In an effort to prevent a possible resurgence of the H1N1 virus, commonly known as swine flu, University Health Services is not waiting to confirm cases before they start treatment.

Since late April, when the first few cases of H1N1 were suspected to be on campus, UHS was unable to confirm cases quickly, some-times finding out a patient was a probable case long after he or she was already fully recovered.

“In the beginning, we were having lots of [possible] cases coming in, but we weren’t necessarily obtaining the results to be able to confirm the case right away,” said Dr. Oscar Loynaz, interim director for UHS.

However, with the large amount of H1N1 cases being confirmed, in relation to the low amount of seasonal flu cases, the state health department quickly changed the way it accounted for H1N1 cases.

“The Florida Department of Health said ‘Instead of testing all these people, and spending all these resources in testing these people, let’s just assume that if someone comes in through the door with a flu-like illness, they are [positive for H1N1],’” Loynaz said.

With this new approach, UHS is currently preparing for the fall season, when some experts believe that H1N1 will make a comeback.

“We need to determine what our response is going to be based on the influx of people coming in sick,” Loynaz said.

Students who think they may have swine flu should consult their primary care physician. Should they not have one, or UHS is their primary care institution, they are urged to call the University’s General Medical Clinic.

“If they have a fever, that is key,” said Lourdes Diaz-Berzoioguna, registered nurse and unit manager for the University’s General Medical Clinic.

Diaz-Berzoioguna explained that students with a fever of 100 degrees or more lasting more than two days should seek care immediately, whether it is at UHS or their primary care physician. Other symptoms of H1N1, according to the UHS Web site, are severe aches and pains, headache and sudden fatigue.

“We want to make sure that we are treating them appropriately and H1N1, page 2

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JULIO MENACHE

After a very public search for a new president, the University hired Kenneth Jessell as chief financial officer without a nationwide search.

Ken Jessell, who was appointed by former President Modesto Maidique this summer, replaced Interim CFO John Miller, who left FIU to become treasurer for the University of Missouri. Miller had replaced Vivian Sanchez, who resigned last May, and will remain with the University under a one-year consultant agreement.

Thomas Breslin, chair of the Faculty Senate, thought a hire without a time-consuming national search a necessity to ensure a smooth transition for new University President Mark Rosenberg.

“Under the circumstances, where we lost such an important person [Sanchez], it’s not good to have a position like that open,” Breslin, who has been with the University since 1976, told Student Media.

Breslin said he assumes that Maidique, with the blessing of Rosenberg, jumped at the chance to hire Jessell, who is considered one of the top budget experts in Florida’s public university system.

“He’s a person of great accomplishment, who seems honest and straightforward,” Breslin, who recently met with Jessell for the first time, said.

“He’s been a faculty member, he knows the state university system. We aren’t going to have someone who is going through a learning curve.”

Rosenberg recently told The Palm Beach Post that Jessell’s hiring is part of his strategy to “hit the ground running.”

“I have known Dr. Jessell for over a decade and consider him one of the most experienced and successful public university financial strategists in the country,” Rosenberg said.

As FIU’s newest CFO, Jessell will earn $285,000 a year.

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**PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Parking garage to open next summer**

CHRISTOPHER LAZAGA

Staff Writer

In response to difficulties with the parking situation at the University, the Department of Parking and Transportation has begun work on a fifth parking garage to meet the current needs of students and faculty.

The new garage has yet to be named, but is currently known as Parking Garage 5, or PG5. It is going up along 8th Street, across from the Red Garage. This garage will stand six levels tall and will be larger than the existing four garages.

“This garage will have five bays, where our current garages have four. This means the building will be one row of parking wider than the other four,” said Bill Foster, executive director of the Department of Parking and Transportation.

According to Foster, there will be approximately 2,000 parking spaces, about 1,500 spaces for students. In addition to the parking spaces, PG5 will also feature 30,000 square feet of retail and food service space as well as the new Public Safety offices. Foster did not mention what retail or food services would be available.

