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DANIELLA BAIGALUPO
Beacon Staff

An FIU student said an FIU Athletics employee struck him on his head during the University’s last home football game against Middle Tennessee University on Oct. 11.

Gregory Mineau, 21, was arrested by Public Safety after running onto the field during the final moments of the game in celebration of FIU’s victory, according to the police report.

“A couple of us got fairly exercised. A student had run out onto the field and I followed him, running out onto the field. I was taken down by a [Contemporary Services Corporation] employee and a couple of people tackled me behind, which I assumed were policemen. They took me to the ground. As I was lying on the ground, I felt two hits to the back of my head,” Mineau Oct. 11.

CSC is the company in charge of crowd control at FIU games and events.

Mineau claims that an Athletics employee, who has yet to be identified, dealt him several blows.

Up until publication, the Athletics Department has yet to confirm or deny that an Athletics employee was involved.

“We’re investigating the whole situation, not just one incident, from the time the game ended to when the stadium was cleared of what happened.”

Athletic Director Pete Garcia told The Beacon on Monday, Oct. 13.

That same Monday, Senior Associate Athletic Director Julie Berg addressed students during a Panther Rage meeting.

She had been invited to attend by Panther Rage President Michael Halpert.

During the meeting, Berg answered questions from Student Media Online Director Rick Martinez: “How did you become aware of the situation with the accusations of an Athletics employee assaulting a student?”

“It was seen. Most of us saw something going on. We didn’t see exactly how the whole thing started, but we saw it,” Berg said.

She said Athletics was directing an internal investigation.

“Ultimately the decision maker in Athletics is Pete Garcia, but I am working with Bill King, so Bill and I will be doing the investigation for the most part,” Berg said.

Public Safety officers are not investigating the incident on their own.

“There is no official investigation happening being handled by Public Safety. We have people looking into the incident but it’s just too premature to make a statement about the incident,” said Lieutenant Ricardo Torres of Public Safety.

Chief of Police Bill King referred all questions to Torres.

“The incidents that happened at the end of the game are being thoroughly investigated,” said Torres.

Sen. John McCain holds rally before crowded arena

NATALEE GIL-DESEL RIO
Contributing Writer

“John McCain! John McCain!” the crowd chanted during the Republican rally held at the Panther Arena last Friday, Oct. 17.

Although many might have thought the rally was not going to be much of a success after Barack Obama’s rally at the University of Miami on Sept. 19, the almost 5,000 seats that occupy the arena weren’t nearly enough to accommodate the thousands of people that attended.

“I have never been more proud of Florida than I am now,” said Charlie Christ, the governor of Florida, during his opening speech. “We didn’t think it was going to be this good of a turnout.”

Republicans, Independents, and even Democrats attended the convention in hopes that McCain would leave a lasting impact on Florida, while others went with an open mind to listen to what McCain had to offer as the Republican nominee for president.

“It’s going to make it or break it for me, I don’t know who to vote for,” said Katherine Bernardoni, a student at FIU. “I really like McCain but I want to make sure I’m making the right decision.”

The Maverick: Sen. John McCain speaks to thousands of supporters at the rally held at FIU Arena on Friday Oct. 17.

STOPPED: A spectator at the Middle Tennessee State University vs. FIU football game is arrested by public safety officers after jumping the railing from the student section onto the field on Oct. 11.

Campus groups get students to polls

ELSIE PUIG
Staff writer

Since the beginning of the election season, the atmosphere in the University has been charged with the excitement of the upcoming presidential election.

But after efforts from Republican and Democratic student groups on campus to get students registered to vote by Oct. 6, the focus of each organization has shifted to getting students mobilized to the polling stations for their particular party, sometimes literally.

“We are trying to work out a plan where we drive students to the polling stations,” said President of FIU College Democrats Chris Cabral.

Cabral hopes to charter buses to get students to the polling stations. He is also pushing for students who volunteer their vans to drive other students to the stations to be reimbursed with a gas card.

Specifics of these plans have not been discussed.

“The logistics and the technical issues have not been vetted out as of yet,” said Hector Sofo, member of FIU Students for Obama, who also wanted to transport students to the early voting polls.

The College Republicans and FIU Students for McCain have adopted similar initiatives to ensure that students vote during the early voting period from Oct. 20 until Nov. 4.

“We hope to provide transportation and carpool students to the polls. It’s great since it saves people gas,” said Daniel O’Quinn, a member of College Republicans and FIU Students for McCain.

