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The body of the resolution does not call for the removal of the BBC presidency or the creation of two independent governments. The body of the resolution does, however, mention “one unified student body leader,” and examples of “completely independent governments” as suggestions for student leaders to consider.

SSRC-BBC Vice President Christine “Cici” Battle asked during the UWC meeting of the MMC senate had read the report sponsored by SGC-MMC last year looking into the need for the two-campus system. She stated that if the senators had read the report, such a resolution would not be made.

The report was part of last year’s administration. A student government expert consultant was hired to analyze whether it would be better for the University to have different student government councils in each campus.

When released, the report stated that such an idea would not benefit the University at that time.

“I feel they were misinformed to make such a claim,” Battle said.

Rionda responded that he would make the report available, but explained he can’t control what the senate presents.

“I can’t tell anyone not to pass a resolution,” he said.

Rionda agreed, however, that SGA could find ways to improve, but those changes would come within the current structure.

SSGA Advisor for MMC Jose Toscano told Student Media he supported some internal restructuring at the campus level over a University-wide one. However, one issue he would like addressed in a University-wide setting is better communication between the campuses.

Regular communication between the campuses becomes hard for SGA officers need to juggle school and work schedules, Toscano said.

“We struggle on a monthly basis on communication,” Toscano said.

Although SGA has video conferencing capability on both campuses, the systems aren’t linked, a problem which requires coordination between both campuses and University Technology Services.

The resolution’s sponsoring senators could not be reached for comment.

Video to highlight lives of Muslims

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network of researchers from the U.S. and Latin America who specialize on the relations between Latin America and the Middle East,” Narbona said.

The other key members working in the project are Professor Mohiaddin Mesbah, director of the Middle East Center at FIU, and Professor Mercedes Vigon, who is in charge of educating students through the Office of International Media.

LACC and the history department are currently working on several other activities in order to provide information about the role of Islam in Latin American societies.

According to Narbona, a Web page that contains expert information about Islam in Latin America will be launched. Also, a set of videos about the lives of Muslims in South America will be produced.

“We are organizing a set of lectures and roundtables on this topic that we planned to film in video,” Narbona added.

The countries with the most Islamic immigrants are Venezuela and Argen-
tina, according to The Associated Press. Islamic centers and mosques are being built constantly in order to accommodate the growing immigrant numbers.

According SSRC’s Web site, they have been dedicated to funding social science research and hope to do so with the grants they have recently given out.

They have awarded similar grants to other universities, such as Duke University and Princeton University.

SSRC notes that its networks committees have pioneered new approaches to understanding society and processes of social, cultural, economic and political change, and have profoundly influenced many fields of social inquiry.

“Since the attacks of Sep. 11 in 2001, U.S. society has felt the need to better understand the questions related to Islam. For this reason, universities have contributed with their research to clarify aspects and disseminate knowledge about a religion that is widely practiced around the world,” Narbona said.
Guest speaker to discuss conflicts in Middle East

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In June 200, civil war broke out in the Gaza Strip between two rival Palestinian factions, Hamas and Fatah, for control of the Palestinian government. Thousands of deaths have been reported on both sides. This issue has raised concerns among many political activists about the future of the region, and there’s an organization on campus that provides an open forum for students to discuss and understand these events.

The Middle East Society will kick off its lecture series Oct. 28 at 7 p.m with guest speaker Jonathan Schanzer, deputy executive director of the Jewish Policy Center, a Washington-based, nonprofit organization founded in 1985 that provides scholarly perspectives on foreign and domestic policies that impact the Jewish Community in the U.S.

The lecture will take place at the Biscayne Bay Campus in the Wolfe University Center, Room 155.

MES is a component of the School of International and Public Affairs, and the organization is based at BBC. It provides its members with an opportunity to discuss matters related to the Middle East with top experts from the region.

Schanzer will discuss these issues, particularly as it relates to Hamas and Fatah, the two major political parties in the Palestinian territories. Schanzer will also discuss the historical background of the Middle East, as well as the current political situation.

The lecture will be held in the University Center, Room 155, on October 28, 200. The event is free and open to the public.
history of olive oil and how it is made. She explained how timing, cultivation and different presses all affect the bouquet and flavor of the oils, and she gave out samples so students could note the differences.

