University advances toward its $35 million goal

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The University Advancement Division has raised over $11 million since July, bringing it almost one-third closer to its annual goal.

The recently hired Vice President for Advancement Robert Conrad began his tenure on Nov. 3. but for over a year University Advancement has been led by Sandra Gonzalez-Levy, who worked as interim vice president for Advancement.

Since July 2007, Gonzalez-Levy has directed the division, breaking fundraising records and leaving the seat for the newly hired Conrad $11.4 million closer to its $35 million goal this fiscal year, which ends in June 2009.

According to the University Advancement Web site, its main goal is to bring “private gifts” to the University in order to “erect the most cutting edge scientific laboratories ... the most advanced and accessibly classroom and studios, and promote the University’s mission.”

“It’s a whole world that is called Advancement and it’s all these people who wake up every day to try to figure out how to fill voids in the University,” said Assistant Director of Media Relations Madeline Baro. “The State gives us money, less every day, to run but that’s it. There is no money there to do great things. That is where Advancement steps in.

The $11.4 million that has been raised so far, according to Gonzalez-Levy, has been donated for the Biology Lab, the College of Business, the Metropolitan Center, the Student Investment Fund, the Patricia and Philip Frost Art Museum, the First Generation Scholarship, the College of Engineering and Computing and the College of Medicine.

“This year the largest donation, part of the $11.4 million raised, was a $3 million donation that was also matched with by the state,” Gonzalez-Levy said.

“That makes it a total of $6 million. The donation was for the Medicine and Society program in the College of Medicine and it was donated by the Bachelor Foundation.”

However, Gonzalez-Levy emphasizes that Advancement is not alone in the effort to raise money for the school.

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Madeline Baro, assistant director of Media Relations
Traffic circle raises concerns

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cent rainstorms, a number of accidents did occur there," he said.

King stressed that the highest concentration of incidents tend to occur between 7-9 a.m., during lunch time, during the late afternoon and at the end of evening classes.

Some have raised the question whether a traffic control device, such as a traffic light, would be effective in reducing traffic at that entrance.

Roundabouts are extremely efficient, but as more traffic comes onto campus, in the near future, we’re going to have to evaluate whether it is still the most efficient way of dealing with traffic that comes in from 10th Ave.,” King said.

But for King, a traffic light would not be an effective idea, simply because the entrance is so close to 10th Ave. and would cause too much congestion. There would be too many cars packed in. The roundabout is the best way we can manage traffic at that entrance.

According to Quiros education is the key to preventing accidents.

"Maybe they should give a seminar during freshmen orientation on how to drive around the traffic circle," he said.

New employees, promotions push progress forward

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"This is a team effort," she said. "In the division, there are 60 employees. They are not the only ones that work with fundraising. All of the deans also work very hard to do fundraising for their own units. They also work with the provost, the vice presidents in the University and the president."

There have also been several changes in the division during the past 16 months, which have made the process of raising funds more efficient.

"We restructured the Advancement division," Gonzalez-Levy said. "We actually brought in new hires as well as promoted people within the division. We had about 23 either new hires or promotions that we made in order to be able to structure the Advancement division."

The newest hire has been Conrad. He comes from the Florida State University Foundation and with over 20 years in fundraising experience.

If the division is able to raise more than this year’s goal, it would not be the first time the team has gone above and beyond their aspirations.

"The last fiscal year started in July of 2007 and ended in June of 2008," Gonzalez-Levy said. "Our goal was to raise $30 million and we raised $52 million."
**Group informs community with Mid-East lecture**

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The climate crisis and America's dependence on oil will be the main themes of a Mid-East Society lecture.

The Mid-East Society, a group within the International Relations and Geography department, will host a discussion about energy and climate concerns on Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Temple Beth Torah, Benny Rok Campus (20350 N.E. 26 Ave.) in North Miami Beach.

The lecture, "Freedom from Mid-East Oil: How America Can Overcome the Energy-Climatic Crisis," will cover America's current energy crisis. It's impacts of foreign fuel from members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, and the effects on the environment of the United States' current energy usage, according to Shlomi Dinar, director of the Mid-East Society.