Foster said the current estimated cost for the construction of PG5 is about $32.5 million.

“The money for the parking spaces comes from bonds that are repaid through parking fees. The money for Public Safety comes from the state of Florida. The retail garage, page 2

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**Esteeemed CFO Kenneth Jessell joins staff**

Jorge Valens

Assistant News Director

In a meeting with a waiting, cheering crowd. Was justice served?

The Lockerbie bomber was released in a waiting, cheering crowd. Was justice served?

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Further program cuts in queue

All flu-like signs assumed to be potential H1N1

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getting it at the street of it,” Durr-Bergonzini said.

UHS suggests that students who are believed to have H1N1 should observe proper hygiene and limit social interactions when possible. If social interaction cannot be avoided, such as in housing, the use of a surgical mask is recommended.

UHS is looking to the entire University community, not just administration, to help make sure it can handle H1N1 in the fall.

“Bo is really up to each and every one of us to make sure that FIU is not impacted severely by H1N1, even if Miami-Dade County is,” Lozynaz said.

Students and staff should be mindful of their hygiene, and can refer to UHS’s Web site for tips and guidelines on how to do that. According to the Florida Department of Health, there have been a total of 59 deaths as a result of laboratory confirmed H1N1 in the state of Florida as of Aug. 10.

The Centers for Disease Control have reported a total 522 deaths and 7,983 hospitalizations nationwide.

PIE SGC leaders at Welcome Week event

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South Florida car dealerships are currently trying to collect from the Cash for Clunkers program, which ended Aug. 24 at 8 a.m. According to CBS4, some dealerships, including AutoNation, have stopped participating in the program in order to complete the necessary paperwork to receive reimbursement.

Some dealerships, such as Rick Case Honda, plan to continue offering similar incentives privately, as a result of the increase in sales.

NATIONAL

Apple is set to release a new update to its OS X operating system titled Snow Leopard

The new version of the operating system boasts new features such as Microsoft Exchange, an updated version of Quicktime, and a smaller footprint, to name a few.

This update comes before the release of rival Microsoft’s new operating system, Windows 7, which is set to release Oct. 22.

The update will be available on Aug. 28 for $29.

Compiled by Jorge Valens

Flash: Students look to fill open positions

SGC-MMC looking to fill open positions

Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique is set to release Oct. 22.

Microsoft’s new operating system, Windows 7, which is due to be released Oct. 22, in addition to 11 other degrees programs.

Both universities have had to make significant cuts, as well as lay off professors due to the decrease in state funding.

Under Jessell, FAU considered cutting 30 employees, five of whom were faculty, as well as cutting 45 degree programs. The moves represented the largest one-year cut in FAU history.

Jessell also received scrutiny from the United Faculty of Florida-FAU after a report financed by the group found that administrator salaries were growing at a faster rate than faculty salaries.

The report was conducted by FIU’s Research Institute on Social and Economic Policy.

The institute also ran a similar study for FIU and found the same results.

University officials for both schools have disputed the numbers used in the studies.

Last June, FIU also had to resort to cost cutting measures after doing away with 11 degree programs, mostly in the field of education.

The Board of Trustees will meet on Sept. 11 to decide the fate of two popular degree programs, religious studies and recreational sport management, after Maidique asked that the board find alternative ways to fund the programs.

Requests to speak with Jessell were not answered in time for the publication of this article.

Compiled by Jorge Valens
New high school to work closely with University

ANDREA CRUZ
Staff Writer

The Biscayne Bay Campus has a new neighbor: a brand new high school. And with high school students next door, University programs might see an increase in teenage partnerships.

The Alonzo & Tracy Mourning Sr. High Biscayne Bay Campus opened the doors to its first students Aug. 24, the same day classes started at the University.

“It’s a new multi-story, state-of-the-art high school,” according to the school’s Web site. “It is designed to relieve the overcrowding of schools at the north end of Miami-Dade County.”

