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CNN anchor lectures about originality

FRANCISCO MARADIAGA
Staff Writer

Seduced O’Brien stressed how thinking differently can solve problems in the community and beyond during a lecture at the University.

“Thinking differently can have massive, massive societal implications,” O’Brien said.

The CNN special correspondent spoke to a near-capacity crowd of around 300 students and faculty members in the Green Library auditorium on Oct. 28.

O’Brien told stories from her experience as a reporter and while working on documentaries like “Black in America,” and the recently-released “Latino in America,” to illustrate her point on thinking differently.

In one example, African villagers were experiencing a brain-drain when educated males would leave the village. Girls were typically taken out of school early on to help in domestic jobs. To help change the tide, students were all fed at school and offered food to take home for their family. This incentive was the different kind of thinking that allowed girls to be educated, addressing the brain-drain, and helping feed the populace.

“Almost over night all these kids became providers,” O’Brien said. “They were able to flip the value of the kids in society.”

Another example came by a Harvard professor featured in “Black in America,” that wants to pay kids to learn. The plan is to close the gap between minority graduation rates and those of Caucasians. Some kids have found

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FOOTBALL

Students attending games can win prizes

JORGEL VALENS
Asst. News Director

The University will be giving students who attend the next football home game an opportunity to win a scholarship.

During the game, three students will be chosen at random to win a $500 scholarship that can be applied toward college expenses. Students can attend the game for free with a valid Panther ID. Friends and family accompanying students can purchase an end zone ticket for $15.

Those interested in purchasing tickets can call 365-FLI-GAME or visit www.fausports.com.

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David Barrios
Staff Writer

The first time I saw Wes Craven’s A Nightmare on Elm Street, I was 12 years old, flipping through the wasteland of late night television and saddened that I was not able to go trick-or-treating with my friends during a dull Halloween.

Then I stumbled onto an older-looking movie with an eerie, dream-like tone, with a young woman running through a dark, seedy boiler room. We’re not sure what she’s running from but she’s running and we care. We hear the clanging of four sharpened razors attached to the hand of a large, frightening figure. He attacks her, of course to decimate her.

Then she awakens. The dream is over.

Tina Grey (Amanda Wyss) is OK. Then she looks upon her nightstand to find four slash marks on it. The dream is over but the legend of Freddy Krueger (Robert Englund) was born.

Tina, frightened by her dream asks her friends Nancy (Heather Langenkamp) and Glen (Johnny Depp of Miramar, Fla. in his feature film debut)...

WANNA PLAY A GAME?

GET SCARED: Freshman Aj Mayungbe (left), graduate Joel Cadafal (center) and sophomore Ksenia Angniu (lying down), scare visitors inside the kitchen at the FIJI House during FIJI’s Haunted House Oct. 28. Proceeds raised at the event benefited the American Red Cross.
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Senate speaks out against universal health insurance

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Staff Writer

In another vocal session of the Student Government Senate at Modesto Maid- ague Campus on Oct. 26, the senate came out against mandatory Health Insurance for university students, in support of refur- bishing a computer lab at the Engineering Center, as well as in support of the Student Legacy Campaign, and passed a council bill that defines when a senator can abstain from a vote.

The Mandatory Health Insurance Reso- lution passed with a vote of 20 for and two against, and promptly received a presidential veto.

Entitled “In opposition of Mandata- tory Health Insurance for State University Students,” the resolution calls for SGA to oppose mandatory health insurance because it will be an additional financial burden to students, and deny registration to those who cannot pay for it.

“The state Legislature has tried to enact mandatory health insurance for all state university students, without any financial assistance, and denies class registration to students who don’t have health insurance” the resolution states.

The resolution also claims that 60 percent of FIU students do not have health insur- ance, and that one-third of FIU students are dependent on financial aid.

The inference in the resolution is that those students solely dependent on financial aid would not be able to register for classes, and therefore not be able to receive the financial aid they rely on. It also claims that University Health Services would not be able to handle the influx of paperwork caused by mandatory health insurance.

