Delegates gear up for conference
Model UN hopes to create six straight years of greatness

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Members of the FIU Model United Nations are preparing for their national conference in New York this spring.

FIMUN boasts a five-year winning streak at the National MUN Conference and have been past recipients of the Outstanding Delegation Award, the highest award a delegation can win.

The organization also won the Best Model Delegation award at the Harvard National Model UN Conference in February 2009.

“Don’t worry about being recognized or not recognized. You can only worry about your effort and doing your best, and that’s what the program strives to teach,” said Ray Hernandez, political science and doing your best, and that’s what the program strives to teach.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Senate bill aims to unify budgets

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Senators proposed a resolution to support a restructuring of the University’s Student Government Association during the most recent SGA finance committee meeting at Modesto Maidique Campus on Oct. 7.

The resolution, sponsored by Senators Adam Johnson, Vignesh Doraiswamy and Danny Ybanez called for the SGC-MMC senate to encourage SGA’s leadership to look into creating a more unified student government.

It states that the current structure of student government, with two different councils at the Biscayne Bay Campus and MMC, “can lead to unequal experiences, budgets and representation.”

According to numbers obtained by Student Media, MMC’s finance committee is budgeted $26,534 from Activities and Services fees. MMC’s finance committee, in comparison, is allotted $25,000.

MMC currently has 32,255 students enrolled in classes while BBC has 9,206 students enrolled with the inclusion of the Pines Center.

During the finance committee meeting it was determined that if finance committee allocations were determined by proportion-al representation, MMC would get $52,000 while BBC would get $13,000.

“The problem that a lot of us have been running into is that too many people see this as BBC and MMC and not FIU,” said Johnson in an interview with Student Media. “They look at this and want that’s best for BBC, not FIU.”

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Survivors celebrate being cancer-free during RFL lap

The event will be provided with a blue RFL shirt that reads `Survivor' in the back. To have a woman of them at the opening ceremony this year," said Francisco Lomparte, ACS Business Building on March 5, 2010.

To be part of RFL, students can put together a team, or even join an existing one, by registering online at the RFL Relay For Life Web site www.relayforlife.org/fluusouthfl. To volunteer for FIU Relay For Life, contact Dr. Dalrymple in the Center for Leadership and Service at beverly.dalrymple@fiu.edu.

Senators propose resolution

both campuses needed to be secured. "When we graduate, at the end of the day, our diploma says FIU, not BBC or MMC. They [BBC] want to do they’re own thing while we feel that we’re SGA for FIU," Johnson said.

Johnson criticized an earlier article in The Beacon in which he was quoted as suggesting that University services would improve if funds were set into one centralized campus. "We would have more police, we would have a 24-hour library, and more places to eat," Johnson was quoted as saying in the Oct. 12 article.

Johnson claimed that constituents of his were merely asking him hypothetical questions. "These are questions that students have, I don’t have the proper data or information to say that this will work. Thinking from an economical perspective, I feel that it might work," Johnson said.

Johnson also said that he did not state at the Oct. 7 meeting that the resolution would call for one central SGA president with a vice president for each campus. He said that it was an option raised after comparisons were made between FIU’s SGA and the other student governments at the University of Central Florida and the University of South Florida.

"You can’t take away an entire campus. I don’t have a problem with that campus," Johnson said.

The resolution was tabled during the Oct. 12 senate meeting so that the senate would be able to discuss it during its next meeting on Oct. 19.
**Full day of events set to celebrate student diversity**

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Students coming from different places, speaking different languages and carrying different beliefs have a day to put all differences aside and celebrate together their uniqueness.

It will all happen during “Diversity Day” on Oct. 20, in the Wolfe University Center’s Panther Square.

“A day to celebrate our diversity, and to increase understanding and appreciation of our differences,” said Dumas, in her freshman experience.

According to Newman, this will be the 10th year that “Diversity Day” has been organized at the Biscayne Bay Campus. The event is funded by the Student Government Association and is organized by a volunteer committee of faculty, students and staff.

“We hope to achieve a sense of connection among our students and also a sense of inclusion, where every student feels welcomed and important,” Newman said.

The first event will be a “Diversity Expo” at 10 a.m. in Panther Square. There will be a table with information about the different study abroad programs available at the University, including the SUMMER program in China for HTM students.

The “Diversity Expo” will be followed by a book signing by Firoozeh Dumas at 10:30 a.m. in Panther Square. She will also be speaking in the Mary Ann Wolfe Theatre from 11 p.m. to 12 p.m.

