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An annual Homecoming game. Saturday, Oct. 18, for the Panther’s

Panthers to corral Thundering Herd at Homecoming game

Jorge Corrales

The Marshall Thundering Herd will stampede into “The Cage” Saturday, Oct. 18, for the Panther’s annual Homecoming game. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. from Ocean Bank Field at FIU Stadium and the game will be televised on the American Sports Network.

The Panthers are coming off a heartbreaking loss at the hands of the University of Texas at San Antonio Roadrunners. After leading most of the game, the Panthers gave up two late Roadrunners field goals and fell 16-13. The loss dropped them to 3-4 overall and 2-1 in Conference USA.

Freshman quarterback Alex McGough did not have his best game, throwing for only 141 yards and one touchdown. He also fumbled once and threw two interceptions but will be under center once again Saturday.

Freshman running back Alex Gardner also struggled, as he rushed for 65 yards on 27 attempts. His lowest costly mistake came in a rush in the third quarter where he fumbled on the UTSA one yard line. He was stood up on first down and coughed the ball up while trying to fight for the extra yard. It was one of six Panthers turnovers of the evening.

“Alex did get the ball out,” said Head Coach Ron Turner. “It’s first and goal on the two. Just hold the ball tight and go down. We’ll have second and goal on the one. These were things we hadn’t been doing but we got the ball every single play. When you turn the ball over six times and drop five passes, you’re not totally tuned in.”

The Thundering Herd comes into Saturday’s game ranked No. 25 in the nation. They are 6-0 overall and 2-0 in CUSA. Their offense is near the top of the leaderboard in every major category; ranked 23 in passing yards per game and 10 in rushing yards per game. The Herd offense is currently No. 2 in the nation with an average of 595 yards per game.

The leader of the juggernaut offense is a Miami native – senior quarterback Rakeem Cato. Cato attended Miami Central High School and since making the move from Miami to West Virginia, he has been one of the most consistent players in all of college football. He has thrown a touchdown pass in 38 straight games and with a touchdown pass on Saturday, Cato would break quarterback Russell Wilson’s record for most consecutive games with a touchdown pass.

“He’s really good. I mean, really really good,” Turner said.

Student government wants Panthers to ‘give a shirt’

Allison Galea

While the University is still relatively new, it has taken strides big enough to rank among some of the older and more established universities in the country for its contributions to the public good.

The University ranked No. 24 out of 277 institutions that contribute to the public good, according to Washington Monthly’s 2014 rankings. This is a huge jump, given that the University was ranked No. 177 in 2009.

The rankings were based on three areas: social mobility, focusing on recruiting and graduating low-income students; research, focusing on producing cutting-edge scholarship and doctoral graduates; and service, focusing on encouraging students to give back to their country.

In the last year, 52 percent of students at the University received Pell Grants, $113 million went into faculty-led research and thousands of students and hundreds of faculty and staff have contributed more than 550,000 service hours of service to the community.

Irra Becerra-Fernandez, vice president of the Office of Engagement said that the additions and improvements the University has made to these categories since the formation of the community. The University’s engagement with the community is an important source of economic development and innovation for the region.

According to Amy Ellis, assistant director of Marketing and Public Relations, there are two major partnerships the University has established since 2009 that the Office of Engagement highlights as game-changers for all involved.

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools partnership in 2010 created the Achieving Community Collaboration in Education and Student Success program.

In 2011, the program called “Education Effect” was launched at Miami Northwestern Senior High School and Liberty City.

These two partnerships were formed to improve student success in public schools by connecting the students, parents and community with University resources and research-based programs in order to increase high school graduation rates as well as to promote a transition into higher education.

Other major community projects include Fostering Panther Pride, Green Family Foundation NeighborhoodHelp and work with the Center for Children and Families. Washington Monthly ranked FIU as No. 16 for community service participation and hours served.

Another way that the University gives back to the public is through its Global Learning courses and activities, and its partnership with the Peace Corps.

Hilary Landorf, director of the Office of Global Learning Initiatives and a Peace Corps volunteer herself, said that programs like the Peace Corps Prep at FIU and the Global Learning Medallion are service-oriented academic programs in which
FIU Health offer flu shots

This year, however, the College of Medicine’s faculty practice, FIU Health, put out a flyer to offer flu shots to anyone in the community, with or without insurance. The shots are covered by most insurance plans and those without insurance will pay $20 to get vaccinated. The flu can be spread by coughing, sneezing or nasal secretions, according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

FIU Health is administering shots at Parking Garage 5 at the MMC from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

For more information, students can call 305-348-5627. Vaccines are available while in stock.

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The University will be an early voting location for the November election.

