Maidique awarded bonus

Trustees vote to give Maidique a $100,000 compensation reward

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The FIU Board of Trustees voted to give former University President Modesto Maidique a $100,000 performance bonus. Maidique will be paid in two separate installments: $50,000 performance bonus, as promised in his contract, and the remaining will be paid in the future once the University has enough funds. The recommendation was made by a subcommittee on compensation, which ranked Maidique’s performance during his last year as president. The committee concluded that Maidique went beyond expectations; he was given a rank of “superior.” The FIU Foundation has already saved $50,000 for Maidique’s bonus. The additional funds will come from the foundation’s general reserves. The proposal set up a spirited debate during the hearing, with some trustees arguing that the amount was suitable, while a minority argued that the amount was too much. Former BOT Chairman David Parker pointed out that Maidique’s contract was

Resolution to hold bimonthly meetings passes

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The senate at Modesto Maidique Campus passed a resolution that calls for the senates of both Biscayne Bay Campus and MMC to meet bimonthly for a joint senate meeting. The resolution was in response to sentiment in the senate that the University-wide Council should be more unified.

Last month, a resolution passed in the senate that asked student leaders to look into avenues that made the student government more unified. The ‘Restructure Resolution’ ignited controversy as it suggested having one central student leader. Some at BBC saw it as an attempt to wrestle away authority from their government. This resolution clearly states the need for both student government bodies due to “two different cultures at each campus.” The resolution does not require both senates to be physically in the same location as the Senate of the student government.

The meetings will be run as a joint forum, and no actual legislation will be voted on in those forums. The senate at BBC passed a similar resolution during its meeting on Nov. 18. The next senate meeting will be held on Nov. 30.

Bill calling for cabinet job descriptions voted down

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Following heated debate by senators and members of the executive branch, the senate of the student government at Modesto Maidique Campus voted down on a council bill that would add formal requirements to any new cabinet position created by the SGC-MMC president, on a Nov. 23 meeting.

Members of the cabinet are subject to approval by the senate, and the bill would require any new cabinet position to have a document detailing an exact title and the functions and duties of the position.

In addition to the nominee’s vita like e-mail address, major and previous experience, the nominee would have to make a presentation at his/her senate confirmation hearing. Trying to avoid cases that happened in the past where five positions were confirmed at the same time and not all nominees were present, the bill also had a provision stating that nominees had to be confirmed individually.

The bill was met with audible jeers and accusations of overstepping the boundaries of the senate. “This looks like a self-righteous power grab,” said College of Arts and Sciences Senator Adam Johnson during debate. “It is not necessary.”

Johnson urged the senate to not mess with the cabinet as it was a separate body.

The opposition to the bill was spearheaded by the SGC-MMC president and vice president, who interjected their voice into debate in the name of clarification, and was based on the perception that the bill was restrictive in nature.

SGC-MMC President Anthony Rionda was perturbed with the sponsoring senators not showing him a bill relating to the cabinet beforehand, and defended his right to create all the positions he saw fit.

Rionda claimed the authors of the bill did not read the constitution while writing the bill.

Sponsoring senators told Student Media that they had run the legislation through the judicial, by having
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drawn up based on national compensation trends and studies.

“The most successful year President Maimide had was last year in terms of fund-raising, despite a number of challenges. This has been benchmarked and appropriate in my opinion,” Parker said.

Trustee J. L. Arizurieta, chairman of the faculty senate, approved the measure, citing that Maimide was already being paid hand-somely with a $50,000 bonus.

“I am prepared to agree to the $50,000, anything above that would be inappropriate,” Arizurieta said.

Other BOT members argued that Maimide’s contract does not take into account the economic situation the University and the state are in. The contract’s only condition is if Maimide met the benchmarks stated in the contract.

Parker added that the amount of $100,000 is small when put into perspective. Last year, the FIU Foundation raised $77 million, which is three times more than during 2007, according to Parker.

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a justice read it, and that the bill worked within the constitutional boundaries.

“We want clarification, that is all we want,” said Senator William-Jose Veloz, a sponsor of the bill.

“We are not requesting for power; we are not giving us additional power.”

Hector Muñoz from the College of Business, Credentials Department, and from Honors College were the other sponsoring senators.

Veloz told Student Media all he wanted was for the senate to be informed on new positions. Feeling to label them with one little title, they keep us from serving our students,” said Vice President Maidique’s push to influence the trustees, arguing that Maidique’s service to the public will help this competition in order to motivate students to recycle more on campus and as an overall way to go green.