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Protesters bash, both candidates

CHARLIE GRAU
Editor in Chief

Republican and Democratic supporters protested outside of the Recreation Center while Republican presidential nominee John McCain spoke at rally inside the FIU Arena.

Protestors held signs that read, "A portion: baby killer," "M chaela warns: com: Blacks against Obama, " and "Florida for Obama." Along with the bold signage, supporters began using and cursing racial slurs at one another.

The tipping point came when an Obama supporter went face-to-face with a M McCain supporter to confront him over some feisty comments. "I would like to say whatever you want about my brother but, if there’s one thing I can say about him is that he’s kept you safe, " Jeb Bush commented during the debate on Tuesday. The crowd was ready with red and blue pom-poms and chants such as "U.S.A! U.S.A! " to welcome Sen. John McCain and his wife Cindy as they entered the arena alongside Lieberman.

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He explained that if he were elected president, he would set the government on a budget and cut government programs he believed doing nothing for the American people. He also stated that he would create more jobs by opening free trade with allied countries such as Colombia.

"I come from a long line of M McCain’s who believe that to love America is to fight for it and that’s what I intend to do," McCain said.

For any questions: daniella.bacigalupo@fi usm.com

Case pending investigation, employee involvement uncertain

POLICE NOTES

• Oct. 11: Following the football game, around 10:30 that night, two officers detained an FIU student after he incited a crowd of five people and began yelling obscenities at one of the officers. After being advised by officers, he continued and was then placed under arrest.

• Oct. 11: An FIU student was ejected from the stadium after smoking in the stadium. He then began a verbal altercation with the staff members at the gate of the stadium and refused to leave the area. He was arrested and taken to Dade County Jail.

• Oct. 11: An FIU employee reported that a golf cart was seriously vandalized at the loading zone of the FIU arena by unknown suspect(s).

Compiled by David A. Barrios

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Among the crowd were pol- iticians, including Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman, Sen. Mel Martinez and Daza-Balza.

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Provost talks about upcoming changes including international curriculum

As a follow-up to my first column in The Beacon two weeks ago, I’d like to describe another way in which FIU is changing and adapting to make your experience here more positive and your degree more valuable. We are planning an innovative initiative to weave international concepts throughout our curriculum, our student life and the very fabric of our university.

In 2009, FIU will be reviewed for reaffirmation of accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This is a process that all accredited universities undergo every 10 years. Accreditation is important for many reasons, but one of the most relevant to students is that federal fi nancial aid is only available to students at accredited universities. Given the importance of this process, the Provost’s office is working with the Office of the Provost to produce a strategic plan for the accreditation process.

For the first time, the accreditation process requires a Quality Enhancement Plan. Many of you know this in some way, in- cluding departments. The accredita- tion report is being prepared by a team more than 50 strong, which will eventually produce six giga- bytes of material - hundreds of thousands of pages - for the accreditation committee.

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Ronald Berkan
Provost
Multiculturalism celebrated

RENE BOURSIQUOT
Contributing Writer

A discussion concentrating on the impact of urbanization, metropolitan sprawl and expansion into the Everglades was among the topics addressed in “An Alligator Eating its Own Tail: Florida in the 21st Century.”

The lecture, the second in the series “The South Florida Coast: New Horizons in Science and the Humanities,” addressed ecological issues affecting South Florida. It took place on Oct. 16 and was presented by Allan Farago.

As president of the Everglades Defense Council, co-chairman of the Everglades Committee Sierra Club, and board member of the Everglades Foundation, Inc., Farago has dedicated his life to the restoration of the Everglades.

The dialogue explored private citizens’ rights to challenge corporations and incite the local government to take action to protect and restore the surrounding environment.

Other topics discussed were the pace of development in Florida and how it exceeds the natural ecological growth and restoration efforts currently taking place in the Everglades.

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The third lecture, scheduled for Nov. 13, is titled “Spirituality Goes Green: Scientific and Spiritual Approaches to Global Warming.” It will include a multi-disciplinary panel of experts exploring the connection between spirituality and the environment. The panel will focus on ethical responsibility for addressing climate change.

On Dec. 4, the series will conclude with “Earthly Meditations,” where poets Robert Wilgley and Campbell McGrath will lead a discussion on the connection between nature, community, and a sense of place in the context of South Florida, focusing on literature as a means of shaping attitudes toward the environment.

All lectures in the series, which is being co-sponsored by the City of North Miami, take place at the Kevins Conference Center. This lecture series was made possible by a grant from the Florida Humanities Council, a private non-profit organization.

