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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 $350,000 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

SPOTLIGHT

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 integrated 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

Resolution to hold bimonthly meetings passes

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The senate at Modesto Maidique Campus passed a resolution that calls for the senate 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, they could meet in person or via teleconference, says the text.

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.
RecycleMania is a friendly competition benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities on their campus communities, according to its Web site. In the upcoming year, FIU plans to participate in 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 benchmark 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.”

Even though FIU was a benchmark school last year, the campus as a whole recycled 28 tons more than they had previously been doing without the incentive of RecycleMania, according to Dutton.

Dutton currently the Sustainability Program assistant for the new committee that University President Mark Rosen- berg started this year with a goal for FIU to become a greener campus.

Her tasks currently include working on the events to promote RecycleMania.

The event kick off of RecycleMania will be held on Jan. 20 that is being done in coordination with the farmers’ market. It will include carnival games, food and perhaps a table,” Dutton said.

Other ideas in the works include a Spring clean-out for all faculty and staff and a “dorm storm” in which Roary would roam all dorms looking for more recycling. Also, for St. Patrick’s Day, the base- ball team is planning a green baseball game, according to Dutton.

The plans for the commuter campus, however, do not end with RecycleMania.

Dutton plans to have the dorms recycle more throughout the year. Other plans include educating the students on environ- mental issues and encouraging students to carpool and use alternative transportation.

Additionally, all the new buildings are lead-certified and are required to meet certain environmental standards, according to Dutton.

“Organization of Students for Envi- ronmental Sustainability has also been a great help in this green initiative. However, our plans are to get all the students involved,” Dutton said.

A Web site, gogreen.fiu.edu, has been created to inform students about the daily events occurring around campus and to inform them how to participate in Recy- leMania and other events.

According to the RecycleMania Web site, the prize for winning the competition is a trophy and bragging rights for the indi- vidual school.

But Dutton believes that students should be encouraged to continue this green initiative throughout the years.

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Senators to bring bill back

WASHINGTON D.C. – 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 Velez, a sponsor of the bill. “We are not restricting his power; we are just clarifying what the job description means.”

Hector Mujica from the College of Busi- ness,已 mentioned that the motion was also from the Honors College were also the sponsoring senators.

Velez told Student Media all he wanted was for the senate to be informed on new positions. “For us to label them with one little title, it is a threat to their job,” he said.

They only wanted a brief description of the bill, and stressed that it was up to the president to now make their own decision and explain their decisions on tough issues like this, because this is a lot of money, this is a fair recognition of what he contributed to the foundation of the campus,” Dutton said.

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The authors of the bill said they would bring back the motion for further discussion. That was the sentiment among the majority of the senate.

“We are overstepping our boundaries,” said nursing Senator Alejandro Garcia. “It’s an exec-"

The motion was passed, with three nays from trustees Thomas Breslin, Aranztea and Riosda.

Riosda thanked the trustees for their vigorous debate.

“It’s not easy to make deci- sions on tough issues like this, that’s why we pay us the big bucks,” Dotson said jokingly.
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 Muslims 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.

Zion Zohar, director and chair of the President Navon Program for the Study of Sephardic and Oriental Jewish studies, 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 participation will show that simple answers to complex questions are usually wrong.”

According to Zohar, students will learn about a time when there was no 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 whatever. All those who will learn from this example will gain tolerance 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, Zohar 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.”

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.

But this year, I am ending that tradition and thinking ahead.

I am going with presents that remind me of the holiday, starting with coffee from The Coffee Scene, located at 15955 Pines Blvd. in Pembroke Pines.

As a die-hard Starbucks addict, I am willing to admit that the caramel apple coffee The Coffee Scene sells is totally worth the $1.65 for a small cup. I swear, it tastes like fall in a cup.

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 don’t have to spend 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 he has it in a pot to 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 coffee that is pre-ground, make sure you know what kind of filter the person you’re giving the gift to has. It makes a difference in the grinding process.

There are some crazy people out there who don’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 bronze 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 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 in 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.affgh@fiu.edu. The columnist posts 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 that the number of Americans below the poverty line – in other words, officially poor – is closer to 50 million, at around 47.8 million. 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.