For the previous year, the University participated in RecycleMania as a bench-mark school, meaning that it did not participate in competition. However, Alexander, Dutton, the leader behind RecycleMania at the University, is certain that it will do well in next year’s competition.

The competition will run from Jan. 17 to May 20 and will incorporate around 500 universities.

Over a 10-week period, schools report recycling and trash data, which are then ranked according to who collects the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita, or have the highest recycling rate, according to RecycleMania’s Web site.

Every week, FIU will know where it stands with the others and will recycle more accordingly, Dutton explained.

“I believe students will get more into it if it’s a competition. They will be motivated to do more and more each week,” Dutton said.

Even though FIU was a benchmark school last year, the campus as a whole recycled 32 million tons—already being paid hand-somely with a $50,000 bonus.

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Parker said the Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus President Anthony Rionda, also a member of the BOT, said that despite Maid ide’s many accomplishments during his 23-year tenure, it was difficult to vote in favor of the proposal because of the lack of funding for student scholarships.

“I know this contract says $50,000, and I’d love to give him a million, but this vote would be very tough for me, and very tough for students,” Rionda said.

Vice Chairman Albert Maury and Chairman Albert Donston made a last minute push to influence the trustees, arguing that Maidide’s service to the public will help this competition in order to motivate students to recycle more on campus and as an overall way to go green.

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Scholar examines history

Lecture to highlight Arab-Israeli relations

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The tension between Israel and its Arab neighbors has escalated over the past years, but there was a time when these two groups lived in harmony.

Henry Abramson, dean of academic affairs and student services at Touro College, a Jewish-sponsored independent institution of higher education, will discuss the early interaction between the Jewish and Muslim communities during the early rise of Islam.

The lecture, titled “Funny, You Don’t Look Jewish,” will take place Nov. 25 in Academic II, Room 115 at the Biscayne Bay Campus from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The lecture is free and open to all students.

Eion Zohar, director and chair of the President Navon Program for the Study of Sephardic and Oriental Jewry, invited Abramson and organized the lecture.

The Navon Program, under the College of Arts and Sciences, provides academic training in Sephardic and Oriental Jewish Studies. It offers lectures and seminars by University faculty and other locally- and internationally-renowned scholars and artists, according to its Web site. The program is based at BBC, but courses are also offered at the Modesto Maidique Campus.

In an e-mail interview with The Beacon, Abramson said that despite the controversies between the two religious groups in this century, they both consider the biblical Abraham to be their common ancestor.

They once lived in harmony for a period of 1,000 years, according to Abramson.

The issues that surround Israel and its Arab neighbors will not be addressed during the lecture, according to Abramson.

Although Abramson said Jewish and Muslim students will benefit most from the lecture, he also said students with open minds will grow and learn from it.

“Students who have already made up their minds would probably be better off leaving early for Thanksgiving break,” Abramson said.

Students who are not Jewish or Muslim will learn about the complex shared history of the two groups, he said.

“There is far more heat than light shed on Jewish-Muslim relations,” said Abramson. “This lecture with student co-hosts will show that simple answers to complex questions are usually wrong.”

According to Zohar, students will learn about a time when there was fear of interacting with the “other religion.” Those with that fear will learn, too, he said.

“It doesn’t matter if you are Muslim, Christian, Jew, or Buddhist, Hindu, or whatever. All those will learn what exactly is the toler- ance and cooperation,” Zohar said.

Abramson, who has a doctorate in history, said he does not consider himself a specialist in Islam or Arabic history, but he said that he has broad training in the period that he will discuss.

The research Abramson conducted over the past 20 years focused on the interactions between Jews and non-Jews, particularly in areas of great tension such as the birth of Christianity, medieval anti-Semitism and the Holocaust, he said.

When Zohar saw Abramson lecturing on this topic to other students, he felt it would be great for his Navon Program at the University, so he decided to ask to speak to students at the University.

“As always, when Zion asks, I’m happy to cooperate,” Abramson said.

Zohar encourages students to attend the lecture because some professors will give extra credit for attending.

“I don’t see any professor in the University that would not want their students to be open minded to ideas and concepts of others,” Zohar said. “So I think in any class students can ask for extra credit.”

MUSICAL POTLUCK

“Flower Yes,” by modesto Maidique University’s Bosnia, Uber and Javier, perform during the Ethnobotany Club’s Potluck event on Nov. 23.