Members of the community will cast ballots between Monday, Oct. 20, and Sunday, Nov. 2, for the general election at the Stadium Club, located on the south side of the Ocean Bank Field at FIU Stadium, 11310 SW 17 St., in the Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

The general election day is Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The University has a lot riding on this election, since the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners put the voters to decide what to do about the fairgrounds: whether the land will go to the University for expansion or if Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will stay for the remainder of its 99-year lease.

Voters can cast early ballots at University location

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The University community has been anticipating the Homecoming game day on Saturday to see the Panthers match up against the Thundering Herd. The day is an all-out celebration with the Homecoming Day Parade and Tailgate that various University groups set up for the day.

The Homecoming Parade this year will feature various University organizations, floats, the marching band and the FIU Golden Dazzlers.

Panthers comes together for Homecoming game day

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**Peruvians: ‘something is missing’**

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On Wednesday, Oct. 5, Peruvians elected about 1,800 mayors and 25 regional presidents in an election without the ability to distinguish the degree of morals and ethics each authority must possess to hold office.

In the case of the municipal election in Lima, over 50 percent of the city’s residents have elected a former mayor, Luis Castellada Lossio, who was accused of embezzlement and money laundering. Voters recognize his greatest quality as being that he “sells the job.” Peruvian citizens have chosen a governor who is currently imprisoned for influence peddling, which is the practice of using one’s influence to receive special treatment, under the premise that both he and his voters would be working toward his freedom. This kind of promise, and the fact that citizens believe in it, demonstrate that something is missing as to their moral standards in respect to the type of authorities they choose to have.

Unfortunately, Peruvian citizens are accepting as normal the “steals, but does the job” idea, given that they ask for more public works without taking into consideration corruption or ethics in regards to public expenses. This is regrettable, since it creates a moral crisis in a society whose democratic system is in evolution.

Ethics and efficiency should never be separate in order to effectively evaluate a candidate given that, in a democracy, the authorities are the reflection of their society.

**Healthy and delicious meals enrich your body and your life**

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Serving food to students is what we do. As the Urban School Food Alliance, we represent six of the largest school districts in the nation (New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami, Dallas and Orlando), feeding more than 3 million elementary, middle school and high school students every school day.

Our mission is more than just supplying healthy meals for our children. We believe that school breakfast and lunch are integral to a student’s education. This is why we believe that meals need to be healthy and tasty, why we believe meals need to be accessible to all students and why we believe that mealtime needs to be viewed as part of the educational day.

The USFA strongly supports the vision of the first lady and backs the larger goals of the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act. The recent and ongoing debate in Washington on whether school food standards should be rolled back misses what we believe is the whole point of important nutritional standards: to bring healthier food onto our students’ plates and into their lives. And yes, we need to get them to eat it too.

Our districts have had success in exposing students to and having them eat meals under these new standards. Our districts have developed creative menus and innovative ways of providing lean proteins, whole wheat, low-fat dairy, and fresh fruits and vegetables. We can and should demonstrate actionable leadership in this debate.

These healthy and delicious meals need to be accessible to all students. And we need to get away from the attitude that school meals are only for the kids who can’t afford to bring lunch from home. The new approach to serving American children should mean offering free lunches to all students regardless of a family’s financial need. This would not only directly benefit the children and their families, but it would also cut through the current bureaucracy and enable American companies to sell more of their healthy products to our cafeterias. We need to acknowledge that this would benefit American workers in American companies providing food to American children in American schools.

It is money invested in us. Doing so will allow districts to make their food-purchasing dollars go further and to remain focused on bringing healthier food into our cafeterias. The USFA can and should lead the way in setting standards and recipes that all districts, even the smaller ones, can use.

Eating is part of the educational day and mealtime needs to be treated as such. Students should be given enough time to eat so that they are not rushed or forced to skip meals altogether because of dwindling meal periods. Just like math and science, food and eating should be thought of as part of, and not an intrusion upon, the educational day. Eating well is learning well. This is also why the debate arising from the issue of plate waste and of “healthy trash cans full of fruit” misses the point. Exposure to healthy and wholesome food takes time and has long-term value. Children should grow up knowing that fruits and vegetables are indeed part of their meal experience. We challenge our teachers, our administrators, and our state and government officials to think of school breakfast and lunch not just as a meal program but also as what they were originally intended to be: enrichment programs. School meals enrich students’ developmental growth. They enrich our students for life. More importantly, they enrich student success in school.
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FOOTBALL

Defense ready to settle down Marshall

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On Saturday, Cato will face his toughest test of the season thus far. He’ll be going up against a Panthers defense that has the most takeaways (24) of any team in the nation. They’re also towards the top of the nation in points against; holding opponents to under 20 points per game.

Juniors Michael Wakefield and Denzell Perine lead the Panthers up front. Both are tied for the team lead with 5.5 sacks. Wakefield leads the Panthers with 9 tackles for a loss. It will be important for them to get pressure up front if the Panthers hope to contain Cato.

