TOLEDO 41, FIU 31
UNABLE TO REPEAT

Toledo offense pounds FIU defense to win rematch

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After the Toledo Rockets scored two touchdowns early in the game, the FIU Golden Panthers responded with a drive of their own. When a Paul McCall pass to T.Y. Hilton went for a first down at the Toledo 16-yard line late in the first quarter, Hilton shrugged off a tackle and pounded his chest bringing FIU fans to their feet and back in the game following the Rough start.

On the next play though, McCall fumbled and the Rockets recovered to stymie the offense and build a crowd of 11,047 at FIU Stadium. FIU never regained that momentum as it could not catch up in a 41-31 loss to Toledo on Sept. 26.

Toledo (2-2) took a 17-3 lead into halftime but FIU (0-3) only managed to trade scores with the Rockets in the second half.

Two long touchdown passes from Aaron Opelt to Eric Page opened the game up and put it out of reach for FIU.

Opelt was 18-of-32 for 343 yards to go with two touchdowns to Sage, and running back Dajuan Collins gained 153 yards to lead the Toledo offense. McCall was just 19-of-42 and Hilton again was the bright spot for FIU with 126 receiving yards and a touchdown.

“Judging from what we saw out there I think the only thing we did well out there was play hard,” FIU coach Mario Cristobal said.

“We missed too many tackles. We fumbled the ball twice in the red zone. We didn’t take advantage of an interception down at their six-yard line. We missed a field goal, and we allowed more big plays [Saturday] than we did against our first two opponents combined. Very sloppy.”

BIG PLAYS

The Golden Panther defense could not stop the Rocket attack from converting big offensive plays. Collins burned FIU on a 72-yard touchdown run on his fifth carry of the game after a few Golden Panthers could not wrap him up behind the line of scrimmage.

After a Carlos Munera punt backed Toledo into its own one-yard line with 14:09 to play in the second quarter, a 56-yard pass from Opelt

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Board allocates $3.6 billion
Budget intended to boost med schools

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TAMPA, Fla. — The board that oversees Florida’s state universities approved a $3.6 billion budget request for the next school year at its meeting on Thursday, an increase of nearly 6 percent that would help boost public medical schools.

The Board of Governors’ legislative budget request would increase spending by $370 million, including $160 million in stimulus funds. The added funds would go toward finishing two new medical schools, supporting existing enrollment at two others, and other operational costs, board spokesman Bill Edmonds said. The University of Central Florida and Florida International University both opened medical schools this year.

The funding increase comes as the state looks for ways to retain more of Florida’s medical students by creating additional residencies.

According to a report presented at the board’s meeting, Florida ranks ninth nationwide in the number of residency programs. However, it places 46th in terms of the number of residency positions per 100,000 population. An estimated 2,700 more positions are needed.

In 2008, 61.7 percent of Florida’s medical school graduates left the state. Residency programs are sponsored by various medical related institutions including private hospitals, universities, the VA and other health care providers. The report concludes that the state’s newest medical schools will have to be more competitive.

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Rosenberg to co-host town hall meeting

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University President Mark B. Rosenberg will co-host a town hall addressing the future of education in the South Florida community. Miamisman - Dade College President Eduardo Padron and Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho will also be co-hosting the “one-of-a-kind” town hall meeting.

According to a statement from the University, the three will discuss the local community’s educational needs and how they relate to the state’s decreasing resources.

“It is imperative that we sit down with our education partners...
Project to alleviate textbook costs

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and creative to ensure new residency positions for non-FL students,” the Biscayne Bay Campus Wellness Center, “Clinic offers inexpensive medicine, services to students.”

“The budget request will be submitted to the Legislature in October,” said Rosenberg in a written statement. “Just about everyone in Miami-Dade looks to one or more of our institutions for a better future for themselves and their families. We must forge partnerships where it makes most sense to help uplift our community.”

According to the same statement, the forum is a response to Rosenberg’s hit-the-ground-running initiative, which calls for cross-community cooperation when it comes to education.

“The fate of our three institutions is linked to the fate of this community,” said Rosenberg, in the same statement. “We can address just about every community challenge by strengthening our educational institutions.”

