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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 its 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.

“My goal is to renew a sense of civic engagement within the FIU community and encourage students to give back to the... global community.”

Mujica, previously a senator for Business school.

Donation allows for innovation

BLANCA MORALES

Staff Writer

The College of Engineering and Computing received a $250,000 donation that will foster collaboration between 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 builders 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 Safety Council.

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Partnership with Titan expected to spur creativity

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 testing 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 construction materials.
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 BBC. 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 bullied 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 changed the way I view hate crimes,” said Aiyah Omar-Ali, senior hospitality management major.

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

“He was extremely 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 adolescent 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,” he said.

Howard said “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 students 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.

“One of the past few years, we’ve been working to make LGBT more accepted – not 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.
Student death reflects lack of staff support

SOFIA CASADA
Contributing Writer

Violence 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 the scene later said that the altercation between the students began after a girl.

Although officials at Gables graduate, it upsets me to see that my alma mater is no longer a safe place to be - that the teachers and administrators can no longer stand between harm’s way and the students they pledged to educate and care for.

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 spatial where most of 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 School, May S. Oliver was 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 Spartan, whenever a fight started it was quickly extinguished by teachers or pivotal personnel that were closed.

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 sustain 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 to kill Rivera, but rather it was his ignorance in how to live and to have his fear.

Nowadays, people forget to respect boundaries, and just 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.

Maybe, if we took the time to teach morals, values and the importance of the human life to students, maybe Juan would have been able to graduate as a Cavalier.

I cannot accept the blame for this death, nor can anyone I know. The only blame lies with the administration and the school itself for an unforgivable lack of control over student life.

The administration can’t simply blame this on the budget cuts - it’s a total lack of concern for the students and their well-being.

This is a tragedy that happens too frequently, and I believe we should all be more conscious of the consequences of our actions.

The Gables community needs to band together and demand better security and more attention to the safety of our students. We cannot afford to lose another life.

Sofia Casada

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student fees should be spent more responsibly

It has come to my attention that student government has been frivolously spending student funds. I was first alarmed with your paper’s coverage of the amount of money spent on their annual retreat.

While I understand the senate decided to pass a resolution for better spending, I still saw that President Anthony Rionda continues to spend at an alarming rate.

$115, 971 for carpet in the GC Ballrooms? With events ranging from orientation to honors college convocation, the ballrooms see plenty of dirty shoes and food spills.

I feel that this renovation should have been for durability, not aesthetic value. And in that sentiment, durable, easy-to-clean carpets are typically cheaper than what is being spent.

Furthermore, the new study area on the second floor of GC is nice, I think some of $118,500 should have been spent on repairing or replacing desks within the actual class-rooms because, unfortunately, more than paint is necessary. The area that he has created has top-of-the-line tables and computer chairs, but is far less utilized than the 20 or so classrooms just beyond it.

The concept of PantherTV was first introduced, excitement ran wild throughout the campus. TV production majors would get hands-on experience in their new field. Unfortunately, three-fourths of the trust for this program has been allocated to eight LCD TVs, which even the largest models generally run for much less than $3,750 per unit when purchased responsibly.

The mission of the group I am representing is to encourage and push for reform of SGA so that student monies are spent wisely and for the students. Not simply on the whim of a project’s “pet project.”

Joanne Myler

Sophomore, Chemistry Member of the Coalition of Students for Reform

WINNER

San Jose State University

OPINION

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Weekdays leave housing students hungry for more

FRANCESCA COSTA
Contributing Writer

Have you ever been laying out by the pool, unwinding from the previous week, only to be shook 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 into 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 aren’t they are reasonably Empty. For a housing student, this means that the only places to eat are the Grille, which often runs out of food, and the Fresh Food Company, which closes early.

For many students, FIU is now their home, and the campus should be run like any hometown would.

DAILYQUIZ

After a student was killed in a local high school, concerns have arisen regarding safety on campuses in general. In light of this, a photography contest was held at Coral Gables High School, do you think a safe at FIU?

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Weekends leave housing students hungry for more

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 more intriguing 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.

Breezeway Café, located underneath the University Park Tower, 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 Breezeway was still open.

Carvalho’s Sidewalk Café, found inside the Recreation Center, proclaims, “Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Anytime!” However, an announcement that 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 students may argue that the 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.

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SPICE IT UP

Miami’s annual event draws big crowds

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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 wasn’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.

“If 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 hiding up its sleeves.

“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 novemcentoispice.com.

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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
Pros: Hot dogs (of course), fries, mustard, low prices
Cons: Limited selection of toppings

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 post-game consolation prizes and the perfect spot to score a cheap meal on the run.

The actual building itself is of humble means and size, but outdoor seating alleviates any volume control issues that may occur.

Arbetter’s uses the “dirty water” method to cook their hot dogs, leaving them void of grill marks but retaining their flavor and juiciness without interrupting the experience with a burnt taste.

This is one hot dog stand that doesn’t seem too fancy with their toppings. While some vendors may offer exotic toppings such as guacamole, salsa, or mango chutney as condiments, Arbetter’s sticks to the tried-and-true basics of mustard, relish, sauerkraut and chili. Any of these may be added for well under the $2 range.

Arbetter’s also manages to stick close to the roots of hot dog culture when it comes to their one and only side order: fries.

Although they offer toppings such as cheese and chili, the plain fries with salt suffice. I found that the nacho cheese they used turned my fries into a sopping mess.

The chili they use— a heavy mixture of beans, onions and a mild kick of spice— didn’t fare too well with the spuds, but it does add a bit of interest to a plain hot dog.