Let’s give thanks this holiday season with wallet-friendly gifts

As a former fat kid, I cannot even begin to tell you how much I adore Thanksgiving.

Between the food, spending time with loved ones, shopping, parades and football games, I am convinced that it’s the ultimate holiday.

The only downside to all this fun is knowing what to bring as a host gift when you go out to dinner.

If you’re anything like me, you always end up going to Walgreen’s right before dinner to grab a box of chocolates.

If you’re anything like me, you got the vodka, too. It’s a light-bodied, fruity coffee that is well balanced. It lacks the acidity that I normally look for in a brew, but it’s still drinkable. I’d recommend having this with something like fruit tarts, key lime pie, lemon meringue or any dessert that has berries.

Now, you shouldn’t be drinking the beans for this brew in the store, unless you order it in advance. I called in for a pound for only $8, which is about $4 cheaper than a Thanksgiving blend over at Starbucks.

You can either bring it over ground up so the host can put it into a pot at dinner time, or put the whole beans in a festive gift bag and give it to the host.

Just a warning: If you want to give a coffee that is pre-ground, make sure you know what kind of filter the person you’re giving the gift to uses. It makes a difference in the grinding process.

I read somewhere that a really crazy person out there who doesn’t like coffee, I have an alternative host gift to bring to Thanksgiving dinner: a serving plate.

It’s a traditional classic, and if you shop at the right places, you can get one for practically nothing.

I bought this pretty dark orange and brown plate from E Gallerie, a store located at 14559 SW 5th St. in Pembroke Pines. When I first saw the plate, it reminded me of the sun because of the orange lines coming from the center.

Did I mention it was only $3.78? Yeah that made it look that much prettier.

E Gallerie is one of those treasure stores that has household knickknacks that look expensive, but are actually reasonably priced.

The plate I got was $12, but keeping in the spirit of Thanksgiving, and the unofficial holiday that is Black Friday, I got it on sale.

No, never beats the do-it-yourself gift, which I tend to do as a last-minute thing.

Try this idea I got from Cosmopolitan. Get some raspberries and a lemon peel and put them in a clear bottle that you can seal up. Add some vodka to top it off and presto, you have a cheap host gift.

The best part is that the yellow and red of the fruits look festive enough to pass as a holiday-themed gift.

If you do this, please don’t go cheap on the Vodka! Use the Grey Goose laying around instead of the Smirnoff. No one likes bottom shelf—not during the holidays anyway.

So tomorrow, when you go to the house of a relative or friend to eat, bring something that comes from the heart and that won’t break the bank.

Just think ahead—no sense missing the parade just because you don’t have a host gift.

This week’s Weekends with Paradise was published on Wednesday due to the Holidays.

Read Weekends with Paradise every other Friday for more tips on places to go in the North Miami area. If you have any suggestions, e-mail paradise.athar@fiu.gov.com. The columnist pays for all food and experiences.
Poverty stats must affect health care

Over 40 million live below line

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With so much talk nowadays about obesity, poor quality public schools and healthcare, one issue strangely takes a backseat in public discourse: poverty in the United States.

An article from The South Florida Times reports that the number of poor Americans in this country – normally tallied by the Census Bureau as being close to 40 million – is actually far higher, according to the National Academy of Sciences, which did its own measurements.

The NAS has calculated that the number of Americans below the poverty line – in other words, officially poor – is closer to 50 million, at around 47.8 million to be exact. That would mean that close to 16 percent of the population – one out of six Americans – is poor, as opposed to the 13.2 percent figure originally determined by the official Census Bureau.

Why the great discrepancy? Unlike the Bureau's data, the NAS's measurement takes into account a slew of other factors: transportation costs, child care costs and most crucially, healthcare costs.

What this means is that literally doubles the original census data. The reasons for such a large number of impoverished elderly seems to point mostly to shortcomings in health care.

The plus side for these seniors is that a better healthcare system needs to be implemented. That is because the new data, when broken down into detail, reveals that a little more than half of the "extra" 7 million people added to the poverty level are over the age of 65: that's 3.4 million to be exact.

That would mean that 18.7 percent all senior citizens over 65 are in poverty. That literally doubles the original census data.

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Students enrolled at the University of California are fuming as a UC governing-board committee approved a 32 percent tuition increase, which would go into effect next year. The Chronicle of Higher Education reported that the proposal would raise tuition for undergraduate students by $2,500.

