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SPC dusk Night, Sept. 18, 7 p.m. Enjoy a free screening of 'Sleepy Hollow,' featuring music from The Coral Gables High School band.

Jazzella, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. Enjoy a free art history tour of the Jazzella exhibition at the Coral Gables Historical Society.

The Rat Opera, Sept. 19, 8 p.m. Enjoy a free outdoor performance of the opera 'The Rat Opera' at the Coral Gables Amphitheater.

Arboret’s Highlight, Sept. 20, 10 p.m. Enjoy a free North African culture night at Arbolita Cafe in Coral Gables.

Mujica: SGA’s newest senator

FRANCISCO MARADIAGA Staff Writer

Reserved since the start of Fall as a meeting where committees would draft their function in the bylaws, the Sept. 14 meeting of the Student Government Council Senate at Modesto Maidique Campus saw in time expire as senators voted in a new senator, heard a portion of Finance Committee presentations, and watched an advertisement reel provided by Target.

The meeting was halved to include the senate’s regular business and the drafting of the committees’ jobs descriptions. It ended with no official time for the committees to meet, and only getting to half of the business the Finance Committee was slated to present.

“I know this was supposed to be a working meeting,” Senate Speaker Helen Ramirez told the senate, “I strongly recommend you guys actually get together.”

When the new constitution was ratified last year, it created four new senatorial committees without job descriptions. Since the campus bylaws also share their low-key birthday

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Arboret’s: better than your average frank

Donation allows for innovation

BLANCA MORALES Staff Writer

The College of Engineering and Computing received a $250,000 donation that will foster education and research opportunities for students and faculty.

The college held a dedication ceremony on Sept. 14 to name their Structures and Construction Laboratory after their supporters, Titan America LLC, the eastern United States’ premier cement and buildings producer.

Now called the Titan America LLC Structures and Construction Testing Laboratory, it will be well-equipped to serve the needs of the college through research and development of innovative construction materials.

The donation qualifies for the state to match those funds, doubling the amount.

The lab, which opened three years ago at the FIU Engineering Center, is a collaborative result of more than 20 companies in the field. Previous project sponsors include Florida Department of Transportation and the National Laboratory.

Babe It All Week

Overcoming your insecurities

COLUMNIST BOBBY JOE BRACY

"Let’s go to the nude beach." I had turned down my friend’s request gently before, saying that I was not against nudity but that I’d just need time to warm up to the idea and take the appropriate hair removal measures. I didn’t want to appear close-minded about something so natural as the human body.

This time, however, I’d seemed like a flake if I left the possibility open again just to defer it to another weekend.

“Do you think I could get a ride? My car is working well on right now.”

That was true, my car is messed up and I thought this was a blessing in disguise, a sort of get-out-of-being-made-in-public-free card. My friend lives close to the nude beach, which is located on 18080 Collins Avenue in Haulover Beach.

I knew the idea of driving all the way to Kendall to pick me up just to come back to the beach would be enough to deter my friend and buy me another week of clothing security.

“I’ll pick you up,” he said.

There I was, in the bathroom staring down at the battle of Nair and the body of a grown man in the mirror. “Come on, Bobby Joe, I’ve seen you naked before.”

Really? If he’s thinking about what I’m looking at in the mirror then to me that should sound more like a reason for me not to go.

Yet, a voice inside whispered to me “love yourself.” If I don’t go, it would be like admitting to being self-hating. I did not come out of the closet just to remain self-hating. This is something we all must fight at any cost, even if it means getting butt naked.

“Fine, I’ll go.” Some picture a nude beach as a swirling kaleidoscope of young, avelte, naked bodies glistening under a blue sky as bare as the bodies below it. This is not the case.

In fact, it rained the whole time we were there and not everyone was naked. I wasn’t.

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Cooperative Highway Research Program
The lab is one of the largest facilities of its kind in the state of Florida and the only one certified by Miami-Dade County Building Operations.
The 2,250-square-foot facility, with a 15-foot tall steel framing frame, tests full-scale structural members such as a 65 foot bridge girder. The lab also boasts a 10-ton overhead crane, heat chamber and a compression machine.
The TSCL supports the research of innovative hurricane-resistant and durable homes and roadways in the area.