Firoozeh Dumas is an Iranian-American writer best known for her New York Times best-seller, “Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America.” Her use of humor got her a nomination for the Thurber Prize for American Humor Award in 2004, an award that recognizes outstanding contributions in humor writing. She was the first Middle Eastern woman to receive this honor and was one of three finalists.

The others were Jon Stewart from “The Daily Show” and Andy Borowitz, author of The Borowitz Report: The Big Book of Stockers.

Dumas is also the author of Laughing Without an Accent.

The next event will be the Black Jew Dialogues, a show starring Ron Jones and Larry Jay Tish. The Black Jew Dialogues will combine fast-paced sketches, improvisations and humor to share their experiences with racisms in America.

Jones is a black actor, director and trainer for educational and business communities for more than 20 years. He specializes in improvisation and has taught classes at Harvard University, Tufts University and Curry College in Massachusetts.

Tish is a Jewish actor, writer, poet, educator and a performer specialized in improvisation. He has written short fiction and poetry. He has also performed in the one-man show, Everything Hurts.

The duo uses a combination of props and different characters to take the audience on a comical journey that begins in Egypt and travels through Africa.

The winners from the “Dating Outside the Box” contest will also be announced during lunch.

The top winners will have a chance to present their speech, poem or videotape during lunch, which was the topic for the contest, Newman said.

There will also be a transgender panel discussion from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the ballrooms.

The panel will be made up of transgender guest speakers who will share some of their life experiences. There will be a question-and-answer period at the end of the discussion.

The final event will be a “Diversity Circle” exercise that will take place in the ballrooms from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The “Diversity Circle” is an interactive exercise, and is designed for participants to mingle and get to know each other, Newman said.

All the events are free for students, faculty and staff. A donation of $10 for the general public is suggested. All proceeds will go toward the BBC Excellence Fund.

**Author capture culture with humor**

**PARADISE AFSHAR**
Staff Writer

Khondaker means funny in Farsi, and people might find that books written about Iran these days lack a sense of humor, but author Firoozeh Dumas found a way to do just that.

Dumas, Iranian author of Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America, will visit the Biscayne Bay Campus Oct. 20 to talk about her book in the Mary Ann Wolfe Theater in the Wolfe University Center.

She first moved to California when she was 7 years old, but moved back to India only two years later. After another two years, she moved back to California, where she attended the University of California, Berkeley, and met her husband.

“We thought with so many first-generation students going to school here they would be able to relate to the story,” said Valerie Morgan, assistant dean of undergraduate studies.

Dumas will start with a book signing at 10:30 a.m. in Panther Square, followed, by a presentation of Funny in Farsi.

“We are very excited to have her,” Morgan said.

Dumas also made an appearance for an author reading at the Artists for Peace and Justice dinner. In Farsi she made her as a finalist for several awards, including the Thurber Prize for American Humor, which is awarded annually to the most outstanding book of humor published in the U.S., according to its official Web site.

“Funny in Farsi was picked out of 36 books as the required reading for all freshman experience classes this year,” Dumas said. “It has a message of humanity and that we have more in common than not,” Morgan said.

A company made up of faculty and staff, of which Morgan was a part of, also chose the book because of the light-hearted approach Dumas uses to describe her family and life, Morgan said.

In her book, Dumas describes how she felt about coming to the U.S., and offers many details that readers may find familiar.

“It was the Promised Land. For me, it was where I could buy more butcher for Barbie,” she wrote.

Freshman Andrea Perez read Funny in Farsi in her freshman experience class during the Summer, and she is now looking forward to meeting Dumas and learning more about her life as a first-generation American.

“Tirely like her story. It was easy for me to relate to,” said Perez, a political science major from Colombia.

“Dumas didn’t speak English so well, and I am always translating for her,” she said.

Perez also related to Dumas’ experiences of meeting people who had misconceptions about where she was from. Dumas writes in her book that she encountered people who couldn’t even locate her native country on a map.

“When people told her they didn’t know where Iran was on the map, I knew what she was talking about,” Perez said.

**Author capture culture with humor**

**CHUCK IT!**

“Kicker Jack Griffin (left) and Alexandra Serra, a senior on the FIU football team, pose for pictures as part of the Pep Rally in Panther Square on Oct. 15.

**Search for new director begins**

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After losing its former marketing director, the Student Organizations Council is in the hunt for a replacement.

