Maidique supports tuition increase proposal, reforms

Bill Kaczor
AP Wire

Trustees at all of Florida’s 11 state universities could raise tuition up to 15 percent a year under a proposal Gov. Charlie Crist announced Thursday, but it immediately drew opposition from a top Democratic lawmaker.

Republican leaders of the GOP-controlled Legislature, though, praised the governor for an idea university officials called “bold,” “sweeping” and a “landmark.”

President Modesto A. Maidique said in a Nov. 20 University release that the proposal was a “courageous move on Gov. Crist’s part” and that those “bold moves” were necessary to “build an educational infrastructure to support a 21st century economy.”

If all universities impose the full 15 percent, it would generate $72 million a year, said University System Spokesman Bill Edmonds. That’s $16 million more than what is being collected this year by the five largest schools that already have authority to charge what is known as differential tuition.

One of those schools is FIU, which gained differential tuition this past summer.

At the Nov. 13 Board of Trustees’ Finance and Audit Committee meeting, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President Vivian Sanchez explained that differential tuition helped generate $5.1 million this year and projected $5 million during the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

In addition to recruiting and retaining faculty and improving quality, 30 percent of the proceeds under Crist’s plan would go to financial aid.

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Juicy Campus tries squeezing out

Rick Martinez
FIUSM.com Editor

The debate regarding Juicy Campus, a Web site that allows anyone to post messages or gossip anonymously, has hit the Senate floor of the Student Government Council-University Park.

The Senate voted to pass a resolution Nov. 17 that would send a message to the University saying that the UP student body wants the Web site blocked from the University’s Internet access.

The majority of senators present voted for the resolution after heavy deliberation, but the voting was invalidated due to the lack of quorum, according to Sen. Chris Cabral of the College of Arts and Sciences.

In order to reach quorum, the majority of the Senate must be present to vote.

During the debate, the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution was often a point of discussion.

Free speech means that there’s a person that’s accountable,” said Sen. David Dial of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

“Do you have to go to this Web site, the better,” Cabral said.

Cabrals had another argument against the resolution, arguing that SGC-UP should recommend to ban the Web site because students have a choice to go to this Web site.

“Your don’t have to go to this Web site, you don’t have to make it your home page, you don’t have to care about something cowardly idiot has to say about you,” Cabral said.

Rep. at Large Jennifer Fuentes, who favored the resolution, argued that a line has to be drawn when it comes to First Amendment rights.

“I believe that in the Constitution it clearly states that there’s a limit to our freedom of speech,” Fuentes said.

“While you are offending the integrity of an individual, when you are offending the integrity of anyone, when you are offending the integrity of the University as a whole, that’s when you’ve surpassed your limit.”

Molinaro offered an alternative to banning Juicy Campus.

He believes that students should instead be working to boycott it and that it would be a more effective solution to the problem.

“The beauty about the constitutional system is that they have the right to say something to you and they can’t stop you from learning about it,” Cabral said.

“Each one of us here has the right not to go to Juicy Campus,” Molinaro said.

“Their freedom may offend you, but that’s their freedom,” Fuentes said.

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“Senators may still amend it as they see fit,” Roseme said.

My position is that students should boycott the site, not that the government should ban it.

— Jeff Molinaro

November 24, 2008

AT THE BAY
Land-line phones become obsolete in residence halls

OLGA VELEZ
Staff Writer

Student weren’t using them and the University was tired of paying for them.

That is why land-line telephones no longer exist in the majority of residence hall buildings at University Park.

“FIU used to [spend] a total of $350,000 a year to pay Bell South for the land lines in the residential halls in the University Park campus,” said Executive Director of Operations and Auxiliary Services James Wassenaar.

In Everglades Hall, Panther Hall, University Park Towers and the the Lake View dorms, land-line jacks for telephones were removed two years ago and all other universities are following suit because the students were not using them.

The money saved by taking out the land lines was invested in other student services.

“Before removing the land lines, we surveyed the students and found that 85 percent of them were using their cell phone or a land line,” Wassenaar said.

The University of Florida saves $600,000 per year by taking out land-line telephones, according to a Palm Beach Post article published in October. Florida Atlantic University saved $100,000 last year, while the University of Central Florida still uses residence hall land lines.