Partnership with Titan expected to spur creativity

The partnership with Titan America will create educational opportunities for students and serve for faculty research. Hardy Johnson, president of Tarma America LLC, which is associated with Titan America, said he hopes to see FIU bring innovation to the industry through the use of the laboratory.

“At a time when we are in the midst of an economic storm, this shows the deep commitment to education and progress of both FIU and Titan America,” said Professor Johnson.

The TSCL is also the site of professional development certification seminars and industry training workshops. The college’s dean, Dr. Amir Mirmiran, said that graduate students will be involved with the college’s future endeavors to develop innovative methods to ensure safer homes and roadways in the area.

“The college of Engineering and Computing ranks as the 22nd largest undergraduate engineering program in the nation, and the leading engineering education resource in South Florida. Mirmiran said it has had a “successful report card,” and now with Titan America’s endowment, the college will continue to increase in its prestige and mission.

Senate fails to draft bylaws by deadline

or she had three unexcused absences. An absence would be considered excused if the member made his absence known 48 hours prior to a meeting.

Finance Chair Marcos Oyola said the new merit policy would most likely begin now, and not count retroactively.

“We are still looking into it,” Oyola told Student Media. “The finance code may have rules on this.”

The SGA Finance Policy, which has rules that govern the Finance Committee, states in Article 6 Section 6.3.2 that if members are “absent two or more times (unexcused) he or she will be removed.” Any replacements would be appointed by the SGA-MMC president and comptroller.

The senate heard an appeal from a student rejected by the Finance Committee because his request would only benefit one student. He had asked for $2,292.97 for travel, hotel and fees to present at the International Conference of Applied Behavior Analysis in Oslo, Norway. The appeal was voted down.

Some of the time was taken to vote on a new senator. Hector Mujica was elected by the senate as the new senator for the business school.

Mujica, a junior majoring in business administration and international business, told the senate he plans to open SGA interaction with its constituency and harbor a new sense of community within and out of the University.

“My goal is to renew a sense of civic engagement within the FIU community,” Mujica wrote in his application. “And encourage students to give back to the local, national and global community.”

The senate also watched a 17-minute advertisement reel from the Target Corporation as a Target representative distributed Target branded t-shirt bags and notebooks.

The video was booked by Victor Rota, a campus recruiter for Target. He spoke of how he got involved with Target through an internship and at the end, Rota mentioned the partnership Target has forged with the Frost Art Museum, and mildly hinted at partnerships Target might be willing to form with student leaders and organizations.

“It was a bit long,” said Senator William Jose Veliz. He was, however, optimistic about the possibility of getting funds from Target.

“It’s a great opportunity for student organizations,” said Senator Vignesh Doraiswamy. “The video was a little long for my taste.”
Hate crime talk on campus

Activist shares stories about discrimination

SABRENA JOHNSON
Staff Writer

When Thomas Howard was a teenager, he was bullied at school for being gay. Today, he is not afraid of teaching people across the country about the importance of accepting differences.

“The vantage point through which I speak is from personal experiences. It’s not my desire to change your values or your beliefs. But what I do hope is that after hearing my story and the story of others, you begin to look at the world a little bit differently,” he said.

Howard spoke to Biscayne Bay Campus students on Sept. 15 as a representative of the Matthew Shepard Foundation. It was the first time someone from the foundation has come to BCB. The Matthew Shepard Foundation was founded by Dennis and Judy Shepard in memory of their 21-year-old son, Matthew, who was murdered in an anti-gay hate crime in Wyoming in October 1998.

Since then, Dennis and Judy have been traveling around the world telling Matthew’s story in an effort to promote awareness of hate crimes of all kinds, not just those against the gay community.

Every seat in the room was taken during Tuesday’s speech, as students and professors listened to the details of Matthew Shepard’s death, and the stories of others who were beaten and murdered because of their sexuality. Howard also spoke about middle school students who committed suicide because they were being bullied in school for being gay.

“It was an eye-opener, very educational and it will give me a different way I view hate crimes,” said Ahlya Omar-Al, senior hospitality management major.