The public high school is home of The Sharks and has between 60 and 65 faculty and staff members, along with 650 students from the ninth and 10th grades, according to Sally Alayon, the school’s principal.

Next year, the high school expects to add an 11th grade. In its third year, the school will have its first graduating class.

It will offer an honors program, dual enrollment program, an English language program, advanced placement classes and an English language learning program, an English language program.

“Any new high school will have a positive impact on the University community, Klein, who is also a religious studies adjunct professor, has been attending the BBC’s Leadership Team meetings, where University members discuss issues that have a direct impact on the campus, including the opening of the new school.

“I would think it will give high school students an opportunity to have a closer relationship with a University and get a feel of what it might be like to go to the University,” said Klein, who is grateful for the partnership.

“I really need to thank FIU for opening its doors to us. Clearly our goal is to get all of our students ready to go to college,” she said. “It really is a win, win for everybody.”

Joe Mintz, a junior math major, believes the new school may also bring more students to FIU.

“I think we will have more exposure since we have a high school right beside us now,” Mintz said. “A lot of people from here will probably be interested in FIU, decide to check it out and eventually come here.”

At the high school’s campus, classes start at 7:30 a.m. from Monday through Friday. They end at 2:30 p.m. Across the street from the high school at the David Lawrence Jr. K-8 Center, classes start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

Despite the initial commotion of having two public schools next to campus, Mintz believes the different school times ease the traffic problem.

“I don’t think it will affect the traffic that much,” he said. “During the first week it might, but we have people here at FIU coming and going all over different times during the day, so as long as people just plan ahead and give themselves a little extra time, it shouldn’t be too bad.”

“How was the drive to campus with the new high school open?”

I drove slowly because I got a ticket last year. It will probably be a lot worse. There will be more cops so it will be impossible to drive over 30 mph.

Billy Gil, senior

There’s only two lanes coming and two going so that is not the ideal situation for us. It’s going to be very hectic.

Georgina Bedoya, grad student

Hospitality Management

I came from south Miami so traffic wasn’t bad. With the high school and middle school, it’s going to be a headache. It’s already a headache with the school zones.

Anika Castillo, senior

SJC

How was the drive to campus with the new high school open?

Grant funds rehydration efforts

Two University professors received a $2.75 million grant from the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department to test the impact of wastewater on Biscayne Bay.

The funding – only the second of its kind, according to a University press release – will pay for a project to determine whether treated wastewater from a high-tech sewer plant could be used for the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Rehydration Project, a subproject that aims at rehydrating the bay under the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

The CERP was enacted by the U.S. Congress as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000.

There is not enough water to restore coastal wetlands in southern Biscayne Bay, so the Rehydration Project will provide highly treated wastewater through an advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant operated by Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department, according to the press release.

Gary Rand, an environmental studies professor, and Piero Gardinali, an associate chemistry professor, will head the research to find out whether these waters are good for the bay.

Current water and treatment facilities filter out bacteria and other forms of contamination, but they were not designed to eliminate all man-made contaminants, such as pharmaceuticals and personal care products, Rand said.

Gardinali will conduct an analysis to determine which pharmaceuticals or personal care products are left in the reclaimed water.

“Depending on what we find, we will ‘track’ the chemicals in the wetlands to see where they end up,” he said.

Both laboratory and outdoor studies will be conducted at BAC with aquatic organisms exposed to the highly treated wastewater. This study will evaluate the threat the reclaimed waters pose on the Biscayne Bay ecosystem, according to the press release.

Though Rand’s work has not begun yet, he said in an interview with The Beacon that his research team will evaluate the toxicity of the treated water and determine how treated wastewater could be used to help solve wetland problems at the bay.

Rand is now writing plans for the research his team will conduct.

According to Rand, the grant was awarded based on his 30 years of experience, his reputation and the University’s state-of-the-art facility. The laboratories on campus were also a factor in the grant decision, he said.

“We have certain capabilities, more than other places, which are very amicable for the project,” Rand said.