The increase is supposed to help offset the university's current deficit of $813 million.

Students angered by the hike have been quick to react: at UC-Santa Cruz, 30 protestors “face possible criminal and/or student judicial sanctions” after barricading themselves within the campus hall building, according to a statement issued by UC-Santa Cruz Chancellor George Blumenthal and Campus Provost David Ediger.

Photos provided along with the administrative state- ment capture the rec- eption area and other offices completely trashed with garbage, damaged electronic conferencing equip- ment and broken furniture.

While no arrests were made, there was damage on the second floor of Kerr Hall, which will have to remain closed on weekdays.

UC-Berkeley also had a group of students who barricaded themselves within a campus building to demonstrate their frustration with the hike. Forty students locked them- selves inside Wheeler Hall for 12 hours, according to The Daily Californian, an independ- ent newspaper run by UC- Berkeley students.

After the demonstration, all 40 protestors and an addi- tional three demonstrators were arrested.

Although students have a right to be angry about these tuition hikes – and who wouldn’t be – any student’s wallet needs all the money it can keep. But destruction of university prop- erty is always unwarranted. Violence in any form, including damage to property, under- mines its cause. It’s going to take money to repair what these students have damaged.

The plus side for these protests, however, is the atten- tion they garner.

Our own University has faced stubborn students in the past. It is a number of students protested against the renaming of the University Park campus to the currently-named Modesto Madride Campus, in honor of the University’s fourth president.

Students created Facebook groups for the cause and circu- lated petitions to gather support. As a result, local news outlets, as well as local student newspaper covered their efforts.

While FIU students did not win the battle for University Park, they still received plenty of attention without scrapping “UP FOREVER” with spray paint on campus buildings.

There are many avenues for students to take to voice their concerns on any given issue, including hikes. Writing letters, making assertive phone calls and appealing to the campus paper are a few – anything but scrapping the name.

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AIN’T WELL BEHAVIN’

Wind Ensemble concert honors strong women

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“Well behaved women rarely make history.” This quote by novelist Margaret Atwood was the theme for the School of Music’s last wind ensemble concert on Nov. 19, and also served as the event’s title.

“Good girls get no credit. Bad girls have more fun,” said the conductor, Catherine Rand. Rand promised the audience an opportunity to hear the good girls of composition and the bad girls of history.

The first piece was “Celebration Fanfare,” composed by Joan Tower, from the 1993 ballet Stepping Stones. The piece consisted of rising tones and a powerful orchestral blast.

The second piece was the 1946 ballet, “Medea,” also composed by Tower. “The music is very fun,” said the performer, senior Annemarie Bremer, is a huge baseball fan and wrote it with the thought of how the sound of the instruments would mimic the crack of a baseball bat.

The third piece was the “Girl Talk” portion, where each contestant answered one Tri Sigma question, one “girlie” question and another question. The final round consisted of each guy going on stage wearing self-made costumes that they felt best represented the sorority, Tri Sigma, and stating why they wanted to be the winner of the pageant.

Parsan’s talent was a performance to Shania Twain’s hit, “Man, I feel like a Woman.” It is a different style and not something you don’t hear about women composers or music for them,” said freshman trumpeter player Kevin Gonzalez. “It is a different style and you have to get used to it,” he said.

The performers did get to use it after five weeks of rehearsing three times a week and put on a show the audience enjoyed.

In the next performance will take place on Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. The Chamber Wind Concert will include music from the Renaissance to holiday favorites. Rand promised there will be a lot to offer the audience.

Local venues sponsor karaoke nights

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Have a favorite song that you love to sing in front of a mirror or as an imaginary crowd cheers you on? Karaoke, a Japanese word for empty orchestra, will give you the opportunity to be a star for the evening.

Karaoke provides a medium for you to stop performing at home and move it to the stage in front of an actual crowd.

Below are just three venues around school that provide the opportunity for its patrons to participate in karaoke.

Kendall Village Diner, a 1950s style restaurant that is located at 8695 SW 124 Ave hosts ‘Karaoke Thursdays’ that begin at 7:30 and run to 1 a.m. There is a $3 cover fee for those who participate. The singer can choose from a wide variety of music provided by the DJ.

They have music from as early as the 70s all the way to songs that are popular today. During karaoke nights, patrons under 21 are allowed to participate in karaoke, and those who are 21 and over will receive a wristband which will allow them to order drinks from the bar in addition to enjoying their drink specials.