Participants also tasted foods like sautéed shrimp and penne pasta in pesto sauce, an antipasto platter with Serrano ham, and other finger foods, all of which were prepared by club members with the olive oils tasted at the meeting.

“This was a great opportunity for students to learn,” Giangrandi said to The Beacon. “This school is very dear to me. It has supported me throughout my career.”

The club was started by Bianca Rojas, who is now club president and a HTM graduate student, with the help of club advisers Chef Instructor Michael Moran and Bill Pelzer, an HTM adjunct professor.

The club operates through the American Institute of Wine and Food, an organization founded by Julia Child and other chefs that offers educational programs, scholarships and social activities for members who share a passion for food and wine.

It was started to create a strong foundation and core group of people who care about cooking, Moran said, while providing the resources to expand members’ knowledge and help them participate in activities that they normally wouldn’t experience inside a classroom.

“Want to get students closer to the table instead of away from it,” he said.

The club’s main goals are to educate its members, create a passionate group of chefs, and help local community children and organizations through programs and service opportunities.

Since its creation at the beginning of this semester, the club has already participated in two community outreach activities and plans on continuing to do so, Moran said.

Members participated in the Annual Chocolat Festival hosted by Aventura Mall on Oct. 18, where the group decorated and sold cupcakes with little kids. All proceeds benefited the Children’s Craniofacial Association, a national nonprofit organization that aims to improve the lives of children with facial or cranial physical abnormalities.

They also visited Chef Allen’s restaurant in Aventura and participated in “Days of Taste,” a program that allows local elementary school children to interact with chefs at local restaurants and prepare healthy meals.

But the club is not just about eating for the sake of eating, said Reppert. Through every encounter they have with food, the club strives to educate its members about what they taste, how it is prepared, and what it goes well with, among other things.

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A Friend Dies. Who Cares?

Toxic drinking is an epidemic on campuses all across America.

It means consuming so much alcohol the drinker passes out. But while “sleeping it off,” the victim may be quietly dying.

When you come right down to it, students themselves are the best ones to tackle this problem. So, in growing numbers, Stony Brook students have joined together in the Red Watch Band movement.

Working with experts, they fine-tuned a course in techniques to handle these alcohol emergencies. Red Watch Band members can act fast, when every second counts. They know the quick steps they can take to rescue a passed-out student from a drinking death, and can immediately summon professional help. Everyone completing the course is given the distinctive red watch for identification.

Since its inception at Stony Brook University in March 2009, approximately 40 schools across the country have signed on to implement this lifesaving program.

To prevent toxic drinking deaths, go to redwatchband.org
Quick resolutions from SGC-MMC signal progress on numerous initiatives

On Oct. 19, the Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus took part in a productive meeting, the Senate took a series of steps toward addressing serious issues facing the FIU University community. One pair of resolutions related to University dealings with companies that question labor policies, as well as the use of the Amazon Kindle as part of a pilot program that aims to tackle rising textbook costs. But it was the passage of two other resolutions in particular that stood out as highly significant achievements and point toward measurable progress on the part of the council.

When dealing with the controversial campus-wide smoking ban that has been proposed by the University Health Task Force, the easiest thing for the council to do would have been to simply endorse the idea, rather than questioning it. Fortunately, the council took the time to examine the current rules and simply insist that the current rules be enforced. Rather than endorse the bun, which The Beacon believes would be necessary given current rules, the SGC-MMC Senate opposed it.

By a vote of 20-6, the council took a stance on the matter and, rightly or wrongly, showed it is willing and able to deal with complex issues.

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This resolution is only the first step toward ironing out the problems that currently exist between the two councils. After all, it is much easier to call for examination than to actually do so.

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War in Afghanistan not a lost cause

PERSERVANCE IS NEEDED

After nearly a decade of fighting, the war in Afghanistan continues to haunt us. Long overlooked by the greater military, political and public focus in Iraq, the war continues to plague like a tumor from which it is seemingly impossible to get. We’ve left with a grim choice between evils: battling this cancer to the end – at significant cost and no guarantee of victory – or riding ourselves of the problem entirely, with just as great of a long-term risk.