The forum, titled “Education in South Florida: Challenges and Solutions,” is sponsored by the local Spanish language channel Univision and will be conducted completely in Spanish.

It will also be broadcast live over local AM radio station WQBA 1140. The forum is open to the public and FIU students are encouraged to attend.

“Your presence will be free of charge. Your participation is critical. That is the board’s meeting. “That is our core mission. But they should also be great engines of economic development.”

Brogan also heralded the launch of a pilot project announced Thursday that will make textbooks more affordable. Orange Grove Texts Plus, an imprint of the University Press of Florida, will offer 120 textbook and scholarly monographs online for free.

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Future of education to be addressed

In the issue dated Sept. 16, 2009, in the article “Chancellor Frank Brogan sees the state’s universities as a potential driver of economic growth by building of a ‘knowledge-based economy.’”

“Universities in Florida should be more than places where people can achieve a degree,” he said after the board’s meeting. “That is critically important. That is our core mission. But they should also be great engines of economic development.”

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Students get a shot at real newsroom culture

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The New York Times' editors are inviting young journalists to work with them in a fast-paced newsroom, where the students become the reporters and create their own paper. It all happens at The New York Times Student Journalism Institute. “This is an opportunity to work with some of the top professionals in journalism right now,” said Don R. Hecker, the director of the institute. “This is a chance to have your work looked at and guided by reporters and editors from The New York Times.”

The institute is a two-week program that introduces journalism students to the reality of a newsroom atmosphere. Students work with writers, producers, videographers and photographers of The New York Times, The Boston Globe, and regional papers of The New York Times Co. “Students at the institute are probably going to be spending more time with some of these New York Times editors than staffs in this newsroom even get to,” Hecker said.

This year, the institute will host the program, which takes place twice a year, at Arizona State University in Tucson, Ariz. The first time will take place at the beginning of January, and it is open only to student members of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. The second time will be during the last two weeks of May, and it is open only to student members of the National Association of Black Journalists, and for students who attend a historically black college or university. The New York Times runs its institute at two different universities: ASU and FIU. The institute alternates between both universities. This past January, it was hosted at FIU, so this upcoming January it will be held at ASU. Along with being a student member of the NAHJ or NABJ, students must also be in good academic standing; have written for at least one semester on a student publication, or have been an intern or employee of a news media organization. Students must also have a letter of recommendation from a faculty member or editor of a news organization.

But students who are not current members of these organizations still have time to become eligible for the institute by joining. “There’s plenty of time to get your member-ship in,” Hecker said.

Students from all over the country can apply and have all their expenses paid for if they are chosen. Expenses are paid by The New York Times. Participants also get a $200 stipend. The institute is not an internship program. It is a program that offers students a two-week glimpse of the life of a New York Times journalist.

“It’s the prelude to an internship,” said Allain Richards, interim associate dean and associate professor of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. “It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be invited into The New York Times family.”

Richards also helps plan the program when it is hosted at the University, coordinating everything from housing accommodations to assigning local stories for students to cover. During the two weeks of the institute, students go out and report on issues and events that involve the community they are in. Wilma Hernandez, an FIU student selected to participate in the institute this past January, reported on stories in her local area on medical tryouts, clinical studies and a regional arts fair.

“I learned to believe in myself,” said Hernandez. “I learned to be more confident.”

Raising two children, interning at The Miami Herald and pursuing two degrees, Hernandez’s experience at the institute made her realize that she should never doubt herself, she said.

The end product of the institute is a newspaper that is printed in the exact layout style of The New York Times, and it is distributed to the student participants. A Web site is also produced within the two-week period, along with a broadcast video report of their local stories.

Application requirements for the institute include a 500-word essay on why applicants want to be journalists and six published clips, either from a publication or a Web site. Anyone wishing to apply for a photographer or videographer spot must submit a portfolio of six prints or work samples. The deadline for the January 2010 institute is Oct. 24.

“I have yet to meet a student who says that this was not a worthwhile experience,” said Hecker. “This is the best networking experience a journalist could ever have.”