Patrons can also order food to enjoy while they are being entertained during karaoke.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served at the diner all day. You may also watch any sporting event that is broadcast on one of several televisions. For more information, visit www.kendallvillediner.com or call (305) 595-4444.

Little Hoolies, a sports bar and grill, is located at 13115 SW 89 Place. It holds karaoke nights on Wednesdays and Sundays. On Wednesday, the event begins at 8 p.m. and lasts until 1 a.m. On Sundays, the event begins at 9 p.m. and runs until 2 a.m. Karaoke is free on both days.

During these hours it is also ladies night and drink specials are available. A DJ provides music on both days and has different genres of music available.

While enjoying karaoke you can watch the sports events airing that evening. You can also order foods such as appetizers, soups, salads, pastas, wings, a host of sides and deserts. For more information, visit www.littlehoolies.com or call (305) 252-9155.

Village Tavern is located at 8002 SW 81st St. Karaoke night is held on Thursday and begins at 9:30 p.m. A DJ from Kara-O-King provides the musical selections for the participants. The participant can select a song from various genres. Flat screens TVs inside the tavern allow you to watch sporting events.

Their menu includes many dishes such American finger foods, various seafood dishes and even Cuban cuisine.

For more information, visit villagetavern.net or call (305) 273-6123.
Students avoid high airline ticket prices by driving

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For FIU students, Thanksgiving signifies a level of stress. With the full semester coming to an end, students begin to countdown the days until finals. Many out-of-state students fly home to spend the holidays with the ones they love. Even though it is only a couple of days, FIU students look forward to this day.

“I am flying back home to be with family and friends,” said Amy Elliot, Florida Community College-Jacksonville transfer student. “I booked my ticket months beforehand because the rates become expensive.

A number of students have opted to skip flying altogether. According to the Associated Press, the AAA auto club reported earlier this week that more Americans would be traveling by car this year. One reason for this may be, as Elliot said, the cost of airline tickets which can sometimes be quite high. Even so, some students have found it easier to fly due to traffic and scheduling concerns.

“I am leaving for the whole week to Naples,” said Glenda Socarra, an RA for the FIU everglades housing building. “I can’t wait to sit down with family and friends and listen to music.”

So locals are celebrating with their family at home or at a relative’s house at South Florida.

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This year some FIU students are spending time with family during the day and will then be going to clubs in the evening. One club, Renos, will be holding a “Thanksgiving Fiesta.”

They will be having $1 drink specials, and an open bar from 11 to 12 p.m.

Julian Arrango, a junior and head promoter for the club, predicts that that is when people will begin to arrive.

“People will start showing up after they are done spending time with there families at around 11,” Arrango said.

Sorority-inspired superhero wins charity beauty pageant

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Sorority-inspired super hero wins charity beauty pageant

According to Parsan, what he felt won the judges over was a combination of the crowd cheering him on, all of the costumes worn throughout the rounds and the amount of effort and thought that he put into every aspect of the pageant.

What Parsan loves most about these women is, “the bonds of friendship that these girls share. It reminds me a lot of the great feelings I had when I first joined Beta Theta Pi.”

The women of Tri Sigma were thrilled with the way this philanthropy event turned out. There was a large crowd supporting these women as well as the men participating.

“The Backwards Pageant seems to be one of the most humorous ways that someone can raise money for our philanthropy,” said Nicole Soto, a freshman and new sister of Tri Sigma. “The response from the students that night was really exciting and supportive. I didn’t realize how dedicated our contestants would turn out to be but overall the night was a success and I look forward to next year’s festivities.”

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PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK

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The senior poured in 22 points, two shy of her career-high and added 13 rebounds on her way to her second double-double of the week against Green Bay Wisconsin. She has a double-double in every game this season.

OLD WAYS:
T.Y. Hilton had been slowed by injury prior to his 174 yards of total offense against UF. He hauled in 75 yards on four catches including a spectacular one-handed catch.

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Golden Panthers hurting inside with lack of size

lead changes in their favor, all early in the first half. With about eight minutes remaining in the first half the Dukes took their second lead of the game by going on a 15-2 run, giving them a four-point lead to begin the second half.

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“Defense is about heart and determination, and I left everything all on the court,” Gary said. “Coach is always telling us as long as we leave it all on the court you should have nothing to worry about.”

Marvin Roberts was a big contributor for the Golden Panthers with two double-doubles to his name this season, but he went cold against James Madison shooting just 30 percent in the game on 4-for-13 shooting.