As with most decisions, especially one involving war, it comes down to which choice is the lesser evil. In the case of Afghanistan, the military establishment is in one meeting, the Senate took a productive meeting, the Senate took a stance on the matter and, rightly or wrongly, showed it is willing and able to deal with complex issues.

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FTC regulation overlooks social networks

Some say that Al Gore may have helped invent western civilization’s greatest waste of time. The Internet is a wired, wireless, ongoing social network that my friends and I have trolled message boards dedicated to popular Disney programs, listened to Japanese pop music, stalked our ex-girlfriends through Twitter and Googled information about the show “Full House” that a healthy human being can live a full life without knowing.

A new class of writer, spawned from the stepping stones facing the information age, is emerging. A crew of writers who don’t have writing pads or penmanship; these new writers perform an inkless labor.

We call them bloggers and, whether you think the title is one of an artist or a euphemism, you’ve run into their words certainly on more than one occasion. And beginning Dec. 1, the Federal Trade Commission will see to it that I and the seemingly infinite universe of blogging pioneers, will have to disclose any paid endorsements we receive.

Dec. 1, 2009 will be the day we’ve taken the Internet too seriously. On the surface, it sounds sensible. When I’m getting my information, I’d like to know that the feed on the source I’m hearing. I’ve never had a problem explaining how I get my money from one to the next.

However, these guidelines run thicker than that. It’s not just about the money, it’s about any and all forms of compensation. And it’s not just about the big bad bloggers on the “Internets” – this affects all parties involved in social networking.

Say I get a free massage from a business that I’ve listed myself as being a fan of on Facebook. I share a status about how great my back feels. Then I tweet a positive opinion in 140 characters or less, but I forget to publicly disclose that they gave me the treatment on house. I’m in violation of the FTC.

But word on the street is that the FTC isn’t going after the small-game personal blogs or the prominent social network sites. This is more so a measure to keep people in big business in check. It’s downright impossible to get everyone on the Internet that who is paid for what.

But the wording of these rules is so broad that arbitrary enforcement and double standards are inevitable. The FTC has made the mistake of calling the Internet a medium, like television, in that we turn something on and something comes to us.

The Internet is more than a medium. It’s a place where information isn’t just sent or received, it’s shared. We share what we write.

Jeff Jarvis of BuzzMachine.com writes, “Most people who blog don’t think they are doing anything remotely connected to journalism, but increasingly nearly all on Facebook thinks they’re making media, they’re connecting. They’re talking.”

Just as liberty will always have excess, laws too broad to enforce will have loopholes. When the Internet first came about, fears amassed of it falling into the control of the wrong hands. It’s been decades since the day and as I stare into the monitor I can say things we have been just fine. The Internet became something greater than a medium, it didn’t grow into something like Big Brother, an evil empire or a digital enslavement.

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Before Pitbull and Rick Ross were platinum-selling artists, there were two local hip-hop talents looking for a means to promote their music and name.

DJ Drastic X brought the local rappers as guests on his show, “It’s All Gravy” and he knew those two would eventually go on to dominate the studio of FIU’s student radio, Radiate FM, to make their dream into a dollar.

“I was certain Pitbull and Rick Ross were going to make it because you take one look at them and their presence, the way they speak, the way they carry themselves, their work ethic, the way they show love to everybody. They understand the business,” DJ Drastic X said about the first time he had the two artists on his show. “I actually said on air, ‘This is our next superstar’ and I’ve been proved right.”

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The 28-year-old Kilzi started rapping when he was 16 years old, but then decided DJing was a better way to connect with the Miami hip-hop audience.

“It’s cool to be a DJ because when you step out there and you rock the crowd or you are on the radio and people are calling you up while you’re tearing it up, it feels good to give people that service,” he said. “I mix non-stop for three hours. Lots of DJs just press a button now. Here at Radiate we have real DJs.”

In 2004, Drastic graduated from the University with a degree in journalism and mass communications. Although not a student anymore, he continued to host his show. Though he’s been DJing for nine years, he didn’t always receive the approval from one of his biggest inspirations: his father.

Kilzi’s mother is Lebanese and his father was born in Syria. Kilzi’s father left to work in Venezuela with just a second grade education. His father was constantly moving to different countries to try to find work until he established himself in Miami and met Drastic’s mother.

