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Tech fee brings in $5 million

Students, staff encouraged to send spending suggestions

MIRIAM BLASCO
Staff Writer

The University’s administration is currently accepting student and staff feedback on how to implement the money generated from the technology fee.

The new fee, which added 5 percent of students’ total tuition cost to their bill, was approved at the beginning of Fall and generated $5 million for the University.

The objective of the technology fee, authorized by the state legislature and approved by the Board of Trustees, is to have a new stream of revenue specifically geared toward improving the use of technology in the classroom and around campus to enhance student learning.

As stated in the Florida Statutes (Section 1009.24), the technology fee can be up to 5 percent of the tuition; the amount is left to the discretion of the institution implementing the fee.

The deadline for the proposals is Oct. 16. Proposal forms can be found and downloaded from the Division of Information Technology Web site, http://it.fiu.edu/techfee.

“We expect to receive more proposals as the deadline approaches,” said Min Yao, chief information officer and vice president of IT.

The Student Government Association (SGA) continues to propose the fee.

New courses add global outlook

DAVID BARRIOS
Staff Writer

Members of the University community are continuing more than two years of work to implement the new Quality Enhancement Plan.

The QEP, entitled “Global Learning for Global Citizens,” calls for the creation of new curriculum requirements for all FIU students.

Incoming undergraduate students, starting in the Fall of 2010, will be required to take two classes that fulfill a newly created “Global Learning” requirement, including one class to satisfy their University Core Curriculum to meet exit eligibility.

“The purpose of the QEP is to provide every FIU undergraduate with the educational opportunities to achieve the knowledge, skills and attitudes of global citizenship,” said Hilary Landorf, director of the Office of Global Learning Initiatives.

Anew Global Learning menu will be placed in the UCC for lower division students to select newly created classes that fulfill the objective of the new QEP, which includes raising global awareness and understanding among students.

“Six of these foundation courses were developed this summer by teams of three faculty members each. They are interdisciplinary courses that address global problems and give students the opportunity to solve these problems from an interdisciplinary point of view,” Landorf said.

Upper division students will be required to take one other Global Learning class offered within a discipline, though it is not mandated that the course be from their discipline or major.

“Each academic discipline is submitting a model in order to meet this Global Learning requirement within their discipline,” Landorf said.

Each department is given the choice of revising their curriculum in order to meet the Global Learning requirement, developing new curriculum within their areas or having their students take Global Learning classes outside of the discipline.

Beginning in Fall 2011, exit requirements for incoming transfer students with an AA degree from a Florida institution will include two upper division Global Learning courses.

Incoming transfer students without an AA degree from a Florida institution will be required to successfully complete one Global Learning course in the UCC and one in the upper division curriculum.

Students already accepted in the University will not be affected.

Four of the six foundation courses for the UCC will be offered in the Spring of 2010.

The QEP is a required part of the University’s bid for reaccreditation in 2010.

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OPINION

PORTIELES

RICK MARTINEZ
FLISM.com Editor

Former FIU student and South Florida disc jockey Juan Carlos Portieles was arrested for the murder of FIU freshman Jaclyn Elisse Torrealba on Oct. 11.

Portieles, 30, went to police and confessed the murder while Torrealba’s body was in his car parked outside the police station.

Portieles, known as DJ Seannas, arrived at the Miami-Dade Police Midwest Station on Sunday and told the desk officer he had murdered his girlfriend and was arrested immediately.

According to the arrest affidavit, Portieles and Torrealba, 19, were in a romantic relationship for approximately two years.

The couple was, according to the affidavit, involved in a “heated verbal alteration” and Portieles beat and hit Torrealba. When Torrealba retaliated, he choked her until she was motionless.

Portieles was charged with second-degree murder.

Torrealba was reported missing during the weekend by multiple FIU students on the social networking Web site Facebook.

Torrealba was a class of 2009 graduate of G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School in Miami.

According to friends, she was very involved in high school and was a star student. She was a cheerleader, part of the dance team and several honor societies.

Kristen Guzman, FIU sophomore, was Torrealba’s peer advisor this past summer and attended high school with her.

“You know that one girl in high school that gets along with everyone? That was Jackie,” Guzman said about Torrealba. “She loved [FIU], she loved being here.”