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A student was arrested at the Golden Panthers’ home victory against Middle Tennessee on Saturday, Oct. 11. The student arrested, Gregory Mineau, rushed the field as the game ended and was immediately subdued by Public Safety.

Mineau claimed that, while being detained, he was struck by a University employee. “As I was lying on the ground, I felt two hits to the back of my head,” he said. Although The Beacon does not condone students rushing the field after football victories, under no circumstances should a University employee ever strike a student. Ever. If this charge is true, it is simply unacceptable. As of press time, Athletics has not denied or confirmed the involvement of an Athletics employee.

However, if one was involved and other Athletics’ employees saw the incident, he should have been arrested immediately by law enforcement on the field, fired and denounced by the University. At a Panther Rage meeting on Oct. 15, Senior Associate Athletics Director Julie Berg answered questions from students concerned about the events at the game.

Berg was asked, “How did [Athletics] become aware of the situation with the accusations of an Athletics employee assaulting a student?” Berg responded, “It was seen. Most of us saw something going on. We didn’t see exactly how the whole thing started, but we saw it.” What exactly is “it”? The answer provided by Berg neither confirms nor denies if the person who struck the student is an Athletics employee.

The answer also does not confirm exactly what “most of them” saw.

Additionally, in a video of the incident obtained by Student Media, Mineau can be seen being taken to the ground by Public Safety and then struck by the alleged Athletics employee. But Athletics Director Pete Garcia has said to Student Media that “the incidents that happened at the end of the game are being thoroughly investigated, and when we come up with our findings, the appropriate actions will be taken.”

In not already making some sort of statement, the University further damages its reputation, especially if the person who struck Mineau is an Athletics employee.

Nonetheless, if he was not an employee, some sort of statement should have been made denouncing this behavior.

Eric Feldman
Opinion Editor

“It’s a great day to be a Republican in Miami,” said Republican Party of Florida chairman Jim Greer, the first official to speak at a packed FIU Arena the afternoon of Oct. 17 for a John McCain rally announced just a couple of days before.

Looking at the amount of people lining the walls of the venue, and the volume of the crowd when notable GOP figures ranging from Gov. Charlie Crist to U.S. Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart to Greer could not appear more correct.

It was a great day for FIU that we were able to provide the venue for this candidate that espouses strong views on issues so important to the surrounding communities: national security, promotion of entrepreneurial spirit, a free Cuba and immigration reform.

A University is really an appropriate place to rally around fiscally conservative values. Many students here to gain skills in order to succeed in a variety of fields and eventually achieve the American dream of being financially secure and owning a home.

The American dream is not capped at $250,000, and attempts from the left end of the spectrum to redistribute wealth of small business owners and other entrepreneurs are an affront to our economy.

Florida’s most recent past governor, Jeb Bush, who also happens to be the brother of the current senator, outlined four reasons that Sen. McCain is the right choice for America this election.

They were that McCain is a president that would keep the country safe, would not meet unconditionally with dictators, would lessen the partisan divide in Washington, and that he understood that the “greatness of this country lies in dreams” who want to “pursue dreams as they see fit, and not have the government tell them what to do.”

All of this is not to say that the rally was flawless or that the candidate is perfect. It was quite ironic, for example to see the same crowd cheer when Jeb Bush proclaimed, “Say what you will about my brother, he has kept our country safe” that also cheered when John McCain distanced himself from Bush by criticizing how the last eight years have been run.

“I wish Barack Obama wanted to run against George Bush, he should have run four years ago,” McCain said at the rally.

McCain is not the political candidate that I have been most enthusiastic about in my lifetime, but he is the one in this election that will do least to take our nation down the irreversible path of a permanent welfare state.

McCain visit fires up supporters

Blue and gold met red and white on Oct. 17 when FIU Arena became the stage for Republican contender John McCain. Before McCain’s arrival, rival supporters united at the arena with posters, flags and pom-poms as they waited for their victor. The dimmed lights announced his entrance as attentive reporters and videographers stood behind me.

We all watched as various Republican officials and representatives lauded McCain’s efforts and experience both in office and as a veteran. It was, I suppose, a “great day to be a Republican,” as chairman Jim Greer of the Republican Party of Florida called it. But I am sure Florida McCain supporters are feeling pressure right now as they eye current polls.

