Student missing since Nov. 2

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A FIJI member and law school student was reported missing by the FIU Police on Nov. 11. Tommy D. Daniels was last seen at Cici’s Pizza near the Modesto Maidique Campus on Nov. 2, according to the police report.

Adam Hagen, a fellow FIU member, reported on Wednesday to FIU Police that Daniels “upon seeing a police officer entering the restaurant, stated ‘They are coming to get me.’” stated the report.

Daniels, who is also the FIJI house director, then fled the restaurant and has not been seen since. He was reported missing nine days after he was last seen.

Daniels’ car is still parked at the FIJI house, according to The Miami Herald. His fraternity brothers and girlfriend haven’t been contacted by him and neither has his family.

All attempts to contact Daniels, according to the report, have failed. FIU Police is handling the case. Sgt. R. Diaz is the investigator assigned to the case.

Daniels is a third-year law student.

On Nov. 11, Daniels was entered into both the National Crime Information Center and the Federal Citizen Information Center as a missing person.

Daniels is 6-foot-5 and was last seen wearing a grey tank top and beige cargo shorts.

Anyone with information should call FIU Police at 305-348-2626 or 305-348-2633.

Audits reveal ProCard misuse

Four staff members ‘separate’ from FIU

DAVID BARRIOS
Staff Writer

President Mark Rosenberg has reported two more cases of inappropriate use of University issued procurement cards.

According to an e-mail sent by Rosenberg to all faculty and staff dated Nov. 3, one member of the staff had inappropriately used one of his/her procurement cards while another staff member had failed to follow established approval procedures for payments on the cards. “The card holder and the approver have separated from the University,” stated Rosenberg in the same e-mail.

The names of the staff members and the circumstances of the separations have not been made public by the University.

This follows a similar occurrence in September when an e-mail was sent to faculty and staff noting the separation from the University of a senior faculty member for inappropriate use of the card along with a staff member who failed to follow established approval procedures.

THE SYSTEM

Procurement cards, much like University issued credit cards, are issued to members of the faculty and staff who make purchases for their respective department’s needs, such as University business expenses or travel.

SPINNING: DJ Kaeno spins techno and house music as the fourth and final DJ of the evening at FIU Ultra held Nov. 13. For more photos from Homecoming Week, turn to pages 6-7.
**NEWS FLASH**

**NATIONAL**

24 gallons of water found on moon

NASA announced that it has found water on the moon.

In a Nov. 13 announcement, NASA stated that a significant amount of water, approximately 24 gallons, was found on the lunar surface.

According to CNN, the discovery was made as a result of the Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite, which crashed on the moon as part of its mission.

NASA plans to continue funding similar missions to test different parts of the lunar surface.

**TECH**

Dell goes mobile in China, Brazil

Dell has announced its first entry into the mobile phone market.

Dell released the Mini 3, a mobile phone running Google’s Android operating system, for markets in China and Brazil only.

Dell did not release specifications. However, the phone is confirmed to not have WiFi in compliance with China’s strict Internet governance.

**PRO CARD, page 1**

Rosenberg reports two more card abuse cases by staff

“People do run into problems when they cross that fine line. It’s not appropriate and we think it needs to be reviewed,” Jessell said.

“Certain transactions cannot be made on the University issued cards,” Jessell said. "We do have the appropriate systems in place to protect the integrity of this credit card system. No matter what system we have, there will always be an opportunity for abuse,” Jessell said.
The president of the FIU anime club Anything Goes Anime was involved in a physical altercation with a member of the club's executive board.

Pedro Cortes, who was elected president of the club September 2008, was placed in custody after Public Safety was called to the club's Winter Masquerade event on Nov. 6.

The victim, Carla Slon, AGA director of public relations, was giving a speech in the Graham Center Ballrooms at the time of the incident.

According to the police report, Cortes “grabbed her by her left arm while she was on stage and pulled her toward him, turning her around by force.”

According to both Slon and Cortes, while Cortes grabbed Slon, he said, “If you pull that again, we are going to have problems.”

The report states that Slon had no visible injuries.