Graduate student Mary Humphrey was the SOC’s marketing director since April 2009, but she officially resigned Oct. 5.

“Somewhere along the line of too much to do is probably a reason she had to step down,” said Didier Georges, SOC president.

“Mary had a lot on her hands, and she decided to let go of the position so that she can take care of the other things in her agenda.”

Georges also told The Beacon that Humphrey’s reason for leaving was far too personal for him to elaborate on.

Humphrey was unavailable for comment despite several attempts to reach her.

SOC is the governing organization that oversees all student organizations on campus.

The marketing director, which is one of six paid positions in SOC that makes up the executive board, is the direct connection between student organizations and the SOC executive board members.

Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.0, and must be registered for at least nine undergraduate credit hours or six graduate credit hours this semester.

A majority of the applicant’s courses must be also taken at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

“We are looking for anyone willing to work five hours a week,” said Georges. “They don’t have to have business experience. They just have to be willing to learn and work in a group setting.”

The marketing director is expected to attend all executive board meetings, unless told otherwise by the club president.

The marketing director is also responsible for making reports of club events, creating promotional campaigns for SOC, among other duties.

Every SOC board member is elected by the student clubs within the organization. Each candidate will have two minutes to speak to members of the organization, who will later vote for a nominee.

SOC officials and representatives from student clubs will vote.

The deadline to apply is Oct. 23.

The election of the new marketing director will take place on Oct. 26 at 2 p.m.

To apply, visit soscbe.fiu.edu, or go to the Office of Campus Life and Orientation located at WUC 141.
**The Beacon**

**Editorial**

**Unified student government a good idea in theory, has many hurdles to overcome**

The Student Government Association has recently taken up the cause of reviewing its constitution to assure that it is seeking the viability and efficiency of the current two-council, two-president system.

In reviewing the facts and history, The Beacon believes that while there is no need for two presidents, there is sufficient variation in both campus's student body to merit a system that assures a certain level of autonomy for each campus.

In their Oct. 12 meetings, the councils' Senates met individually to discuss the unification of Student Government.

In their meeting, the MMC senate almost voted on a resolution stating that the current system is to differing views on the direction of the University and a lack of identity among students.

The BBC senate, meanwhile, voiced their opposition to the measure. In the meeting, SCC-BBC President Sholom Neistein said that the issue was old news.

"Oh, I did it every year; so it is nothing new," said Neistein.

The Beacon feels that overall a two-presidency system is redundant. This is one university and should have a single student government president.

For example, the current University presi- dency, while there are several administrators solely accountable for BBC, they all report to a single president, who is responsible for the whole institution.

The Beacon itself also employs a similar system; while it has a BBC managing editor in charge of covering that campus, there is still a single editor in chief responsible for the whole paper.

Theoretically, Student Government could benefit from a similar system, but BBC could then face the issue of underrepresentation, the race to different views on the direction of the University and a lack of identity among students.

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Almost nine months in office and President Barack Obama has already delivered a failing stimulus plan.

It is a widely known fact that the stimulus package was controversial from the get-go. The package was approved on the basis that it would help the economy.

However, the stimulus dollars are proving that yet again, a key component of the future has been pushed aside - education.

Empty promises are made in every campaign season for more funds to better schools, brighter futures for children and wok-wok-wok; this is beginning to feel like a scene from the Peanuts comics.

Making matters worse, the Associated Press earlier reported that this week the states were using their shares of the stimulus package to cover up gaps in their budgets, instead of dispensing it to schools. Another classic example of how the U.S. education system is being pushed aside by lawmakers.

In a statement released by the education Secretary Arne Duncan, "From the very begin- ning, we have made it clear that this educa- tion stimulus funding is intended to supple- ment local educa- tional dollars, not replace t h e m . , " Really Mr. Duncan.

The Congress should have verified that the stimulus was free of loop-holes, which have made it possible for states to use the funds in areas not educational.

With the lack of enforcement by Congress, some states are using the educational stimulus dollars for their own benefit, but instead are cutting education spending.

In the long haul, this could mean that schools, including colleges, end up with the same amount of cash they originally had prior to the economic stimulus.

Duncan later went on to mention that detailed reports on the states' s p e n d i n g will be made a v a i l a b l e s o m e t i m e in October and that the states that misuse stimulus dollars will be held accountable.