In a crucial period before the election, polls indicate Sen. Barack Obama has a slight edge over McCain in Florida. In a survey CNN conducted from Oct. 11-14, 51 percent of 765 likely voters said they were more likely to support the Democratic ticket. McCain has not had a fantastic past two weeks; reception of his performances during the presidential debates has been mixed, especially in regard to the second debate. Calling Obama “that one,” Time magazine noted, “probably suited some viewers.” Because of Obama’s lead, McCain was forced to turn to “aggression and antagonism,” a tactic with a clear possibility of backfiring.

McCain is not a passive politician. In fact, he addressed his spilled numbers during the rally, and assured his supporters that “we have them where we want them.” He’s “not down and out” attitude impressed me. McCain the Underdog is striving to come back from a visibly difficult campaign stance.

This rally, I think, may have been to many Florida Republicans as movies, games and other distractions are to some—a form of escapist-
HEALTHY DIET
Nutritious, affordable food near campus

You are running late for class and with so much to do, you forgot to eat your breakfast. During class, you get hungry and as soon as the clock marks the end of the period, you run out and make the line at Starbucks or Burger King. This is all very tempting, but once you start making a habit out of it, you might see a decline in your health and the size of your wallet.

Most of us are aware of the dining options that surround us on campus. We are also aware that some may be cheap, but with that, we may be sacrificing our health. In any case, there’s hope if you own a car, bicycle, skates or simply walking shoes.

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This Middle Eastern restaurant combines flavors of the region along with affordable prices.

It is a popular spot for students who enjoy new and exotic savors. "I personally love the platter with chicken. But if you really want to give your taste buds a rush, try the falafel sandwich," said Patricia Fontaneda, a photography student.

The menu offers some reasonable prices, with most expensive dish being $10. 1665 SW 107th Ave Miami, FL 33165

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Apothecary is located next to Winn Dixie shopping center on 8th St.

100% NATURAL MEXICAN FOOD AND BAR
Located at the entrance of Dolphin mall, this place is recognized by its fruity shakes and smoothies.

"I think it’s worth going and trying the fruit smoothies. They actually taste like fruit and they are big enough to share. My favorite is the Oasis fruit smoothie and I definitely recommend the veggie burger," junior Tania Santiago said.

100% Natural Mexican Food and Bar is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, serving baked goods as well as fresh fruit and fruit drinks. Equipped with a juice bar, whole grain bakery and natural international Mexican cuisine, this place is definitely worth a visit.

Most of the plates are under $12 and they are worth every penny. On Mondays they have a two-item lunch special that is only $7.95.

Dolphin Mall between Texas De Brazil and TGI Friday’s.

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Employers struggle with work habits of Generation-Y

**PAUL O’SWATH**
Staff Writer

Call them what you want – Generation Y, Millennials or Echo Boomers. At the end of the day, however, job recruiters call them “the weakest performers” among the four generations that now make up the workforce in the United States.

According to jobbox.com, an Internet career site that makes personal introductions between job candidates and employers, a survey of more than 200 recruiters on their perceptions of job performance across generations saw those very results.

The poll finds that employers have yet to accept the unique work habits of Generation Y-ers, a population that is 28 years old and younger.

Generation-Y recipients received a 20 percent job approval while the baby boomer generation, ranging from ages 43 to 62, got a 63 percent job approval from job recruiters. Generation X-ers, ages 29 to 42, earned a 58 percent job approval.

Bob M. McGovern, CEO of jobbox, believes that the current problem is the fault of corporate leaders and not the Gen-Y professionals.

“Businesses must shake negative perceptions and learn new ways to incorporate Gen Y views into the work force,” said McGovern in a press release.

“The companies that succeed over the next two decades will be the ones that can most inspire Gen Y. This is the most educated and technologically savvy generation ever.”

Students at FIU, however, disagree with that poll and feel that it doesn’t properly represent the majority of the ‘Millenials’.

“Weak-I think that is completely insane,” said Karin M. Martinez, a junior hospitality management major. “I work hard and I have friends that have multiple jobs so that they can make ends meet.” Other students, however, agree with the same sentiment Martinez.

“I believe our performance ability is, in some ways, a lot better than other generations,” said Carlos Flores, a junior.

“We are a lot more creative and have an ability to think outside the box, unlike older generations.”

According to McGovern, the newer generations of workers that are making up a large percentage of today’s workforce have some core motivators that employees should keep in mind.

One of the motivators is keeping “flexible schedule hours” because they are highly coveted by younger workers.

Providing them new learning experiences and keeping them in cutting edge is also a plus because it will keep Gen-Y workers from seeking other work opportunities that continuously challenge them.

