Convocation recognizes notable faculty

W. Kinzy Jones receives highest faculty award, gets $12,500

David Barbrios
Staff Writer

Dressed in black gowns and caps signifying their experience and various disciplines, dozens of University faculty members stood in a single-file line, with the sun beating down on them, awaiting the beginning of the 2009 Faculty Convocation held Sept. 17.

More than 400 members of the faculty, along with guests, sat in the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center to honor 17 faculty members who were recognized for outstanding work in their fields of education and research.

W. Kinzy Jones won the President’s Council Outstanding Faculty Award and $12,500.

Jones, a professor for the College of Engineering and Computing, has taught at the University for 24 years and is recognized for many breakthroughs in microelectronics, such as the first demonstrated micro heat pipe and methanol fuel cell embedded in ceramic packaging. Jones is also established director of the Advanced Materials Engineering Research Institute and Motorola Nanofabrication Facility.

Arvind Agarwal, an associate professor for the College of Engineering and Computing, and David Lee, professor of biology, were also recognized at the ceremony and awarded $2,000 each. Lee is the author of Nature’s Poets and is a specialist on color in plants.

Agarwal is credited for raising more than $3 million in research grants as the sole principal investigator from federal agencies such as the National Science Foundation, the Air Force Office of Scientific Research and NASA.

“Today we celebrate the achievements of our faculty. This celebration is about what we do as faculty – we teach, we carry out research and promote creative activity, and we use our research and creativity to address community needs,” said University President Mark B. Rosenberg on his first address to faculty members.

Rosenberg was the keynote speaker at the event and presented a speech titled “The Life of The Mind.”

“The life of the mind matters. In these times as we rise to meet the challenges of the 21st century, we must not take our special role for granted as guardians of the life of the mind,” Rosenberg said.

Panther Tram safely escorts students at night

Christopher Lazaga
Staff Writer

Most students have seen them at some point – golf carts zipping around campus – but many are unaware of the service they provide.

These golf carts are part of the Panther Safety Tram service. Their purpose is to pick up students that have called to request the service.

The shuttle service runs from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. They run for the duration of the academic year, from August to April, with finishing hours cut from 1 a.m. to 11 p.m. for the Summer semester.

Daily operation of the shuttle service is managed by the Department of Parking and Transportation, with the Student Government Association providing continuous input to improve services.

“Of course, we have implemented, from SGA’s input, an initiative for a driver to maintain a loop around busy areas along with the service dispatched upon request,” said Bill Foster, executive director of Parking and Transportation.

According to Foster, although statistics show the Modesto Madique Campus is overall a safe campus, the Panther Tram program was implemented in the Fall of 2006 in order to improve the perception of safety in the evening hours.

“It’s for students, so they don’t have to walk at night by themselves,” said Regina Johnson, a second-year broadcast major who works as a driver for Panther Tram.

Aside from the new initiative for a single unit maintaining a set loop, Panther Tram units do not have set routes. They pick up passengers following a list of students that have called to request the service.

“Call us at 305-348-6173, tell us where you need to go, and we’ll take you there,” Johnson said.

According to Johnson, Panther Tram sets priorities by helping the handicapped first, following the list second and, on occasion, picking up a student hailing them.

“We’re not supposed to stop for people waving us down,” said Quamain Jacobs, a senior health service administration major also working as a driver for Panther Tram.

“We get a lot of calls and we get backed up. Some students complain, but they’re on a waiting list. We get to you as fast as we can,” Johnson said.

Rosenberg reached out to the audience, consisting mainly of faculty members, asking for input and approval on his job while promising to listen to all suggestions.

Faculty awards and adjunct faculty awards were also given at the assembly.

“It’s a great honor to be recognized for this award,” said Florence Keane, a nursing professor who was awarded for excellence in teaching. “I really feel that I should thank the faculty for this.”

The convolution was planned by the Department of Parking and Transportation.
Agarwald, Lee also recognized

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The Convocation Committee consisting of members of the Provost Office and was scheduled between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., a time where no regularly scheduled classes are held at the University.