“The university Health Services has stated that it does not have the capacity and the staff to handle such paperwork and ensure that more than 38,000 students have health insur- ance before registration opens,” stated the resolution.

Student Media was unable to contact University Health Services at time of publi- cation for verification.

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Reformation of FIU’s SGC-MMC

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Miami hosts oldest book fair

University professors part of featured authors this year

LATOYA BURGESS
Staff Writer

Three professors from the English Department at the Biscayne Bay Campus will be part of the world’s oldest and largest book fair in the nation.

The Miami International Book Fair, which is free to the public, will take place Nov. 8 to Nov. 15 at Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus, located at 401 N.E. 2nd Ave.

Les Standiford, director of the Creative Writing Program in the English Department at BCC, John Dufresne, professor of creative writing and Florida Book Award Winner, and Meri-Jane Rochelson, associate chair of the English Department, will be among the authors featured at this year’s book fair.

Standiford is the author of Last Train to Paradise, a biography published September 2006 about Henry Flagler, an olman who helped establish Florida as a vacation destination and dreamt of building a railroad from Miami to Key West.

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Halloween parties

ON CAMPUS

The Office of Campus Life and Orientation at the Biscayne Bay Campus will host “Monster Mash,” a Michael Jackson-themed costume party.

It will take place in the Wolfe University Center Ballrooms Oct. 30 from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Entry is free to students with valid Panther ID. The entry fee for the rest of the community is $3.

The party will feature a “fast costume” contest, where the top three contestants will receive a Michael Jackson poster, and a Michael Jackson impersonation contest, the major event of the night, in which the winners will receive Michael Jackson CDs. The first prize includes a special Michael Jackson DVD.

There will also be a live DJ all night, as well as free food, drinks and giveaways.

NEAR CAMPUS

Many bars and lounges will be hosting Halloween parties, and they are all free.

• Billy’s Pub Too, 732 N.E. 125th St., North Miami.

There will be a Halloween-themed party Oct. 30 and Oct. 31 until 5 a.m. Everybody gets in free, but students must be 21 and over.

Winners of the costume contests will receive prizes, such as a house tab. Regular happy hour specials will be honored from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Specials include $6 pitchers of domestic beers.

For more information, call (305) 899-9986.

• Blue Royal Lounge, 13750 W. Dixie Hwy, North Miami.

A Halloween-themed party will take place Oct. 31, from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Everyone gets in free, but students must be 21 and over.

There will be a costume contest, but prizes have yet to be announced.

Regular happy hour specials on drinks and $1 off beers will be honored. Free shots will be given away every night throughout the night.

For more information, call 305-893-8054.

• Miami Prime Grill, 16595 Biscayne Blvd., North Miami Beach.

Miami Prime Halloween Bash on Oct. 31, from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Everyone gets in free, but students must be 21 and over.

There will be a costume contest, beer pong tournament, ice luge and DJ entertainment. Cash prizes for the costume contest are: $500 for first place, $150 for second place and $75 for third. The winner of the beer pong tournament will receive $50 in cash as a prize for the winner.

Specials include: $2 house shots, $3 Jager shots, $4 Patron shots, $1 jacks and $5 drinks from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. Drinks will include martinis, long island, mojitos, and Hennessy and coke.

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will, a literary biography published in December 2008. "Zangwill was a part of the Women's Suffrage movement, the Zionist movement and the Anti-War movement in the early 20th century," she said. "He is the first Jewish celebrity of the 20th century, he's very famous and not a lot of people know about him, that is why I chose to write about this."

Rochelson is the co-editor of Transforming Genres and New Approaches to British Fiction, which she wrote with Nikki Lee Manos.

A buzz has already been circulating around BBC even for students who have never been to the Miami International Book Fair. "I've never been to any book fair, but I would love to see what kinds of authors are coming," I'm curious. I'm a firm believer that you don't like books as much as you like the people who write them" said Rebekah Keida, a sophomore nutrition major.

Different multi-colored tents will be set up where attendees can stop by each booth and purchase books, food and souvenirs. The book fair's main attraction are the more than 300 national and international authors, who will conduct readings, discussions and answer questions from their readers.