Portieles had been arrested before with charges of burglary with assault and battery when he was 18, in 1997.

Records show he violated his probation in 2000.

When Portieles was at the University he acted as promotions director for the student radio station, Radiate FM (WRGP).

The cause of the fight is still unknown.
Students bring up wireless connection problems

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### NEWS

**FIU**

The Miami Heat sign FIU player

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**LOCAL**

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Fifteen-year-old Michael Brether was attacked on Oct. 11 at the pool of his apartment complex. He suffered burns to over 75 percent of his body.

**CORRECTIONS**

The article titled “FIFA contest for soccer enthusiasts set for Hispanic Heritage Week” on Oct. 12 issue, should have stated that the game will be played according to traditional soccer rules with 45-minute halves.

**NEWS FLASH**

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Author sheds light on abuse

Speaker teaches students how to deal with violence

MAUREEN NINO
Staff writer

Distracted by the stories of battered women, Ada Alvarez decided to take a stand against the struggle of domestic violence and wrote her first book Lo Que No Dije (What I Didn’t Say) at the age of 16.

“It’s a story that lets you get into the mind of an aggressor and a victim, like a personal diary and psychological description of both,” said Alvarez, a mass communication graduate student.

October is annually recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and promotes the participation of the entire nation to recognize the important issues of victimized women and their struggle to find a voice.

It evolved from the Day of Unity, created by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, in October 1981. The Day of Unity was extended to monthly awareness in October 1987, and was created to support domestic violence programs and educate victims on a national level.

This collaborative effort is recognized as the Domestic Violence Awareness Project, which is a collaboration between several organizations that “supports the rights of all women who feel free to live in peace and dignity,” according to its Web page, www.dvam.us.

Domestic violence is a pattern in which one or both partners in a relationship shows aggressive and controlling behavior toward the other. Such abusive behavior can be expressed physically or emotionally through verbal abuse. An aggressor also controls his or her victims financially, isolating them from others.

“They take away their power and usually that happens because there is a low self-esteem issue,” said Alvarez.

Alvarez, who was born and raised in Puerto Rico, started writing at the age of 14 as a volunteer for her school newspaper, where she was assigned an article about domestic violence.

When she interviewed battered women for the story, she decided to educate herself with her book, which can now be found at the University Bookstore.

“I saw things that showed that almost 51 percent of the victims were 12 to 25 years old. This alarmed me, and I wrote the article noticing some signals in my boyfriend,” she said.

“One day I came up with a poem and decided to write: ‘The greatest sorrow I feel in the struggle of domestic violence is to keep quiet,’ said Alvarez.

Alvarez also created a blog and Web site, www.loquendimujer.com, which offers quizzes to help visitors evaluate if their relationships are violent or abusive.

According to Alvarez, nobody took the then 16-year-old seriously, but she never backed down. Since turning 19, she has spoken at more than 70 conferences in the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

“I’m proud to help women and children and I always end up saying it all starts with determination and information, and which I have no doubt gives us power, especially in both languages,” she said.

Domestic violence is an issue that can lead a victim to live in isolation, fear, pain and poverty. In 2003, among all female murder victims in the U.S., 30 percent were slain by their husbands or boyfriends, according to a 1996 U.S. Uniform Crime Report released in 2003. Yet, according to an FBI report published in May 2002, two million men per year continue to beat their partners, and every nine seconds, a woman is battered.

“It’s sad to see that they had to kill a celebrity like Rihanna, in order for dating violence to get some spotlight in the media, but that it’s how things are, and how they’ve been for a lot of people hearing about it,” Alvarez said.

Alvarez speaks at conferences and lectures to teach students how to prevent abusive relationships from forming, and how to escape if their relationships are already abusive.

“A lot of things are made for intervention, but a few are for prevention, and that is why I have done it,” she said.

Domestic abuse is responsible for two female deaths each week, an estimate from the U.S. Department of Justice. It is the reason why three out of four women will experience some kind of violence in their lifetimes.

About 75 percent of all abusive men watched their fathers batter their mothers, and 79 percent of violent children have witnessed violence between their parents, according to the National Family Prevention Fund.

According to www.finalcounseling-com, a Web site that helps people find therapists, physical violence is estimated to occur in four to six million intimate relationships each year in the U.S.