Faculty awards are given by the Faculty Senate to members of the faculty who have been nominated by fellow professors for outstanding displays in areas such as teaching, research, mentorship, service and advising.

The President’s Council awards are issued by the council, which consists of community leaders who advise the president.

Faculty member fired, charged with credit card misuse

**JORGE VALENS**
Asst. News Director

A faculty member was fired due to improper use of a University procurement card.

In an e-mail to the University community, President Mark B. Rosen-berg stated that a “senior member of the faculty” did not follow proper guidelines and procedures with regards to the use of a University procurement card, credit cards given to certain faculty members for business related purchases. Rosenberg did not reveal the name of the faculty member, nor the amount of money that was spent.

“Policies and procedures are in place to ensure the public’s continuing trust in our University and the safeguarding of financial resources,” Rosenberg said in the e-mail. “We must ensure that all units are operating consistent with University policies, procedures and state law.”

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Professor to talk on students’ news habits

PHILIPPE BUTEAU
Staff Writer

Jane Daugherty, associate professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, wonders if this generation is receiving too much information but not enough news.

In an upcoming lecture, sponsored by the Honors College, Daugherty will speak on a study she is conducting about what kind of news people absorb and where they get that news.

TML “NEN” (Too Much Information, Not Enough News) will take place at the Biscayne Bay Campus Sept. 22 in Academic I building, room 194 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

The lecture is part of the Honors College’s Colloquial Series. It is free and open to everyone.

According to Juan Carlos Espinosa, associate dean and fellow at the Honors College, the Colloquial Series, one of two programs run by the Honors College, focuses on University faculty who are making a contribution in their field.

“That’s what the colloquium does. We want to bring the best and brightest of the FIU faculty to our students and to the rest of the FIU community,” Espinosa said.

The Colloquial Series started three years ago and is held three times each semester, with one lecture taking place at BBC and two at the Modesto Maidique Campus. The speakers are usually Honors College fellows, or staff members who also teach, according to Espinosa.

But Daugherty is a faculty member of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

“We thought her work was so interesting that people should be eager to hear what she has to say,” Espinosa said.

Espinosa said he started the Colloquial Series in addition to the Excellence Lectures, the Honors College’s other series, because it could be done more often and not cost the Honors College any money.

While Daugherty was in New York this past summer, the Honors College contacted her about speaking for the series.

“She invited her classes to come to the lecture, and would be happy for anyone in other classes to attend as well. She will dedicate some time toward the end of the lecture for students to ask questions and give feedback. I don’t like sermons,” she said.

Diana Alvisuz, a sophomore psychology major, said the lecture was interesting to her.

“I like journalism, and I would like to hear what other people have to say at the end,” Alvisuz said.

However, sophomore biology major Jamil Charles said he won’t be going.

“Everyone has their own way of getting information. I don’t need to go to something for someone to tell me how they view things,” Charles said.

Daugherty is a four-time winner of the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award for her coverage of the disability rights movement ranging from free tango lessons and performances by harpists and sand art exhibits from Tibet and the Biscayne Bay Recreation and Vinesh Punwasee, senior in business management (back), team up for a game of tennis, part of the BBC Recreation Center’s Whacky Tennis Day on the tennis courts by the HM building on Sept. 18.

Events aim to let student creativity loose

LATOYA BURGESS
Contributing Writer

Biscayne Bay Campus students will get a chance to unleash their inner artist at this year’s Affair of the Arts Week. A series of events will take place Sept. 22 through Sept. 24 in Panther Square at the Wolfe University Center everyday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The events are funded by the Student Government Association and organized by the Student Programming Council. This year’s theme is “Unleash Your Inner Artist,” a theme created by SPC-BBC’s Vice President Melissa Binns.

“Students can expect to learn about different styles and forms of art, and how to express themselves artistically,” Binns said.

There will be photography by Ed and Mirta Del-Valle, caricatures, henna tattoos, cookies, ice cream sundaes and a mural that students will design.

There will also be tango lessons and performances by Richard and Karen Campbell of the dance duo Tango Times, which will end with a “dance-off” match between students.