Even so, I found that their signature kraut dog tasted the best out of all of their varieties.

True, they didn’t use anything else besides the ordinary mustard and sauerkraut that can be found in the local supermarket. However, that is the beauty of it; they didn’t need mustard imported from elsewhere or a special pickling recipe for the sauerkraut.

The tanginess of regular yellow mustard united with the crunchy texture of the sauerkraut along with the main attraction of the hot dog satisfied 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 ambiance 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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NEON NIGHTS
Baring it all on nude beach helps shed shame and self-loathing

either at first. While I can’t prove that no one here was ever a model at some point in their life, they were surely 30 years and pounds past that point in their life.

That’s what you get when you look at the world with a superficial lens. As we unfold our beach towels and put down the cooler, a sense of happiness and comfort settled in. It is strange, but great. I couldn’t help but feel enthusiastic that people here, in spite of what they looked like and what I perceived to be their defects, are disarmingly comfortable as if they considered their nudity mundane.

It’s easy to laugh at someone with a wrinkly behind, but the power of something I’ll keep as a gem of a memory.

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it dawned on me that perhaps this is what God, whoever he is, intended. Shame is no stranger to any of us, and we have all been seduced by the rewards that were promised to us if we just felt a little more of it. I, as much as anybody, feel it strongly – but there’s no reason for it. So there I was, naked as a shameless baby and comforted by the feeling that someone upstairs, above those dark and angry clouds, was not embarrassed by me one bit.

THEY FROlicked, drank BeERS, played cards and volleyball naked was something I began to envy.

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“Somewhere along the tan line, we felt that we needed to be ashamed … but there’s no reason for it.”

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Defensive should exploit young QB to have success

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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 around and bullied in the team that got pushed away from the game late.

Rutgers came into the season with sky high expectations for their offensive line, and while they haven't generated the type of production they'd 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.

Couple 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 it would be very surprising if they get blown out. The key for FIU is forcing Rutgers into passing downs.

Last week against Howard, one of the worst teams in the Football Championship Subdivision, Savage was forced to throw just 14 times, opting instead to hand the ball off 44 times and push around a clearly inferior opponent.

If they can force the young quarterback into 3rd and longs, the opportunity to make plays on defense is vast, so the onus is on the front seven to shut down the rushing attack.

The Scarlet Knights have been extremely unhappy with the offensive line play so far, using 11 different linemen against Howard. FIU will need to be creative in finding ways to get into the backfield and further frustrate the line.

TEMPER EXPECTATIONS

Ultimately, it is still too much to ask of this team to go into a huge out of conference road game and take one from a pretty good opponent.

This isn't the same Rutgers team that won 11 games a few years back, but it also isn't the same one that was one of the worst teams in Division I before that.

Both teams feature potentially explosive offenses, and it will be difficult for their defenses to keep up.

This has the potential to be a high-scoring game, but in the end, the Scarlet Knights' experience on the line should get them a bit more than the Golden Panthers can handle.

Rutgers defense will try to stop Golden Panthers wide receivers

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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 Ellington had five catches each and quarterback Paul McCall led the offense on an impressive second-quarter scoring drive.

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

“SPARKED THE OFFENSE”

“FYou 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 on the first possession of the Alabama game and Greg comes up with a play that he was just about pass interfered with, it sparked the offense.”

Ellington has had 23 catches for 415 yards over his last four games, good for first on the team in both categories. After his initial 46-yard catch to start the game, the junior missed some opportunities in the first contest. His overall play, however, inspired confidence in the plays he did make.

“He saved me on that first pass, and he was there throughout the game,” McCall said. “I was talking to him all week about how he can change his routes and do things, and he was a step ahead of me all week.”

Rutgers will look to impede Ellington’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.

“Defensively they are very similar to us,” Cristobal said. “They move a lot, pressure a lot, and feel like they can play man defense" successfully, 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.

SURE HANDS: Wide receiver Greg Ellington caught five passes for 92 yards and a touchdown at Alabama.

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
FOOTBALL: FIU VS. RUTGERS

LOOKING FOR AN UPSET

Cristobal faces team he helped construct

JONATHAN RAMOS
Asst. Sports Director

Golden Panthers coach Mario Cristobal will be returning to a familiar place when FIU (4-0) travels to Rutgers (1-1) to play the Scarlet Knights on Sept. 17. Cristobal coached for Rutgers from 2001-03 as an assistant under current coach Greg Schiano.

“Rutgers is 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.

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“This weekend hopefully we can add to the scoring tally and finish off our opportunities,” Jackson said.

REACHING GOALS

The team got a boost in their hopes last weekend when sophomore defender Katrina Rose connected on both goals in the second half to lift FIU over the visiting Ospreys of UNF.

“She came up big for us,” said Pappas of Rose. “It was so exciting, especially to get two goals on a team, and then for her to do it herself; she did great.”

After this weekend, FIU goes on a weekend road trip to begin conference play against Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky, before coming back home for four straight games in October.

Women’s soccer tuning up offense before Arkansas match

CHRIS GREEN
Staff Writer

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

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“This weekend hopefully we can add to the scoring tally and finish off our opportunities,” Jackson said.

REACHING GOALS

The team got a boost in their hopes last weekend when sophomore defender Katrina Rose connected on both goals in the second half to lift FIU over the visiting Ospreys of UNF.

“She came up big for us,” said Pappas of Rose. “It was so exciting, especially to get two goals on a team, and then for her to do it herself; she did great.”

After this weekend, FIU goes on a weekend road trip to begin conference play against Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky, before coming back home for four straight games in October.

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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...