For more information, visit www.nytimes-institute.com, call Hecker at 212-556-1576 or e-mail him at hecker@nytimes.com.
Media run by government is no longer media

Media outlets have portrayed Cheney as a puppet master, the de facto President, controlling the White House through Bush. But such acts, apparently, had a limit. In fact, CNBC reported that Cheney became a workhorse for Bush, for the first time. Bush resisted him by refusing to pardon Scooter Libby, Cheney’s chief of staff who was implicated and charged in the Valerie Plame affair.

In this one instance, the CNBC report said in an effort to regain and demonstrate his compassion, Bush snubbed Cheney. Bush did not intend to utilize the case as a weapon; he was a forgiving man. Yet Obama also has his moment: the cold, calculating and unassuming Rahm Emanuel, White House chief of staff affectionately known as “Rahmbo” in media circles.

Paul Begala, former advisor to Bill Clinton, reportedly describes working with Rahm as a “bromid and a toothache.”

But Obama’s strengths, such as his cool and tempered character, tames his would-be alpha males; Bush’s weakness is that he doesn’t, and in turn he sets wild the lions of his pride. There are many differences between the former Bush administration and the current one led by Obama, but an important similarity is their tolerant natures. As more Joe Wilsons steal the spotlight, President Obama will have many more chances to showcase just how forgiving he can be.

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No need to tip-toe around Obama

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Staff Writer

The Federal Communication Commission is always treading a fine line between maintaining decency and integrity over America’s airwaves and the beeping and bleeping of the TV Guide. The First Amendment this country can know. The FCC is good at finding broadcast companies thousands of dollars for allowing single expletives to slip past the censors (not to mention infamous “warehouse malfunctions”), the FCC has a new goal.

In the words of FCC chief Julius Genachowski: “expanding opportunities for women, minorities, and small businesses to participate in the communications marketplace.”

Sounds reasonable enough, but government’s attempt to create these opportunities forcefully is tantamount to destroying the very fabric that allows us to see and hear from citizens in China who, in 2009, still do not have access to the Internet because of government intervention. The man with the plan in this regard is Mark Lloyd, a recent appointee to the FCC in the position of “Diversity Officer.” Lloyd has such ideas as private broadcasters to fund public ones.

“If we as a nation…fully funded a broadcaster like the British citizens fund BBC, we might have an impact on what they cover and have more power to demand that they cover everything,” Lloyd said at a 2008 media conference, according to The Wall Street Journal.

Surely our media has more problems than just an American teen emo band, between barely going more in depth into stories than 30-second sound bytes and being partisan to the point of nonsense, but I am more concerned about the government having an “impact on what they cover” because of how well that works out internationally. Almost every single new media outlet may be extremist, sensationalist and partisan, at least if you diversify where you get your news from. Eventually you will get an aggregate picture of what’s really going on — as opposed to state-run media where you get one side, and one side only.

Much has been revealed about Lloyd’s views on diversity since his appointment. For example, according to the Washington Times, at a 2005 conference on media reform and racial justice, he made some concerning statements in regard to people working in broadcast media.

“The fact of the matter is there are a limited number of those positions,” he said. “And unless we are conscious of the need to have more people of color, gays, other people in those positions, we will not change the problem.”

There’s nothing scary about the nation being conscious of a need, but he goes on: “we’re in a position where you have who is going to step down so someone else can have power.”

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Microsoft starting to give Apple a run for its money

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oming from a diehard Apple fan boy, what I’m about to say may shock you. Microsoft is starting to create some really awesome products, and I like them. My fellow Apple loyalists are notorious for mocking Microsoft for almost anything and, up until a year ago, it was very easy. The only things that Microsoft did well were the Xbox 360 and Office. It goes to show you that when your video game console has a 54.2 percent failure rate and consumers buy it anyway, you’ve made one hell of a console.

But, recently, Microsoft has been on a roll. The products and services they have released, along with the improvements made to current product lines, show that the company is capable of creating something with appeal. On Oct. 22, Microsoft will release the latest installment in its line of operating systems, Windows 7.

After extensively using the most recent version of the software beta, the “release candidate,” it is a vast improvement over its predecessor. Though let’s be realistic, Windows Vista had more bugs than a bunny’s A Bug’s Life, and none were as charming as or comical.