In its 26th year, Miami hosted its first two-day book fair called Books by the Bay in 1984. As the fair attracted more book-lovers and authors, the event grew so large that by the 1980s it was renamed the Miami International Book Fair, becoming the largest literary festival in the country, according to the fair's official Web site.

Several noted authors like Anne Rice, Tom Wolfe and Alice Walker among hundreds of other famous authors have presented their work at this annual fair. Rice is most famous for her first book, Interview with the Vampire, published in 1976, which was later turned into a motion picture: 1994's Interview with the Vampire, starring Brad Pitt and Tom Cruise.

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Many students are fans of the book fair and are looking forward to attending this year. Jorge Amador, a graduate student in public relations said he has been attending the fair since the seventh grade.

Amador said it was good to be exposed to the different points of views through the discussions at the fair. He remembered a discussion last year about how blacks and Hispanics are portrayed in the media. "It seems the only time minorities are in the newspapers is it to talk about something bad that has happened in an urban community," said Amador. "It was very exciting; the book fair keeps literature relevant."
Internet junkies say: Time to get off Web

FAREED ISSA
Contributing Writer

Undoubtedly, technology is constantly changing our society. It has altered the way we gather information, consume news and keep in touch with others. We use technological devices on a daily basis and it is a very common part of our lives – and perhaps, because of this constant use, these devices alter our own minds.

A growing number of scientists believe this is the case. Texting and even Facebook can definitely distract individuals from doing other tasks, but what researchers are more concerned about is if our own brains will eventually turn into what is being called “plastic brains.”

Perhaps this has something to do with how we express emotions. Songs that used to express love through actual words and feelings are now about sending text messages with smiley faces and abbreviations. Take the song by Trey Songz, called “LOL Smiley Face.”

The song illustrates the quintessential “gay like girl” story, but technology permeates; throughout the song the girl sends the guy text messages about how she likes him. In return, the guy sends her text messages with the heartfelt word: LOL, and a digital smiley face.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
Special guests, events give housing students an edge

When you live on campus, there are always perks and events to fill your schedule.

Living in a residential hall not only brings you closer to your classmates, but it also brings you closer to your personal space. When living in a residential hall you can have a more private experience with world renowned CNN journalist Soledad O’Brien.

All year long, students who reside in housing benefit from the University’s events. These events bring guest lecturers to the University throughout the year with many hours of monetary support to produce memorable events.

ROCKY HORROR PLAY

MATTHEW RUCKMAN
Asst. Opinion Editor

‘Virgin’ wants more shows this Fall

The production – complete with silhouetted felloes, a speedo-clad Aryan and a time warp dance – was a joy that culminated in a transsexual orgy that made me feel like both washing and clapping my hands.

This was a crowd-pleaser and made me wonder whether other performances like Rocky Horror were to be put on by the very capable Theater Department. The answer was a little depressing: not soon. After the performance of Bitchie Spirit on Nov. 5-7, there won’t be much offered during the remainder of the Fall semester.

One reason more shows can’t be put on is money. The admission ticket for most of the performances only covers basic costs of the production, never compensating the actors or staff for their many hours of labor.

Even then, most shows enjoyed an infusion of funds from the University could guarantee even more theater shows students could enjoy.

An infusion of funds from the University could guarantee even more theater shows students could enjoy. Money being as sparse as it is these days calls for some better allocation of already existing funds.

For example, theatrical performances could enjoy the University’s already allocated funds. The number of Colombians who have been murdered in recent years has made me wonder when the University’s policies will extend to help put on more shows.

The answer is obvious in these on-campus performances and shouldn’t be outweighed by the Golden Panther linebackers.

A more equal portion of FIU’s money pool should be going to the Theater Department and to other entertainment functions on campus.

Instead of benching our starters by funneling money into shoulder pads and jock straps maybe some of that money stream could be diverted to the arts, in the long term.

If the Theater Department can succeed in making man-on-man contact entertaining, as they’ve done in Rocky Horror, they’ve replaced most of football’s nache anyway.