According to Dinar, discussions will also include the search for alternative sources of energy and independence from OPEC. "It's a very timely issue," said Dinar. "Especially when it's an important enough issue on the political campaign that both candidates are voicing their stances over it.

The lecture is open to the public. Participation is encouraged to gather different viewpoints on the topic, and examine all the pros and cons of each option.

"Anyone from greater Miami, or other universities are more than welcome to attend," Dinar said.

Brown, an FIU founding professor from the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, will be a guest speaker at the lecture.

"Brown is an award-winning writer who has written several articles and books on energy policy, technology and political cycles in American history."

One of them, "Freedom from Mid-East Oil," will be the focal point of the lecture and will be sold at the event.

Proceeds from the sales and memberships fees for the Mid-East Society - $35 for individual memberships but free for degree-seeking FIU Conflict Implications for Israel and America, will take place Dec. 4.

"We are a tool for exposing our students and faculty in the department to get together and hear a talk about recent research in the field," said Craig Layman, marine sciences professor.

The seminar will be held in the Marine Sciences building, room 105 at 11 a.m.

Guest speakers will be Patrick A. Davis, vice president and south-east regional director of Haen and Sawyer, P.C., an international environmental engineering firm focused exclusively on water resources, science and engineering.

Both have built a redesigned wastewater system in Palm Beach County, among other treatment facilities in the state that clean water to safer levels before releasing it into the ocean.

"One of the issues that is increasingly acknowledged as important in South Florida is the amount of minimally-treated water we are putting into the oceans," Layman said.

The new water treatment plant is a part of Gov. Crist's extension of the Florida Forever laws, which address environmental issues in the state.

Davis's presentation is being held in conjunction with Layman's coastal marine conservation course, designed to provide a broad overview of the current issues in coastal conservation.

"([It] should be a valuable learning experience for EU undergrads," Layman said.

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**How to make an award-winning, praise-earning tiramisu**

**FINCA DINING:** Vincent Ten, teaching assistant for Chef Morgan's advanced cooking class, twists crushed peppercorn onto the chocurao and avocado toast before the student-run hospitality luncheon series on Nov. 6.

Desserts have a way to the heart that other foods just don't. They can be the perfect end to a perfect meal, or the saving grace of a bad one, but nothing can put a smile on a face quicker than the words chocolate, frosting or whipped cream.

Desserts take over our palettes, connect with our sensuality through the succulent, yellow, thick and frothy.

Tiramisu is one dessert that I make for friends on special occasions, that induces the fanciful reaction that desserts so often do - my "Will you marry me?" tiramisu.

Are the steps to make your significant other propose to you, and give them a foodgasm all at the same time.

You will need:
- 6 egg yolks
- 1 ¼ cups of sugar
- 1 ¼ cups of mascarpone cheese
- 1 cup of coffee
- 2 cups of heavy whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon of instant espresso
- Some dusted cocoa powder and chocolate shavings

**Steps:**

1. Place a double boiler over medium-low heat.
2. Beat the egg yolks and sugar together until thick, pale yellow, and velvety ice cream. It is also easier to serve and eat because it keeps its shape and is not degraded by the absorption of the liquids.
3. Take six egg yolks and 1 ¼ cups of sugar, and combine them over a double boiler.
4. Double boiler is simple to make. Take a pot filled halfway with water and bring it to a boil. Place a bowl on top of the pot, so that it is not directly in contact with the water. This method allows a slow and even cooking that is necessary when cooking delicate ingredients – in this case the egg yolks. If you were to combine the egg yolks and sugar over direct heat, your eggs would curdle and become like scrambled breakfast eggs - that is not the effect you want.
5. Mix your eggs and sugar over your double boiler on low heat for 10 minutes, stirring constantly until your mixture becomes light and smooth.
6. This triple-cream cheese is the core of any tiramisu, and is unique because although thick and creamy like cream cheese, it has a distinct sweet flavor that does not overpower its smooth, creamy quality.
7. Once the mascarpone is incorporated into the egg yolk mixture, set it aside while you whip 1 ½ cups of heavy whipping cream in a different bowl, and whip the cream until stiff peaks form. The test for stiff peaks is to remove your whisk and hold it upside down. If your whipped cream sits atop the whisk, and isn’t runny, then you are successful.
8. Fold the whipped cream into the mascarpone mixture. Now you are ready to assemble.
9. Layer store-bought ladyfingers into your serving dish after dipping them in a mixture of Kahlua and espresso. I recommend eyeballing the dipping mixture to your taste.
10. Pour half of your cream mixture to cover the ladyfingers and then repeat the lady finger dipping and layering. Pour the rest of your cream mixture, and then garnish with some dusted cocoa powder and chocolate shavings.