Sure, some major features of the OS have been “inspired” by Apple OS X but, as Picasso said, “A good artist borrows, a great artist steals.”

Windows 7 is an all around solid OS. Whether the business community will quickly adopt Windows XP for the greener pastures of Windows 7 remains to be seen. But I feel confident that, if they do try, it will be a move they won’t regret.

Another home run hit by Microsoft was done recently with the Zone HD. The next generation of the most popular media players has a Zune Pans, an LED touch screen with multi-touch, and a newly designed user interface to go with it. The most impressive thing, however, is that inside the device lies the new NVIDIA Tegra processor, which make this particular Zune one of the faster media players on the market.

I still prefer Apple’s iPod Touch due to the vast app library, a much better mobile internet browser, and the fact that the OS is a bit more polished.

However, the Zone HD still shines as a legitimate entity in the personal media player market. Though the Zone won’t match up Apple’s 70 percent market share for media players, I can definitely see the HD snatch up the other 30 percent.

More over, the Zone HD can be paired with Microsoft’s Xbox 360 music subscription service that allows users to download as many songs as they’d like, and actually keep 10 of those songs per month. Zone Pans is by far one of the best deals in online music subscription. I have always wanted Apple to implement an option like this in the iTunes store but, at the same time, if it isn’t broken, don’t fix it.

However, the most impressive thing is Microsoft’s new Courier, a small screen, multi-touch tablet that is hoping to replace my Moleskin journal.

I almost regret that I am writing about the Courier because its ingenuity, simplicity and beauty are hard to penetrate into words. Frankly, I am even shocked that I am using a word like writing to describe a Microsoft product.

Its dual screens are capable of both multi-touch and stylus input.

Watching the demonstration online, you notice that the stylus input is so precise that you can just as easily write on the Courier as you can a sheet of paper. Also, the user-interface, if retained similar to this late-stage prototype, will be a major contender for the much rumored Apple tablet.

Based on what I have seen, if the Courier went on sale tomorrow for $500 I would buy it with a smile on my face – and I have never felt like that about a Microsoft product before.

Though Apple loyalists will continue to insult the company out of partisanship, I think it takes a true fan to recognize the accolades of a competitor.

The fact is that creations like the Courier only serve to motivate companies like Apple and help them realize that they aren’t the only ones in the world who can create something awesome.
Students gather to show their Panther spirit

TOUCHDOWN: (1) Fans celebrate after FIU scores its first home touchdown against Toledo in the second quarter of the game on Sept. 26.

SMOKY AIR: (2) Students, alumni and friends fire up grills and share drinks during a tailgate in Tamiami Park for FIU’s first football home game.

SLAMS: (3, From left to right) Monica Rivas, Morailes Deis, Luis Sanchez and Andrew Rice play a game of dominoes as they await the upcoming home game.

VEE DUB: (4, From left to right) Carlos Arocha, Willy Robbins and William Green pose with one of the Esserman Volkswagen models.
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STRUGGLING DEFENSE

Golden Panthers miss tackles, build offensive momentum late up for Hilton

No one stepping on offense save for Hilton

Well, the special teams played well.

Rocky Vann blocked a punt to set up the team in the red zone in the third quarter. Carlos Munera twice pinned the Rockets back inside of their own 5-yard line and had another inside of the 20.

T.Y. Hilton made his presence felt with another patented electrifying punt return that gave the Golden Panthers the ball deep in Toledo territory in the second quarter, and Toledo’s fear of his skills in the return game led the Rockets to poach it and give the Golden Panthers excellent field position for much of the game.

Other than that, it was a long day for the Golden Panthers, who had no answer for the Rockets’ offense, and could not find any consistency with their offense.

Whether it was completely whiffing while trying to bring down the Golden Panthers would run blitz to contain Collins, senior quarterback Aaron Opoli would pick apart the holes in the Golden Panthers’ defense, passing for 343 yards on the day. For the Golden Panthers, early on, a semblance of a running game was visible. Darriet Perry and Darrin Mallary had some success running the ball, and the offensive line was getting some real push for the first time in the season.

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PANTHERS DOWN: Golden Panther defenders are unable to tackle Toledo running back DaJuane Collins on Sept. 26.

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