On Sept. 24, there will be a football pep-rally in Panther Square in conjunction with Affairs of the Arts Week, where students will get to show their panther pride, Binns said.

According to SPC-BBC’s Treasurer Alia Silvera, the final event of the week will be Sept. 24 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

There will be a “Family Feud”-style “Battle of the Sexes” game show in the Mary Ann Wolfe Theatre, where students will be challenged on art-related movies, history, literature and music.

“I’m really excited,” said Silvera. “I came up with this idea myself, and I can’t wait to see how educated our students are.”

For more information, contact Campus Life at 305-919-5280.
Immigration reform still necessary in U.S.
Congress treats issue as election fodder

JUSTIN JANS
Contributing Writer

As a melting pot, the United States has always drawn immigrants. I come from a Cuban and Polish immigrant ancestry myself.

So-called immigration reform, however, concerns mostly illegal immi-
grants. Illegal immigration — an issue that has been debated by congressmen and pundits — has drawn a lot of necessary attention.

Unfortunately, the topic, despite its importance, has been casually tossed around by politicians who do not realize its severity.

According to a Sept. 13 article in The Washington Post, the number of illegal immigrants in the U.S. is around 11 or 12 million. While not as high as it used to be, it’s still a large number of people, and that’s why we still need immigration reform.

Several policies have been made to try and introduce some changes, such as expanding and enforcing the E-verify system, which helps check workers whether they are illegal immigrants.

While this is a step in the right direction, our policy-makers promised to get a bill formed after they finish with the healthcare and climate change bills, which could take a while.

We need to make sure that our poli-
tics keep their promises. We need to make sure that the immigration issue isn’t lost or pushed back indefinitely.

Politicians, however, see things differ-
ently. Instead of directly addressing illegal immigration, some use the issue as a distraction.

Rep. Joe Wilson’s outburst during President Obama’s Sept. 9 address to Congress makes this evident: he called the president a liar on the president’s asser-
tion that the healthcare bill would cover illegal immigrants.

Many congressmen cite immigration reform as an issue worth addressing, but once in office they do little or nothing about it — it becomes a decoy.

According to an editorial in EGPnews.
com, comprehensive immigration reform would create a better route through the naturalization process which would expe-
dite the process as well as entice prospec-
tive immigrants into pursuing the legal avenue of immigration. This should raise the wages of legal workers in the U.S. Examine the evidence: The Washington Times and The Atlantic Journal-Constitu-
tion have reported that illegal immigration is starting to plateau and even decline.

Keeping a strong position on an issue is bound to lose its support in a losing battle, but politicians also can’t be seen backing down from it and appear weak. We need someone in Congress who has the actual statistics to clarify what the state of immigration is.

Several newspapers have reported an evening-out and even a decrease in the number of illegal immigrants coming into the United States.

We don’t need this issue to be pushed to the back of the minds of our policy makers. This needs to be at the forefront of our political stage, along with other issues such as healthcare and climate change.

While there is support by President Obama and Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, Congress has not found the time to write an immigration reform bill that we really need.

GC improvements are necessary, not frivolous

ANTHONY RIONDO
MYKAELE FIGUERIDO
Special to The Beacon

Fellow Golden Panthers, we hope your Fall semester is going well so far.

In the previous issue of The Beacon, a Letter to the Editor came to our attention. In this letter, a group of students critiqued the use of funding within Student Government as being frivolous.

We would like to first say that the current oper-
ing budget was allocated by the Budget Committee of the previous Student Government administration.

The Activity and Services fees collected from students and allocated through SGA are for the benefit of the student body. The Graham Center relies on funding from SGA to provide many of its services to the student body.

In the past few years, portions of GC have needed renova-
tions or technological upgrades, such as the carpeting of the ballrooms. The ballrooms have not been renovated since 1992, when they were first constructed. As one of the main areas used by students, it is an important venue to maintain.

To ensure that not only the aesthetic look is maintained, but that the venue is able to withstand years’ worth of use, industrial grade materials are being used to guarantee the look and sustainability of the ballrooms.

Also, only part of the funding given to GC is being used on the ballrooms.