Now, here is the secret of my tiramisu that makes it so-lovable-kickable:

- Let the tiramisu sit out for 10 minutes after you finish making it, then, put it in the freezer until 10-20 minutes before serving.
- By freezing and serving it still on the cold side, the texture of the tiramisu is like velvety ice cream. It is also easier to serve and eat because it keeps its shape and is not degraded by the absorption of the liquids.

This dessert is sure to impress any guest, friend or lover. It is the kind of ending to a meal that people dream of. Don’t be afraid if your mate licks the plate clean while gasping for air – this is a true side effect of life-changing dessert – then you know you made it right. Hat off to the chef!

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**Marine discussion addresses water treatment bill, initiatives**

There are nearly 300 million gallons of domestic wastewater in the Atlantic Ocean every day, which come from six water treatment facilities in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties, according to Gov. Charlie Crist's Web site.

Due to recently passed Senate Bill 1302, which aims to fix water waste issues, the restoration of water treatment facilities will be the topic of discussion in the fifth part of the marine science seminar series on Nov. 6.

It's an opportunity for all students and faculty in the department to get together and hear a talk about recent research in the field, said Craig Layman, marine sciences professor.

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"Do we want our son born with or without diseases, honey?" You may find yourself asking this question in the near future due to new advanced reproductive technologies. These technologies allow parents and doctors to screen embryos for genetic disorders and select healthy embryos in addition to gender selection. In vitro fertilization, which is used for gender determination, and pre-implantation genetic diagnosis, which screens embryos for genetic diseases, are the only two legal advanced reproductive technologies.

Dr. Rene J. Herrera, professor at the Molecular and Human Genetics department at FIU, talks about the number of diseases that can be avoided using PGD. "A limited number of diseases could be prevented because a diagnosis has only been worked out for a limited number of genes," Herrera said.

In the future we may be able to "cure" genetic diseases in embryos by replacing faulty sections of DNA with healthy DNA. This is called germline therapy. Such techniques can be used to prevent disease and increase the health and well-being of future generations.

Should we also change the physical traits of our children to how ever we see fit? Hell no! Remember, these are your children, not some custom-made hot rod. You have the freedom and the right to modify, change, enhance and even disable your body, but not that of others. Can you decide my hair color? No. Would you enjoy it if I changed your skin or eye color? I bet not. Preventing disease and increasing intelligence only increase the prosperity and health of our species, not hamper it.

There have also been cases in which parents used IVF to use their new child as a future donor for their other child. Yes, this would save the older sibling's life, but at what cost? Children should be loved and cherished for themselves and not what they can do for others. The "organ-factory" you just ordered is still your child -- and furthermore, a human being.

These genetic techniques are very expensive. Why should the affluent reap the benefits of genetic enhancement? Should parents be allowed to change the outcome of their genetic disasters and create a genetic elite? Yes, if the rich get richer and the poor get poorer on the condition that new technologies are distributed by the principle of each according to what he can do, but we can.

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The reason it is illegal is because you can affect the DNA of future generations, and you don't know what the outcome is going to be," Herrera said.

"Determining the sex of an embryo can be useful because some genetic diseases, like hemophilia and Duchenne muscular dystrophy, only show themselves in male babies. If the parents have a history of male-related disease, then techniques such as PGD can be used to choose a healthy male embryo instead.