Forward Julius Wells dominated the Golden Panthers by shooting 54 percent from the field giving him 23 points in the winning effort.

Guard Darren White had 20 points on the night as well and forward Matt Parker contributed 13 points.

“They played with a lot of confidence and energy tonight,” Thomas said. “They’re a pretty gritty team.”

SIZE DISADVANTAGE

The undersized Golden Panthers’ 2-4 record can be attributed somewhat to the injuries in the front court. Forwards Nikola Gacesa and Cedric Essola, both 6-foot-9 apiece are both inactive due to injury.

James Madison took advantage of the Golden Panthers’ size differential out-rebounding them 78-68.

“We’re definitely still a work in progress,” Thomas said.

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PANTHERS GONE COLD

Shooting drought leads to first loss at home

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The three-point shot has not been a strength for FIU through five games this season and it didn’t change against James Madison on Nov. 22.

After winning back-to-back games at U.S. Century Bank Arena, the Golden Panthers lost their first game at home against the Dukes 81-68.

“We’re a small team and we depend on our three-point shooting,” said Coach Isiah Thomas. “When we are making our three-point shots, it is extremely tough to beat us.”

DIE BY THE THREE

James Madison went on a tear from beyond the arc shooting a stellar 54 percent from three point land; nailing 13 out of their 24 attempts.

College Athletic Association rookie of the year Julius Wells who knocked down six of his 10 three-pointers.

FIU on the other hand struggled from the three-point line going 6 for 27 from beyond the arc.

“Contributing to the tough night from the perimeter, the Golden Panthers failed to get into the paint and create shots. “We definitely have to start driving more to the basket,” said point guard Phil Gary Jr.

‘DESPERATE’

The Golden Panthers were down most of the game only forcing three

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COMPARING ‘08 TO ‘09 THROUGH 6 GAMES

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2009 Scoring leaders: Marvin Roberts 17.5 per game, Phil Gary Jr 12.5, Stephan Weaver 11.0, Marlon Bright 9.5, JC Otero 9.2, Antiona Watson 7.5

2009 rebounding leaders: Roberts 7.7, Chen 6.7, Bright 5.7, Watson 2.8, Gary Jr 2.8, Weaver 2.7

2009 FG% leaders: Bright 26-49 .531, Otero 23-47 .489, Gary Jr 23-53 .434, Roberts 33-51 .647

DRIVE THRU: Golden Panthers’ leading scorer Marvin Roberts shot just 30 percent in a home loss to James Madison University.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL: GREEN BAY WISCONSIN 67, FIU 56

Turnovers spoil good shooting day as streak stops at two

STEPHANIE GABRIEL
Staff Writer

The first win streak of the season is already over for the Golden Panthers women’s basketball team.

After two consecutive wins against Western Michigan and Jacksonville, the Golden Panthers’ (2-2) streak was snapped by the Michigan and Jacksonville, the Golden Panthers (2-2).

“We ended injuries which is good.”

Senior Marquita Adley led all scorers with 22 points and 13 rebounds, which marks her fourth consecutive double-double of the season.

Forward Fanni Hutlassa contributed with 14 points on 4-of-7 shooting from the three point line.

Tied at six, early in the first half, Hutlassa knocked down a 3-pointer to give the Golden Panthers a 9-6 advantage. Unfortunately, that moment marked their only lead of the game.

“As soon as we get some chemistry going, we get hurt,” said Russo. “I’m focused on getting these kids healthy; they’re not season ending injuries which is good.”

Once we get our ammunition and our troops back, I think we’ll be more successful.

Cindy Russo
Head Coach

At the end of the first half, FIU was trailing by eight points, 30-22, and had already committed 18 turnovers.

The Golden Panthers were able to cut that Phoenix lead to three after forcing five turnovers in the first four and a half minutes of the second half, however, the team’s momentum did not last.

Green Bay’s leading scorer, Kayla Tetschlag, responded with 11 of her 19 points in the remainder of the second half.

“I felt Kayla played with a lot of poise in the second and really helped put points on the board,” said Green Bay head coach Matt Bollant, to greenbayphoenix.com.

With FIU (2-2) down by 21 with 5:36 remaining in regulation, the Phoenix proved to be too much to overcome after putting the game away on a 24-6 run.

“To come out 2-2 I think we have more than a head above water,” Russo said. “Once we get our ammunition and our troops back, I think we’ll be more successful.”