The areas are being used for key areas such as GC 140 and the newly constructed student lounge, which has quickly become one of the most used areas in GC.

Chairmen for student services cannot be awarded through A&K fees and dollars are currently on order through the department of Academic Space and Sched-
uling. This is the last phase in the renovation of all of the GC classrooms.

This year, we experimented on a combined student govern-
ance retreat. The retreat was a success, and helped save $20,000 in costs from 2008. In its second year, we are already planning to increase savings by another $20,000 for 2010.

During the retreat, many ideas for improving student life were discussed. Among them was the idea to incorporate LCD screens into the Panther TV project.

This project, or any other television production effort, cannot begin without a means to display it. The LCD screens will be a valuable investment for the student body. An imme-
diate advantage is the reduction of paper waste and the ability for student groups to advertise their events.

In the long term, the screens will also be used to showcase student productions, many of which have been prerecorded and await their debut in GC.

In addition to helping the envi-
ronment and showcasing student life, the LCD screens will also help SGA connect with students by broadcasting our weekly SGA meetings.

We hope that students will attend the weekly SGA meet-
ings held in GC 150 at 4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

These meetings are the best place to learn more about daily SGA functions.

Don’t forget to support our Golden Panthers at our first home FIU football game this Saturday at 7 p.m., or any of the volleyball, swimming, diving and soccer games.

Anthony Riondo is the presi-
dent of the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus and Mikaelle Figueiredo is vice president of SGC-MMC.

OPINION PIECE

“The there is agreement in this chamber on about 80 percent of what needs to be done, putting us closer to the goal of reform...”

President Barack Obama on the progress of healthcare reform
FISTFULS OF TECH

Christopher Cabral
Staff Writer

Amazon's paperless reading tool doesn't live up to its promise or price point

DAVID A. BARBOS
Staff Writer

Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus President Anthony Rionda took time last Thursday to sit down and chat with The Beacon about campus issues.

The Beacon: Just wanted to thank you for taking time to talk with us. So, I'd like to start off with a serious question that my grandmother asked: thoughts on Juanes in Havana?

Rionda: Damned communist.

TB: Well, you seem to note a lot of people who proposed things that would have been rejected simply because they seem too far fetched. You being a leader, do you feel that you've had to support something that you felt was right but perhaps those you represent would go against?

Rionda: AR: Tuition. I voted in June to raise tuition. I know it's not popular. If you asked 40,000 students to vote on it, you'd get 39,999 no's and maybe 1,000 yes's.

I voted for that seeing that the University wouldn't survive without it. We would all suffer. That our education would suffer. That our degrees would be worthless. That we'd lose professors. That we’d lose vital services. That we’d have even fewer

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Chamber Sounds

Group's performance captivates modest audience

Jorge Valdez

COLUMBIST

The performance by the FIU Music Department was more cohesive, the musical conversation between the artists was more fluid and the chemistry between performers was more evident, according to music critic Jorge Valdez.

Valdez: The second piece, “Sonata for Piano and Violin No. 1”, was performed with great passion and technique by the FIU Music Department. The pianist, Michael Koltz, and the violinist, Kemal Gekic, delivered a beautiful performance that captured the attention of the audience.

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Interview

Rionda talks favorite books, campus spots

The Beacon: What are your favorite books?

Rionda: One of my favorite books is “1984” by George Orwell. It's a dystopian novel that portrays a bleak future where individualism is repressed and free thought is suppressed.

The Beacon: What are your favorite campus spots?

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Rionda reflects on his favorite movies, music, eats

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less classes available. And we all come to college to get an education and it’s that investment in it that’s important. Sometimes you’ve got to make that decision but in the best interest for all.

TB: Alright. Let’s move on to some lighter questions. Let’s say it’s lunchtime on campus and you want something to eat. Where are we going to find Anthony Rionda?

[Laughter] AR: I usually go to Pollo Tropical.

TB: What do you get?

AR: I have three things I usually pick from. I usually get the churrasco or a Tropi Chop. And I always get Fried Yaca. They know me there already. They ask if I want the normal one or the one with cheese. Either that or I’ll go to Breezeeway and get a slice of pizza.

