Student missing since Nov. 2

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News Director

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 FIJI 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 usage 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 approve 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.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Team looks for victory in front of home crowd

JOEY CRUZ
Staff Writer

Having opened the season against the defending national champion North Carolina Tar Heels, the Golden Panthers basketball team does not have to expect to jitters facing Florida Memorial Lions in its home opener.

“We weren’t nervous going to North Carolina; we’re definitely not going to be nervous for Florida Memorial,” said forward Marvin Roberts.

Coach Isaiah Thomas and the Golden Panthers will be looking to right the defense and win their first home game of the season against cross town rival Florida Memorial on Nov. 17. FIU has lost their first two games of the season and have allowed 88 and 99 points in those losses, respectively.

Although the players say they are not nervous, they are excited to open the season against the Lions. Many of the players have never experienced playing a home opener while playing for a Division 1 school.

Magazine recognizes law dean

MELISSA CACERES
Staff Writer

Four months into his tenure, the dean of the College of Law at FIU has been recognized as one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in the nation.

R. Alexander Acosta was awarded the title by Hispanic Business magazine, a publication that makes its selections every year, basing the results on the candidates’ contribution to their community or profession as well as the way they are “raising the bar in whatever they do.”

This is the second year that Acosta is placed on the list by the magazine, though this time as dean of the law school.

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Rosenberg reports two more card abuse cases by staff

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travel.

“We don’t just hand people a credit card and say, ‘Go buy things for the department or their unit,’” said Kenneth Jessell, FIU’s chief financial officer.

In order to be issued a card, one must submit an application for the card and demonstrate a need for it, and a supervisor must approve the issuance. At that point, the University works with the supervisor and the employee to determine the credit limit. Supervisors along with cardholders are also required to take training for the usage of their cards.

“In some cases, it might be a credit limit of $1,000 and in others, it may be a limit of $40,000 depending upon what the issue is. If it happens to be someone in facilities who has to do a lot of evening work and you have an emergency and they need to get a generator or some other emergency equipment to protect an experiment, they may need a higher credit limit,” Jessell said.

Currently, there are two specialized procurement cards: a commodity card to make purchases for specific items needed for research, or equipment to protect the integrity of this system. No matter what system we have, there will always be an opportunity for abuse,” Jessell said.

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.

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.

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**Law program aids high schoolers**

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had a lot of opportunities and that you’re really lucky and then you sort of say, "What can I do to have some impact?" Acosta said he had that interest in writing, photography or even grammar, don’t have to know everything about them. And that’s what he does. And that’s what he loves.

A graduate from Harvard College and later Harvard Law School, Acosta is the longest serving U.S. attorney in South Florida. He has served for 30 years and was also the first Hispanic to serve as assistant attorney general in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

Since his appointment in June, Acosta has been able to implement new programs to the College of Law, such as the Three Plus Three Program, which allows undergraduates to apply to the college during their junior year.

He has also implemented the "Street Law" Program, which helps high school students understand the law. He has also worked with students who are interested in a dean's scholarship. A large number of the faculty said that they were really interested in a dean's scholarship.

A witness to the incident, junior Savannah Altvater, 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., AAG lawyer, said that despite the incident, 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.

$496,000 grant geared to research

**ALEXANDER MILLER Staff Writer**

In an effort to develop model retention programs for minority students, higher education, the College of Education has been awarded $496,000 to fund three years of research. The University received the Lumina Foundation grant on Nov. 2 so it may observe its strengths and weaknesses and improve the programs it offers students.

FIU graduates more Hispanic students than any other institution in the nation. However, the six-year graduation rate of Hispanic students at public universities is 46 percent compared to 57 percent of white students over the same course of time.

"The student population of FIU is representative of the future of higher education," said FIU President Mark H. Rosenberg, who was named to his position by the Board of Trustees. "All communities are growing to look more like FIU, and that means that we must offer students something that not only meets their needs but also prepares them for the future." The grant looks at what FIU does well and promotes to other minority institutions to improve retention, "Jeffrey Knapp, director of the Academy of The Art of Teaching at FIU, is the lead investigator in developing FIGS. The academy focuses on workshops to improve teaching techniques for the University.

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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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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 that will talk about cultures from around the world and eliminating violence against women, among other topics.

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 information 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. The “Faces of the World” exhibit will feature a presen-
tation of portraits of ethnic people from around the world.
That night, there will be a cooking demonstration for students in the Bay Vista Housing community room at 8 p.m. The cooking demonstration will feature cuisine from various parts of the world.