When it comes to gender selection, it is very dangerous, since highly-populated countries such as China or India value males over females. "They have a tendency to choose a male child," said Assistant Professor Dr. Sean Allen-Hermanson of the Philosophy department.

This would unbalance the male to female ratio and affect society.

Some children will be born with a genetic disease and die before birth or at a young age. Telling their parents not to undergo the procedure is equivalent to slowly and painful abortion; the child slowly dies before your eyes as its growth and future is terminated. This can be averted by simply modifying the genes of the child before implantation.

These genetic techniques will eventually eliminate the hundreds of genetic diseases that cause many deaths worldwide. A flowing children to be born with a genetic disease when it is preventable is equivalent to torture, as if you purposefully exposing them to the risk of preventable diseases.

Should we also enhance the IQ of our children, ushering in a era of "enlightenment," as all children born would have double the IQ of current human beings? This could also expedite the scholastic experience significantly. If the technology to make ourselves smarter as a species exists, then why should we hold ourselves back?

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Horror opera, new Bond flick among November’s releases

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October has come and gone, but it doesn’t mean movie-goers will no longer have an abundance of films to look forward to. Here are a few movies that will be filling up seats at your local cinema this November.

NOV. 7  “REPO! THE GENETIC OPERA”

Anybody who was not satisfied with the musical numbers and blood in “Sweeney Todd” might want to take a look at this movie. Directed by Darren Lynn Bousman (“Saw II,” “Saw III” and “Saw IV”), horror veterans Bill Moseley (“The Devil’s Rejects”), Paris Hilton (“House of Wax”) and Anthony Head (“TV’s Buffy the Vampire Slayer”) are assembled for this bloody tale about a biotech company that hires a man (Head) to forcefully take organs from donors who missed their scheduled payment. Meanwhile, a young woman (Alexa Vega) with a rare blood disease searches for information on her family’s mysterious history.

NOV. 14  “QUANTUM OF SOLACE”

The name’s Bond, James Bond. Daniel Craig returns for his second outing as the rugged agent 007. Leaving off where “Casino Royale” ended, Bond seeks out the organization that killed his lover. Teamed up with a woman (Olga Kurylenko) with revenge on her mind, all clues point to an environmentalist (Mathieu Amalric) who wants to control the world’s water supply. Directed by Marc Forster (“Monster’s Ball”), “Quantum of Solace” also features the return of Dame Judi Dench (“Shakespeare in Love”) as Bond’s boss and Jeffrey Wright (“ Shaft”) as CIA agent Felix Leiter.

NOV. 21  “TWILIGHT”

Taking over the former opening date of “Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince,” “Twilight” is based on the first book in a series by Stephenie Meyer. Recently moved from Arizona to Washington, Bella (Kristen Stewart) falls in love with the mysterious Edward (Robert Pattinson), who turns out to be a vampire. Their relationship is in trouble though, as another vampire (Cam Gigandet) looks to hunt the blood of Bella. If this movie is successful, we can look forward to the next book-to-screen adaptation, “New Moon.”

NOV. 26  “TRANSPORTER 3”

This year, Jason Statham has robbed a bank in the ‘70s in “The Bank Job” and raced in a destructive car in the future in “Death Race.” Statham returns to the franchise that first made him an action star in “Transporter 3.” Last spotted in Miami, Frank Martin (Statham) is a former mercenary who reformed himself as a special- ized driver who moves “goods” of all kinds. Following this movie, Statham will be seen in his next franchise movie as botanist Chev Chelios in the sequel to “Crank.”

“FOUR CHRISTMASES”

Ever wanted to avoid spending the holidays with your family? Vince Vaughn (“Swingers”) and Academy Award-winner Reese Witherspoon (“Walk the Line”) are a couple forced to spend the holidays with their two divorced families after their plans to spend Christmas together are ruined. On Vaughn’s side of the family, we have Oscar winners Robert Duvall (“The Godfather”) and Sissy Spacek (“Coal Miner’s Daughter”).