University graduate students will participate, but Rand wanted to bring in newer faces to the project.

“I have a habit of bringing on board under-graduates so they can learn some of the techniques,” Rand said.

The research team has been preparing for a couple years of research, according to Gardinali. As a result, he said students are already preparing before they get started on the real project.

“This is probably the only project of this kind awarded in the United States,” said Rand. “The other one was not done by a university; it was done by the federal government.”

This isn’t the first grant Rand’s research team has received. They were awarded $2.2 million from the federal government three years ago. They used the funds to monitor contaminants and their effect on aquatic organisms in the Everglades National Park, the Biscayne Park and Big Cypress National Preserve.

“We will be applying the best available scientific testing technology to evaluate potential risks of the treated wastewaters to Biscayne Bay,” Rand said in the press release.
As we return to our classrooms and pick up syllabuses from professors we’ve surely missed, U.S. News & World Report returns to magazine racks with their eagerly anticipated college rankings for 2010.

You may not but an eyelash at the publication — after all, you’re already in college — but if you’re perhaps looking into graduate school (or I am) chances are you’ll be picking up a copy to scrutinize the list.

The publication has entered its 25th year of ranking the nation’s universities and specific collegiate programs. Results are based upon a variety distributed to college presidents and provosts who rank colleges based on a numerical scale.

As always, Ivy League institutions topped the list — Harvard and Princeton tied for first, indicating a stalemate between the two universities. After those followed Yale, Stanford University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, among others. These are all universities listed in the first tier. Where does FIU fall on the list? We are currently listed as a fourth-tier university (out of four tiers). This certainly contrasts our own assertion (as seen on the University’s undergraduate admissions Web page) that we are “rated annually as one of America’s best universities” by the magazine, perhaps citing specific program rankings.

I used to care about FIU’s fourth-tier ranking. I wouldn’t say I was bitter — I was more disappointed. Despite former President Modesto Maidique’s efforts in creating new programs, the University was practically dismissed by U.S. News, again. As you’ll notice, schools listed in third and fourth tiers are not even ranked — they’re simply lumped together in two large groups.

As much as I would love to see FIU listed as a top institution, I doubt it would happen in my lifetime — not because I don’t think FIU can make the coveted list, but I’m unsure if U.S. News would even let it.

None of the schools ranked within the top 10 best national universities were created in the 20th century. The oldest institution (Harvard) dates back to the 17th century, meaning its current form has existed and evolved for more than 300 years. Of course it’s going to be good.

Anything can improve and mature with time, and so will FIU.

Don’t let a number — whether a year of establishment or ranking — dictate where you’ll go, whether you decide to go for an MA, law school or another degree. The rankings from U.S. News should serve as a mere guideline in outlining which schools you should consider for specific programs. It shouldn’t be a checklist.

It’s very easy to get caught up in where we fall on a silly list printed by one sole magazine, where what really matters is what we do after we take our degrees before we toss our caps into the air.

Apple dwarfs iPhone app developers

As an iPhone user, I see the phone as a development platform with almost limitless potential and power. However, the only thing holding the iPhone back from being “the best thing to ever be created since cheese” is Apple itself.

Apple is notorious for the cryptic, mysterious way it controls the platform, the iPhone’s third-party application directory. Rarely does a day go by where I don’t read about a smartphone industry involving a developer getting their application rejected for some asinine reason.

Yet, it was the rejection of Google Voice — Google’s answer to the multiple phone number problem — that has brought this matter before the Federal Communications Commission, and with good reason.

According to an article from USA Today, the FCC’s probe will have three parts: “One will examine wireless competition; the second will look at barriers to entry and investment; the third will focus on consumer billing, including wireless contracts.”

Apple, however, claims in a letter to the FCC that it has not rejected the application, and that it is in fact still researching it, but it no doubt sounds like Apple is trying to protect its own hide. Not surprisingly, AT&T, Apple’s partner in crime, has stayed quiet about the matter, simply stating in a letter to the FCC that it “does not own, operate or control the Apple App Store and is not typically consulted regarding the approval or rejection of applications for the App Store, nor is it informed when an application is approved or rejected.”

