforgiving sun that was right in their faces for most of the game.

A SOMBER MOOD

During the third quarter, the stands were rocking more than ever before and the team was rolling, until the tragic neck injury to USF linebacker, Bruce Mompremier.

While most of those in attendance were respectable and concerned, a small faction of the crowd took it upon themselves to make an embarrassingly obscene and uncalled for chant toward Mompremier as he lay motionless on the field. This chant was easily distinguishable on the ESPN national broadcast, and it is a dark stain on an otherwise proud day for the school.

GREAT SUCCESS

Overall, there are only a few who could have left the gates of the stadium having felt unhappy with their experience.

Perhaps this is buying too much into Athletic Director Pete Garcia’s big talk over the past year, but Saturday truly represented a new era for FIU football. This was, short of a massive upset, the best possible outcome for the Athletics Department, as the team played proud, hard and showed the fan base there is a reason to keep coming back.

Saturday’s game was a victory that won’t show up in a box score. It will instead lead to a renewed interest in the program and a new sense of pride for many students. Garcia can definitely put this one in the win column for the University.
**Latin fraternity embodies spirit of brotherhood**

Lambda Theta Phi, Latin Fraternity Inc., was founded on Dec. 1, 1975 at Kean College. It is the first Latin fraternity in the United States and the largest one in the nation. At FIU, it is among the founding organizations of the Multi-Cultural Greek Council.

Friday, Sept. 12 was a proud night for the Lambda brothers at FIU. This was the night of their first probate show of the semester. Four new pledges started at the beginning of the pledge period and four crossed over.

Many people in the audience were impressed with the outcome of the show and the brotherhood that stood out among them.

Onix Salva, a senior liberal arts major at FIU who is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity Inc. and keeper of records for his chapter, commended the Lambdas by saying, “The show was really good. I liked how I saw a lot of brothers from other schools there to support them. You can tell they have a very close-knit brotherhood.”

Albert Santana, a sophomore construction management major, was one of the pledges who came out at the probate. He became a brother about a week before the probate show, and the show was a way for him and the other pledges to come out to the other organizations on campus and prove they made the correct decision.

He explained how the Lambdas were the first organization to start saluting. Saluting is an art form that involves both words and movements to tell a story. At the probate, they used this to tell the history of their chapter and fraternity.

While Santana knew several of the brothers before he officially decided to become a Lambda, he said that he ultimately decided upon this fraternity because he saw that they had a really tight brotherhood. He also stressed the benefits of belonging to a smaller organization.

“Everyone knows each other and you get to really know your brothers personally,” Santana said.

Right now, they have 12 active brothers.

Santana’s pledge master, Robert Melo, a junior international business major and vice president of Lambda Theta Phi at FIU, was pleased with the turnout and support of the other Lambda Theta Phi chapters at the probate.

“We have a real close bond with other Florida chapters,” Melo said. The other chapters in Florida include UM, USF, Barry, FAU, Nova, MIU, UCF, FSU and UF.

You can see more of the Lambda brothers by attending any of the events.

Coming up on Oct. 1, founding fathers will be giving a speech in Green Library 100 at 7 p.m. and will be talking about the Latinization of America.

The Lambdas also host many fundraising events, which include attending sports events where they will be talking about the Latinization of America.

Malcolm students interested in learning more about the Lambdas can visit their Web site at www.FIULambdas.com or e-mail them at FIULambdas@gmail.com.
Younger has an efficiency rating nearly twice as high as junior Paul McCall and has thrown for more yards (176-174) in nearly half as many attempts, Younger’s 29 to McCall’s 57.

This is an issue that has been hashed all season long, so I’m done with it for now.

Second, and this is more important as it relates to the off the field issues at Saturday night’s game, particularly in the stands, and it’s a very important question.

Was it real?

The student enthusiasm, the crowd being into the game, was it all contrived?

How much of the production of this football game was sincere? Maybe I’m overreacting. Maybe its just one game, maybe it’s a season, or an era.

Maybe I’m looking for too much to ever live when USF running back Julian Reams in the FIU defense on a fourth-and-1 play that reversed 360 degrees in favor of FIU when defensive tackle Jarvis Penerton tackled running back Mike Ford in the end zone for a safety, a move that cut the deficit to 17-2

The momentum was short lived when USF running back Mike Ford scored his second touchdown on a 1-yard run at the start of the fourth quarter to give the Bulls a 17-0 lead.