“MILK”

An Oscar contender is on the horizon as Sean Penn aims to win his second Best Actor Oscar as Harvey Milk, California’s first openly gay politician. Directed by Oscar-nominated director Gus Van Sant (“Good Will Hunting”), “MILK” features a great all-star ensemble that includes James Franco (“Pineapple Express”) as Milk’s lover and Josh Brolin (“W.”) as a city supervisor discontent with Milk’s agenda.

Milk’s life was also the subject of another film, the Oscar-winning 1984 documentary, “The Times of Harvey Milk.”
Free iPhone apps not only distracting, beneficial

A plications for Apple's iPhone can run anywhere from $0.99 to $7.99 and beyond, but you can find a good selection of freebies if you have a spare 48 hours to sift through the iTunes store's evergrowing collection.

If you're a student with an iPhone, then online window-shopping is a luxury (and distraction) your packed schedules probably can't afford. To save you from having to tell your professor that Apple ate up your homework time, here's a list of free applications that'll make your life easier. You're welcome.

I PROcrastinate

Don't let the cheeky name fool you: iProcrastinate is a digital planner on steroids. You can keep track of your schedule by creating subject categories for your classes, set assignments and to-do items with due dates and even break down big projects, like term papers, into smaller steps.

You can also consolidate subjects into smart groups to have weekly assignments at a glance. You can even add collaborators to tasks for group projects, attaching your group members' contact information to one touch phone calls and emails.

Once you've completed tasks, you can tick off from the list and never have to speak of the horrors again.

STANZA

Feel like you're developing scoliosis from carrying stacks of books to and from school? Get Stanza, a free e-book reader, and save your back.

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Books can be sorted by title, author, subject or latest reads to keep larger libraries organized and every cataloging option can be edited - upload your own cover images even - through the control panel.

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FITNIO

With all this help for your mind, don't forget to help your body. With Fitnio, you can get out of the gym to workout outdoors without skipping a beat. Fitnio tracks distance, time and calories burned from walking, running or cycling. You can start your next workout on a high note when you open the application and see your exercise backlog on the home screen listing how many runs and bike rides you've done, including the total calories burned over time.

When you're ready to wrap up your workout, you can tap the Cool Down button to review your session at a glance while you slow your heart rate. By signing up for a free account at www.fitnio.com you can keep track of your exercise statistics and workout trends over time to gauge your progress.

And for those out late at night in scary neighborhoods or that didn't consult their doctor before starting their new exercise program, there's an emergency call function at the ready to dial your best friend or 911.

BALANCE

With debit cards overshadowing cash and checkbooks, knowing how much money you have on hand depends on how often you log online to check your balance or how good your memory is.

Balance lets you manually log deposits and withdrawals you make on one of your accounts, preferably not your life savings. You can input whatever kind of deposit or withdrawal you made, the dollar amount and notes on the transaction. Balance will time and date stamp the entry and calculate the account's new balance to help keep you in the green.

You can password protect your balance information and even export your log to your desktop as a spreadsheet file to backup on your hard drive.

EASY WRITER

Let's face it, writing e-mails on the iPhone's vertical mode keyboard sucks. Make e-mails easy to write again with Easy Writer, an application that replaces the narrow vertical keyboard with a wide horizontal one.

To reply to e-mails from different accounts, open up the message and hit "reply" in the phone's mail program. A low on the phone to download the original email message and then hit the home button to go back to the homescreen and open Easy Writer. In the application you'll find a copy of the email to reply to and its addressee listed in your iPhone's settings. Work around this by changing the information in settings and then just write in the application to ship messages from the new temporary default.

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Conference Tournament hopes still alive for men

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The FIU men's soccer team has refined their chances of appearing in the C-USA conference tournament after a 2-1 win over UAB on Nov. 1 at the University Park campus. This marked FIU's fourth win of the season, as well as their first home victory since last November.

After the win, head coach Munga Eketebi stressed that a healthy roster is one of the keys to his team's rising success, for they have returned two significant players from injury in the past two games.

"This is the first time that we're at full strength the whole year and it showed," Eketebi said.

Diego Tamburus, a junior midfielder, is one Golden Panther who was cleared to play against UAB since sitting out due to injury.