These states will be punished and it could lead to a greater penalization by the federal government, which in turn will make money dispersal more difficult.

What Congress failed to do before graciously approving the funds was to restrict the states from using them for anything other than aiding schools.

In other words, states are dealing with their prospects of receiving additional funding for education in the future.

If these states could prop- erly fund school districts and colleges with the money that rightfully belongs to them, the school system would not be suffering so much.

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Schools are being closed down because of low grades, and violence in schools has skyrocketed.

Frankly, I have grown tired of watching schools being punished by having to cut back.

The principle of the matter is that students should not have had their futures cut short because of the state's actions.

Putting education in a corner is not a method to be taken out of consideration by the federal government's handbook.

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Art inspired by Dalai Lama makes for intriguing exhibit

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In The Missing Peace, the Frost Art Museum has found a fascinating exhibit.

The Missing Peace: Artists Consider the Dalai Lama, offers visitors a new perspective on how to look at peace by following the examples of the Dalai Lama and by using art in its many configurations to spread the message of peace. The exhibition offers a look into the prospect of a more peaceful world as artists construct works that aim to represent not only the concept of non-violence but other important themes such as death itself and the transient nature of life.

The exhibition comes to FIU thanks to The Dalai Lama Foundation and the Committee of 100 for Tibet. The exhibition offers a “unique opportunity to explore the idea of art as an interpretation of, and a catalyst for peace,” according to promotional materials for the exhibit.

The exhibition is comprised of 40 pieces of art from artists around the world. It offers an eclectic mix of work that ranges from an oversized inflatable Buddha to works from actress Sharon Stone’s private collection to an actual pair of the Dalai Lama’s shoes.

The most appealing to our tech savvy generation is Impermanence: The Time of Man by David and H Jin Hodge. The piece was inspired by an experience the artists had in Half Moon Bay, Calif. while watching a sand mandala ritual meant to symbolize impermanence, and is the opener to the exhibit. The installation piece is a row of 16 video iPods alternately playing 122 interviews.

The interviewees are people from all stages of life, ages 5-94, speaking of the changes in life and death. At first, the piece is daunting with the loud blaring sounds of voices of different tones and depth coming at you from the speakers, but as the listener gets settled in, the stories come to life and it is easy to be drawn to any of the speaker’s stories.

The media they chose for the piece was brilliant because it made the whole experience more relatable and accessible to a younger demographic, one that you don’t normally see strolling through museums.

Paranirvana is an oversized inflatable Buddha by Lewis deSoto that explores a theme closely related to impermanence – death. The oversized Buddha lies in the center of the gallery. The piece is meant to represent Buddha’s ascent from death into nirvana.

You can check out The Missing Peace: Artists Consider the Dalai Lama at the Frost Art Museum which will be open from now until Jan. 10, 2010.
DVD REVIEW

‘Hell’ an excellent DVD

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Staff Writer

Those looking for thrills at their local video store this week should go straight to ‘Hell’.

Drag me to Hell, a horror-comedy directed by Sam Raimi, comes out on DVD this Tuesday. It’s a story of how one lapse in judgement can lead to a terrifying struggle with the forces of evil.

The film opens in 1969 California where the exorcism of a young boy goes awry, resulting in the boy being pulled underground with the forces of evil.

Once again, they showcase their talent by creating different incarnations of Mrs. Ganush who places a powerful curse on her boyfriend named Clay (Justin Long).

Later that day, Christine is attacked by a demonic woman, to how they were able to choreograph the garage/car fight sequence. Some criticisms of the DVD: the unrated version of the movie, Nicotero and Howard Berger, who worked on The Evil Dead II and Army of Darkness, to help create the monsters and makeup effects of the movie. Nicotero and Berger also worked on the Kill Bill movies as well as Planet Terror.

The fastest Atom commercially available currently clocks in at 1.8ghz and is coupled with 1 GB of memory, the maximum amount of memory allowed for netbooks. This makes them basically useless for any major computing. Though the price points of these machines are especially enticing, most starting at around $299, you are much better off saving your money and purchasing a new, full-fledged computer.

Netbooks garner undue credit

Often, due to their limited specifications, netbooks are programmed to limit users to only having three applications open at a time, so you can go ahead and wave productivity goodbye.

For a short time, I used a Dell Mini-10 for the purposes of reviewing the unit and I despised everything about it. I usually have anywhere from six to 12 applications open at a time when using my trusty MacBook Pro, including multiple Web pages. The Mini-10 however, started to heat up and slow down at around two applications.