Have something to say? Join the conversation today at FIUSM.com.
NIGHT O' FRIGHT
Halloween festivities abound throughout Magic City

CHRISTOPHER NECUZE
Editor in Chief

In many ways, Halloween is the perfect night to live in Miami. It’s the one night a year locals take to the streets to let loose and be themselves — that is, by not being themselves.

This town has no shortage of excuses to don that costume you’ve been thinking of all month long; and because the haunted eye falls on a Saturday this year, you can rest assured that the parties will go to all hours and all weekend.

Here are a few haunts to keep in mind when you and some of your favorite ghosts and gals take on the night.

COCONUT GROVE
Those veterans of Halloween in Miami know that the biggest party is in the Grove. There are always excesses of food, alcohol and college students at this party; it’s so big, it spills into the streets into a full-blown block party.

This year’s event is appropriately themed after the late King of Pop’s most well-known album, Thriller. Thriller Night in Coconut Grove promises to treat you to a fair share of prominent local DJs and Michael Jackson impersonators.

As expected, there will be the usual slew of costume contests around the various moon-walking competitions, with up to $3,500 up for grabs in cash prizes.

The festivities will go from 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31. Tickets are $30, but it gets you access to all the entertainment and an open bar compliments of Miller Beer and Kilo Kai Rum. All proceeds of this event will go to Shade-A-Leg Miami, a local charity for disabled and at-risk youth.

SOUTH BEACH
If salty ocean air is more your thing, head over to South Beach on All Hallow’s eve with Lincoln Road dialed into your GPS. The Van Dyke Cafe, located at 846 Lincoln Road will be having another Halloween block party, this one voodoo themed.

Guests can enjoy a free concert by New Orleans blues group IKO IKO in the upstairs lounge, which promises to take guests to the “origins of voodoo.”

One way or the other, Van Dyke’s has a lot to offer in terms of moderately priced brews, with domestic bottles for $4 and imports for $5. You can also enjoy one of Van Dyke’s signature cocktails, like the Mango Cosmo or the Orange Mojito, all

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
Five blogs contain fantastic content for cooking fanatics

The blogosphere is home to many subjects, ranging from important social issues to the most frivolous of celebrity gossip. Thankfully for us foodies, recipe and entertaining blogs fall somewhere in the middle, offering a plethora of knowledge that can be used to our advantage. Without further adieu, here’s a look at five food blogs that stand out.

COLLEGE FOOD EXPERIMENTS
Chipotle experiments.blogspot.com
College Food Experiments is written by Alyse, a busy biology anthro major with a penchant for dorm room dining.

Content includes novice-friendly recipes, articles on topics such as the “Freshman 15,” and a list of the supplies every college dorm resident needs in order to get cooking.

I recommend this blog for those who need inspiration for a quick, cheap, easy meal without going bankrupt in the process.

BAKERELLA
www.bakerella.com
Along with cookie, cake and pastry recipes with bright step-by-step photographs to match the tour-de-force of this blog is the on-going series of Cake Pop recipes.

Cake Pops — a mixture of cake and cream cheese to make them moldable — were first introduced as simple candy coated spheres, but décor ideas for them have been established for various occasions such as graduation, Christmas and the fast-approaching Halloween.

This is a blog that will offer fun, simple dessert options to satisfy your sweet tooth.

ALMOST VEGETARIAN
almostvegetarian.blogspot.com
This blog covers all things healthy — namely vegetarian recipes, cookbook reviews and articles regarding nutrition, diet and the benefits of organic living.

There are also some recipes for indulgent desserts made with vegetarian or vegan ingredients — all of the decadence, but half the calories.

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We have a saying here in Miami that I believe goes “Shots! Shots! Shots! Everybody!” and “Dale, que tu pueedes!” Can there be a balance between having a comfortable place to knock back a few beers and a place to eat and converse without having to lean in and... “huh?” There’s an old saying in Madrid, “When you eat, you drink. When you drink, you eat.” I like that balance.

I usually try to stay away from the typical big load bars with bad food. My hearing is already suffering from the many hours I’ve spent flogging inside nightclubs under the thick, deafening attendish house beat of Miami. Sometimes, blocking everyone out isn’t satisfying anymore. Sometimes, I just want to sit and listen.

