WELCOME HOME

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 if, in the end, Mighty Casey strikes out to end the game, you can’t exactly walk away feeling anything more than disappointed. But, as the clock struck zero, with about half of the 16,000 fans, there was something different about the atmosphere amongst those fans from the end of a typical FIU game.

As the team made its way towards the band, students stayed in the stands to show their appreciation for the valiant effort the team put out on the field, hanging tough for 60 minutes despite being 28-point underdogs against the 12th-ranked South Florida Bulls. There may not be such a thing as a moral victory on the field, but judging by the stands packed with students on the east end zone underneath the scoreboard, and the actual masses of people taking advantage of game day to take part in the tailgating tradition of college football, you can have a moral victory in the minds of the fan base.

PRE-GAME

For the first 6 years of FIU football, game day was nothing more than another day for the vast majority of the student body. With the notable exception of the first ever home game and the two UM vs. FIU games, apathy couldn’t even describe the way most students looked at the team.

But on this day, there was a palpable buzz on campus. Normally a ghost town on a weekend afternoon, there were actual lines at the merchandise area of the bookstore and seemingly everyone inside of the Fresh Foods cafeteria was sporting FIU paraphernalia.

As strange as that might seem, the greater shock may have been looking out on the fields by the housing buildings in Tamiami Park and seeing a vast expanse of cars and fans, sporting blue, gold, and orange.

Students voice concerns, get feedback at first SGC forum

JULIO MENACHE
Asst. News Director

Engineering student Camilo Silva had a purpose and few complaints when walking inside Graham Center 243.

He wanted to know when the FIU School of Engineering would get around to fixing fire tubs that had been long damaged by a hurricane.

He also wanted to bring a security issue to light; since one of his classes exceeded its maximum capacity, and he feared that could be a safety issue in case of a fire.

Silva, along with other students, took part in a forum hosted by the Student Government Council at University Park on Sept. 17.

The website of free text messaging alerts was free for students.

After speaking about public safety, Foster stressed that there needed to be an improvement in the area of communication between students and his office.

Foster urged students to learn more about the GreenRide project, a school carpool initiative. He told students to consider carpooling in order to not only have more parking spaces but fewer carbon dioxide emissions.

Our View:

SGC-UP spent too much for Ivanka Trump.

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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 billionaire 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 which have helped her attain success.

“Love what you do,” she told the audience, because if you don’t love it you won’t have the drive to do well in whatever field you choose.

Trump also stressed the point to “fight to the death” for what you want.

She also cited that without the proper drive, her father would never have 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 informative, 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 opportunities life 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 Ramsy Sarraff.

“Who cares how much they spent, it was great exposure for FIU.”

For more on Ivanka Trump, see page 1.

POLICE NOTES

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Sept. 10: An FIU student stated that while sitting at the picnic benches located on the north side of Lakeview Housing, she placed her wallet on the table, turned her back for a moment and her wallet was gone.

Sept. 10: An FIU student parked his vehicle at the Red Parking Garage between the listed dates and times. Unknown person(s) used unknown tool(s) to break the right passenger window and gain entry into the vehicle. The subject(s) then used an unknown tool(s) to pry open the underside of the dashboard and removed the engine computer.

Sept. 16: An FIU student stated that while he was on the seventh floor of the Green Library when he left his laptop on a desk to go to the restroom. When he returned, his laptop had been removed by unknown person(s).

Compiled by David A. Barrios

CORRECTIONS

In the issue dated Sept. 19, 2008, the article “Panel stresses comprehensive sex-ed” stated Florida has the second highest teen pregnancy rate. Florida has the highest teen pregnancy rate.

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

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Fire reported in Bay Vista Housing complex

An electrical fire was reported early morning on Sept. 17, at the Bay Vista Housing building, according to the Department of Public Safety. There were no injuries and no significant damages, Public Safety said.

"Apparently one of the residents left trash on top of the stove," said Ryan Jagessar, Bay Vista Housing resident of University Park and Biscayne Bay campuses.

So much water came out of the sprinklers from room 432, that it resulted in some minor water damage in that room and the room under it, Jagessar said.

More information, contact Bronwen Bares at BBC WUC 256 or e-mail her at baresb@fiu.edu.

NEWS FLASH
The Student Government Council at University Park recently revived model and businesswomyn 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 remaining lectures, some students are understandably questioning SGC-UP’s decision to spend such a large portion of their budget on one speaker.

“She kept it brief and informative, to the point where we can take it home and live by,” 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.”

Students were also very interested to find out what it was like to be the daughter of one of the richest, most successful 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 the only one with the insight to say and may have discussed worthwhile topics certainly worth hearing, yet most of what 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 remains as well as Trump and her insight was worth the $30,000 bill.

A year after many student organizations had their bud- get cut due to a shortage of Activities and Services fees, couldn’t this large sum of money have been used to bring in, 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 either have to be very conserva- tive with its options or, the more likely scenario, have to hit-up other student organization managers 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 matter. The Beacon’s editorial board is composed of The Beacon’s editors and managers.