Nov. 17 is “Venture Abroad Day.” Students will have an opportunity to learn about studying abroad programs, Fulbright scholarships and the Peace Corps.

• 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.

School Spirit: (Top left) Walter Fleming, sophomore business major, tunes his keyboard before performing for the Homecoming Dance, Nov. 12.
(Top right) Jamil Charles, a sophomore biology major, competes in a hula hooping contest in Panther Square during the Homecoming Pep Rally, Nov. 12.
[Bottom] Fraternity members perform at the Homecoming Step Show, Nov. 6.

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LEFT: Vignesh Doraiswamy (left) and Katrina Fumagali (right), girlfriend, were named 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 Volkswagens were provided by sponsor Esserman International. 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 G&G’s Seal.

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 15th annual Parent & Family Weekend where parents were involved in activities held on campus, to feel what it is like to be a Panther.

ABOVE: DJ Irie 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.

BELOW: The Golden Panthers football team raise their helmets to cheering fans after the homecoming 35-28 victory against the North Texas Mean Green. This was the Golden Panthers’ second consecutive homecoming win and their third consecutive win over North Texas.
Duo blurs the line between rock and metal in new album

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Noise-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 ’80s hardcore punk. It’s a humble approach to playing shows that your glossy, arena-rock concerts.

Metal, however, has always carried a type of grandiosity—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 drony, 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. See, Gibson modifies his bass guitar to hold both bass and guitar strings, then passes that sound through pedals and effects. The work of one guitar player now sounds like eight.

Not to mention Chippendale’s surreal power-drumming and voice effects give the band a collective sound. The product is rough, fast and really noisy.

*Earthly Delights* begins with the suitably titled “Sound Guardjians.” The song is Lightning Bolt in a nutshell: stony, violent and harsh. It’s the tone LB have played with since their beginnings in the late ’90s. The beginning of “Colossus,” clocking in at seven minutes, can be confused with an Elec Wizard or Melvins song bar, as soon as Chippendale starts his parade of hell-drums, it becomes pretty distinct as LB fodder.

The song does sound a bit restricted. Lightning Bolt is supposed to sound like a full-fledged band, but the presence of only two members can easily be heard. They experiment with proggy, country riffs (“Funny Farm”), and wreak total chaos with unconventional song structures and call-and-response vocals (“S.O.S.”). Yet, I’ve always thought of Lightning Bolt as a “metal band.”

Song titles like “Dracula Moun’tain,” “Ride The Sky” and “Riff-wraiths” border on exaggeration and epic fantasies. There’s something to be admired about that. A band working on a consistent grassroots aesthetic confused with delusions of Melvinesque epics.

The album’s sound is pretty consistent. Though it may be their most flattering characteristic, it’s anarchic consistency that makes *Earthly Delights* one of the best rock albums of the year. Just don’t call it an earthily delight.

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PROCUREMENT cards misuse reveals trend, system improvement needed

Up to four people were recently “separated” from the University for improper use of University-provided 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 credit 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 vice president, Douglass Ouwens, 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 now only 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 noticing 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 and the employee to determine the credit limit, which can go from $1,000 to $40,000 depending on the department’s needs.

The supervisor has to approve all transactions made.

Although the process seems very detailed, even Jessell admitted that the University does not have the “appropriate systems in place to protect the integrity of this credit card system.”

He added that he thinks that no matter what system there will always be an opportunity for abuse.”

In addition, an internal audit report released in 2008 stated that “purchasing cards accounts for at least 90% of the $300 million in spending by the University. Even though these accounts were not always timely canceled upon termination.”

It is clear that the process and the program need better supervision and more efficient implementation.

University employees should not abuse procurement cards, which are in place to ease the burden of inordinate any department’s needs.

The Beacon feels that the University administration should study the system in place and take initiatives, like firing wrongdoers, to publicly reinforce regulations and rules put in place to guarantee a safe and honest environment to all students and staff.

Less confidants means more friends

Clearing it is not feasible for all the people I know in college to be intimate friends once we leave here, and for that, I’m glad Facebook exists because if not they would disappear from my life completely. But I would surely like to stay in close contact with more than 1.93 of them, so we should do something about this.

I have made a list of people I want to accomplish having lunch with over the next two weeks, and am calling people up and scheduling time to simply catch up on what has happened to them since the last email or devoting my Subway meal quickly and moving onto my next event or exam.