Tamburus wasted no time getting back into the momentum as he assisted FIU to their first goal on a cross off to Corey Kendall in the 22nd minute of the match.

"Once you get things done offensively, it raises the whole level of the team," Eketebi said.

Along with the offense, FIU defenders distinguished themselves early on, as UAB was held to 7 shots in the first half and went scoreless up to the 50th minute when Kevin Sawchak scored on a rebound from 8 yards out to tie the score at 1-1.

It certainly didn't take long for FIU to respond. Less than ten minutes later Tamburus was there once again with the assist for a tie-breaking goal, a header scored by Phill Fisher, the senior and team captain from Swindon, England.

"We came together today, battled hard; we had our bodies up against the wall and we really pulled it out of the bag," said Fisher.

The Blazers came across opportunities but were unable to put up another goal.

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The match improved FIU's record to 3-10-2 (2-5-0 C-USA). The squad will continue their hopes toward the conference tournament as they concentrate on their remaining regular season games against Florida Atlantic on Nov. 3 and SMU on Nov. 7, both being home games with kickoff set for 7 p.m.

With a win or tie against SMU, or a UAB loss to Marshall, in Birmingham on Nov. 7, would give FIU a berth in the 2008 Conference USA tournament this year, hosted by the Houston Cougars.
Consistency key in taking game to next level

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The FIU volleyball team remained undefeated at home, defeating New Orleans in four sets on Friday night, sweeping University of Louisiana at Monroe in 3 sets on Saturday night, and on Sunday afternoon taking care of Louisiana-Lafayette in four sets.

FIU has won nine straight matches and has not lost at all in ten matches played at home this season. The Golden Panthers remain atop the Sun Belt East Division with a 23-4 overall record and 13-1 within the conference. Head Coach Danijela Tomic attributed FIU’s undefeated record at home to the atmosphere developing at FIU Arena.

“We love to play at home. Our fans are real educated about volleyball. They get excited about our rallies, and the players feed off that energy, and I think that’s a main reason why we’re undefeated at home,” Tomic said. “Most of the Sun Belt teams are not used to playing in the atmosphere we create here at FIU.”

FIU 3, NEW ORLEANS 1

FIU won for the 9th straight time, beating New Orleans in 4 sets (25-19, 25-16, 19-25, 25-22). FIU started off slowly and trailed UNO 7-1 early in the first set, but a kill by freshman Sabrina Gonzalez propelled FIU to within 2 at 7-5. The Golden Panthers and the Pioneers traded points until FIU tied the match at 17. FIU pulled away from UNO with an 8-2 run and took the set 25-19.

The Golden Panthers didn’t trail in the second set, which FIU took, 25-16. FIU took advantage of a poor hitting performance in the second set by UNO (r .140), but couldn’t pull away until New Orleans committed a service error with the score tied at 10. FIU took the set 25-19.

In the second set, with Isadora Rangel serving, FIU went on a 9-0 run after the match was tied at 10. FIU used the match to spread around its starting and forcing ULM into hitting a percentage of (-.125). Up 16-11, FIU rolled off 9 straight points to take the set 25-15.

FIU did not relinquish the lead in the final two sets, taking the third 25-19, and the fourth 25-15.

Despite preserving their undefeated home record and staying in first place, Head Coach Danijela Tomic was not pleased with the teams overall performance. “We were unprepared to play, Tomic said “we did absolutely nothing...our heads weren’t in it.”

Tomic did have a positive outlook on the weekend however. “I think the way we played...will be a good lesson for us because we have a big weekend coming up. I told [the players] that no matter who you play you have to come prepared.”

FIU prepares for its most challenging weekend at home with the only team that has beaten FIU in conference play, Middle Tennessee, on Friday November 7th, 7pm at FIU Arena. FIU continues on Sunday November 9th with Western Kentucky at 1pm.

The outcome of next weekend will dictate who will receive the number one seed in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament which will be played at FIU Arena November 20-22.

PROTECTING THE HOUSE

VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

FIU remains unbeaten at home following strong weekend