JOSÉ PAJAGUIE, Staff Writer

At $30,000, students stand to gain little from Ivanka Trump lecture

The Federal Reserve decid- ed Sept. 16 to lend $85 billion to the crumbling insurance giant American International Group, which insured investors who had bought securities backed by doomed mortgages.

In return, the Fed will control 80 percent of the company through holdings in the firm’s stock. Wall Street investors argue that

whose stock price had plummeted for similar reasons. However, such lucrative help from the Fed is giving Wall Street a windfall from an unprecedented sense of security and is toying with a capitalist market that has the ability to adapt and recover af- ter shocks like those currently af- fecting it.

The message is clear: risky in- vesting made by the largest firms may lead to financial collapse but if that happens, federal bailout money is sure to flow in like UN humanitarian aid.

THE COUGH

Let’s take a look at poor Mr. J. P. Lynch, who’s had a terrible cough since last year.

Now, Mr. Lynch didn’t think much of the cough that stuck with him when he got the flu, so all he did was take a shot of Robitussin every so often to soothe his throat. That worked out for a while, but soon the decongestant increased his blood pressure.

Had he treated his cough, not his sore throat, he may have saved himself some pain and money — lots of money.

The economy’s cough is starting to spew a little blood. It’s time to put down over-the-counter drugs and work on a cure to its ailment.

AIG is now so intertwined with the market that if it fails, the already suffering economy will all but die.

Sound familiar?

Those same fears were echoed at the halls of the New York Stock Exchange this summer when Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae were on the verge of a vertical plunge. It took a $20 billion promise from the Fed to quiet those cries.

In March of this year, investors worried before the $30 billion bailout of Bear Stearns, a bank

that liquid, sophisticated and wor- thy of representing such an impor- tant institution in the South Florida community, the State, and even the whole nation.

I hope FIU reconsiders its decision.

Jose Escobar, Staff Writer

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Jose Pajaguie, Staff Writer

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Bailouts only treating symptoms
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Classless actions of few don’t take away from game

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even some green as Golden Panthers and Bulls revelled 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.

PRIDE AND ANTHEMS: Three FIU students (above) painted their chests to show their pride during the game. American Idol finalist and FIU alum Syesha Mercado (below) sang the first national anthem in the new stadium.

GRILLING LEGS: An FIU tailgater (above) prepares steaks at the Sigma Phi Epsilon tailgate before the game. During the game, the Golden Dazzlers (below) put on a show in front of the student section in the stadium’s West end zone.

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**SHOOTING FOR STRIPES**

By Frankie Taboas/THE BEACON

The Lambda Las Vegas chapter chose to participate in this year's Broadway Across America tour with its production of the classic musical "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," performed with "The Beacon" at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale on Dec. 1, 1975 at Kean University.

The tour includes stops at other universities, including Florida International University, as Lambda Theta Phi, the largest Latin fraternity, has been invited to participate in the Broadway Across America tour.

**Latin fraternity embodies spirit of brotherhood**

By Nelson Hernandez

Lambda Theta Phi, Latin Fraternity Inc., was founded on Dec. 1, 1975 at Kean University. 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 Lambs at 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 right decision.

He explained how the Lambs 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 Lambdas this semester by attending any of their events.

Coming up on Oct. 1, a 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 Lambs also host many fundraising events, which include attending sports events where they have a stand and sell food and drinks.

While Lambda Theta Phi is a Latin fraternity, they do not discriminate against any other ethnicities and welcome any male who shares their same values.

Their mission statement includes: "To cultivate a spirit of brotherhood. To value education. To promote unity amongst all Latino. To be proud of and to cherish your heritage."

Male students interested in learning more about the Lambs can visit their Web site at www.FIUlambdas.com or e-mail them at FIULambdas@gmail.com.

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**THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS**

**MONDAY • SEPTEMBER 22**

WHAT: Stonewall Pride Alliance General Meeting
WHERE: Everglades Hall (Lobby)
WHEN: 5 p.m.

WHAT: Hispanic Student Organization General Meeting
WHERE: Lukinbourne Lounges
WHEN: 11 a.m.

WHAT: Muslim Students Association General Meeting
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 2 p.m.

WHAT: Prechicha Meditation Club meeting
WHERE: GC 343
WHEN: 4:30 p.m.

WHAT: College Democrats General Meeting
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 5 p.m.

WHAT: Chinese Club Movie Night
WHERE: GC 150
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

WHAT: Grants 101 Workshop
WHERE: WUC 157
WHEN: 8 p.m.

**TUESDAY • SEPTEMBER 23**

WHAT: Career Services “Career Fair”
WHERE: GC Ballrooms
WHEN: 8:00 a.m.

WHAT: Student Occupational Therapy Association General Meeting
WHERE: GC 150
WHEN: 10 a.m.

WHAT: SPC General Meeting
WHERE: GC 365
WHEN: 3:00 p.m.

WHAT: Behavioral Student Organization (BSO) Meeting
WHERE: GC 340
WHEN: 4:00 p.m.

WHAT: Italian Club General Meeting
WHERE: GC 343
WHEN: 4:00 p.m.