Maybe a similar system can work to improve not just your social circle – but your friend base.

WHAT’S WRONG WITH ROMANCE? PART 2 OF 2

Success stories can be written online

I'm always hanging out on and off campus with people from various social circles; the Greek community, newspaper staff, etcetera. According to a survey by the Pew Internet & American Life Project, this is typical of the current trend: because of current communication technologies, there is an increase in the size of the average person’s social network.

There is the other side to this coin, however, and that is, according to the telephone survey of 2,800 American adults, the number of close confidants we have is down since two decades ago.

The statistics show that, on average, Americans have 1.93 “intimate” friends (compared to almost three in 1985), and that 12 percent of respondents reported having no confidants.

This report came at an interesting time for me because a few days earlier I had become privy to some personal problems that somehow my friends were going through, that I had no idea about.

Sure, I go out to eat with these people and say hello in the halls, but I started to question how many I was truly close to – not of not caring about them, but simply not having time in the modern college environment to really keep up.

Today, I found out on Facebook that one of my friends gave birth – a whole month ago.

I have always praised social networking sites for what they do best: allow me to keep up on everyone’s lives without ever having to talk to them.

I am still up to date with the goings-on of many of my friends that I completely fallen out of touch with otherwise, but is this worth it considering it feels awkward to actually pick up the phone and call a friend for no other reason but to catch up?

I think I have a pretty big social network, and I’m not just talking about my Facebook friends.

Walking through the Graham Center I never pass less than five people that I shake hands with, or say hello to, and I’m always hanging out on and off campus with people from various social circles: the Greek community, newspaper staff, etcetera.

Following this and other dimensions of compatibility people – some of which are my own friends – have been skeptical of these dating sites and what they have to offer.

Craigslist effect” comes into play here. The mistake many people make is aligning Web site with another, dragging along the apparent dangers and consequences it could bring. After all, with a click of a mouse, you can meet a perfect stranger anywhere.

Horror stories include women ending up dead.

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 strange.

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
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 the arc to tie a school record for most three-pointers made in a game.

Senior Monika Bosilj also contributed from the three-point line, knocking down four of her eight shots and she 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 22 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 toppled off by an Amber Good layup with 39 seconds remaining to take the lead over by 19, putting the Wolf Pack on ice and preventing them from making a comeback.

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 Sheraton 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 pres- ence, effectively. Both Panter 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 Auriele Anderson.

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 Hutlassa 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 jump shot with 1:36 remaining.

Gonzalez sealed that lead by driving to the basket with a layup with 15 seconds on the clock. Kemmy Dominique responded 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.

“ verst their effort; they never quit and they played really hard.”

Women’s Basketball

Golden Panthers split weekend series with OT

Team scores 21 unanswered points

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McCall was 12-of-18 for 85 yards and FIU (3-7, Sun Belt 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 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, with Texas (2-8, 1-0 Sun Belt) 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 returned by running back Trenard Turner 22 yards to the North Texas 16 yard line. After a fourth down conversion at the UNF seven yard line and back-to-back one-yard gains by Kendall Berry on the ground, McCaul 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 UNF receiver Michael Olatunfiole fumbled at the North Texas 47-yard line.

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

Golden Panthers 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 holding Dodge.

“Not to take anything away from Dodge,” Davis said of Dodge.

“Not to take anything away from Dodge,” Davis said of Dodge. “It was something that we did. The first long run he had I went on a blitz and I was supposed to have the quarterback, but I ended up chasing the dive because there wasn’t something we had seen before. We made some mistakes.”

“OPPORTUNITY”

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.

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Football

OVERCOMES LATE DEFICIT

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Ever since starting 11 games during the 2007 season, Golden Panthers quarterback Wayne Younger hasn’t seen the field much as the backup.

“I sit back and just wait for my opportunity and I’m here to do whatever the coaches need me to do,” Younger said. “I’m always pretty much ready to do anything they ask me to do.”

With roughly five minutes left in a 28-28 tie with North Texas, Younger came in and was asked to convert on a third down with one yard to go for the first. The junior responded with a 23-yard touchdown run that was the yard to go for the first. The junior responded for 5 p.m.

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Younger’s redemption was complete when he had to fall on top of the ball for a loss of six yards on third down, forcing FIU to punt while down by two touchdowns.