Aaccording to Wassenaar, the savings were used to increase security in the dorms and give the students living on campus access to the Internet.

“The University took the savings and deployed two new emergency broadcast systems, [It also] invested in maintaining the Internet infrastructure, and installed the Emergency Call Box system in the residence halls on the University Park campus,” Wassenaar said.

Student safety was a major factor in deciding to install emergency call boxes.

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The University now uses the Internet Protocol system in BCC and in the UP.

Land-line phones become obsolete in residence halls
Practical and theoretical aspects of opening doors.

**Future of campus discussed**

**Barbara Quijano**  
Staff Writer

Expansion and renovation are the long-term goals of the University, according to a forum held on Nov. 19 at BCC. A cademic Space Management hosted a focus group for students in the Marine Biology building for "input, mostly from students, who care what the campus will look like in the next five years," said Ana Maria Silva, BBC Student Government Council president. The focus group was divided into two presentations, a discussion on the master planning of the Health Science Center at University Park, and another one showing how several classrooms were renovated.

"The idea is to pick your brain as students to have students' opinions and points of view with some of the things within the classroom, outside the classroom, within the building and on the campus," said Gloria Jacomino, ASM director. Universities are required to create a master plan and update it every five years, according to Jose Rodriguez, real estate development director.

"We want to make the buildings more collaborative to work in uni-" said he.

At BCC, 28 classrooms were renovated last summer, said Jacomino. Improved campus security, desk replacements, more seating with access to electrical outlets, more study areas, bay-view outdoor seating and game areas are being considered for renovations at BCC.

"This is a 20-year vision that anticipates a very different vision from what the campus is today," said Rodriguez. "The intent is to have green space and walking space, using close to 20-something acres."

**Opening the door on energy conservation: Everyone’s job!**

Walking down the hallway toward the exit, hands in pockets, one hesitates to hit the automatic door opener marked handicapped, and whoosh.

There goes approximately 25 seconds of manufactured atmosphere by central air conditioning gone. In a single, chance of recovering the costly effort to make every student's local atmosphere on campus more comfortable, the University has infused every student with the electronic luxuries of the new millennium. From texting and web surfing in that dreaded lecture class, to listening to mp3 players to shut unwanted interruptions, we have made our luxuries into bad habits.

A bustling technology is nothing new to the importance of internships and the use of video games as a marketing tool, to tips for sending resumes and the influence of the media and technology in the recent elections.

"Obama was more viral," said Canton, as he suggested that President-Elect Barack Obama's marketing strategies, including Internet games and ads, might have won him the election.

"The communications field is always changing; it is becoming more of a social media environment," he added.

The speakers also discussed the significance of networking in the communications field.

"When you network with people, they see you face-to-face and how you see yourself," said Gonzales. "If you have a likeable personality and you can go up and talk to somebody, they will say 'I want to work with somebody like this.'" The most important thing is to start early. It's about getting involved in your community.

After the forum discussions, students had the opportunity to practice the networking skills encouraged by the speakers.

"I have just given away about 20 business cards," said Gonzales. "I am excited to speak to all of those individuals and help them.

David Berry, SJMC's marketing director, was the moderator for the nearly three-hour event and said he was impressed with the student involvement.

"To have the level of speakers that we had come in is rare for us," said he. "The fact that people were asking questions and being engaged shows that they are very interested, and that they want more opportunities like this."

**PRAISED PARACHUTES:** The Intervarsity club hosted the "Make a Parachute for Colombia" event Nov. 19. Club members Mary Beth Douzan (right) and Terri Stanier (left) sewed parachute pieces together, then folded and the finished parachutes that will be used to drop relief supplies to Colombia.
SGC-UP wrong to try and ban Juicy Campus

Juicy Campus is creating quite a stir on college campuses nationwide. And not only are the students caught in the excitement. The website allows anyone interested in anonymously post gossip about fellow students without fear of retribution or consequence.

The student government at University that it should bar access to the site from the University network, with proponents arguing that it's in the best interest of the students to do so. However, this type of behavior is often seen as bullying and could potentially lead to suicide in the worst of cases.