About 10 minutes from Stonewall 2 BCB, a club that supports gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students, were also present. Daniel Anzueto, the club’s president and a senior psychology major, was excited to see representatives from this foundation come to campus, and was especially moved by Howard’s speech.

“It was really impressive,” he said. “I liked listening to what he was saying in a very personal level, which makes it easier to understand. He had a very good message, and it was very nice to hear that there are other people working toward a common goal like that.”

Howard studied at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, where he earned a master’s degree in adolescence risk and prevention. Since then, he has been spreading the word about hate crimes.

“I hope that this will be the start of a conversation that you will take back with you to your community, and that you will begin to take a closer look at how you view and treat people who are different from you,” said Howard. “This is not a gay thing; this is a different thing. Yes, Mat was murdered because of his sexual orientation, but replace it with any of the things that make us different, and it is the exact same thing.”

For Anzueto, speeches and lectures that constantly remind clubs about hate crimes are important to help stop the cycle of violence.

“Hopefully, these lectures will let people know that this thing happened and that hopefully it doesn’t repeat itself,” Anzueto said. Although hate crimes are still present, Anzueto said that in the four years he’s been at the University, they’ve decreased. What he wants is acceptance, not tolerance for other people who are different.

“Over the past few years, we’ve been working to make LGBT more accepted — so much tolerated but accepted,” he said. “Tolerance means you don’t like it but you deal with it. Acceptance means you learn about it and come to understand it.”

Howard said he joined the foundation in order to promote awareness about hate crimes and shed light on an issue that is often ignored by society. Since he was once a victim of hate crimes as a gay college student, he knows what it feels like to be bullied, discriminated against and mistreated.

“These crimes were motivated by fear. People fear what they do not understand. That’s why we are going out into the community — to promote understanding,” said Howard. “Why does someone’s sexual orientation make them any less of a person? I am no less of a person than the person sitting next to you, so don’t treat me like I am.”

To find out more about the Matthew Shepard Foundation, visit www.matthewshepard.org.

BISCAYNE BAY IN MEMORIAM

Marcel Escoﬃ er, associate professor in the School of Hospitality Management, died Sept. 15 of a heart attack.

Escoﬃ er was a University professor since 1989 in the College of Business and in the School of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

Prior to becoming a professor, he worked in the hospitality industry for 25 years. He also published several journal articles, six books and served as chair of the Faculty Senate at FIU.

Shirley Dennis Escoﬃ er, his wife, asks for donations to HM instead of ﬂowers in his husband’s memory.

A Celebration of Life Service will be scheduled within the following weeks. Time and place are yet to be announced.

HATE CRIMES

Swastikas have been drawn twice on doors in the Wolfe University Center’s men’s restroom. A faculty member filed a report with University police on Sept. 8 at 11:30 a.m.

If anyone has information, University Public Safety is asking to call 305-348-2626.

HATE CRIMES

It finally happened. I’m legal!

While it’s very exciting to be 21, there is nothing in the world that I hate more than being at a birthday party — at least for myself. But since this was my 21st birthday, I feel obligated to do something. So I did, just low key and cheap.

I decided to get a bottle of wine as my first legal alcoholic purchase, so I drove over to ABC Fine Wine & Spirits located at 12620 S.W. 120th St., Miami. For the newly 21-year-old place, this place is heaven.

There was so much wine to choose from, but I was on a mission to get something cheap. I ended up settling for Lont Horizon’s cabernet sauvignon, which was on sale for $6.95.

Paying for my first legal bottle was such a strange feeling.

The whole time I was at the counter, I was convinced that she would think my license was fake. She wiped my card, and I held my breath, counted to three and it was over, like a shot. I paid for my bottle and left. It felt great!

As I was still on my high from buying a bottle of wine, I realized something. I didn’t have cake, and there is no point of getting older unless cake is involved.

I first went to the French Bakery & Café at 12591 Biscayne Blvd. in North Miami. From the outside, the place looked adorable and welcoming. On the inside, well, it was dead. I always have horrid experiences when I go to new places, and I have no idea why. They did not sell birthday cake by the slice, and I did not want to look fat and eat a whole cake by myself, so I ordered a slice of coffee cake for $1.50 instead.