The Panthers have already had some experience containing a high-powered offense. In week five, they visited a University of Alabama at Birmingham team that was averaging over 40 points a game. The Panthers held them to just 20.

"UAB has a really good offense," Turner said. "They put up 56 last week on North Texas. These guys [Marshall] are better because they’re more talented at all positions. They have a better offensive line. Their receivers are better, even though UAB’s receivers are really good. And their quarterback is definitely better, even though UAB’s quarterback is good. It’s not a knock on those guys but [Marshall] has no weakness. They have speed, they have strength, they have size and they’ve got power. Most importantly, they have a great quarterback. You can be very marginal at every other position but if you have a great quarterback you’ll always have a chance to win."

The Panthers have lost three homecoming games in a row. Their last homecoming win was a 42-35 double-overtime victory against Louisiana-Monroe.

A victory against the 25th ranked Herd would be huge for both the football program and the fans. "They [the players] know the importance of the homecoming game," Turner said. "But they know they importance of every game. We’ve got 12 opportunities. They know the importance of every one of them. It’s not like basketball where you have 82 chances or baseball where you have 162. You’ve got 12. But homecoming is very important. We’ve got a lot of people coming back and there’s a lot of school pride. We wanna go out there, play well and put on a good show."

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Ron Turner
Head Coach
Football

Quarterback Alex McCough avoids rush of University of Texas at San Antonio defensive end Cadie Brooks during the Saturday, Oct. 11, game in San Antonio.

SOCCER

Owls and Mean Green on the Miami horizon for women’s soccer ‘family’

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A conference game and another delay last weekend, Oct. 10-12, provided an up-and-down ride for FIU’s women’s soccer team. The match against the University of Alabama at Birmingham is rescheduled for a later date in November, a game that Head Coach Thomas Chestnutt expected to play before next week.

The reason for the delay was reports of tornadoes in the area. Against Middle Tennessee State University, Oct. 12, a whirlwind of two early goals by the Blue Raiders gave the Panthers their sixth loss on the year.

But all of that noise is put into the rear-view mirror. The most difficult weekend for Chestnutt and his team is on the horizon with two of the top three Conference USA opponents waltzing into Miami. North Texas University (10-3-1, 4-6-1) and Rice University (7-2-1, 3-1-1) are controlling the C-USA with confidence.

Ever since C-USA play began on Sept. 26 for North Texas, they’ve gone 4-0-1 in five games. Their ability for score goals is profound, as they’ve outscored opponents 22-7, holding opponents to 43 percent shooting.

Ten Mean Green ladies have scored at least one goal this season, displaying their ability to have threats at every angle.

Chances for NTU will come frequently if their previous games are any sort of indicator.

The Mean Green are first in C-USA with 285 shots, averaging 20 per game. Their shutout total is tallying nine on the season (first in C-USA), with the Panthers allowing 13 this year. The same success will be harder to come by, though.

For North Texas, Head Coach John Hedlund has helped his team become the most dominant in C-USA to overcome.

Before seeing the Mean Green on Sunday, Oct. 19, the Panthers face Rice University on Friday, Oct. 17. Rice and the Panthers have seen each other only once and a 5-2 victory for Chestnutt and his team became the result.

The same success will be harder to come by, though, as Rice is only allowing eight goals on the season (outscoring opponents 24-8), a common trend for the top-tier of the C-USA.

If the Panthers want to defeat the Owls, they must change the narrative of goals allowed (allowing 13 this season).

Rice has struggled just a tad on the road this season, going 3-2-1. The Panthers can exploit the Owls’ defense in the first half by grabbing an early lead.

Both losses by Rice this season came in overtime, so if the Panthers play a close game, a victory is sure to follow.

Top goal scorers this weekend for all sides will be Panthers redshirt senior forward Chelsea Leiva (seven), Mean Green Karla Pineda (six) and Owl Holly Hargreaves (eight).

Defense will be key during the eventful weekend. Freshman goalkeeper Nevena Stojakovic has 33 saves on the season and will look to add to that total.

The “iron-core” of the Panther defense comes at the feet of redshirt juniors Sara Stewart, Nikki Rios and seniors Marie Egan and Caroline Hernandez. They will be busy stifling the different shot attempts that they’re used to seeing.

An early test of what competition may be seen if the Panthers can make the C-USA Tournament is ahead.

On Friday, Oct. 17, kick-off is at 7 p.m., while North Texas finds its way into FIU Soccer Stadium 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 19.

There is one aspect of this Panther team that cannot be statistically recorded, though; one factor that separates the ladies from the rest of the herd.