WHAT: Catholic Student Union Movie
WHERE: GC 150
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

WHAT: Club Africa Meeting
WHERE: WUC 150
WHEN: 12 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY • SEPTEMBER 24**

WHAT: Department of Career Services “Career Fair”
WHERE: GC Ballrooms
WHEN: 8:00 a.m.

WHAT: Music Scenes Lives General Meeting
WHERE: GC 150
WHEN: 12:30 p.m.

WHAT: Yoga Club
WHERE: Yoga Studio
WHEN: 6:00 p.m.

WHAT: FIU Fraternal Promotions General Meeting
WHERE: GC 343
WHEN: 5 p.m.

WHAT: Leaders of Tomorrow General Meeting
WHERE: GC 340
WHEN: 6:00 p.m.

WHAT: Student Alumni Association General Meeting
WHERE: WUC 150
WHEN: 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY • SEPTEMBER 25**

WHAT: Fatherful Pal
WHERE: GC 305
WHEN: 11 a.m.

WHAT: FIU Exists General Kick-Off Meeting
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 3:00 p.m.

WHAT: Women’s Center information Session
WHERE: GC 314
WHEN: 3:00 p.m.

WHAT: National Society of Collegiate Scholars
WHERE: GC 314
WHEN: 5 p.m.

WHAT: Caribbean Student Association
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 5 p.m.

WHAT: Muslim Students Association Ramadan Week
WHERE: Cafeteria Annex
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

WHAT: Anything Goes Anime Club
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 9 p.m.

Compiled by: Rosalyn Delgado
Stadium opener just didn’t feel real, sincere

Younger has an efficiency rating nearly twice as high as junior Paul McCall and has thrown for more yards (178-174) 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, the whole on campus college atmosphere leading up to the game, was it all contrived?

How much of the production of this football game was sincere? Maybe I’m just so starved and jealous of the Hilltoppers and the Blue Raiders; and I want more than 16,000 plus fans and a student section that I fear won’t be filled for the four remaining home games.

How much of the production of this football program has been sincere?

The change from one of the most unique logos, and typefaces in college athletics, to something that might be considered more mainstream, with a varsity font, and even going so far as to eliminate the Golden from Golden Panthers in the FIU end zones.

Maybe I’m overreacting. Maybe it’s just one game, the team needs a little more time to develop a rapport with its home fans, and home stadium. Maybe I’m looking for too much to early, but a little home grown tradition would be nice.

Reams scores late touchdown

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The FIU offense came to life 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 quarterback 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 evening.

When played resumed, the FIU defense would still give the USF offense problems. After a USF fumble was overturned via a referee review, Grothe was stifled by the FIU defense on a fourth-and-1 from FIU’s own 1-yard line.

The momentum was shifted 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.

The direction of the game 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 FIU defense came alive in the final minutes of the game.

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Late comeback falls short as USF dodges upset

LUCA MESSINA
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 emotions and side stories, 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 Football Bowl Subdivision and a quarterback that has been in the same discussion as the Heisman Trophy award.

USF quarterback Matt Grothe finished 14-for-22 with 137 yards and for the just the second time in his 30-game career, he did not throw or rush for a touchdown. He was also sacked twice by a pesky FIU defense.

For the Golden Panthers, junior quarterback Paul McCall did all he could to avoid an overwhelming USF defense that was ranked 25th but ultimately was replaced by sophomore quarterback Wayne Younger who came close to culminating a dramatic comeback in the fourth quarter.

The switch was made after McCall’s lone interception at the end of the third quarter.

Even though 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 it’s 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 on their second time in the 30-minute delay, he was air-lifted to Jackson Memorial Hospital. According to fiusports.com, he regained feeling in his arms and legs later that evening.

Bruce Montgomery coll- lided with safety Carlton Bruce Montgomery. In a collision that left Montgomery motionless for several minutes. After a 20-minute delay, he was air-lifted to Jackson Memorial Hospital. According to fiusports.com, he regained feeling in his arms and legs later that evening.

With the offense continuing through 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 point guard 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 scoring moment occurring in the third quarter.

“ar’s senior line- backer and Miami native BRUCE MONTGOMERY

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

HOME SPOILER

Loss will help Golden Panthers build foundation

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 pro- gram and mental- ity, the leader of the group in any en- deavor has to be able to inspire his team or group to rally around something.

And in the case of the Golden Panther football team, that rallying point is a taste that has become almost foreign to the FIU on the gridiron. Winning.

Close games like this can build a myriad of thing within a program confidence, camaraderie.

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

Is this a starting point for something big, or just another brick in the campaign? How often has a close loss to a major home op-ponent lead to big seasons are remembered by the fans bases and students.

It’s the big road win or home over- time upset that the media often remem- bers as the moment...or the conference... or its on personal heights, but it’s games like the one the Golden Panthers played against the South Florida Bulls last Saturday night that can have that carry over effect, at least for this season.

FIU put on the kind of de- fensive performance that fans will remember for some time to come, but perhaps more important and pertinent to the development of the FIU foot- ball 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 stu- dium...in the first nationally ranked home loss to a major home oppo-ponent lead to big things in a season?

Not too much that people remember, but this might be an exception of the ones that lead to big seasons are only remembered by the fans bases and students.

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