“IT was just very scary,” Slon told Student Media.

“It is one of those things that you see in horror movies and you’re like, ‘Oh, I wouldn’t be scared at that. It’s terrifying.’”

The altercation began after she dedicated a song to the Council of Student Organizations, breaking Cortes’ preferred set list.

Slon said, “What I did was rude,” Cortes told Student Media.

He added that given the friendly relationship he had shared with Slon, he did not expect the situation would turn out the way it did.

A witness to the incident, junior Savannah Alvater, said that Cortes handled the situation “inappropriately” and regrets that “extreme measures” had to be taken.

Cortes will have to appear in court, according to the police report.

Cortes said he is also awaiting a session with the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution.

Ben F. Badger, Jr., AGA treasurer, said that despite the altercation, the event was successful.

The club raised $400 for Child’s Play, a charity that donates toys and video games to hospital children’s wards around the world.
Homecoming week wraps up with crowning

ROYAL DANCE: Homecoming Queen Amelia Harjoon, a senior in biology, dances with Homecoming King Mohamed Ghumrawi, a senior in psychology.

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Staff Writer

Neither Mohamed Ghumrawi nor Amelia Harjoon thought they had a chance.

“I thought they put the wrong name on the ballot,” said Harjoon, who ran against Lorraine Henderson, a junior business marketing major, and Vanessa Forbes, a senior hospitality management major.

But it was no joke: Biscayne Bay Campus students voted Ghumrawi, a junior double majoring in criminal justice and psychology, and Harjoon, a senior biology major, as Homecoming king and queen, respectively.

Their names, along with the other members of their court, were announced at the “Visions of Atlantis” Homecoming dance held Nov. 12. The event was organized by the Student Program ming Council at BBC.

More than 200 people, of which 149 were students and about 50 non-students, attended, according to the Campus Life.

Attendees got a chance to travel under the sea, or at least a blue-curtained approximation.

This year’s Homecoming prince and princess are Nakeia Calvert, a junior history major, and Ana Perez, a sophomore journalism major.

Calvert ran unopposed, and Perez ran against Nadly Moline, a sophomore majoring in social work.

Ghumrawi, who ran against Blayze Stone, a senior liberal arts major, said he ran for king because he felt the position would let him rep re sent the student body at BBC.

“It’s only fit for that representative to be as involved [on campus] as I am,” Ghumrawi said.

Melissa Binns, a senior public relations major and vice president of SPC-BBC, was in charge of organizing the dance. Although the job of chairing the Homecoming Committee was “thrown” on her last year, Binns said that planning Homecoming and being SPC-BBC vice president was hard, but that she still managed to have fun.

“I’m a senior, so I’m taking the hardest classes in my major,” she said. “And there’s the work load I have both in and out of SPC.” Binns said.

Her responsibilities included planning the music and the Homecoming court.

Although the announcement of the winners marked the end of the Homecoming dance, the beginning and middle did not lack suspense.

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After their set, the performers left the stage and DJ Push Play entertained the crowd for the rest of the night.

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Week of events focuses on international initiative

Cooking demos, cultural fair comes with worldwide flair

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Following the University’s goal to create an international learning environment for students, the Office of Global Learning Initiatives will host a week of discussion panels, informational sessions and guest speakers.

The Office of Global Learning Initiatives is an interdepartmental committee that includes the Department of International Student and Scholar Services, Multicultural Programs and Services, Student Government Association, the Office of Campus Life & Orientation, the Center for Leadership and Service, the Women’s Center, Housing & Residential Life, University Health Services, Student Programming Council, Career Services, Student Organizations Council and the Recreation Department, according to Julie Wilbers, IEW coordinator.

These departments co-sponsored and organized a series of events to celebrate International Education Week, which starts the week of Nov. 16 at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Students will be able to go to informational sessions where they can learn how to study in Japan for one semester, test their IQ levels, and celebrate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to promote opportunities for cross-cultural exchange and to celebrate the benefits of international education, according to the IEW official Web site.

The partnership started in 2000 both nationwide and at the University, and is now celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide.