“I think this team is more like family,” said Stojakovic. A family bond should help in victory.
Panthers look to serve it up at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Southeast Regionals

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This upcoming weekend, Oct. 18 to 20, the women’s tennis team will travel to Atlanta and take part in the 2014 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Southeast Regional Tournament. The host school, Georgia Tech University and the tournament will be held at the Byers Tennis Complex.

The Panthers are entering this tournament off a 4-1 win against the Bedfor...
SGC-BBC appoint new positions and budgets

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Earlier this week, the Student Government Association (SGA) announced its new executive board members. The SGC at the Biscayne Bay Campus named a new press secretary and graduate senator after discussing upcoming events during their meeting on Monday, Oct. 13.

SGC-BBC is planning an event for the University of Miami Inter-Association Committee which will be held on Nov. 18.

The council asked candidates on their availability and budget for catering at the Meet Your Classmate event, taking place Friday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.

Candidates were interviewed for the council positions of press secretary and graduate senator.

The council asked candidates for press secretary on their experience in the fields of social media and advertising.

Violeta Ocampo, junior biology student and now press secretary, said student input is not often heard by SGA, but is key in changing the association’s reach. “I think it’s important to not only create links, but also interact with others,” Ocampo said.

SGA-BBC asked graduate senator candidates on their availability and what their future goals for the association’s involvement are.

Kai Chen, international graduate student and elected graduate senator, thinks working with SGA is essential in the development of leadership skills.

Chen was also appointed as a member of the finance committee.

“The SGA is a young and passionate team,” said Chen. “It’s the ideal place to build my confidence and have an opportunity to work with current student leaders.”

Meetings are held on Mondays at 3:30 p.m. in WUC 221.

Tamiami Pool to host alumni meet for Panthers

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The Women’s Swimming and Diving team will be hosting their alumni meet at the Tamiami Pool Saturday, Oct. 18, at 11 a.m.

The Homecoming Alumni Intrasquad meet will consist of friendly competition for the Panthers who will be coming festivities, falling between the Homecoming Parade and stiff competition at the Homecoming football game following the parade. The event, previously held at Biscayne Bay Campus Aquatics Center, will be hosted at Tamiami Pool near MMC.

The next competition is Saturday, Oct. 25 in Lakeiland, Florida against Florida Southern College. A starting time has not been determined.

Panther forecasts upcoming costume climate

RICHARD & STYLE

Andy Batista, a junior majoring in Physics, wants to paint his body gold for Halloween. “I would call myself ‘Golden Boy’ or ‘The Statue of David,’” Batista said.

As Halloween rears its horrifying head upon us, it seems appropriate to ask: what will you do for Halloween? I took to the Biscayne Bay Campus to find out.

Freshman Addina Hibbert hopes to show off her costume on campus.

“I was actually planning on being a cat,” Hibbert said. “I was going to paint my face and have a little pink nose and whiskers. I also want to make cat ears.”

A surprising majority of students named Party City and Michaels as their Halloween go-to costume stores.

Sophia Sanchez, a senior studying public relations and marketing, seemed unfazed about the upcoming holiday. “I’m in a sorority so a lot of the Greeks throw different parties each night. I will probably be a vampire, like every year, put some contacts in, two fangs and call it a day.”

Sanchez said she is glad that Halloween has gotten away from the gore, at least for the students that she knows. It has actually become more humorous, less horror show.

“It’s in style to dress up like a loofah,” Sanchez said sarcastically. “I have a feeling my friends are going to do that.”

The “loofah” Sanchez is referring to, is the bright colored shower accessory that many students know. It has actually become more humorous, less horror show.

“That being said, modern day Halloween represents a rare opportunity to use fashion to express an alter ego without facing ridicule or judgment from society. Miami Beach’s Joey Rolon is a king of costumes. Store Owner, fashion designer, and stylist to the stars, Rolon has around 150 custom orders for this Halloween. He says the rock ’n’ roll look is the most coveted for Friday. “They want to be a rock star for the night.”

Rolon said he also said his shop, Funky Sexy Couture, specializes in the look.

“They want to look like Katy Perry or they want to look like Britney Spears. They want to replicate different artists’ most iconic looks.”

Rolon admits that he is too exhausted by the end of the Halloween rush to even dress up. He credits his training in merchandising and styling for his good taste and ability to create cool ensembles for those lacking his talents.

“I always tell them what direction to focus in and guide them towards a specific style.” Rolon says the second most requested costume from Funky Sexy Couture is Lady Gaga. Think big glasses that cover the face, space costumes and the egg outfit. He said it can get weird as the client is willing to push it— and he loves that.

“What’s cool about what we do is you don’t need to spend a million dollars to have a cool look. Just a single accessory can create costume that is unique.”

For Rolon, the scariest part about Halloween night is bumping into someone that is wearing the same costume. To avoid this, he suggests getting creative and shopping beyond the Halloween supermarkets.

“I refuse to buy the bag costumes. School girl is so corny.”

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