On Aug. 20, the Scottish government released Al Megrahi on “compassionate grounds” due to a diagnosis of terminal prostate cancer that would give the convicted terrorist three months to live. A government official justified the decision by stating the Scottish “justice system demands that judgment be imposed but compassion can be available.”

I’m sure I’m not alone in not having controlled the Scottish task of balancing the principles of justice and mercy. When one man is found guilty of murdering 270 people, is mercy really called for, or does the instinct of self-preservation kick in with the verifiable facts of murdering 270, people? This is a question that should not be part of any argument, but is precisely what Al Megrahi has been imprisoned for.

Al Megrahi was serving 27 years for his role in the Pan Am flight, rounding up for general reprehensibility.

The rejection of the Google Voice app is a blessing in disguise for U.S. consumers, as an investigation of this caliber will no doubt bring change and regulation to a heavily unregulated industry. However, the main issue here is not exclusivity agreements or service contracts. In the end, it is all about progress.

At first, Apple was very clear that this process was only to be used for determining whether an application was malicious or defective, and I was fine with that. But the App Store approval process has become less about quality control and more about Apple imposing its influence to make sure that the iPhone grows and evolves at their pace, and at no one else’s.

As a time when technology is evolving at such a fast pace, this is unacceptable.

This mentality is hindering the progress of a large and powerful developer base that could, on its own, make the iPhone operating system into a powerful computing platform.

There have already been protests on the App Store hinder developers in both their creativity and the amount of money and time they would spend on a product. I wouldn’t want to dedicate my time and resources to something that may get rejected.

This is especially apparent with rival companies, such as Palm and even Google, creating powerful devices with open operating systems that allow developers to create without boundaries. Apple needs to realize that just because it can control the App Store, or for that matter the iPhone’s OS, doesn’t mean it should.

Apple rejects Google Voice from their clubhouse...
As decade ends, changes in music come into focus

“Genie in a Bottle” by Christina Aguilera. Millennium by the Backstreet Boys. "I Want It That Way" by the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Ten years ago, these represented the height of musical popularity. These were the No. 1 pop song and album, and rock song for the last week of August. It’s been a long time since Chris- tina Aguilera was whispering around on the beaches of Orlando were at the top of the musical world – a lot has changed since then.

When Millennium was released, it sold 1.13 million copies in its first week, a record at the time. It seemed like every 12-year-old girl in the world bought a copy of that album that week.

Last week, George Strait’s 25th studio album, Twang, debuted at the top of the charts, moving a whopping 155,000 copies. The week before, Sugarland set a billboard record by selling 75,000 copies, the lowest weekly number in the history of the chart for a debut No. 1 album.

Obviously it’s a little unfair to compare two periods when one featured a historically swift sales mark, but could anyone sell a million copies in a week right now? There was a 12-month period where the Backstreet Boys, *Nsync and Britney Spears all sold more than one million in a week. Even Limp Bizkit sold 600,000 copies in one week in 1999.

The late ‘90s were the most proliﬁc era in the history of music sales, probably because this was before the Internet offered a massive choice in listening to or downloading music. It served less as a means for distributing music, but still could provide a valuable marketing tool.

As it has become easier and easier to illeg- ally download music on the Internet, with broadband connections becoming increas- ingly more frequent, album sales have steadily slipped.

I’m not criticizing anyone for downloading music, but anyone who would say Internet downloading hasn’t been the main culprit for the lower album sales in this decade is kidding themselves (or just trying to justify their own actions).

The upshot is that there is probably more variety in the music people listen to. I don’t think it can be argued that people listen to less music now than they did 10 years ago, so they must be listening to a more varied selection of music.

While we may never see a massive cultural force like the Backstreet Boys or a young Britney Spears again, the average listener probably has a richer, more varied library because there is simply more available.