“My dad is my hero,” he said. “I think of everything I’ve been through in life and it’s not a tenth of what he’s been through.”

Alfred Kilzi, Drastic’s 18-year-old brother, noted how Drastic has always admired their father, but he could not understand why he would want to be a DJ. He thought hip-hop was a vulgar genre of music with no purpose or value.

“He always told my brother, ‘You have to prove me wrong,’” Drastic X’s younger brother said. “Part of my brother’s success was that my dad never liked hip-hop music. The day came that my brother won an Emmy for a hip-hop production – it was something he was working toward to show my dad that it wasn’t just bad words; it was a passion.”

STAYING TRUE

Kilzi makes a living DJing at clubs occasion- ally and working as a TV producer for a major local station he asked to remain nameless due to a possible conflict of interest. Drastic airs his show on Saturdays from 7-10 p.m. He is always trying to bring guests to complement the missing he does. He’s had guests such as Akon, Mike Jones, Flo-rida, G-Unit and Lloyd Banks on the show.

He remains in contact with Pitbull and Rick Ross and has them as guests once a year either in person or via phone. They also keep in touch and send him their latest music, which Drastic appreciates.

“They are true to themselves and true to the people that helped them on their way up because they still holier at me as well as other DJs that helped them come-up. Maybe it’s a Miami thing. We show love,” he said.

As of now, the next two artists he sees with potential to make it to the mainstream audience are Brisco and Ice Berg. Those are two rappers who will need to become popular on the local scene before reaching a national audience.

“If you don’t get love at home from every DJ in your city, then you can’t be crossing over to other places. You have to have a solid founda- tion,” Drastic said.

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Love takes center stage in innovative flash experience

Most of us have probably seen romance in films and wished that there was something more like that in our own lives.

Love is one of the most popular themes in film – and for good reason. Humans are inherently needy, social creatures who ultimately just want to love and be loved.

It’s curious, then, that more game developers haven’t made really great use of this in their products. Colour my Heart, a flash game created by Squirrel, looks and feels like something Michel Gondry might put together with a pen and paper. The animation is sketchy on purpose and the music feels sad and hopeful all at once. There’s just the right mix of sadness, happiness, quirk and charm to make the theme of love feel totally genuine.

In this extremely short flash experience you will simply traverse the black and white environment searching for your mate – the one who will restore color to your world.

Movement is done with the arrow keys and clicking on certain objects will let you interact with them in order to make your way throughout the level.

The whole game can be finished in less than a minute but, by doing so, you’ll miss out on what it’s really all about. Taking the time to explore and interact with everything around will reveal a much greater meaning and will make the resolution so much sweeter.

I haven’t been so pleasantly surprised by anything in Flash for so long. It’s good to know that there is still hope for video games to become something much more than they are now.

I’d love to think that if we paid more attention to thoughtful games with interesting stories that really tried to reach us on a more personal, emotional level, the big names in the industry would have to take notice.

If you’re looking for something to kill some time between classes, this isn’t the game for you. But, if you’d like to see what interactive art can feel like, you’re going to want to give this a try.

I’m a sucker for a really great love story, particularly when I have a hand in telling it.


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Club fights for freedom, recognition of Tibet

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Students walking through GC may notice the many flags hanging from the walls representing the vast backgrounds and nationalities of the student body at FIU. However, one country’s flag they won’t find, despite the fact that it is represented by an FIU student, is Tibet’s.

Tibet, a country in East Asia, was invaded by the Chinese People’s Liberation Army in 1949 and remains, to this day, occupied by China.

More than 1.2 million people have died as a result of China’s occupation of Tibet, according to www.studentsforafreetibet.org.

“We want to raise awareness about Tibet that show the plight of its citizens,” said Vice President Carol Rodriguez, a psychology major.

“It makes me sad that there is no Tibetan representation at FIU. It is a rich culture with a lot to offer,” Gayden said. “I feel that people should be sensitive to these human rights issues.”

“We want to raise awareness about what’s going on outside of our immediate environment. I feel that people should be sensitive to these human rights issues,” said Vice President Carol Rodriguez, a psychology major.

“I started Students for a Free Tibet at FIU because we take for granted the privileges we enjoy... we have the ability to make a difference.”