Yet, according to Psychology Today, a Web site that provides health information about emotional issues, there are 1,500 women shelters compared to the 3,800 animal shelters in the U.S., and only 5 percent accept women with children. Fifty percent of homeless women and children are on the street because of violence in their homes, based on a 1998 National Survey of Shelters for the Homeless.

Students experiencing abusive relationships can get help at the Counseling and Psychological Services Center located at the Biscayne Bay Campus in the Wolfe University Center, Room 320, or at the Modesto Maidique Campus in the University Health Services Complex, Room 270. Victims of abuse can also go to the Victim Advocacy Office at MMC UHSC, Room 210. Students can also contact the 24-hour hotline, 305-348-3000, or visit www.sae.fiu.edu.

Everything here is confidential. They don’t have to say their name, and it could be totally anonymous,” said Raquel Henry, a junior psychology major and office assistant. “We are a support guide.”

Students can also reach out for immediate help through The National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-7233, and The Dating Violence Hotline, 1-866-331-9474, which offer assistance and shelter referrals.

“The first step is recognizing you are in an abusive relationship and having at least one support that will remind you that you are worth it, and you need to get out of there. All the aggressor wants you to do is to keep quiet,” said Alvarez. “Don’t become a victim of silence.”
Students balance school schedules while making music and performing

HAII NEAL Contributing Writer

For three students, financial aid, balancing school, a job and other extracurricular activities takes a combination of practice and sacrifice.

Veneger is a five-piece band which includes three students from FIU. Finance major Christian Espinales is one-third of the rhythm section of Miami-based hard rock band Veneger. As the band’s drummer, he balances class two times a week and an accounting and finance honors society, Beta Alpha Psi, with the band.

However, there are occasional difficulties, he said. Beta Alpha Psi has mandatory meetings every Friday along with various events like job fairs, business etiquette meetings and other social events. Sometimes it’s hard to schedule shows because of these mandatory meetings,

Espinales said. The band also has to arrange meetings with concert promoters around all their schedules.

“We have to pick the really important shows because we can’t do them all with our schedules, especially with out-of-town shows, because of class or work,” Espinales said.

It sometimes causes tension within the band, since both school and the band are of equal importance to Espinales.

Vincent, for example, when he has exams for his Wednesday class, he studies Tuesday morning so he can still go to practice in the afternoon. The tension comes in when they try to plan shows and can’t because he values his school schedule so much. Though music is important to him, so is having a backup plan.

I’m confident the band will be successful, but I want to get the bachelor’s [degree] now so I can become a record executive later on,” Espinales said.

Veneger started when business management major Jose Gonzalez, lead singer Juan Amato (who is not an FIU student), and Espinales were attending Miami-Dade College together in 2004.

They went through a lineup of different bassists and rhythm guitarists before they started performing with their current lineup. The band placed ads on both Craigslist and Band Mix – a classifieds Web site for musicians – for a bassist and a rhythm guitarist. Their call was answered by international business major and bass guitarist Diego Rossin and rhythm guitarist Oziel Laffite.

When asked how they decided on Veneger as their name, Espinales laughed and said, “It’s a trade secret.” Upon further questioning, he revealed that there was no real meaning behind their name; they all just thought up words, picked letters from them and then combined them.

After performing on the club circuit for three years, Veneger released their debut album, The Fourth Prime. It was self-released in November 2007. It’s available on iTunes for $7 and at their shows for $10. They are about to release a new EP produced by Paul Trust at Bieler Brothers Studios in Pompano Beach.

According to Espinales, some songs featured on this EP are going to be featured on CBS NFL on highlight reels and replays.

When asked to describe their sound, Gonzalez said, “We’re like Sevendust vs. Alice in Chains.”

Veneger has opened for such acts as Static-X, Hurt, Framing Hanley, Egypt Central and Since October. They have also been recently confirmed as an opening act for Sevendust on Oct. 30 at Revolution Live in Ft. Lauderdale. Tickets are on sale now for $24 on tickemaster.com and livetown.com. They have also traveled to California and Tennessee to perform. When asked what they like about performing, Espinales, Rossin and Gonzalez all gave different answers.

“The crowd reaction. The adrenalin rush,” Espinales said.