Another important motivator according to McGovern is that new employees in the workforce don’t like being called “junior anything.”

A recent survey by JVT, an advertising agency, states that 60 percent of Gen Y-ers agree that an employee owes loyalty to their employer.

According to a jobbox press release, the reason behind this is because “Gen Y workers are loyal team players as long as they can balance work and life goals, gain new learning opportunities and feel a part of the company goals.”

“Generation Y lives in a world of ‘code orange’ and constant news alerts crossing the bottom of their flat screen televisions,” said McGovern in a press release.

“They have a different view of the American dream. I think we’ll see major workplace changes in the decades ahead, led by a new generation of leaders and by companies that want to win by attracting and keeping the best people.”

Lend a helping shoe for Haiti’s hurricane victims

**DIANA GARCIA**
Staff Writer

Soles for Haiti, a group of graduate psychology students in Dr. Shepard’s Community Psychology class, have started to do something more than collect money and food. They are collecting shoes.

The shoes are being donated to the organization Food for the Poor, Inc. for distribution in Haiti to the victims of this hurricane season’s fierce storms. Soles for Haiti researched and found that church organizations are the best way to ship donations overseas.

“A benefit about this organization is that donors are provided with a detailed follow-up report of the services that were done,” said Sabrina M. Mendez, a second year master’s student in the Mental Health Counseling Psychology Program and outreach coordinator for Soles for Haiti.

Soles for Haiti decided to donate shoes because a pair of them is something often overlooked.

“Many of us take for granted that we are able to have more than one pair of shoes and that is not a stress factor when we think of going to school or work. That, however, is not the case for most people, and we decided to put them in shoes,” Mendez said.

The organization is collecting new or gently worn shoes of all sizes and styles. There are drop-off boxes located in different places around campus – in the Graham Center across from GC 140, in the Psychology Department in DM 256, in the dorms of Lake View North and in the education building – where donated shoes can be placed.

People throughout the community have been participating in this drive, from University students and professors to local high school students and faculty. One of the group members, Luisa Levy, is a teacher at Ferguson High School.

“Ferguson Senior High School is currently doing a schoolwide drive for Shoes for Haiti. The students have been very successful thus far in donating shoes and every day, the shoes are pouring into my classroom from teachers and students,” Levy said.

Several other private and public schools in the area have contacted the organization to see if they could lend a hand.

Those interested in donating a pair of shoes must hurry. According to Mendez, the last day to donate shoes will be Oct. 31, but it is the group’s vision to keep this project going. They are currently discussing ways to do so.

“Most of our efforts are going to focus on the students of Ferguson High School and with [Levy’s] help, we want to make this an ongoing activity with them,” Mendez said.

Mendez also encourages students interested in giving a helping hand to donate shoes, but to try and become active within the organization.

“We can be assisted with shoe donations, monetary donations, outreach, manpower, support, anything at all,” she said.

MY SERVE

**TABLE TENNIS: Professor Jean Andrian of the Electrical and Computer Engineering department plays a game of Table Tennis with students at the Engineering Center on Thursday October 16.**

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His six catches for 116 yards are all the more impressive when you consider that he had a 20 yard catch nullified by setting personal foul penalties in the third quarter, and that Troy’s defense was keying in on him, often having two or more defenders around him and laying punishing hits on him to try to make him think again going up for the ball.

However, among the impressive things, you had some recurring images (some might say nightmares) of the 2006 and 2007 teams that ultimately buried them, with players making the type of mistakes they should have learned not to in Pop Warner ball, as well as some plain bad luck.

In the first quarter, the FIU defense had managed to stop Troy in FIU territory, and Troy Sam Glusman missed his first field goal of the season, a 47-yard attempt.

However, Glusman did a terrific acting job, flailing his arms and legs and falling on top of an FIU defender drawing a roughing the kicker penalty that setup a 15 yard touchdown from Levi Brown to Cornelius Williams that put Troy up 6-0.

Nobody likes it when people complain about referees, and you really can’t put the blame for a loss on them, even on a pretty egregious bad call.

Some blame can be put, however, on the special teams, which cost the team some valuable field position and a turnover. T.Y. Hilton, who is, apparently mortal, decided to return a punt that he fielded inside the five-yard line, ignoring every single coach he’s had since he started playing pee- wee football.

While he tried to make something out of it, he ended up pinning his team back deep, hurting them in the field position battle.