Mike Boan, Founder
Students for a Free Tibet

Students for a Free Tibet at FIU aims to sponsor a Tibetan child every year.

“Education is our best weapon,” Gayden said.

“The Tibetan people need our help and Students for a Free Tibet at FIU is trying to make a difference in their lives.”

“Through its inception, the club has had a goal of sponsoring a Tibetan child.

Last week, it accomplished this goal and officially sponsored a young orphaned boy from Tibet.

Through the club’s donation, he was able to live in an orphanage in India and receive a full year’s worth of schooling, food, books and clothing. Students for a Free Tibet at FIU aims to sponsor a Tibetan child every year.

“Education is our best weapon,” Gayden said. The organization also hosts different events on campus that are open to students.

They have aired movies related to Tibet that show the plight of its citizens. The club has also hosted guest speakers, mainly members of the faculty, to educate and inform students of the cause. Those interested in joining Students for a Free Tibet at FIU can do so via www.orgsync.com.

The club holds biweekly meetings to plan events and discuss different topics relating to Tibet. The meetings are open to all students and those who would like to join can attend.
Web site offers users the chance to express their hatred for others

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There is absolutely nothing funny about faces. Oh wait, yes there is. Turning your number two into the number one gag gift is Poopiegram.com, a Web site dedicated to sending out what's already been sent out — all puns intended.

That's right. It's poop in a box. And, as absurd and disgusting as it sounds, for Charles Miller — the man and mind behind the Web site, anonymously sending a box of crap to someone who really deserves it is no longer just an idea passed around as a joke, it is a shockingly funny prank.

“I first thought of the idea about three years ago, but was too busy in my regular job to bring the business to fruition,” Miller said. “My actress and I finally decided this year that we were going to get this Web site up and running, and it went live about three months ago.”

Now, relax, breathe slowly and thanks for still reading ... it’s not real poop. It’s imitation poop, which still gets the job done with no need for flies or gag reflexes.

What's inside the box looks 100 percent real but is actually made of rubber. A personalized memo comes inside your package just in case the visual isn’t enough to deliver the message.

There are three options when picking out your poop and all are $14.95. “Heart Poopie” is in the shape of a heart and seems to lighten anyone’s day – or at least anyone who correlates love and rubber poop. “Birdie Poopie” gives someone the bird. It is molded to be the most offensive of hand gestures and is sure to upset even the gentlest nun. The final option is simply “Poopie Poop” and it’s the standard of boxed gross gifts. The only thing someone who receives this must think is “Great, an invisible cat.”

Anyone who you think deserves a pile of crap deserves a poopie gram. A specific office that has repeatedly taken your money for no good reason semester after semester is a good candidate.

Miller can relate. He says the No. 1 reason people have been sending poopie grams is road rage.

“If someone would like to have a poopie gram sent to the owner of any vehicle, all we need is the tag number and state of issuance and we can send one to the address they provide by phone or e-mail,” the Web site explains.

The problem with all these Android devices currently on the market is that they lack the power to run the software. However, Droid remedies this with Android 2.0. Android 2.0, a long awaited update to the software, adds several new features that improve the OS in many ways.

Droid allows you to update the software, and it allows users to search the web from their phone.

Poopiegram.com is Florida-based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Miami drivers, based but ships internationally, with 99 percent of orders coming from within the U.S. Mia
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Late fumble hurts Panthers

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teams. The Golden Panthers committed 10 penalties and had just 32 rushing yards as a team.

BANGED UP

With McCall’s foot ailing from an injury he sustained in practice on Oct. 22, backup Wayne Younger took over the offense on two drives. McCall returned and played the rest of the game. Even so, McCall was not pleased with his overall performance. “The foot had nothing to do with it. I had the worst half of football I’ve ever played,” McCall said. “It feels bad as a senior, as the leader of this team not to be able to perform like we have been on offense.”

Heading into the game, the Golden Panthers were allowing 228 passing yards per game. They limited the Red Wolves to 154 yards in the air and defensive end Armond Willis sacked the quarterback twice.

Meanwhile, Hilton did not return punts or kickoffs because of a sprained knee he suffered vs. Western Kentucky two weeks ago.