It was probably the best idea I had all day, because everything else was a little overpriced. Paying $1.50 for a foot-long baguette when I can go to Publix and get one twice the size for about the same price seems wrong.

The woman behind the counter seemed annoyed that I was in her store from the moment I walked in, even though I was the only paying customer there. And on my way out, she looked right through me.

No joke.

She asked me how I was paying without cash, and I said cash, she took my $2 and just stood there. Apparently, she couldn’t open the register, so instead of waiting for her to give me 50 cents, I just left.

There is no way I am staying alone in a café with a bitter woman who doesn’t know how to run a business. I took a bite of the cake in the car, realized it wasn’t anything better than what I could get at Starbucks, and threw it out.

Luckily, I picked up one of my best friends, Carolyn, and enlisted her on my “I need something for my birthday” mission.

We ended up at the Manhattan Bakery located at 18420 Collins Ave. Sunny Isles, and I am so glad we did.

This place was like a typical New York bakery to me, with specials written in chalk on a massive blackboard that took up two walls. I ordered a tres leches for $2.50, and let me tell you, it was the best thing I have ever eaten.

Everything about the treat made me smile. It was creamy and melted in my mouth, I absolutely loved it.

The bakery had a “homey” feel because of its long dining-room like tables. There was little privacy, so you were forced to talk to those around you, but I wouldn’t have wanted it any other way.

While I am not going to drink that bottle of wine for a while, I want to keep it as a memory of my first drink. I am never going to forget my mission for a great birthday.

Sitting in a bakery with my best friend, eating a yummy dessert and sharing warm conversations are all I need to be happy.

It was a perfect birthday — low key and simple.
Student death reflects lack of staff support

SOFIA CASADA Contributing Writer

Violence has once again erupted in the classroom. Juan Carlos Rivera was fatally stabbed by fellow student Andy Rodriguez on Sept. 15 at Coral Gables High School.

The incident occurred shortly after 9 a.m. According to Miami-Dade Superintendent Alberto Carvalho, the altercation escalated into a fight, and one student drew a weapon and assaulted the other at least three times. Students at Coral Gables graduate, it upsets me to see that my alma mater is no longer a safe place to learn. What surprises me most about the altercation between the students began a girl.

I know that Gables High, like many other schools in South Florida, is not immune to acts of violence. What surprises me is that a student can be killed by another during the change of periods, in a good neighborhood, and the chance to prevent it escapes.

There is a tremendous difference between your typical high school spat where most of the time the outcome is a black eye, and making the conscious decision to take someone’s life.

It’s outrageous to think that such events are happening in an affluent city like Coral Gables, but as acts of violence occur more frequently, we can no longer believe that solely underprivileged parts of Miami bear witness to crime and tragedy.

This isn’t the first time tragedy has struck; in 2007 at Piper High in Sunrise, Kern O’Sullivan killed football player Courtney Carroll by stabbing him in the heart with a screwdriver. In 2008 at Dillard High, Teah Wimberty, 15, killed her best friend Amanda Collette.

In my years as a soldier, whenever a fight started it was quickly extinguished by teachers or pivotal security personnel that were close by. But those guards weren’t there on Tuesday.

According to student testimony, the fight occurred outside the gym, in broad daylight. A crowd had gathered to watch the fight. Since it occurred in close proximity to classrooms, it is unacceptable for there to be a lack of response from both faculty and security.

With the budget cuts that plagued South Florida’s education system, it seems that Gables has suffered the ultimate consequence: losing the life of a student by not being able to support enough security personnel to protect the student population.

Our superintendent asks us why children resort to violence: the only response I have for this question is that we don’t educate them enough.

I could easily blame television or video games – but that wouldn’t be realistic. It wasn’t either of these things that drove Rodriguez or to kill River. Rather it was his ignorance in how to deal with life and his lack of fear.

Nowadays, people forget to respect boundaries, and just do as they please. It’s not the education system that’s failing, but rather, the students themselves. They act up and no longer fear rules and the consequences of their actions.