Though a majority of senators present at the meeting voted to pass the initiative, too few were present to meet quorum, and the initiative failed. The measure will be up for vote again when the senate reconvenes on Nov. 24.

Though The Beacon recognizes that using this site or any other to anonymously spread lies about or deface others is the epitome of cowardice and immaturity, SGC-UP is wandering into dangerous territory by trying to ban students from an open forum, regardless of its intentions.

The council should not be trying to force students to do, or not do, anything. If SGC-UP feels that this site is a legitimate issue, which it is, then it should be following in the footsteps of other institutions faced with the same questions and educating students on the dangers of the site and letting them come to their own conclusions, rather than deciding for them.

The growing popularity of anonymous gossip sites like Juicy Campus have forced student governments at universities nationwide to consider the ethics of such sites. At least one public institution, Tennessee State University, has opted to ban access to the site.

Not all universities, however, feel that a ban will solve the problem. In fact, they have permitted them to become the pure forms of entertainment.

Today filmmakers have gone too far. Think about this for a second: Is it wrong for one human being to applaud and cheer for one human being to die? But today filmmakers have gone too far. Moviegoers have been enthralled by violence for a long time in the history of American cinema, there's no question about it. But today filmmakers have gone too far. Moviegoers have been enthralled by violence for a long time in the history of American cinema, there's no question about it.

Films such as Hostel and Saw glorify human torture, depicting gory, grotesque and inhumane scenes. They are by every definition, cult classics, of the modern age of horror film making. The following of this genre (for lack of a better term) is enormous. In fact, it has assimilated so effectively, that its themes have become culturally acceptable and a good source of entertainment.

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Call him Mr. July. Call him Mr. Blockbuster if you will, but do not call him unassuming.

Will Smith ("Bad Boys II") and Rosario Dawson ("Rent") were on-hand in Miami on Nov. 17 promoting their latest movie, "Seven Pounds." Coming out on Dec. 19, "Seven Pounds" is about a suicidal IRS agent who goes on a journey to redeem himself by helping out seven strangers, including Dawson’s character. Directed by Gabriele Muccino ("The Pursuit of Happyness"), the film also stars Woody Harrelson ("No Country for Old Men") and Barry Pepper ("61").

Throughout most of the day, Smith and Dawson sat down to talk to reporters from several publications, including The Beacon. "Seven Pounds" is the first movie that Smith and Dawson have starred in together. Six years ago, they worked with each other in another movie, "Men in Black II." Smith said that he and Dawson have matured a lot since then, and Dawson responded jokingly by saying he had more gray hairs than the last time they worked together.

"It is fun to watch someone make choices and become better," Smith said. "To watch Rosario scratch and fight to be better is inspiring to me and makes me want to become better." Dawson shared similar thoughts on Smith.

"I am really grateful not only to work with [Will] but also to work with an audience," Dawson said. "Because of who Will is, it gives audiences around the world an opportunity to watch a film like this." As soon as they were done speaking to the Miami television and print media at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Smith and Dawson made a surprising visit to the editors of the Miami Herald at their news meeting.

Wrapping things up for the day was a charity movie premiere of "Seven Pounds." It was held at The Shops at Sunset Place and benefitted the Florida Marlins Community Foundation charity. If moviegoers wanted a chance to see Will Smith and his new movie, they would have to bring at least a can of food to get in. It was there where Smith and Dawson donated 300 turkeys, and both of them were presented with Florida Marlins jerseys by the president of the Florida Marlins, David Samson. Afterward, Smith approached a stage-like set up near the mall and told spectators that he would be back to sign autographs after the presentation. Keeping his promise, he returned to the remaining spectators.

The Beacon asked the two stars why they stopped in Miami to promote "Seven Pounds." Aside from getting a chance to visit their family, Dawson said that she loves the weather, the warm water, the food and the shopping. Smith had a different take.

"I think there is a city somewhere in the world that matches your personal emotional pattern, and Miami is that place for me," Smith said.
Men’s Basketball
First of two trips to the Pac-10 comes up short

GREGG BELL
AP Wire

Jon Brockman stomped and snarled. He grabbed teammates. At times it looked like he needed something to punch.