The reasons for such a large number of impoverished elderly seems to point mostly to shortcomings in healthcare. Medicare premiums have gone up and there’s a huge gap in drug coverage, which leaves some elderly covered but leaves others forced to pay out of pocket with their pensions.

This revelation adds a whole other dimension to the healthcare issue, as people argue about the efficiency of a potential public option, the need to improve Medicare and whether or not the elderly will lose out in the name of greater, cheaper coverage for the rest of population.

Depending on how healthcare works out (or if it ever does) the inefficiency could be exacerbated or solved through a better way. Furthermore, the fact the new poverty figures roughly double the number of uninsured – usually placed at around 47 million as well – suggests that there is indeed a link between having no health insurance and poverty. However, correlation doesn’t equal causation, but none-the-less the figure reinforces the idea that the lack of universal healthcare is disenfranchising impoverished Americans, or even making them in poverty further.

Tellingly, a comprehensive report published by Public Citizen, a nonprofit organization that represents consumers interests in the United States, found that Medicaid only covers around 40 percent of the impoverished. So it’s not too farfetched to suggest that inefficient healthcare is a factor in this country’s relatively high poverty rate – and that a better healthcare system needs to be implemented.

While it would be only one of many issues to be tackled in fighting poverty, it would nonetheless lift a major burden for many Americans that struggle with even basic amenities.
AIN’T WELL BEHAVIN’

Wind Ensemble concert honors strong women

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“Well behaved women rarely make history.” This quote by Harriet Tubman Ulrich 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 for a Friend,” composed by Joan Tower, from the 1993 ballet, Stepping Stones. The piece consisted of rising tones y = x + 1.

The last piece was “Medea’s Dance of Vengeance” by Samuel Barber. It was the only piece not composed by a woman. It was inspired by the famous female character from Greek literature.

The music was from Barber’s 1946 ballet, “Medea,” also known as “Cave of the Heart.”

He commissioned it for modern dancer and choreographer Martha Graham.

“It is interesting because you don’t hear about women composers or music for them,” said freshman trombone player Kevin Gonzalez. “It is a different style and you have to get used to it,” he said.

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

The School of Music’s 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 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 12 midnight and end at 4 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.

Breafast, 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.kendallvillage diner.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 Wednesdays, 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.

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Greek Life

Tri Sigma hosts charity pageant

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Sororities aren’t just about giving a good time. Every semester, each Panhellic sorority has a fundraising event to raise money for their charity of choice. On Nov. 18, the ladies of Tri Sigma held their annual Backwards Pageant, which raised money for the Robbie Page Memorial – a national foundation which raises funds for play therapy for terminally ill children.

There were 12 male contestants who participated. The winner, Dale Parsan, is a sophomore majoring in business and member of Beta Theta Pi.

There were four sections of the pageant. In the first section, the men participating had to dress up in formal gowns and walk the catwalk.

The second section was the talent portion.

“Some contestants played the keyboard, others played the harmonica, painted, danced or sang,” said Emlie Soltanian, junior sociology major who is the sister in charge of the event.

The third was the “Girl Talk” portion, where each contestant answered one Tri Sigma question, one “girl” 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.” Fraternity brothers, pledges and close friends of his helped with his performance. For his costume he decided to dress up as a Tri Sigma superhero, named “Sigma Girl.”

“Before the pageant, I sat down trying to figure out what I could dress up as to properly do justice to the wonderful Ladies of Tri Sigma and nothing jumped out at me, mostly for the fact that everything was important in its own aspect,” Parsan said. “So, by knowing this, I decided to create something.”

The fourth and final section was the competition to holiday favorites. Rand promised there will be a lot to offer the audience.

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Students avoid high airline ticket prices by driving

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For FIU students, Thanksgiving signifies a level of stress. With the fall season 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.”

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

“This Thanksgiving, I am going to my aunt’s house and I am eating the traditional turkey with stuffing, the Cuban picadillo style,” said nursing major, Jessy Pou.

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, Reno’s, will be holding a “Thanksgiving Fiesta.”

“They will be having $1 drink specials, and an open bar from 11 to 12 p.m.,” said 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 super hero wins charity beauty pageant

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with the help of Vanessa Garcia, that would be remembered by everyone. I created, “Sigma Girl,” a crime-fighting super hero who bared the colors of the sorority and was protected by a shield made of pearls and bonds of friendship.”