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Weekends leave housing students hungry for more

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Have you ever been laying out by the pool, unwinding from the previous week, only to be shoved out at 5:30 p.m.? Have you ever walked to Fresh Foods only to look into an empty room from the other side of the locked door? Let’s not even mention the time you walked to the Graham Center on a Sunday and felt like the last person alive.

Most food and recreation venues are closed during the weekend, and if, they do open, it’s usually reasonably early. For a housing student, it’s even more disappointing to see that the University Park Towers, closes at 9 p.m. on a Friday and 5 p.m. on Saturdays. On a typical weekend, you won’t find me at the pool, but in my dorm trying to eat dinner, finish a paper and clean my room. Students are more likely to relax in the pool on a Sunday rather than on a weekday when they are swamped with classes, clubs, sports and homework.

While the pool may be empty during these hours throughout the week, on a Saturday afternoon, you’ll most likely find a throng of carefree students listening to music and throwing around a Frisbee in the water, some trying to walk in at the last second, oblivious to the closing time.

What I find most frustrating are the restaurant hours. Both our hair salon Santi (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Waves Spa (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) are open on Saturdays, yet Burger King isn’t. Any student is more likely to go get lunch than cut their hair or get a massage.

Brezewczy Café, located underneath the University Park Towers, closes at 9 p.m. over the weekend as opposed to midnight during the week. Take a walk around the housing quad after 9 p.m. on a Friday and you’ll quickly notice that it’s littered with hungry students wishing that Brezewczy was still open.

Commuter’s Sidewalk Café, found inside the Recreation Center, proclaims, “Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Anytime!” However, an announcement can’t be further from the truth.

The Café is closed Saturdays and Sundays. The only time I’d grab a bite to eat after a workout is during the weekend. Over the week, I rush to the gym between classes and seldom finish with minutes to spare.

Though some venues open on Saturdays, their early weekend hours allow little time to fit anything into our schedules. We are forced to rush from place to place to sacrifice one activity for the other. Even The Fresh Food Company closes early, and that leaves students who rely on meal plans out in the cold.

Venues should focus on opening around noon and closing later at night, making themselves available during peak hours.

Many say that students return home for the weekend, leaving the eateries with no business. However, students opt for home because everything else ends up closed. Keeping venues open would bring students back on campus over the weekend and recreate the lively atmosphere that is usually found in GC.

For many students, FIU is now their home, and the campus should run like any hometown would.
Miami’s annual event draws big crowds

ADRIAN ESPINOSA
Contributing Writer

For a short time, the taste of expensive gourmet dining is within reach of the masses, even college students. Since early August until the end of September, people have a chance to indulge in some of the best cuisine the city has to offer at a lower price thanks to the Miami Spice Food Festival. Each participating restaurant has a special menu that offers patrons their choice of a three course lunch or dinner for a set price – $35 covers dinner, and lunch is set at $22 at every restaurant. The festival ends on Sept. 30 and is an opportunity for many to have an affordable meal at gourmet eateries such as Emeril’s on Miami Beach, Timo in Sunny Isles Beach and Pascal’s in Coral Gables.

The list of participants doesn’t run short either; there are more than 100 spots to visit and many of them are only a 20-minute drive from both the Modesto Maidique and Biscayne Bay Campuses. One distinguished participating establishment is Wish, on Miami Beach. Rated a four-star restaurant by the Mobil travel guide, it has experienced an increase in business as a result of the festival, according to sous chef Andres Kaifer, the second in command. Kaifer believes the Miami Spice festival benefits the participating restaurants, even if they offer food at lower prices. “If it weren’t for Miami Spice we wouldn’t be getting as much business as we are now, and the atmosphere is definitely a lot more vibrant,” Kaifer said.

During this time of year, tourist revenue isn’t as strong as in the earlier months of summer and restaurants are in need of exposure and funds, especially in the current financial climate. “What I like most about it,” Kaifer said, “is the that idea that even after Miami Spice is over, the industry will have advertised itself and will bring in more people during the slow months.”