Another play that can be attributed to plain dumb luck was on a punt return, when the ball fell hit an FIU player who wasn’t paying attention and bounced into the waiting arms of a Trojan, giving them the ball at the nine yard line, and leading to their final touchdown of the night.

However if blame has to be assessed, and I suppose it does, you can point squarely to FIU’s lines on both sides of the ball being outplayed.

The old adage is the game is won and lost in the trenches, and when the opposing team can push you around on both sides of the ball and have a seven to one sack advantage, you aren’t going to win many games.

This had to be expected as FIU has always struggled against teams that can push them around, but it has to be troubling since they take on Louisiana Lafayette next, a team that can dictate the pace of the game with their NCAA leading rushing attack, averaging over 300 yards per game on the ground.

If Mario Cristobal and staff can’t shore up the lines, the road to a surprise conference title run will end next week in Lafayette.
FIU unable to solve Troy, falls 33-23 in conference play

ANDREW JULIAN
Sports Director

The Troy Trojans (4-2, 3-0 Sun Belt) defeated the FIU Golden Panthers (3-4, 2-1) 33-23 to knock the Golden Panthers out of its short stay in a first place tie for the Sun Belt conference lead.

The home victory for the Trojans was their fifth against the Golden Panthers in as many tries over the duration of the six-year series, although FIU has vacated the first three of those losses due to violations of NCAA rules during those seasons.

Despite the loss, the Golden Panthers received the most efficient performance of quarterback Paul McCall’s tenure at FIU.

The junior from Hollywood Hills completed 22-of-33 passes for 266 yards and two touchdowns, setting career benchmarks in both yards and completions.

Despite the solid individual numbers, McCall was disappointed in the fact that he lost a fumble and threw an interception.

“In the second half I had two turnovers, and that falls squarely on my shoulders,” McCall said. “I have to do a better job of getting the guys set up in the right positions, and managing the game a little better.”

Troy helped its own cause by coming out on its first drive, picking up three first downs and getting the ball to the FIU 20 yard line.

A Quentin Newman sack, however, was the catalyst for forcing a fourth and 15, and when Troy kicker Sam Glusman missed a 47 yard field goal, FIU was flagged for roughing the kicker, giving the standout freshman Troy an opportunity to add two more yards, and including a 40 yard long one, nine plays and 80 yards, to take a 10-point lead into the second half.

Coming out of the intermission, FIU looked to keep the momentum rolling, but it was short lived, as Paul McCall was sacked by Cameron Sheffield, and fumbled.

Troy recovered at the 16-yard line, and was able to quickly score, thanks to a Jernigan two-yard pass to Justin Bray.

The pressure was an issue for FIU all evening, which was without two of their regular offensive linemen.

Troy sacked Paul McCall seven times, and hurried him two others.

“Protection wise, we probably took a little bit of a step back, now, they are a great defensive line. We thought so all week long, we thought could be an issue,” said head coach Mario Cristobal. “In FIU’s three victories, the FIU offensive line allowed just two sacks.”

The Golden Panthers were not able to get closer than 10 the rest of the way, and Troy opened up a lead as large as 37 points, at 33-16, with one-yard Dantavious Parker touch...

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Three game win streak cause fans to expect too much

CHRIS TOWERS

Over the past month or so, FIU football fans have been riding pretty high, and with good reason.

Three straight convincing wins for a program that hasn’t won many games since 2005 would do that.

Such a sudden turn around has maybe inflated expectations for the rest of the season.

Expectations went from “let’s just win 4-5 games” to “let’s make a run at the conference title” pretty quickly.

Of course, the Golden Panthers probably played three of the weakest teams on their schedule in that stretch, so perhaps it might have been wise to temper expectations a bit going into this weekend’s first place showdown with the Troy Trojans, who are annually the class of the Sun Belt.

What you saw in Saturday’s 33-23 loss to the Trojans was a pretty good indication of where this team is right now: still trying to build off of a shoddy foundation.

There were flashes of brilliance in the game, notably Paul McCall’s 22-of-33, 266-yard, two touchdown performance, inarguably the finest of his career. McCall showed poise in the pocket amidst a relentless pass rush that tossed his offensive line around and swallowed him for seven sacks.

I’ve pretty consistently doubted his abilities to lead a Division I football team, despite recent success, but in his first game where the reins were really taken off and he was allowed to throw it more than 15-20 times, he looked fully prepared.

It would also be a crime to forget to mention T.Y. Hilton, though it might begin sounding like a brother...