TB: Another question. Why Pollo?

AR: I don’t like talking about my fraternity in my position of power. I joined an organization just like many people joined an organization, clubs and honors societies because they liked what it offered. They liked the people in it and they thought it would make them a better person and that they could contribute to it.

TB: Here’s something that is very simple but can be very difficult: favorite book, movie and song.

AR: My favorite book is Devil in the White City by Eric Larson. My favorite movie is Pulp Fiction. Favorite song is “We Didn’t Start the Fire” by Billy Joel.

TB: What are your thoughts on the new Beatles remasters? Are you excited?

AR: Oh, of course. It’s really great.

TB: What do you think about Twilight?

AR: Never read it. I’m much more of a Harry Potter person.

TB: What is it about Inglourious Basterds for that matter?

AR: Now that was a great movie. It’s entertaining and funny and also shows a twist on history that a lot of people wished had happened. Grouseman as hell but quite entertaining.

TB: Finally, what’s your favorite place on campus?

AR: Let me think. [Pauses to reflect] My favorite place on campus, and you are going to laugh at me, has to be the second floor of the bookstore.

TB: Ready?

AR: There’s something about it. You can just sit out there and just see people walking. The Pit is the second place. There’s never a dull time there. Something’s always going on. My favorite spot used to be out in front of the airport tower where some of Charles Perry’s ashes were buried. That is now where SIPA is being built. Those are places to reflect. My favorite place to just look at the campus is from the top of the stadium, just under the scoreboard. You can see housing, PC and the Graham Center, you can see the tower, the airport and Miami in general.

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WHERE: GC Pit

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: GC 305

WHEN: 1 p.m.

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

TRUTH FOR LIFE MEETING

Learn and analyze the bible with this club.

WHERE: GC Pit

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: GC 241

SWEAT!

Rock out to local bands at Sweat Records.

WHERE: Sweat Records

HOW MUCH: $5

WHERE: GC 140

WHEN: 8 p.m.

FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Join the growth of the arts community with this meeting.

WHERE: GC 150

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: GC 305

WHEN: 3:30 p.m.

Sonic Chicken n’ Jacked Boys & Tepee

Back out to local bands at Sweat!

WHERE: GC Pit

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: Sweat Records

WHERE: GC 305

WHEN: 7 p.m.

JAZZ/OPEN MIKE

Raise your voice or just make them laugh.

WHERE: GC Pit

HOW MUCH: $5

WHERE: Churchills’ Pub

WHERE: GC 343

WHEN: 11 a.m.

CHOSEN GENERATION MEETING

Join a life changing service at this event.

WHERE: GC 241

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: Churchills’ Pub

WHERE: GC 305

WHEN: 7 p.m.

CHES MASTER DEMONSTRATIONS

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY MASS

Reaching out and touch faith at this service.

WHERE: GC Pit

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: GC 305

WHEN: 12:30 p.m.

SUGARLAND

Enjoy the classic power of country melodies!

WHERE: Churchills’ Pub

HOW MUCH: $5

WHERE: GC 140

WHEN: 9 p.m.

ARTS CIRCUS @ CHURCHILLS

Enjoy a weekly local music party with many FIU musicians.

WHERE: Churchills’ Pub

HOW MUCH: $5

WHERE: GC 140

WHEN: 10 p.m.

ITALIAN CLUB MEETING

Make friends with other Italians at this meeting!

WHERE: GC Pit

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: GC 140

WHEN: 3 p.m.

THE JACUZZI BOYS & TEEPEE

Kicking back and enjoying some good ol’ country melodies!

WHERE: Churchills’ Pub

HOW MUCH: $5

WHERE: GC 140

WHEN: 6 p.m.

DEPT. OF PSYCHOLOGY WORKSHOP

Understand the wonders of the mind.

WHERE: GC Pit

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: GC 305

WHEN: 4 p.m.

SUGARLAND

Enjoy the classic country melodies with Sugarland!

WHERE: Churchills’ Pub

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: GC 140

WHEN: 9 p.m.