This is doubly true among college students, who generally listen to a wide variety of music and who are among the most egregious illegal downloaders out there.

It is with this in mind that The Beacon is planning on running a few “Best of the Decade” lists in this column as the semester goes on, culminating in Radiate PM staff, Beacon staff and reader and listener lists of the best albums of the decade.

If you’d like to be counted in our end-of- the-year reader’s list, send your top 10 albums released since the beginning of the millennium to chris.towers@fiu.am. Rank them with your favorite at No. 1, and so on down the list.

Whether you dug Tha Carter III, last year’s best selling album, or Andrew Bird & the Mysterious Production of Eggs, we want to hear your opinion, so make sure to send in your lists by the end of November and keep an eye out for all of our lists as the year and the decade come to a close.
On campus activities can make transition to college lifestyle easier

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Staff Writer

It’s the first day of school, and many of us have varying emotions. Freshmen are anxious, nervous and wondering where in the world their classes are going to be. The rest have been through that phase and have a way better idea of what is going on and, more importantly, where.

Most FIU students are from Florida and do not live on campus. So, how do you get involved, become a part of the Panther community, and see what it has to offer?

The first week of school is filled with events to welcome students. A few of these events are art exhibitions at the Frost Art Museum, a play at the Wertheim Performing Arts Center, a screening of French films and a farmer’s market.

The first main event will be held between the Green Library and the central fountain on Aug. 26 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. The FIU Organic Farmers Consortium will offer organic produce for students to purchase.

Kicking off the rush process of fraternities and sororities is a barbeque that will be held Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. by the lawn of the GC Ballrooms. According to Denise Halpin, a sorority member of Delta Phi Epsilon, “Every Greek organization is invited to attend along with all their members.”

This event however, is open to all and non-Greek students are highly encouraged to attend, especially if they are interested in Greek life at FIU.

For all the French culture fanatics out there, the French Club (Le Cercle Français) is starting their semester-long Festival Cinema, which will include the screening of two French films each month.

The themes of these films will be centered on times of unrest and war.

The first film, Cyranos de Bourges, is on Sept. 1.

The second film is on Sept. 15 and is Le Hussard sur le toit (The horseman on the roof).

From Sept. 2 until Oct. 4, the exhibition, “Sisterhood and Traditions,” will be held in the FIU Art Museum. It is a tribute to his life and will feature works that were inspired by his home in Great Britain as well the time he lived in Miami. The director of graduate studies passed away in December of 2007, but will be preserved forever in his “bold and free flowing use of oil paint in layers”.

That same day is the Frost Museum’s Wednesday After Hours, sponsored by Target. It is one Wednesday a month, where you can come join discussions about exhibitions such as Olsen’s, dance performances, poetry slams, live music.

Through private donations and local and state government agencies, the Frost Museum allows free admission for the public to all the exhibitions and public events.

The FIU Theatre performs four plays a year, two in the Fall and two in the Spring.

The first play, Sonia Flew, by Melissa Lopez, runs from Sept. 24 until Oct. 4. Lopez captures the emotion of family struggles between relationships. Sonia, a Midwestern suburban mother has kept a secret from her son, who resurfaces when he announces his enlistment to the Marines after Sept. 11. Their conflict can only be resolved by uncovering Sonia’s hurtful past and the resilient relationship with her parents.

All performances take place at the Wertheim Performing Arts Center near the Frost Museum. Tickets for students, faculty and staff are on sale for $10, while general admission is $12.

Rush Week kicks off sorority recruitment

AMANDA BATCHELOR
Staff Writer

Calling all ladies! If you want to get involved on campus, joining a sorority just might be for you. Now there are Rho Gammas, which are sorority recruiters, walking up and down GC looking for women who are interested in joining a sorority. They will have sign-up tables in GC everyday this week. There is a $30 non-refundable fee to participate in sorority Rush Week. Each day of Rush Week you will be going to sorority “parties,” which are about a half-hour session with each sorority where you will learn about them and meet sisters.