All he really needed was to turn Washington’s slugging night over to guards justin Denton and Isaiah Thomas.

Denton showed senior savvy and a burst of energy while scoring 14 of his game-high 21 points in the second half and Thomas added 19 in his third collegiate game as Washington survived an off night from Brockman and a halftime deficit to beat Florida International 74-51 on Thursday.

“If you look in past years, every big game we’ve played in we’ve stepped up to the challenge,” Denton said. “I think we’ll play to the best of our abilities. I’m just waiting to see what the best of our abilities is.”

Denton, who made seven of 11 shots in all, took over the game by scoring seven points in the second half, a two-yard run over to Suggs during a three consecutive times late in the half, Scott Suggs to reward his good position near the boards.

Russell Hicks scored 15 points for Florida International (2-1), which was scoring. while FIU went almost five minutes without consecutive points by freshman Elston Turner.

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Brockman had 53 points and 27 rebounds in Washington’s first two games. He scored just eight on 4-for-8 shooting and had eight rebounds while uncharacteristically turning the ball over five times against the Panthers.

It was the first time Brockman hadn’t scored at least 10 points since Feb. 24, 2007, at Oregon.

The senior spent some of Washington’s cold first half scrambling at freshman guard Scott Suggs to reward his good position near the basket. A furt Suggs declined to pass to him consecutive times late in the half, Brockman stomped over to Suggs during a three consecutive times late in the half, Scott Suggs to reward his good position near the boards.

Get the ball to the low post!”

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The next two completions were to Greg Elston in heavy traffic, the first being on a three down play, and the next, immediately following, as he correlated the pass off the helmet of a ULM defender, as he was falling backward in the end zone, to cut the lead to 21-10.

The Warhawks piled on their next drive, FIU’s first stop since the first quarter, but when T.Y. Hilton attempted to field the bounding ball that had been kicked away from him, it took two rebounds while uncharacteristically turning the ball over five times against the Panthers.

Hilton 8-93, Ellingson 5-81, Reams 2-28, McCall 18-31-0-239

ULM:

Rushes-Yards 41-173 32-124
First Downs 19 17
Passing 35-159 26-129
Punts Avg. 5-32.2 4-41.0
Penalties-Yards 8-50 10-75
Fumbles-Lost 0-0 1-1
Time of Possession 34:27 25:33

ROAD NOT KIND TO FIU

Warhawks defense, penalties too much for FIU to overcome

FIU could only muster a field goal on its next drive, and was able to get the ball back with over a minute left in the half, after keeping their quarterback upright all game, the FIU defensive line blinked on three successive plays, allowing Paul McCall to be sacked twice and the junior quarterback to be stopped once for no gain.

“We don’t have enough gas in the tank to over come such a poor half” said head coach Mario Cristobal. Despite the loss, however, the FIU head man did not see a complete step back with the loss. “I think in a lot of ways we took steps forward... I don’t think it’s any different than any other game, in terms of sometimes you get better and sometimes you take a hit.

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FIU has two remaining contests, both of them in South Florida, beginning with FAU, at Dolphins Stadium, and Senior Night, Dec. 6 when the Golden Panthers host Western Kentucky.
Aft er taking care of South Alabama in the first round of the Sun Belt Volleyball tournament in fou r sets, FIU fell to New Orleans in the semifinals. FIU lost for the second time at U.S. Century Bank Arena, and for only the seventh time this season. New Orleans went on to fall to Western Kentucky in the finals as New Orleans earned an automatic berth into the NCAA tournament by winning the conference tournament.

FIU 3, SOUTH ALABAMA 0

The top seeded Golden Panthers volleyball defended home court opening up the conference tournament disposing of South Alabama in 4 sets (25-13, 22-25, 17-15, 25-20). FIU dominated the first set taking it 25-13. They led the entirety of the set. The closest South Alabama came to FIU was two points, when the score was 8-6. South Alabama rebounded in the second set out-muscling FIU squeezing out a victory. The match consisted of nine ties, but FIU couldn’t pull ahead. The Golden Panthers and Jaguars tied nine times, with the final being coming at 19-19. South Alabama went on a 6-3 run to close out the second set and take it 25-22.