Wow, if my mother ever reads this last line she’s probably rolling her eyes in disbelief. But it’s for those very reasons that I go to Fox’s on Tuesday nights for Shuffl e Tuesday.

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I never bothered with this place – no kisses and otherworldly. Happy hour at this sushi bar is currently my favorite place to bring someone for sushi. The interior design of this sushi is beautiful and otherworldily. Happy hour at this sushi bar makes the appetizers half off and sake shots are $1. The staff has always been cheerful and polite with us, and they also offer outdoor seating.

So, Irish pub that feels more like a afterthought than a genuine Irish bar: bad idea. Excellent Japanese sushi with quick staff, great happy hour and impressive designs: great idea.

For the beer lovers out there, there is Yardhouse in Merrick Park on 320 South Lorenzo Ave. Yardhouse is massive. I went there for the first time last week and while I was looking for my seated friends, I took note of the food being served. It is quintessentially American: big portions, mountains of mashed potatoes, alpha male burgers and pizza. I won’t pretend that I am an expert on beer, but I have never been so overwhelmed with a seemingly inexhaustible list of beers. I chose the beer that for some reason or another jumped out at me: the Snakebite.

Yes, Halloween is coming up. Zombie wannabes all across Miami will be moaning for brains and “passatiburg.” Whatever your plans are for the weekend, I suggest that you keep your wits about you: drunken vamppires and pretty puking sex bunnies will be on those slick black late night streets.

I can’t understand why someone would risk a DUI or death when just lying down and passing out in the backseat is so much safer. I’m no one to judge, but I do have advice: responsibly drink and eat a big meal. The Spanish were onto something clever when they realized it was better to serve tapas and food with the quiche than to just serve beer.

“The Neon Night” is a weekly column focusing on Miami nightlife. Look for it every Friday in The Beacon and on FUSIM.com.

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South Florida gears up for Halloween 2009 events

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Craven’s writing is not perfect. Certain dialogue falls flat, and how many times can the teen couple mid-coitus meet a violent end? Nancy is a typical teenager and so is Glen, and so the problem of stereotyping is there in many movies. But it is Freddy’s movie. It’s not enough to lurk and hide in dreams; you’ve got to bring real power and imposition to the role, which Englund does with such mastery. It is fair to say that this is an iconic role.

The star of course is Freddy, whose costume will be worn for countless Halloweens. In fact, I think I’ve chosen my costume for this year.

Verdict: Recommended.

“When It’s Worth It?” is a weekly feature rating the relatively quiet films screened by SPC. A Nightmare on Elm Street will be shown in GC 140 on Oct. 30 at 5 and 8 p.m.
Kiddcrusher promotes the spirit of Halloween everyday. This horrorcore artist especially shows it in his popular YouTube video, “Meet The Monsters.” Although Kiddcrusher’s music has not gone mainstream, it is great to know that a grown man takes the foundation of Halloween so seriously that he has dedicated his life to shooting low-budget videos with his face painted while yelling obscenities into the camera.

Kidcrusher could just go trick-or-treating, but he gave up lollipops and Butterfingers for the thrill of promoting Halloween year round. With a wild head of hair and a variety of face paint masks, KidCrusher’s favorite character to be is the clown. It looks like he is trying to be to Halloween what Santa Claus is to Christmas. Indeed, Kiddcrusher is a loveable, bloodthirsty character that sprays his Halloween carrots through violent death-oriented lyrics.

Truthfully, it is a fitting time to take a look at the hip-hop style that is horrorcore, not because of the subpar performances by Kidcrusher and others, but for what it is most of the time. The sub-genre, which can be classified under rap or metal, combines dark lyrics and violence into horror-themed music. It has found a niche and a good following. The reason the music has not been able to surface in the mainstream is obvious, due to its propensity for violent words and thoughts that can include suicide and murder, among other things. Early versions of Three 6 Mafia’s and Eminem’s music can be described as horrorcore rap. Gravediggaz, a group with roots older than Kiss, has had the most success of all artists in the sub-genre, having had a respectable career.