“When people come up to you and say ‘that was amazing’. Having people listen to our music and enjoying it.” Gonzalez said.

“The thrill. You know that few people have of public speaking? I think that might be close to it for me,” Espinales said.


Council plans salsa dance ‘extravaganza’

ISABEL MAZA Staff Writer

The Student Programming Council at Modesto Maidique Campus has been celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month this year with several events in the GC Pit, a Latino comedy show, among others. On Oct. 27, they will continue the celebration by hosting “Salsa Magic.”

Salsa Magic is a three-hour salsa “dance extravaganza” that will be held in the GC Ballrooms, according to SPC-MMC, which describes the event as an “interactive Latin dance party experience.”

Students from organizations around campus will have the opportunity to register for, and compete in the event. The contestants will compete as couples and no previous dancing experience or training is necessary, as the first two hours of the event will be dedicated to teaching the couples how to dance.

“At 6 p.m. we will start the night off by teaching the students how to dance one of the hottest Latino dances known – salsa!” said SPC-MMC director, Ian Gonzalez.

The couples will also be taught merengue and some other popular Latin dances. The organizations the participants belong to are encouraged to attend and cheer on their members.

“The grand prize will be going to the winning couple’s organization, so all students are welcome to come out and support,” said SPC-MMC President and public relations major, Cristina Rodriguez.

The grand prize for the winners will be a pizza party for 50 members of their organizations.

“I’m excited to go and support the members of my organization and see if we can hopefully win,” said sophomore advertising major Carolina Ferrer.

Attendees can expect a night filled with salsa and merengue music. SPC-MMC will also be handing out giveaways and more information about their upcoming events.


Salsa Magic will take place on Oct. 29 in the GC Ballrooms. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the event will last for three hours. All students and organizations are invited to attend and the event will be completely free.

Fraternity hosts pageant featuring sorority ‘divas’

AMANDA BATECHOR Staff Writer

This week, an FIU fraternity is holding a beauty pageant – with a twist.

The fourth annual DLP Diva Pageant, hosted by the gentlemen of Delta Lambda Phi, will take place tonight, Oct. 14 at Araznar night club, located at 2301 SW 32nd Ave.

“It’s an unconventional pageant from an unconventional fraternity,” said David Dial, a senior majoring in nursing and president of DLP.

The event’s theme is “Call of the Wild.” The women aspiring to be DLP’s 2009 Diva will be competing in a series of rounds.

In addition to having to represent Delta Lambda Phi, in another round they will need to represent their own organization and, in the final round, they will be representing the theme by dressing up as an animal.

The pageant will feature ladies dressed up as wild animals such as lions and peacocks. In each round they will represent animals with their outfit and explain why they chose to wear it and why it is significant to each of the categories.

This event will raise money for DLP’s philanthropy, Cam Resource, which is the largest and oldest HIV/AIDS research organization in South Florida.

Tickets are being sold in GC for $7 or at the door of the event for $10.

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This Fall semester is packed with performances and concerts brought to our students by the School of Music. On Oct. 20, the school will host a special performance by the Amernet String Quartet.

The Amernet String Quartet is FIU’s very own ensemble-in-residence, which refers to groups of musicians associated with a university who perform at the school and attempt to stimulate creative interest in their field.

The quartet gained international recognition in 1992 when it won the gold medal at the seventh Tokyo International Music Competition. The ensemble had only been in existence for one year before winning the award. Three years later, they won first prize at the Fifth Banff International String Quartet Competition.

Since then, the ensemble has received praise from several publications. The New York Times described them as “an accomplished and intelligent ensemble.” The German newspaper, Nürnberger Nachrichten, was also quoted as saying the ensemble is “fascinating with flawless intonation, extraordinary beauty of sound, virtuosic brilliance and homogeneity of ensemble.”

The quartet held residencies at several universities across the nation before coming to FIU. They were named Quartet-In-Residence at the University in the Fall of 2004.

The ensemble includes two violinists, a cellist and a violist. The four musicians are Misha Vitenson, Marcia Littley, Michael Klotz and Javier Arias.

Misha Vitenson is a violinist from Uzbekistan. He began studying the violin with his father and then immigrated to Israel, where he won numerous scholarships and awards. He started gaining recognition internationally and then moved to the United States for his master’s degree. He received his Master of Music degree from the Juilliard School and joined the Amernet String Quartet in the Fall of 2002.