“I hate coming out of games but he adds a completely different element to our offense,” said starting quarterback Paul McCall. “It’s great to see him go out there and have that success and lead us the way he did.”

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

TEAM MAKES HOME DEBUT AFTER WIN

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The Golden Panthers women’s basketball team had trouble handling pressure in their first matchup against North Carolina State – they totaled 27 turnovers in the loss.

After combining for a total of 48 in their first two games, Coach Cindy Russo said it is something the team will continue to work on during practice.

“In practice, we pressure each other all of the time,” said Russo. “It’s something we work on a lot.”

Russo’s expectations for point guard Michelle Gonzalez are seemingly high this season. The junior, who was a junior college transfer last season, has turned the ball over just three times and has scored a combined 19 points in two games thus far. Gonzalez turned over the ball 5.6 times per game last season.

“She definitely gained a tremendous amount of experience with the role she played last year,” Russo said of Gonzalez. “Now we’ll reap the benefits because she’s a poised point guard.”

The Golden Panthers hope to limit turnover and handle pressure more effectively in their home opener against Jacksonville University on Nov. 17 at the U.S. Century Bank Arena. Tip off is set for 5 p.m.

Entering the game, the Golden Panthers have a record of 1-1 after

opening their season on the road against NC State, a 87-71 loss, and Western Michigan, a 64-61 overtime win.

Probable FIU starters for the home opener include Gonzalez, guards Monika Bosilj and Ashley Traugott, forward Marquita Adley, and center Maja Krajacic.

Bosilj, a senior, was selected as part of the All-Sun Belt Conference second team for her performance last season. As a junior, she tied the school record for three-point shots made in a single season with 65 and averaged 14.4 points per game.

Adley has got out to a nice start already this season with two consecutive double-double performances.

The Golden Panthers found their shooting stroke early as they made school history for most three-point shots made in a single game with 13 vs. NC State, snapping the previous record of 11.

Traugott will also look to continue the success she has already displayed this season.

In the road opener against NC State, she tied a school record for three-point shots made in a game with seven and knocked down a career-high 25 points. Jacksonville, led by Coach Jill Dunn, played tough and took a beating in a season that ended with a broken collarbone and Paul McCall’s subsequent emergence as the leader of the team following a blowout victory over North Texas. He ended up having to watch his teammates carry McCall off the field after the win against North Texas ended the nation long 23-game losing streak.

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H e had been used mostly as a decoy the entire game.

Starting quarterback Paul McCall’s injured right elbow meant FIU’s offense would be looking for different ways to get yardage as the starter was limited to just 18 passing attempts.

So Wayne Younger was brought in for about a quarter of FIU’s offensive snaps to give the defense a different look, but that look meant mostly handing it off to a running back.

The one time he didn’t hand it off, early in the third quarter, the snap hit him in the leg and he had to fall on top of the ball for a loss of six yards on third down, forcing FIU to punt while down by two touchdowns.

“It’s been a tough ride for Wayne. Coming off the high of being named the starter before the 2007 season Wayne Younger was put in the unenviable position of quarterbacking one of the worst teams in the country.

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He wouldn’t start another game until last week at Middle Tennessee, a blowout loss where Younger threw three picks and faced constant pressure, being sacked six times by an overpowering opponent. The Golden Panthers would lose 48-21, dropping his record as a starter to 0-12.

“Wayne was the last player you’d expect to lift the Golden Panthers to a victory on this night, but he wouldn’t be at the top of your list. More than a few fans have been very vocal about their disappointment with his play during his career at FIU.

And yet with five minutes left and the game tied, it was Younger in the game on third down at the North Texas 23-yard line. After everything he’d been through, the coaches trusted Younger with a potentially game-altering snap.

Out of the shotgun, Younger faked the handoff right to Kendall Berry, and then took the ball himself.

Younger darted forward into the heart of the FIU offensive line and came out on the other side as FIU’s unlikeliest hero, sprinting 23 yards untouched into the end zone to put the Golden Panthers up 35-28, a score that would stand when the clock struck zero.

Younger’s redemption was complete when McCall, the senior he lost his job to, and senior left tackle Andy Leavine hosted the redshirt junior out of Cocoa, Fla. on their shoulders and paraded him in front of what remained of the student section. Reminiscent of the way the team carried McCall off the field after the North Texas win in 2007.

For a player who has had a more than bumpy journey in his four years with the team, that ride on his teammate’s shoulders must have been the most gratifying one imaginable.