After all, the veteran group does feature Wu-Tang Clan member RZA, giving them a credible connection to hip-hop. The group has shown the ability to lace beats with poetry and solid wordplay, regardless of the subject matter. The music is not necessarily yelling and preaching violence as much as it is describing hardship and pain through horror themes. It can be entertaining, as long as it is listened to for the horror theming, just like going to the movies to watch the latest fright flick.

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Senior D’Haiti finds his way into starting lineup

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In his five years with the Golden Panthers, O’Darris D’Haiti has commuted from North Haiti in order to be a member of the football team. A walk-on, his countless trips on the campus shuttle bus from Biscayne Bay Campus to make it organized team activities are starting to earn him more playing time as a senior.

D’Haiti will start his third consecutive game at cornerback when the Golden Panthers face Louisiana on Oct. 31 at FIU Stadium. Beyond special teams, D’Haiti has never assumed a major role on defense in his career. The senior is now stepping in for an injured Dez Johnson and playing solid coverage.

“Proud of him. I think one day we will all have the chance to tell a great story about O’Darris and all the things that he has done and the sacrifices that he’s made to be a member of this football program,” said FIU coach Mario Cristobal. “To be able to be here as helping out his family and everything else that he does with that.”

D’Haiti, who has 21 tackles on the season, often has to find other means to stay up to date when he cannot be on time to OTAs. Since the NCAA does not allow for the team to give him transportation outside of games, the staff overcomes that with constant communication.

Panthers looking for first ever win against UL

Cedric Mack, Kevin Van Kirk, Jonathan, Bryant, and Alajajian have all played extensively for stretches and are competing to fill the last two spots on the unit.

“It is not up to our par,” Cristobal said. “Not up to what we want to do with him.”

Cristobal added that D’Haiti is preparing for the final two games.

“He is probably to play against UL after injuring a shoulder vs. ASU.”

Cornerback Anthony Guitor is expected to play vs. UL after a shoulder injury he aggravated against ASU.

Linebacker Winston Fraser will not play on Saturday.

Accountability, comedy keys to keeping things light

Streaking

The Golden Panthers will need the offensive line to progress if they want to make a run to match last season’s five wins, or win the next five contests and become bowl eligible with six victories.

Against Louisiana, part of their responsibility will be to give quarterback Paul Patruea time so that he can make good decisions against a Ragin’ Cajun secondary that generates takeaways. UL is first in the conference with 10 interceptions as a team.

“They show a lot of different fronts, they move a lot,” McCaill said of UL’s defense. “They do a lot of difficult things in the secondary that a lot of the teams that we play don’t usually do because of how complex they are.”

FIU lost at UL 49-20 last season.

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Track

were recruiting me, I would be the best on their team,” Canady said. “I didn’t want to go somewhere I would be the best. I wanted to be somewhere where somebody else could push me.”

Mejia has been one of those leaders to push Canady.

“He always tells me to be on time, but that’s just him picking on me,” Mejia feels he is just trying to make sure Canady understands how much more accountability is necessary to compete at the college level.

“I get her about some stuff. Well, about being on time,” Mejia said about making sure Canady is responsible. “We help them throughout the season. Setting up a schedule where you’re not doing your homework at 3 a.m. and waking up at 6. We also try to work with their time management and tell them they have to go to the training room. I told her she can’t be a good runner if she doesn’t take care of her body.”

Sun Belt Freshman of the Year Sebastian Castillo said having a track on campus would save some time while Canady said it reminds her of her high school days.

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First Place: The Golden Panthers women’s soccer team moved into first place in the conference following a pair of weekend wins, and moved into the top 10 in the NCAA’s South Region ranking, tied at 10 with three teams.

Western Kentucky and Middle Tennessee, both of whom will try and redeem themselves for their defeats by the men’s team of the Golden Panthers earlier this season. The match against Middle Tennessee could determine the winner of the East Division, with the Blue Raiders trailing FIU by one game.