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Enjoy the classic power of country melodies!

WHERE: Churchills’ Pub

HOW MUCH: $5

WHERE: GC 140

WHEN: 6 p.m.

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Enjoy the classic power of country melodies!

WHERE: Churchills’ Pub

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: GC 140

WHEN: 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

MUSIC SAVES LIVES MEETING

Charity work through music is possible with this club.

WHERE: GC Pit

HOW MUCH: $3

WHERE: GC 305

WHEN: 12:30 p.m.

PHARMACY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Gain some insight on this great service!

WHERE: GC Pit

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: GC 140

WHEN: 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

THE CIRCUS @ CHURCHILLS

Dance the night away to our favorite tunes from the 90s.

WHERE: Churchills’ Pub

HOW MUCH: $5

WHERE: GC 140

WHEN: 3 p.m.

DrivingIMA

Make your car one of a kind!

WHERE: Churchills’ Pub

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: GC 140

WHEN: 5 p.m.

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WHERE: Churchills’ Pub

HOW MUCH: Free

WHERE: GC 140

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FIU offense silent for first three quarters

JONATHAN RAMOS
Asst. Sports Director

A strong defensive effort was not able to make up for a lackluster offense for most of the night as FIU fell 23-15 at Rutgers on Sept. 19. A smothering pass rush led by Jonathan Finney led to five combined sacks for Rutgers (2-1) and a 58-yard interception return by Ryan D’Imperio in the fourth quarter put the game out of reach for FIU (0-2).

Otherwise, the Golden Panthers defense, led by linebacker Scott Bryant’s 12 tackles and Thutcher Stirling’s 1.5 sacks, kept Rutgers in check.

Trailing 23-0, FIU ran out of time after Paul McCall threw two touchdown passes to T.Y. Hilton, the second coming with 0:31 left in the contest. After a two-point conversion was converted on another pass to Hilton, FIU followed with an onside kick attempt that Rutgers recovered at the Golden Panthers 37-yard line to end the game.

“A hard fought game, but we got going too late and the Scarlet Knights for that they did a good job stuffing us early defensively,” FIU coach Mario Cristobal said.

“You don’t go on the road and play that well defensively early on and not produce as much as you can offensively.”

OUT OF RHYTHM

McCall was knocked out of the game in the first quarter with a sprained right knee, opening the door for backup Wayne Younger to play. Younger was able to make some plays with his legs as he ran for 21 yards on four carries overall, but a sack by Finney on 3rd and 16 to end the quarter after three consecutive false start penalties stalled his first drive. McCall was able to return in the second quarter, but could not muster a first down the rest of the half.

“They did a good job with their linebackers and their whole front seven, those two different facets,” Cristobal said. “They were playing good man and zone coverage. We ran the game plan as we thought it would, the running and passing game, trying to go balanced, and [Rutgers] did a good job.”

RUTGERS 23, FIU 15
Knights contain Panthers’ late comeback

Without the threat of a big play over top, and with no semblance of a running game once again, Rutgers was able to stay home on those short routes and stop the Golden Panthers’ athletic receivers from making plays in space. If the offensive line isn’t able to get any push now that they are getting into more equal competition, the high hopes for this team won’t come true.

BACK AT HOME

There might be some disappointed fans out there (and hopefully more than a few disappointed players and coaches), but coming home next week should give the team a good chance to get back to the winning ways they got used to last year.

Coming into the home opener, the Toledo Rockets will bring their high powered offense down to Miami to try to average a home loss last year at the hand of the Golden Panthers. A loss at home to Toledo could spell big trouble for this team. Coming back from another 0-3 start might be too much to ask, just as it was last season when the Golden Panthers fell just short of bowl contention late in the season.

If FIU can’t slow down the Rockets’ passing game, the season could get away from them in a hurry. Last season, the Golden Panthers ran for four touchdowns on the way to a 35-16 win at Toledo, and it will be imperative that they establish Darriet Perry early to give McCall time to throw.

It would be a big disappointment if the Golden Panthers were to lose their home opener again, so the team is going to need to show they are better than they’ve looked, both on the field and in the box score.