IEW also celebrates the benefits of worldwide education through a week of events that educate the public about different cultures, countries and diverse points of view.

• The events begin Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. in the Wolfe University Center’s Panther Square with a cultural fair, which will feature cultural displays, a martial arts performance and giveaways.

This week on campus

MOnday • NOV 16
Kick-off Day & Cultural Fair
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Parmer Square

International Cooking Demo
8 – 9:30 p.m.
Boy Veto Housing

Tuesday • NOV 17
Venture Abroad Fair
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Parmer Square

Wednesday • NOV 18
International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Parmer Square

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"Lo Que No Dije"

• There will also be a presentation from International Alternative Spring Break, a program in which students travel to a Third World country and do community service in a village they sponsor during spring break.

• There will also be a presentation from the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program, a government sponsored program that organizes exchanges between Japanese students and American ones.

• “Venture Abroad Day” will also give students an opportunity to network with people from the Miami area.

Tuesday’s events begin at 11 a.m. in Panther Square.

• Wednesday will be the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Beginning at 11 a.m. in Panther Square, there will be a poetry presentation with On Point Poetry, a poetry student club based at the Biscayne Bay Campus, featuring domestic violence-themed poems.

• There will also be a forgiveness burning ceremony, where students will be encouraged to participate and burn things that have hurt them in the past in order to forgive the people that caused them pain, and a free self-defense class in the Recreation Center’s aerobics room after the ceremony.

• Ada Alvarez, a graduate student, who at age 16 wrote the book Lo Que No Dije (What I Didn’t Say) about domestic violence, will be the day’s guest speaker.

By the age of 19, she had already spoken at more than 70 conferences in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

“I will deal with prevention because you cannot prevent domestic violence without the proper education,” she said. “It’s important, especially in the college community, to educate against this crime.”

• There will be an international dinner and dance in the Bay Vista community room on Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.

Free lunch will be provided to students and staff participating in International Education Week events, which are free and open to all students.

“The more, the merrier!” Wilbers said.

For more information, contact Julie Wilbers at 305-919-5813, or visit the Office of Campus Life and Orientation in the Wolfe University Center, Room 141.
LEFT: Vignesh Doraiswamy (left) and Katrina Fumagali (right) were announced Homecoming king and queen of the Modesto Maidique Campus during halftime at the Homecoming football game, Nov. 14.

RIGHT: President Mark Rosenberg and his wife, Jennifer Rosenberg, wave to a cheering crowd of students while riding on a Volkswagen at the FIU Parade on Nov. 13. The parade started between the Blue and Gold garages and continued past the stadium. Rosenberg was the grand marshal of the parade. Student organizations created floats that represented University traditions including the Kissing Bridge, DMU’s Cube and GIC’s Seal.

ABOVE: Dj fire rides on a crowd of fans at FIU Ultra on Nov. 13. The event was free to students and was held between the Blue and Gold garages, it lasted until 2 a.m. Other DJs spinning that night included Jorge Felix, Danny Daze and Kaeno.

ABOVE: Greg Pellicer (left), father of FIU football’s No. 59 Cody Pellicer, and Cindi Giannone (right), girlfriend, await the upcoming game against North Texas. Other parents also participated in FIU’s 5th annual Parent & Family Weekend where parents were involved in activities held on campus, to feel what it is like to be a Panther.
F.R.E.E.: FOR RIDICULOUSLY EXCITING ENTERTAINMENT

Game helps escapes fight to keep freedom

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cientific experimen-
tation on humans is usually frowned upon. And while I’m not entirely sure that the subject of the Thing series is actually human – in fact, I’m pretty sure it isn’t – it is definitely the product of some horrible experiments, and it is definitely not too happy about it.

The series has been improving its formula since the release of the original game in 2005. Created by Wesen of Diseased Productions, the game grew to include three sequels and three arena-fighting spin-offs.

The original games are side-scrolling, arcade shooters that boast a ton of weapons, customizable characters, over-the-top environments and interactive environments.

Thing Thing Arena takes the same fast-paced action and pits players against each other in increasingly wild environments.