“This is because of their maturity and their depth,” Campbell said. “Both of those young people are because of their maturity level,” Campbell said. “Both of those young people came in and some of the seniors from last year’s team are we’re being led by them.”

Matchup with MTSU could settle East Division
Golden Panthers look for push up front

JONATHAN RAMOS  
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In the first game of the season against Alabama, FIU coach Mario Cristobal comfortably started five upperclassmen on his offensive line. By the third contest, the comfort level stymied as Cristobal began to tinker with his starting unit. Now, heading into a home matchup with Louisiana (4-3, 2-1 Sun-Belt) on Oct. 31 for the season’s eighth game, the tinkering is still ongoing as the team has yet to settle on a consistent offensive front.

Two games into 2009, the lineup that featured three seniors and two juniors was scratched, and in four of the last five games, the Golden Panthers have not started the same unit in consecutive games. FIU (1-6, 1-3) has allowed the most sacks in the Sun Belt Conference at 22.

“I think the part that is disappointing about that is that a lot of time the offensive line is going to get blamed when things don’t go well offensively,” Cristobal said. “But there are several things involved in that formula, and the offensive line did do some things that were pretty good. Not exactly where we want to be all the time, but at the same time not as bad as it seemed on paper statistically.”

The most recent shakeup on the offensive line saw freshman Rupert Bryan inserted at tackle over senior Joe Alajijian at Arkansas State. Cristobal said Bryan, who played roughly 20 plays, graded out well.

“He did well, Rupert is a very good football player,” Cristobal said. “He’s athletic. He’s explosive. He played against [SBC preseason Defensive Player of the Year Alex Carrington] and he was good.”

Cristobal added that against ASU the starting offensive line as a whole did not perform better the previous games, however, and that more lineup changes are possible. The third-year coach said that he inserted Bryan at tackle to challenge Alajijian, and that some of the younger linemen are being pressed into action earlier than he thought.

“He is one of the guys that you would like to redshirt,” Cristobal said of Bryan. “But we’re in a situation where we got to play him and get him ready.”

In addition to Bryan, fellow freshman David Iantiani has stepped in and played both guard and tackle while starting the last five games, respectively. Although center Brad Serini, tackle Andy Leavine and guard Mario Caraballo have started every contest this season, Luis Aribi,

INCONSISTENT: The Golden Panthers offensive line is looking for the right combination of starters to keep the sacks to a minimum.

Volleyball hoping to avoid late season meltdown to SBC foes

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The Golden Panthers have rolled through their Sun Belt schedule so far, going undefeated and relatively unscathed by their conference opponents.

But as the wins continue to pile up, the target on their backs grows larger with five conference foes preparing for the opportunity to dash the Panthers’ hopes of a perfect conference record on their own home court in what could be the most difficult stretch FIU has faced since the beginning of the season.

“We’ve been working the whole season for this,” said Yarimar Rosa. “We know that the end of the season was going to be tough. We need to prepare for these five games like they are the most important games.”

The trip begins Friday night against New Orleans, the team that eliminated the Golden Panthers from the Sun Belt tournament last season.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Team competes amid lack of track

SERGIO BONILLA  
Sports Director

With no track on campus, the Golden Panthers men and women’s cross country teams have to hold practices on any location possible.

This season, the teams practiced at Tropical Park, and the runners are using the program’s lack of resources as a driving force to do well in the Sun Belt Conference tournament in Louisiana on Oct. 31.

“We do feel sometimes it gives us that extra boost because you want to prove yourself,” Clarissa Mejia said. “You want to show them, ‘Hey, we don’t have a facility, but we’re good enough to compete.’ We’re going to be just as good or better than our opponents.”

Neither the men’s team nor the women’s team has ever won a Sun Belt Championship.

Coach Eric Campbell, who has been involved with the program for five years, said both squads are different this season because of individuals’ responsible characters.

“The difference between this team and teams that we’ve had in years past is that across the board each and every athlete is more accountable of themselves,” Campbell said.

YOUNG LEADERS

Freshman Tai Camacho chose to attend FIU because she did not want to be the team’s star. She wanted her teammates to challenge her.

“Some of the other schools that...