Marcia Littley, the second violinist, is one of the founding members of the quartet. She also attended the Juilliard School where she received her Bachelor of Music degree. She has appeared as a soloist for orchestras across the nation and has been recognized with countless awards and honors. She currently teaches violin.

Michael Klotz, who plays the viola in the quartet, made his musical debut at the age of 17 with the Rochester Philharmonic. He has collaborated with various artists and symphonies and joined the quartet in 2002. He was awarded a double master’s degree from the Juilliard School in both viola and violin. He teaches viola.

Javier Arias, the cellist player, is the second founding member of the quartet. He was born in Mexico and has performed all over the world. He currently performs around the U.S. and has recorded with several different labels.

He received his Bachelor of Music degree from the Juilliard School, where he was awarded scholarships and awards. He serves as the chair of strings for FIU and teaches cello and chamber music.

The performance will consist of works from Franz Joseph Haydn, Steven Gerber and Felix Mendelssohn, and will feature a highly virtuosic violin part.

“The Amernet Quartet is an extremely talented and professional group of musicians and I would recommend everyone to go see the concert,” said music education major and junior Elizabeth Cid.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center. Student tickets will be sold for $5.
PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK

For the third consecutive game, April Perry provided the Golden Panthers with a spark. Dating back to Oct. 4, the sophomore has scored four goals in three games, including a goal effort in the Golden Panthers’ rout of the Warhawks.

Rossi, a sophomore forward, scored her first goals of the season in the team’s 5-1 win over the Warhawks of Louisiana–Monroe. The pair of goals marked the first time she’d found the back of the net since an August 2008 match vs. UM.

Greg Ellingson made up for T.Y. Hilton’s absence due to injury by picking up 132 yards on five catches with a touchdown. His 65-yard third quarter grab was the longest of his career, topping a previous long of 49.

The 5-foot-10 freshman outside hitter recorded a career-high 18 kills in the Golden Panthers’ 3-0 (25-22, 25-22, 25-23) win over North Texas. She also recorded the team’s two service aces in its 3-0 win (28-26, 25-20, 25-23) over Denver.

The Golden Panthers exhibit offensive prowess with 8 goals

Greg Ellingson

Rossi

Perry

April Perry

ON TARGET: Senior kicker Dustin Rivest picked up his second Sun Belt Special Teams Performer of the Week award with his three field goal performance against Western Kentucky.

ON TARGET: Senior goalkeeper with 11 minutes left in the half, increasing FIU’s lead to 2-0.

Roughly three minutes later, ULM cut the lead in half when Amy Porch connected with Ashleigh Fitterer off of a corner that rebounded off of Gambill who had slid across the goal to keep the ball from going in. Rossi, a sophomore forward, scored her first goals of the season in the team’s 5-1 win over the Warhawks of Louisiana–Monroe. The pair of goals marked the first time she’d found the back of the net since an August 2008 match vs. UM.

Greg Ellingson made up for T.Y. Hilton’s absence due to injury by picking up 132 yards on five catches with a touchdown. His 65-yard third quarter grab was the longest of his career, topping a previous long of 49.

In the second half of the match, sophomore Cortney Bergin gave Rossi the ball, allowing her to record her second goal of the game while giving Bergin her first career assist. “I’ve got to say, we’re really happy to see Deana get on the board,” said Coach Thomas Chestnutt. “She’s been working awfully hard and for her to get two is awesome.”

With only 11 minutes left in the game, Rose drew out the ULM goalie on a shot, allowing Perry to capitalize on the rebound for the empty netter, giving FIU a 4-1 lead.

However, FIU was not done, as a flurry of substitutions late in the game brought fresh players onto the pitch. With approximately 4:30 left in the match, Pappas sent a corner kick right to the goal, giving freshman Kelsey Rene the opportunity to head her first career goal.

For the third consecutive game, April Perry provided the Golden Panthers with a spark. Dating back to Oct. 4, the sophomore has scored four goals in three games, including a goal effort in the Golden Panthers’ rout of the Warhawks.
**SPORTS**

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**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

**Team blows out opponents in weekend series**

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The women’s soccer team outscored two of its opponents 8-2 in a weekend that saw the greatest back-to-back offensive outputs for the Golden Knights since October 2003.