Kaifer also believes the program provides a unique opportunity for students. “I think it is a great chance for students to take a break from their fast paced weekends and enjoy an upscale dining experience. You get to see a part of Miami that usually isn’t as accessible or practical for the majority of the population,” he said. That sentiment isn’t lost on Sara Montero, a freshman majoring in English. “First of all the food was amazing and I couldn’t have asked for a better meal. I visited Novecento with a few friends of mine and it was definitely one of the best dining experiences I’ve had in a while: Miami is an expensive city, this is a deal I would never miss.”

For Katharina Tomisato, a freshman majoring in international relations, the festival offers an opportunity to learn about the culinary scene in Miami for the first time. She moved down from Orlando only two weeks ago and hasn’t had the chance to see much of what Miami has to offer. “It’s perfect for people who are not from the area and wish to see what this city has to offer,” Tomisato said.

For more information on Miami Spice and a full list of participating restaurants from throughout the South Florida area, visit ilovemiami-ispice.com.

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Miami’s iconic Arbetter’s delivers a tasty meal on the go

When it comes to hot dogs, New York City has Grey Papaya and Nathan’s, Hollywood has Pink’s and Miami has Arbetter’s. Arbetter Hot Dogs set up shop in 1960 and has since established itself as a cult classic for tourists and locals alike.

According to sous chef Andres Kaifer, the second in command of the establishment is Wish, on Miami Beach. Rated a four-star restaurant by the Mobil travel guide, it has experienced an increase in business as a result of the festival, according to sous chef Andres Kaifer, the second in command. Kaifer believes the Miami Spice festival benefits the participating restaurants, even if they offer food at lower prices. “If it weren’t for Miami Spice we wouldn’t be getting as much business as we are now, and the atmosphere is definitely a lot more vibrant,” Kaifer said.

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RESTAURANT INFORMATION
Location: Arbetter’s Hot Dogs
Address: 8747 S.W. 40th St. Miami, FL 33165
Phone Number: (305) 207-0555
Price: Hot dogs (of course), fries, mustard, low prices
Cons: Limited selection of toppings

The tanginess of regular yellow mustard united with the crunchy texture of the sauerkraut along with the main attraction of the hot dog satiated my craving for old-school American flavor. The straightforwardness of that combination is a testament to why Arbetter’s has managed to garner steady-even booming-business for close to 50 years.

The pricing at Arbetter’s is also a big help in keeping business afloat. A full meal – hot dog, fries and a soda – could run just over $5, making it a great option for eating out when money is tight. True, Arbetter’s is not known for its five-star restaurant rating, its posh ambience or its celebrity chefs.

However, it has sealed a special place in Miami history as the one place where a hungry student, a busy mother or jet-setting businessman can score a decent taste of Americana for little money and a ton of flavor. At times, a basic recipe is all a restaurant needs to make it a worthwhile eatery. Arbetter’s Hot Dogs manages to capture that.

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Defense should exploit young QB to have success

awful in their 47-15 season and home opening loss to the Cincinnati Bearcats, but it seems as if some of the Golden Panther faithfuls expecting an upset might get more than they bargained for.

QUESTIONS

The fact of the matter is we don’t know who FIU is. We know this team, the routers, and who is going to be where, but there’s really no way of knowing what to expect from them.

The team that gave Alabama a hell of a scare for three quarters last week might not be the one that shows up in New Jersey. We might end up seeing the team that got pushed around and bullied in the fourth quarter, as the Crimson Tide literally ran away with the game last week.

Rutgers came into the season with sky high expectations for their offensive line, and while they haven’t generated the type of production they would’ve hoped, there are still some legitimate NFL prospects on that line, something FIU cannot boast for the guys they are going to be throwing on the opposite side.

If the right Rutgers shows up, FIU is going to have a tough time trying to get any pressure on true freshman quarterback Tom Savage, who passed for 223 yards on 8 of 13 passing last week against Howard. Couples that with the fact that FIU will have to try to slow down Tim Brown, the diminutive Scarlet Knight deep threat that makes FIU’s own undersized playmaker T.Y. Hilton look like a giant, and it could be another long day for the FIU defense.

Brown is averaging 20-plus yards per catch dating back to last season and has averaged 100 yards per game this season.

POSITIVES

It’s not all bad for FIU, obviously. They have more than enough talent to compete with Rutgers, and if they can stop the rushing attack, their young quarterback Tom Savage will have to change his routes and play against a strong Rutgers defense.