There is no need for a story line here, the only goal is to survive for as long as you can.

The latest installments in each series, Thing Thing 4 and Thing Thing Arena 3, have some very notable improvements over the previous entries. After escaping from your containment cell and realizing freedom, it is you who are free.

When you run out of ammo, or just get tired of the weapon you’re using, you can throw one at an enemy to buy some time to switch weapons or pick up a new one. Enemies drop weapons when they die and walking over one while your weapon slots are empty will allow you to automatically pick it up.

Another cool add-on is the lead pipe. If you are out of ammo and in a bind, you can switch to your pipe and melee your way through a crowd. It’s not so useful against enemies with shotguns but something is always better than nothing.

Thing Thing Arena 3 has also added new challenges. Instead of simply killing as many enemies as you can, extra points are awarded for doing it with a bit of style. They have also added a command for executions and some achievements to unlock through some creative killing.

This game also adds new weapons and a couple of new outfits which adds the option to play as a girl.

Not to mention Chipendale’s unreal power-drumming and voice effects give the band a collective sound. The product

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Contributing Writer

Note-rock and metal are two genres that, for some odd reason, have a blurry, gray distinction.

The two are abrasive, experimental and angry. Classifications between the two strands of rock deal mostly with aesthetics.

Noise-rock bands usually affiliate themselves with a broad DIY mentality arguably introduced and influenced by 80’s hardcore punk.

It’s a humble approach to playing shows that are your glossy arena-rock concerts.

Metal, however, has always carried a type of grindhouse, almost biblical vision of popularity where small clubs aren’t big enough to house such walls of dark sound.

But if the line between noise-rock and metal are already cloudy, then Lightning Bolt’s new album, Earthly Delights, does not help the cause.

The pummel-throbbing Providence, Rhode Island noise giants released their fifth album: an album so rough and doney, it can easily be passed off as some kind of post-metal oddity.

Lightning Bolt are comprised of Brian Chippendale on drums, vocals and Brian Gibson on bass guitar...sort of.

See, Gibson modifies his bass guitar to hold both guitar and bass strings, then passes that sound through pedals and effects. The work of one guitar player now sounds like eight.

Not to mention Chipendale’s upbeat, almost biblical vision of populating the causes.

Lightning Bolt is a “metal band.” Song titles like “Dracula Mountain,” “Ride The Sky” and “Riff-Wraiths” sound like a butcher of a book.

Earthly Delights is an album of dark sound, with delusions of Melville-like epics.

The album’s sound is pretty consistent. Though it may be their most flattering characteristic, it’s anachronic consistency that makes Earthly Delights one of the best rock albums of the year.

Just don’t call it an earthly delight.

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THREE WEEK ON CAMPUS: HOMECOMING EDITION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009
CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST
WHERE: 9:30 a.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 243
MUSLIM STUDENT ORGANIZATION
Lecture/Dinner
WHERE: 6 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC Faculty Lounge
FRENCH CLUB
Induction Ceremony
WHERE: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 343
MOIVE MONDAYS: ANVIL!
WHERE: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: Sonat Records
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009
CATHOLIC STUDENT UNION
Catholic Mass
WHERE: 11 a.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 1223
DANCE MARATHON - GENERAL MEETING
WHERE: 5 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC Faculty Lounge
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009
MUSIC SAVES LIVES
WHERE: 6:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 305
STUDENTS WRITE ASSOCIATION
WHERE: 2 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 343
NIGERIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION
WHERE: 12:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 243
SHEN-O-A-TAN - GENERAL MEETING
WHERE: 7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 343
STONWALL PRIDE ALLOWANCE
WHERE: 5 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 343
FREE-COA General Meeting
WHERE: 3:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2009
TRUTH FOR LIFE
General Meeting
WHERE: 1 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 343
DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES
Workshop
WHERE: 2 p.m.
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-Compiled by Mariana Ochoa.
Procurement cards misuse reveals trend, system improvement needed

Up to four people were recently “separated” from the University for improper use of procured procurement cards, according to an e-mail sent by FIU President Mark Rosenberg.