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Freshman brings ‘Ooh’ factor to spread offense

Mallary impresses at fall practices

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“Slash and dash. I’m the slash, he’s the dash.”

DYNAMITE

While the depth chart for this season is not solidified, Mallary’s performance in camp almost assures him playing time this season.

With the offense gaining speed at the wide receiver position last season, this might be the year the running backs get a jolt of velocity.

Moreno seals it with 2nd-half goal

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3-0 - “For the first game of the season, you have to be happy to get a shutout and limiting our opponents to very few looks on goal from a defensive standpoint,” Coach Thomas Chestnutt told fiusports.com.

The next game for FIU is against the University of Florida Gators on Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. in Gainesville, Fla.
**SPORTS**

**STABLE OF BACKS**

Running backs look to reverse units production

You never want to see a triple digit when you are looking at a team’s ranking. But over the past four years, FIU has finished in the bottom sixth in all of college football in rushing twice, including 98.67 yards on a paltry 2.83 per carry average in 2008, good for 107th last year.

To make things worse, only one of six teams ranked below FIU ran the ball less often. FIU was throwing away downs when they put the ball in the hands of A’Mod Ned and Julian Reams.

So it was a relief watching the way the running backs cut through the defense during last Saturday’s open scrimmage. According to freshman RB Mallary: more than meets the eye

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**FRESHMAN RB MALLARY: MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE**

**SERGIO BONILLA**

Sports Director

Freshman running back Darriet Mallary is often bullied by his teammates. Mallary’s 5-foot-8 frame tags him as the shortest player on the roster and an easy target for the heavier linebackers on the team.

But his speed and strength are making it hard for the Golden Panthers’ defense to tackle him, let alone catch him.

“When I first came in, I don’t want to say I was scared, but I was nervous because they said the game speeds up. I run a 4.38 [40-yard dash]; speed is speed. I know once they said the game speeds up. I run a 4.38...”

...“I’ve never been scared of anybody,” Mallary said. “It’s the big linebackers that try to come and bull-rush me, and I hit them right in the chest to hold them up. And they get really mad because I have really strong arms. I lift 315 pounds so I’m not really worried about them,” Mallary said.

Coach Mario Cristobal acknowledges Mallary’s 5-foot-8 frame tags him as the toughest little dude.

**STERLING TURNER**

**RUNNING ROOMMATES**

Mallary and Perry are rooming together this fall, which Mallary sees as an advantage after practice.

“Every day after meetings, we sit and run the plays,” Mallary said. “He tells me I have to have a heart to play. He played last year, and he doesn’t want me to make the same mistakes that he did. We call ourselves.

**WOMEN’S SOCCER: FIU 3, STETSON 0**

Golden Panthers end streak of home-opening losses

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The women’s soccer team won a home opener for the first time since the 2001-02 season.

With their Aug. 21 3-0 road win over Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., the Golden Panthers (1-0) are looking to net the team’s first winning season since the 2001-02 season.

“The win definitely gives us some confidence,” junior captain Kassandra Sorzano told fiu.sports.com. “The whole preseason we focused on defense, and I think our intensity was there defensively and that’s what allowed us to score three goals.”

Senior midfielder Mayara da Fonseca Bordin opened up the scoring for FIU on a penalty kick at 22:15 minutes, giving the Golden Panthers a 1-0 lead.

“I knew it could change a lot of our game if I scored or not,” said Bordin. “We always joke after practice by taking some penalty kicks, so I wasn’t scared but I knew it was a lot of responsibility.”

Sorzano would double the lead 12 minutes later. The goal also saw Kaley Durance net her first assist of her collegiate career.

At halftime, the Golden Panthers led Stetson University 2-0. For sophomore Victoria Milucci, leading early was a surprising change of pace.

“At halftime, everyone was shocked because I don’t think we’ve ever been up 2-0,” she said.

In the second half, incoming junior Thaisa Moreno connected on a 25-yard shot to seal the game for FIU, solidifying the lead at 3-0.