With the victories over Louisiana-Lafayette and Louisiana-Monroe, the Golden Knights’ record improved to (6-5-3, Sun Belt 4-1-1).

**FIU 3, ULL 1**

The Golden Knights took on the lowest ranked team in the Sun Belt Conference on Oct. 9.

The Ragin’ Cajuns came into the game winless and one tie on their schedule as FIU limited ULL to only two shots in the first half. FIU on the other hand took nine shots and 30 minutes into the game, FIU’s Thaisa Moreno found the back of the net for her third goal of the season. This was the beginning of a 3-1 win for the Golden Knights.

Three minutes after her goal, Moreno tallied her first career assist as she aided April Perry’s goal that gave the Golden Knights a 2-0 lead.

For the first time since the season opener against Stetson, FIU held a multi-goal lead. ULL looked to rebound from their bad start with a goal by Kelli Festes five minutes into the second half.

However, senior Marina Pappas and Katrina Rose had other plans as Pappas came off the bench to assist Rose in her second goal of the season with 26 minutes remaining in the game. It was the Golden Knights’ first home victory over ULL in nine years.

**FIU 5, ULM 1**

The Golden Knights showed that their talent in a goal-fest that featured two first-time scorers for the season, including a freshman’s scoring debut.

Coming off a four-game unbeaten streak, FIU looked to face the visiting Louisiana-Monroe Warhawks and continue their Sun Belt Conference success Oct. 11.

The scoring started off as Jessica Gambill threaded the needle between two defenders and passed the ball to Deana Rossi for her first goal of the season. Rossi and Perry combined to score four of the team’s goals as FIU sealed the 5-1 victory over ULM.

“I’ve been waiting to get my goal this season,” said Rossi. “I think everyone as a team has stepped up a lot and we’re doing a lot better all over the field.”

Perry continued her scoring streak when she beat the ULM goalie.

**VOLLEYBALL**

Golden Knights get 10th straight win

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When the Golden Knights ventured out west to face Denver and North Texas two years ago, the trip ended in disaster, with FIU dropping both matches.

This weekend, FIU remained the favored as they swept both opponents to remain undefeated in conference play.

**FIU 3, DENVER 0**

The high-altitude in Denver didn’t stop the Golden Knights (16-2, 6-0) from riding high and sweeping the Denver Pioneers (8-11, 3-2) in three sets, returning the FIU offense outlasted North Texas [**STREAK**]

*All records and statistics up to date as of Oct. 12

**MEN’S SOCCER**

**UCF 2, FIU 1**

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The men’s soccer team’s comeback fall short when it scored a goal with three minutes remaining in the match against the Central Florida Knights.

Steven Jarb Cabas’ goal cut the lead to 2-1, but the Knights held on to win on Oct. 7 at FIU Soccer Stadium.

“We tried too late, we should have played the whole time the way we did in the last 20 minutes. Our team came through too late,” Cabas said.

The Golden Knights (3-7-0, 0-3 CUSA) had a scoring opportunity two minutes into the game. The Knights’ (4-4-1, 1-2-0 CUSA) Shainey Doyle came out of the box and received a call for a handball. This gave the Golden Knights a free kick opportunity for a shot on goal. Diego Tamburus took the shot, but goalkeeper Shane Doyle blocked it.

Early in the game, UCF’s leading scorer, freshman Nicholas Keon-Robson made his fourth goal of the season when a penalty kick was awarded to him after a foul was called on defender Jahlil Willis.

Shane Lopez missed the block, giving the Golden Knights a 1-0 lead.

“The defender made the right call. We committed a foul and later on we tried to equalize the score,” said Coach Munga Eketebi.

With just three minutes left on the clock, Tamburus made another attempt, bending the ball from the left toward the goal, but the ball soared high, keeping the score at 1-0.

In the 37th minute, junior Yaron Bacher scored the second goal for UCF. Bacher was found in the middle of the box on a pass from freshman Jeffery Simmons. The Golden Knights followed up with Cabas’ goal assisted by Sebastian Frings.

“Unfortunately, small mistakes can cost you the game, but that is soccer and that’s life,” Eketebi said.