The Beacon supports the University’s zero-tolerance policy regarding the misuse of procurement cards but worries that these events are becoming a trend; there needs to be a serious discussion about the ProCard management system currently in place.

Last September, Rosenberg sent an e-mail to all staff regarding the firing of a senior faculty member for improper use of procurement cards. On Nov. 3, the president sent out yet another e-mail revealing another case of misuse of these cards.

In both cases, two people were involved: the cardholders and the supervisors who failed to report the improper transactions made.

The Beacon believes that such cases, while handled correctly, are alarming because they reveal that the system in place is not necessarily working. The fact that the names or details regarding both cases weren’t released, such as how much money was involved, goes directly against Rosenberg’s goals of a transparent administration.

At the very least, releasing the details surrounding the incident would serve as a clear example of what to do and what not to do for card holders and supervisors.

The University’s administration has recently changed. Rosenberg brought with him a new provost, Douglas Wartzik, and CFO, Kenneth Jessell. It is curious that none of these types of cases were reported during the last administration. These purchases might have been made before Rosenberg’s administration altogether and they are only being discovered now.

It is unusual that these events are coming to light only now as they have clearly been a problem in the past. The program has not been properly handled and it is unusual that we are only learning of these cases now.

In order to be issued a card, a University employee must submit an application and a supervisor must approve the issuance of the card. The supervisor has to approve all transactions made. On Nov. 3, the president sent out an e-mail to all staff regarding the firing of a senior faculty member for misuse of the ProCard.

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In April 2009, 22-year-old Philip Markoff was charged with murder, armed robbery and kidnapping following the killing of a young woman he targeted on Craigslist. Following this and other incidents on Craigslist, the high-volume classifieds site had to reinstitute new policies for listings involving exotic services and dating ads.

Dating Web sites, while they must be approached with caution, are not hubs for rapists and other criminals. The majority of people on dating Web sites are looking for a partner to be with, not for someone to stalk.

Well, unless both parties are into that sort of thing. I myself have done the online dating schtick, and even though most of them did not last longer than a few months (though the longest – and my first – was a little under five years), I considered them successful ventures.

In each, I learned a bit about myself; the male species and the new flavors offered by two men: Ben and Jerry.

Don’t be afraid of dating sites – they’re worth a try. And they’re certainly a nice change of pace from a dingy bar at midnight.

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Golden Panthers split weekend series with OT

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The Golden Panthers women’s basketball team dropped its season opener to North Carolina State on Nov. 13, but the next day the squad was able to pick up their first win of the regular season, in overtime, against Western Michigan.

FIU 71, N.C. STATE 87

Although the Golden Panthers were able to overcome a 21-point deficit in the first half, the North Carolina State defense was too aggressive for the team to handle as it dropped its season opener 87-71 on the Kay Yow Court in Raleigh, NC.

Senior guard Ashley Trangott scored a career-high 25 points and made seven of her eight shots from behind the arc to tie a school record for most three-pointers in a game.

Senior Monika Bosilj also contributed from the three-point line, knocking down four of her eight shots and totaled 20 points. Forward Marquita Adley recorded a double-double, contributing 11 points and 13 rebounds for the Golden Panthers.

With just over six minutes left in the first half, FIU was down 21 points when three-point shots started pouring in.

The Golden Panthers connected on seven shots from behind the arc and scored on eight consecutive possessions during a 29-7 run to take a one-point lead at the half.

The Wolf Pack defense tightened up in the second half and came on strong with the full-court pressure.

Bothered by the Wolf Pack defenders, the Golden Panthers turned the ball over 27 times during the game, which allowed the opponent to benefit with 42 points off turnovers.

The score remained close until State put the game away with a 19-5 run topped off by an Amber Good layup with 39 seconds remaining to take the lead by 19. Bosilj responded with the final score of the game, a three-point shot with 11 seconds left on the clock to make the final score 87-71, N.C. State.

FIU 64, WESTERN MICHIGAN 61

Adley recorded her second double-double, 16 points and 17 rebounds, to lead the Golden Panthers to their first win of the season, a 64-61 overtime victory against Western Michigan to closeout the Sheridan Raleigh Wolf Pack Invitational in North Carolina.