FIU and South Alabama continued to play competitive volleyball in the third set, and a close match ensued. Neither team led by more than 2 points the entire set. FIU led 24-22, but didn’t close out the Jaguars.

South Alabama notched three straight points to carve a 25-24 lead, forcing Tomic to use a timeout. FIU restored off 3 straight points to take the set 27-25. South Alabama successfully scored on 73 percent of their attacks, oppo sed to FIU’s .137. FIU controlled the fourth set after a slow start. FIU trailed 8-5 early, but fought back to tie the set at 10.

The Golden Panthers didn’t relinquish the lead in the set after taking an 13-10 lead on a bad set by South Alabama. FIU took the set 25-20, and the match.

Junior Isadora Rangel played stellar defense, notching 20 digs, and added 12 kills. Defender. Two freshmen had double-digit kills, with Sabrina Gonzalez scoring a career high 11, an Andrea Lakovc scoring 10.

Despite the win, head coach Tomic wasn’t pleased with the team’s effort, and offered words of encouragement. “I didn’t feel we played confident today,” she said. “We have to expect the other team fight because nobody is going to come in here and just give us a win.”

“I think it’s going to be a good learning experience for us. I think we’ve had a tough first round because I think we’ll come more prepared tomorrow.”

NEW ORLEANS 3, FIU 0

Fifth seeded New Orleans shocked top seeded FIU in three sets in the semi-finals of the Sun Belt tournament (25-19, 25-23, 25-19) to send the Golden Panthers home early from the conference tournament for the second straight year. New Orleans entered the match on a seven match winning streak and was more accurate than FIU, hitting .237 opposed to FIU’s .137.

Sun Belt player of the year Yarimar Rosa was held to single digit kills for the second time all year playing in every set. The first set was all New Orleans with the Privateers taking a 3-lead and not surrendering the rest of the set. FIU tied the set at 6 but couldn’t gain any momentum; FIU fell in the opening set of the semi-finals 25-19. FIU hit .143 and committed seven errors during the set.

New Orleans jumped out to an early 6-0 second set lead, but FIU answered with four straight of their own. FIU came close a few times in the second set, but could never pull ahead of New Orleans. The Golden Panthers trailed 14-13, and eventually tied it at 22, but didn’t lead the entire set. The Privateers went on a 3-1 run to take the second set 25-23.

The third and decisive set didn’t get much better for the Golden Panthers. FIU’s only lead of the set was at 2-0, and the closest they came after that was within one at 9-8. UNO went on a 10-6 run to take a 19-14 lead. FIU couldn’t contain UNO staunch defense, and surrendered the set 25-19.

FIU was blocked 23 times, compared to just eight blocks FIU has against UNO. FIU committed 21 penalty errors with New Orleans committing 15.

“They were able to stop Yarimar and we can not win big matches without her, we got as far as we could out of our freshman,” said Tomic. “I don’t want to put pressure on Yari. She carried this team through the whole season. We wouldn’t be in this position without her. She is human even though sometimes we think she’s super woman.”

Junior Isadora Rangel had her sixth double-double of the season with 10 kills and 10 digs. Freshman Sabrina Gonzalez had seven kills and no errors hitting .583 for the match.

LOOKING AHEAD

Despite having the best record in the Sun Belt and being 21st in the RPI, FIU is on the bubble of being invited to the field of 64. The Golden Panthers will need to hardly beat USF (17-13) on Nov. 26 to have any hope of making the tournament. Tomic addressed the team’s prospects of making the big dance after the disappointing loss to New Orleans.

“I know that we have to beat South Florida,” she said. “It depends how teams in other conferences are going to do. We didn’t want to be in this position. We wanted to control our own destiny.”

The NCAA Volleyball Tournament will announce its field of 64 during its selection show on Sunday November 30 at 10:30 p.m. and will be aired on ESPN.

Staff Writer Victoria Lynch

AMBUSMDED: FIU lost just its second home game of the 2008 season, in the Sun Belt tournament. The Golden Panthers have to regroup quickly for South Florida on Nov. 26.