Whether Hilton sees more playing time will be the coaching staff’s decision. But he said he is close to being back at full strength. “It feels pretty good probably about 92, 93 percent,” Hilton said.

Despite the defense’s improved play, senior linebacker Scotty Bryant said the team needs to focus on the fundamentals to have a chance next week vs. the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

“That was our goal to eliminate as many big plays as possible,” Bryant said. “They capitalized on our weaknesses. We have to be more alert for things like that. Defense, we came out; we played our heart out.”

Win helps team build character

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“We started feeling pressure and getting away from each other, but that’s when we have to stay together,” Rosa said. “We weren’t having fun. They were playing really good, really well, and we started making some mistakes. The experience is good. It’s good to know that we’re in that situation and we can make it through.”

Rosa had a team-high 19 kills along with Natalia Valentin’s 35 assists, helping push FIU over the top.

“Championship teams find a way to win,” Tomic said. “This was an opportunity for us to see how good we are, to see if we had what it takes to be a championship team, and we did it.”

University of Florida voted No. 1 by AP poll once again

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flip-flop. Florida regained the top spot Sunday in The Associated Press poll, which was ranked No. 1 for a week ahead of the Gators.

The Crimson Tide needed a blocked field goal on the last two teams flip-flopped for the last play to beat Tennessee 12-10 on Saturday, while Florida pulled away from Mississippi State in the fourth quarter for a 29-19 victory. The Gators received 30 first-place votes to Alabama’s 23.

No. 3 Texas got seven first-place votes after its 41-7 victory at Missouri. The last time two teams flip-flopped in the top two spots of the AP Top 25 from one week to the next was 1992, when Miami and Washington did it.

Like Texas, No. 4 Southern California, No. 5 Cincinnati, No. 6 Boise State and No. 7 Iowa held their places in the latest media rankings.

TCU jumped two spots to No. 8 after a 38-7 victory at Mountain West Conference rival BYU. LSU stayed at No. 9 and Oregon moved up two spots to No. 10.

The Ducks host USC on Saturday in a game with huge Pac-10 championship implications.

Florida began the season as an overwhelming No. 1 in the AP poll. Alabama started five and steadily gained on the Gators before finally jumping past them last week, when Florida needed a field goal in the waning seconds to beat Arkansas at home.

The Crimson Tide undefeated.

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FOOTBALL: ASU 27, FIU 10

Golden Panthers drop second consecutive conference game

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The last time wide receiver T.Y. Hilton fumbled a ball in the fourth quarter, he picked up the ball and threw a game-winning touchdown to Senior Meritile to defeat Arkansas State University 22-21.

On Oct. 24, there was no late game heroics, no “Hilton Have.”

This time, ASU recovered Hilton’s fumble and it served as the final dagger in FIU’s 27-10 loss at ASU Stadium.

Trailing 17-10, FIU had the ball on its own six-yard line. Quarterback Paul McCall completed a pass to Hilton and his effort to obtain more yards led the sophomore to fumble.

Red Wolves (2-4, 1-2 Sun Belt) running back Reggie Arnold ran 14 yards on the next play for the touchdown to make the score 24-10.

“In the second half, we started moving the football,” said Coach Mario Cristobal. “We started doing things to give us a chance to win this football game.”

A TALE OF TWO HALVES

The Golden Panthers’ 1-6, 1-3 Sun Belt loss is the second defeat at the hands of a team they defeated in 2008 – Toledo being the other.

ASU held FIU scoreless in the second half and kept McCall, who was a game-time decision with an injured foot, off balance.

“We did not think he would be able to play today,” Cristobal said. “He found a way to get out there, lots of courage, lots of guts by him.”

In the second half, the defensive match turned into an offensive contest. ASU came out in the second quarter and quickly manufactured a seven-play, 75-yard touchdown drive.

A 26-yard field goal made it a 17-0 game. FIU answered with a 36-yard field goal and a two-yard touchdown by Darriet Perry to make it 17-10.

A key defensive stop gave FIU the ball back, but the comeback ended in the fourth quarter with Hilton’s turnover.

“He’s playing hurt, and he’s trying hard but the ball came loose,” Cristobal said.

The crowd of 18,779 saw the Red Wolves go 7-0 in their last seven homecoming games. Six of those wins are vs. Sun Belt Conference opponents.

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