I don’t think these computers are convenient, or make life easier for anyone. Every time I see someone huddled over their netbook at a coffee shop, squinting as they read The New York Times on those lackluster 10-inch screens, I have to laugh because they don’t look pleased. Typing on that keyboard has to be a pain.

As companies like Dell, HP and Sony market these computers as the next step in major computing, I can’t really justify buying one. With the rise in laptop sales, and the subsequent decline in desktop sales, I don’t see why people can’t just take their laptops with them.

However, Sony, in particular, is chugging this netbook Kool-Aid by the gallon. Soon, it will release the VAIO X Series, its next major netbook. Though Sony is very careful about not calling this a “netbook” we all know that they’re just kidding themselves. The carbon fiber VAIO X is no doubt gorgeous, weighing in at 1.6 pounds and measuring about half and inch thin but, when computers get this small, sacrifices in functionality must be made and, sadly, this computer is no different.

The device boasts the new 2.1ghz Atom processor, 2 GBs of RAM and an 11-inch screen — better, but still not great. Also, the fact that the VAIO X will strip your bank account of $1,299 is absurd. For that I can buy a real computer.

Five years ago, netbooks would have been a great supplement for a desktop user. But, now that powerful laptops are becoming lighter and faster, and cell phones are becoming smarter and smarter, I am having a hard time finding a place in this crazy tech world where netbooks can live happily ever after.
Second half kills Panthers’ comeback

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were plenty of opportunities there. They gave us some opportunities but we gave them more than we got from them and ultimately that was the difference in the football game.”

CRUCIAL QUARTER

Tyler Clawson recovered a fumble at the Troy 24-yard line in the second quarter, but three straight incompletions led to a Dustin Rivest field goal. When Armond Willis forced a fumble on Brown that was recovered by Aaron Davis with 1:02 left in the game, the double digit lead became comfortable, and the Trojans took advantage and Willis returned it to the FIU 29-yard line in the second quarter and finished the day with 86. FIU allowed more than 40 points for the fourth time in six contests. “Everybody on defense, we just have to correct these mistakes,” said defensive end Armond Willis. “They capitalized on the mental errors that we made. Sunday we’ll clean it up on film and keep getting better in practice.”

The Golden Panthers allowed 48. The Trojans took advantage and scored another touchdown just two plays later to take its largest lead of the game.

“They definitely are the most physical team we played all season,” McCall said. “Their front four was upfront and they made a living off bringing pressure the entire time.”

“It’s funny how these games come down to one or two plays,” McColl said. “That pick, the first pass of the second quarter, made all the difference in the world.”

In the meantime, the Trojans kept the FIU offense at bay for most of the second half by pressuring McCall often and stuffing a Golden Panthers rushing attack that is coming off its most successful game of the season in a win over Western Kentucky University on Oct. 10. “They are definitely the most physical team we played all season,” McColl said. “Their front four was bringing pressure the entire time. They live and die by those guys upfront and they made a living off them tonight.”

DEFENSIVE MISHAPS

The Golden Panthers allowed more than 160 rushing yards for the sixth time this season. Troy’s DuJuan Harris had a season-high 65 yards by the second quarter and finished the day with 86. FIU allowed more than 40 points for the fourth time in six contests. Everybody on defense, we just have to correct these mistakes,“ said defensive end Armond Willis. “They capitalized on the mental errors that we made. Sunday we’ll clean it up on film and keep getting better in practice.”

FINISHING TOUCHES

FIU scored two late touchdowns on a Darrius Mallary run and a McCall throw to Ty Prierson. “In terms of effort we were relentless,” Cristobal said. “We kept coming and coming and coming and if there’s more clock there we keep coming but there isn’t and they won the football game and they deserved to.”

OFFENSE keeps winning streak alive

SPORTS

Coach Daniela Tomic wanted the Golden Panthers to show the Troy University Trojans why they are the top team in the Sun Belt Conference.

Tomic was concerned that the 17-2 Golden Panthers would not dominate the whole match and play a close game vs. the Trojans, a team with a 10-10 record. “We have a tendency to play at the level of our opponent. I challenged the team to play FIU volleyball,” Tomic said. “We have to be aggressive, we have to be confident and come out and play like we are playing the No. 1 team in the nation and they responded.”