“SPARKED THE OFFENSE”

“You look at Virginia Tech against Alabama, Virginia Tech is obviously a good football team and we had more success than they did against Alabama’s defense,” Cristobal said. "I think when you start off deep in your territory like we did on a third and long situation, it can be a formidable unit. "Defensively they are similar to us," Cristobal said. "They move a lot, pressure a lot, and feel like they can play man defense and they can." Rutgers will look to impede Ellingson’s emergence and stop FIU’s spread attack with a defense that ranked second in the Big East a season ago. The Scarlet Knights allowed less than 20 points per game in 2008, and despite a big loss to Cincinnati, has proven to be a formidable unit.

Sure Hands: Wide receiver Greg Ellingson caught five passes for 92 yards and a touchdown at Alabama.

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who plays in the Big East Conference, would be the first win FIU has ever had against a Bowl Championship Series opponent.

The Golden Panthers enter the contest encouraged by the way their offense performed vs. No. 4 Alabama in their season opening 40-14 loss. Despite the loss, receivers T.Y. Hilton and Greg Ellingson had five catches each and quarterback Paul McCall led the offense on an impressive second-quarter scoring drive.

Ellingson will continue to be a cog in the FIU attack, and will be in position to make more plays against a strong Rutgers defense.

Rutgers defense will try to stop Golden Panthers wide receivers

There is some familiarity with some of the stuff that they do, which I think helps both sides.”

Rutgers was also the top scoring offense in the Big East a year ago, but true freshman Tom Savage has replaced the graduated Mike Teel at quarterback. Savage has been impressive, however, as he has completed 64 percent of his passes for 358 yards over his first two games.

INJURY REPORT

Safety Ash Parker is probable after leaving the game against Alabama with a knee injury. Safety Jeremiah Weatherspoon is in line to play against Rutgers as well, according to Cristobal.

SOUTH BEACH

South Beach based father seeks part-time nanny/help-er for 13 yr old son. Light cooking, errands, help son with homework. Non-smoker, English speaking, hours are late afternoon and early evenings. Must be able to live in when father is away on occasion. Send CV and recent photo to: DSL, APT 3001, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

Part-time work, good English skills, mornings or weekends – knowledge of music and photos helpful. Call 305-551-6926.
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**LOOKING FOR AN UPSET**

Cristobal faces team he helped construct

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Golden Panthers coach Mario Cristobal will be returning to a familiar place when FIU (5-1-1) travels to Rutgers (1-1) to play the Scarlet Knights on Sept. 19. Cristobal coached for Rutgers from 2001-03 as an assistant under current coach Greg Schiano.

“It’s a place I am familiar with, I invested three years of my life there and I learned a lot from there,” he said. “We took a lot of that blueprint from Rutgers and brought it back down here. It is something that was created by (North Carolina coach) Butch Davis and Greg Schiano while we were up there.”

FIU will look to continue to follow that blueprint when it plays the Scarlet Knights, who defeated Howard 45-7 last weekend but lost the Scarlet Knights, who defeated Florida, a 5-0 road loss.

Women’s soccer tuning up offense before Arkansas match

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The Golden Panthers women’s soccer team is hoping to continue building upon the momentum they have been creating in the past few games.

With a come-from-behind win over the University of North Florida on Sept. 13, the Golden Panthers improved to a 2-3-2 record on the season, already garnering half the total wins from the 2008 season.

The next team on the schedule for the Panthers are the Razorbacks of Arkansas (5-1-1) on Sept. 20 at home.

“It would just create such great momentum,” said senior midfielder Marina Pappas. “Especially after winning last weekend, to get two wins in a row going into conference can add to the scoring tally and help us win.”

**Road matchup no easy endeavor**

It looks easy enough. FIU just has to travel some 1,200 miles, go out in front of 50,000 fans, take on a team from a Bowl Championship Series conference that has won three bowl games in a row, and come away with a win.

In other words, all they have to do is something they’ve never done before.

How could you not be confident?

There are plenty of fans out there expecting a win for FIU over the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers, going by the chatter on message boards and blogs.

Granted, Rutgers looked pretty