M any moons ago, I opined on these very pages, that the FIU volleyball team had matured, to the point of becoming a championship caliber squad. Many readers of the preceding article, might assume I’ve since change my tune considering the melodies of success and further predictions thereof, of but nothing could be further from the truth. Championship teams can sometimes go through swoons in a season, or in a given game, therefore I don’t subscribe to the idea that a play off gaffe does anything to a great season other than it helps to end it. It doesn’t stain the year, rather, and this holds true especially in college athletics for teams that bring back myriad starters, and conference stars at that (read FIU VOLL EY B L L), it serves to build a base.

This team may still make the NCAA tournament, and have a literal banner year, for the first time since 2002, and the string of losing on you home floor in the tournament will linger, but the lesson will be that we are much better prepared. I don’t want to put pressure on Yari. She is human even though sometimes we think she’s super woman.

At every match, the reasoning is the same; to inspire for the next game, the next match, to be able to play with confidence again, and shud the scorn of our fans.

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It was a weekend that started out with so much promise. The volleyball team was downed in straight sets on Nov. 21 by a New Orleans team that must have played their best game of the season, as they were subsequently swept by Western Kentucky. And then the following night, in front of the sparsest crowd yet in the new FIU stadium, the football team stumbled early and came up just short of a 1-point second half comeback. Once again, the story of the game for the Golden Panthers was their inability to avoid penalties. Despite their relatively successful season thus far, the football team has had a very narrow margin of error. Five of the team’s nine games were decided by 10 points or less, and in the three losses by that margin, the team accumulated 30 penalties. That is going to be the difference for this season between a fourth place conference finish and a bowl berth, which is all but out of the question now.

FALLING SHORT
FIU managed to take an early lead follow-
ing Anthony Gaitor’s first quarter interception and Dustin Rivest’s 41-yard field goal and the defense had played fairly stout through the first frame, keeping the Warhawks scoreless. By the end of the first half, however, ULM had pulled away with three unanswered touchdowns to put the Golden Panthers on the defensive.

This along with the penalties, had FIU in a hole that even T.Y. Hilton’s playmaking abilities and Julian Reams’ and Paul McCall’s best days of the year couldn’t get them out of.

Hilton continued his excellent first season, catching eight balls for 93 yards on the day and taking the opening kickoff and returned it to the 25-yard drive, and were assisted by another FIU penalty, this one an offsides call on FIU. The Golden Panthers were whistled for 10 penalties for 17 yards, and that didn’t take into account the yardage FIU gave up on the opening kickoff that Dustin Rivest kicked out of bounds.

After another FIU punt, the Warhawks marched down the field for another score. This one a 12-yard 74-yard drive, capped by a touchdown pass from Lancaster to tight end Zeek Zacharie. Lancaster finished the day 14-of-25 for 156 yards, with two touchdowns and two interceptions. The 21-3 halftime deficit was the largest for an on-campus FIU home game since ULM took a 14 point lead into halftime at FIU stadium on November 11, 2006.

FIU came out of the intermission roaring, and scored of a 51-yard drive, that was set up by a personal foul on the kickoff return that allowed the Golden Panthers to open their possession on their own 49-yard line. The drive was highlighted by three stellar passing plays from quarterback Paul McCall. First, on a second and 20, following an FIU penalty, McCall connected with Jason Frierson for a 26-yard play. Frierson broke two tackles as he made the reception and carried the ball down to the ULM 4.

FIU quickly had a three-and-out on its next series, and the Warhawk offensive continued rolling, but not without the help of FIU. After a 30 yard punt by Carlos Munera, a 34-yard punt return by Darrell McNeal, FIU was flagged for a 15-yard personal foul which advanced the ball to the FIU 40, effectively netting one yard on the punt play.

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Second half rally comes up just short
Andrew Julian
Sports Director
In what was really a tale of two halves, University of Louisiana at Monroe won the first, 21-3, and FIU winning the second, 24-10, the Golden Panthers (4-8, 3-4 Sun Belt) saw their seasons effectively ended in the three losses by that margin, the team accumulated 30 penalties. That is going to be the difference for this season between a fourth place conference finish and a bowl berth, which is all but out of the question now.

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