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The FIU offense came alive in the final minutes of the fourth quarter and scored their first offensive touchdown on a 1-yard run by senior running back Julian Reams. Junior kicker Justin Rivest added an extra point to put the score at 17-9. The score was made possible by a key 61-yard catch by freshman T.Y. Hilton on a throw by Younger.

“I had a drag route but the linebacker was sitting in the middle so I kind of split in between him and I looked at Wayne and he looked at me,” Hilton said of the reception.

The Golden Panthers attempted an onside kick for one last attempt to culminate the comeback but receiver A.J. Love recovered for USF to seal the game for the Bulls.

The close loss to an undefeated USF (4-0) team that was nationally ranked in the first game at a new $50 million

stadium was a stepping-stone for endless possibilities that Cristobal believes he will bring to FIU in the coming years.

“We’re going to be a champions program and I can tell you that any day of the week, that’s why we’re from here. The best part about it is that we’re on our staff or administration fears that challenge,” he said.

USF finished with 321 total yards of offense while FIU finished with 189 yards. The Bulls had 184 rushing yards and 137 passing yards while FIU had 74 rushing yards and 115 passing yards.

The Golden Panthers (0-3) are on the road next Saturday against the Toledo Rockets at 7 p.m.
Late comeback falls short as USF dodges upset

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Asst. Sports Director

In a contest filled with emotions and side stories, the Golden Panthers fell just short of a monumental upset losing to No. 12 ranked South Florida 17-9 in the home opener and debut of the it new on campus stadium.

“We really played with everything we had today and effort was not a question at all,” said head coach Mario Cristobal.

That effort that Cristobal was alluding to was the relentlessness that the Golden Panthers showed through all four quarters of play.

The FIU defense gave a solid effort against an offense that was ranked 13th in the country…in the first nationally significant contest FIU has ever played.

The game was so much closer than the experts expected…17-9, yet still so far from the goal, but in the postgame press conference, FIU head coach Mario Cristobal put it best: “it puts the taste in your mouth.”

To build a program and mentality, the leader of the group in any endeavor has to be able to inspire his team or group to rally around something.

And in the case of the Golden Panther football team, the one the Golden Panthers lost, the mood surrounding the team afterwards was somber according to Cristobal.

“It’s not a consolation prize, our guys are as down as they could possibly be and its our job to keep them up but it does say something,” Cristobal said.

The Bulls got the best of the FIU defense early with a 99-yard touchdown drive that was capped with a 2-yard touchdown run by running back Mike Ford to put USF up 7-0.

With the offense continuing to struggle while the defense was once again overworked, USF could not take advantage of a tired FIU defense until the final minutes of the first half when USF was in the red zone and leading 10-0.

Kicker Maikon Bonani, who launched a game-winner for USF against Kansas on Sept. 12, missed a field goal but was awarded a second chance after a roughing the kicker penalty by junior defensive back Dezariah Johnson.

On his second attempt, senior corner back Robert Mitchell blocked Bonani’s kick, keeping the score at 10-0 at halftime.

The second half was marked by close-knit game and a scaring moment occurring in the third quarter.

Bulls’ senior linebacker and Miami native Bruce Monpremier collided with safety Carlton Bruce Mompremier col-

umined in the third quarter.

Making an Adjustment: Center Brad Serini makes an offensive adjustment before the snap.

Loss will help Golden Panthers build foundation

Andrew Julian, Sports Director

“This is a taste that has become almost foreign to the FIU football program, the players will remember for some time, but perhaps more important and pertinent to the development of the FIU football program, the players will remember, and carry it into next week, and the remainder of the season.

FIU proved to itself that it could hang with the best in the country on any given night... when it’s at home... and opening its new stadium...in the first nationally important game... of the season.

All of this contributes to the foundation of a program like the one Golden Panthers are attempting to build.

Bruce Monpremier collided with safety Carlton Bruce Mompremier in a collision that left Monpremier motionless for several minutes. After a 20-minute delay, he was airlifted to Jackson Memorial Hospital. According to fayout.

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