Tomic’s challenge motivated Yarimar Rosa and the Golden Panthers (18-2, 9-0 Sun Belt) to put away the Trojans (10-11, 5-4 Sun Belt) in just an hour and 15 minutes as they soundly defeated the Trojans 3-0.

“Teams like that, you have to win quickly, to send a message to show that we are on a different level,” Rosa said.

Team sweeps Troy at home

VOLLEYBALL: FIU 3, TROY 0

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The Golden Panthers women’s soccer team (7-5-3) extended its unbeaten streak to six games as it routed South Alabama 4-1 on the road on Oct. 16.

The Jaguars of South Alabama had an opportunity to score vs. freshman goalkeeper Karlynn Savage early, but that would be their only bright spot of the FIU dominated the first half.

Sophomore Thaisa Moreno notched a career first multi-goal evening as she found the back of the net twice in less than 10 minutes. Senior Amy Jackson and sophomore Deana Rossi both tallied assists on the goals.

Rossi increased the lead to three without less than two minutes after Moreno’s second goal off an assist from Marina Pappas. Heading into the half, the Golden Panthers had a comfortable 3-0 lead, and would pick up right where they left off in the second half.

“It took us a while to get into it, but once we scored, it was like the goals just kept coming,” Pappas said to fiusports.com.

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Consistency is team’s downfall

There’s not really anything new to say. Every week, the same FIU team shows up. Win or lose, week after week, the Golden Panthers do the same things well, and more importantly, they do the same things poorly. Say what you will about the team, but it’s kind of comforting to know what you are going to get all of the time, so you can’t be surprised.

In FIU’s conference home opener, the Golden Panthers gave up 174 yards of rushing to the University of Troy Trojans; they failed to protect the quarterback, allowing 13 sacks; T.Y. Hilton, despite being limited by a right knee injury led the team in receptions; they vastly outplayed the Trojans on special teams; and they fell behind early and scored a couple of late touchdowns with the game mostly in hand and they failed to force any turnovers.

But so far this season, the Golden Panthers have been better against the pass, allowing just one 300-yard passer on the season and had forced an interception in each of the last three games. Troy quarterback Levi Brown came into FIU Stadium on Saturday night in front of 10,000 FIU fans wanting black for the team’s first ever “blackout” game, and proceeded to pick apart the Golden Panthers defense until the only thing that was consistent was the chain gang moving the first down marker seemingly every time he dropped back to pass.

Brown connected with 12 different receivers en route to a 391-yard, three-touchdown day, his second best performance of the season. He entered the game throwing for 260 yards per game. He equaled that by the end of the first half.

Most teams that have had success against FIU this season (and that includes most of the teams they have played, unfortunately) have leaned heavily on the running game to dominate the clock and keep FIU’s offense off the field.

Troy opted for the quick strike technique, and FIU, with a banged up secondary that at one point in the game was missing both of its top corners and a starting safety, had no response for 435 yards and hitting 12 different receivers.

And once the safeties would creep up to help in the running game, Brown would go over top with play action passes.

Troy perfectly executed their offensive game plan, and despite numerous penalties (11, their fourth straight game with double digits in this category) and three turnovers in their own territory, FIU wasn’t able to keep up with the Trojans.

Coming off a win over Western Kentucky, FIU was looking to make a statement against the class of the conference by stealing a win at Troy’s expense.

Instead, the only statement FIU made was one that has consistently been reiterated all season: “The Golden Panthers aren’t ready to compete against the champs.”

Aerial attack overwhelms Panthers

The Golden Panthers could not stop Troy’s high powered offense as the defending conference champions used a powerful and physical offense to defeat FIU 42-33 on Oct. 17 at FIU Stadium. FIU quarterback Paul McCall threw for 257 yards and two touchdowns, but was sacked six times by a relentless Trojan pass rush. Troy quarterback Levi spread the ball around for 391 yards and hitting 12 different receivers on the night.

“We couldn’t keep scoring at the pace they were scoring,” said Golden Panthers coach Mario Cristobal.

The Trojans got off to a 20-10 lead in the first half before the Golden Panthers closed that gap by scoring 10 points to end the half. The Trojans, however, quickly scored two touchdowns in the third quarter to put away FIU.

“You’d like to stop them a little better – a lot better – when you recover fumbles in the red zone. You need to make those touchdowns.” Cristobal said. “You can’t, against a team as high-powered as they are defensively, go and kick a couple field goals when you have a chance to make those seven-point deals. There’s only one way to win a conference championship.”

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