The sophomore point guard, Michelle Gonzalez, contributed with 14 points and two steals, while Maja Krajacic, knocked down 12 points and recorded two blocked shots. Coach Cindy Russo seemed pleased with Gonzalez’s ability to handle pressure during the game.

“I think Gonzalez did a very nice job,” Russo said. “She was fouled a lot and had just one turnover under a lot of pressure.”

Krajacic has made two consecutive starts and has been a nice inside presence, effectively covering big-posting Western Michigan players who are missing their best shot-blocker, Elisa Carey, due to a knee injury.

“Krajacic has been very helpful,” Russo said. “We’ve played two great teams and she has really proved herself.”

Early on, the Broncos jumped out to a 22-14 lead with the help of a three-point shot by Aurielle Andersson.

The Golden Panthers were able to take the lead when Bosilj connected on a shot from behind the arc to open the second half.

With less than two minutes to play, and FIU down by one point, Fanni Hultlass knocked down a three to give the Golden Panthers a lead. WMU’s Taylor Manley responded right away with a jumper in the paint to tie the game at 56 and send it into overtime.

In the overtime period, Adley was able to give the Golden Panthers a one-point lead after connecting on a jumper with 1:36 remaining.

Gonzalez sealed that lead by driving to the basket with a layup with 15 seconds on the clock. Kemmy Dominiak knocked down a three to respond with a three, but she missed with two seconds remaining to give FIU their first win of the season.

When asked what she was most pleased with on the game-winning night, Russo simply responded, “their effort; they never quit and they played really hard.”

Team scores 21 unanswered points

McCall was 12-of-18 for 85 yards and FIU (3-7, Sun Bel 3-4) established a ground game throughout the contest, but game changing takeaways by the FIU defense opened the door for the win.

Trailing by two touchdowns down at halftime, the Golden Panthers defense tightened up on a loose first half effort and forced two key turnovers that set up Younger’s homecoming heroics.

TURNOVERS

Deep in their own territory early in the third quarter, in Texas (2-8, 1-6) quarterback Riley Dodge tossed a pass that missed his target and was snatched by Peter Riley and brought back 26 yards for an FIU score. The interception return brought the Golden Panthers to within one touchdown.

Early in the fourth quarter, the long arms of FIU tight end Jonathan Faucher blocked a North Texas punt that was snapped back down the mean Green’s trap blocking the North Texas 16 yard line. After a fourth down conversion, UNT seven yard line and back-to-back one-yard gains by Kendall Berry on the ground, McCall found T.Y. Hilton in the end zone for a five-yard connection that evened the score at 28.

Younger and the Golden Panthers got the ball back with time to take the lead when UNT receiver Michael Overall fumbled at the North Texas 47-yard line.

Beyond the takeaways, FIU’s defense had an impressive second half performance.

When it came to scoring, youngers were the difference. Coach Mario Cristobal said his team made adjustments and altered their coverage schemes at the half in order to contain the Mean Green’s explosive offense.

Linebacker Aaron Davis, who led FIU in tackles for the third straight game with 13, pointed to the defense getting their assignments corrected to halting Dodge.

“Not to take anything away from [Dodge], but it really wasn’t anything he did,” Davis said of Dodge.

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Although Younger may not be asked to score game-winning touchdowns very often, he is more than willing to embrace the chance when it comes. The speedy Younger did not attempt a pass in the game, but his lone carry was the biggest play of the night.

“Been waiting for it for awhile now,” Younger said. “Been running a lot in practice and stuff like that. Our coach finally gave me a shot to run that play and I just took advantage of my opportunity.”

BASKETBALL, page 1

Transfers happy to debut at home

BERRY GOOD: Kendall Berry runs for his first of two touchdowns vs. the North Texas Mean Green defense

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The Golden Panthers dropped off to an excellent start of the season, leading FIU in points scored. He is a junior college transfer adjusting to Division I opponents, but he is averaging 19.5 points per game in the first two games.

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