Parsan had never competed in a pageant before but chose to for this one to represent her fraternity and show support to the ladies of Tri Sigma. He said it “evolved into a sprint for the gold as the pageant loosened closer and closer.”

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.”

Marvel has entered “Dark Reign,” a dark, twisted time where our heroes are now on the wrong side of the law. It’s a place where Norman Osborn is the most powerful man in the world and no one is able to stop the evil he has planned.

Osborn has just settled into his role as the Iron Patriot, a blatant rip-off of Tony Stark’s Iron Man based off of the same technology, and as the leader of H.A.M.M.E.R., the national peacekeeping force that replaced S.H.I.E.L.D. Osborn decides to take action against all major super heroes to guarantee that no one will get in his way. He makes a checklist which includes the likes of Nick Fury, Wolverine, Punisher, Daredevil and others. Of course, he’s saved the best for last: Spider-man.

“Dark Reign: The List: Amazing Spider-man” starts off differently than the other one-shots in that it’s Spider-man who brings the fight to Osborn.

Peter Parker decides that it’s time to expose Osborn to the world for the true murderer he is, so he breaks in to Norman Osborn’s Avengers Tower to retrieve an incriminating video of him testing a hybrid of Goblin Formula and Super Soldier Serum on an unwilling test subject.

Meanwhile, Osborn decides to work on some pet projects in the very same place where Norman Osborn is the most wrong side of the law. It’s a twisted time where our heroes have been following Norman during the course of the fight.

Knowing he’s been beat for now, Osborn flies away.

This isn’t the big showdown that some readers may have been hoping for, but it delivered on exactly what it promised: the beginning of the end of “Dark Reign.” Osborn’s patriotic reputation and hold on the world is at stake and it’s all because of Peter Parker.

Adam Kubert’s art is gorgeous, although the pace of this issue was a bit inconsistent. It also feels a few months too late, showing that the Amazing Spider-man’s thrice-monthly publication can sometimes hurt itself. It’s had to dance around this subject for a while in order to have it coincide with the rest of the Marvel Universe, giving this event an overall feeling of being overdue, but at the same time rushed.

Still, “Dark Reign: The List - Amazing Spider-man” is a great story and shows each character’s true personality better than a lot of titles have done this past year.

More importantly, sets the stage for the final showdown between Spider-man and Norman Osborn in Marvel’s next major event, “The Siege.”

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Spider-man, Iron Patriot finally meet face-to-face

Marvel has entered “Dark Reign,” a dark, twisted time where our heroes are now on the wrong side of the law. It’s a place where Norman Osborn is the most powerful man in the world and no one is able to stop the evil he has planned.

Osborn has just settled into his role as the Iron Patriot, a blatant rip-off of Tony Stark’s Iron Man based off of the same technology, and as the leader of H.A.M.M.E.R., the national peacekeeping force that replaced S.H.I.E.L.D. Osborn decides to take action against all major super heroes to guarantee that no one will get in his way. He makes a checklist which includes the likes of Nick Fury, Wolverine, Punisher, Daredevil and others. Of course, he’s saved the best for last: Spider-man.

“Dark Reign: The List: Amazing Spider-man” starts off differently than the other one-shots in that it’s Spider-man who brings the fight to Osborn.

Peter Parker decides that it’s time to expose Osborn to the world for the true murderer he is, so he breaks in to Norman Osborn’s Avengers Tower to retrieve an incriminating video of him testing a hybrid of Goblin Formula and Super Soldier Serum on an unwilling test subject.

Meanwhile, Osborn decides to work on some pet projects in the very same room Spider-man is in and catches him.

Dan Slott could have come up with a more interesting way for the two to encounter each other. It’s a bit spontaneous that after a year Spider-man would finally be fed up with Norman’s reign and decide to do something about it. Osborn finding him is a bit too coincidental, but it gets the job done.

Spider-man flies Avengers Tower to get the video file to news outlets across the country.

Spider-man is shot by Osborn’s uni-beam (the energy blasting weapon on his suit’s chest), but Spider-man realizes it doesn’t hurt as much as Iron Man’s. The reason?

Osborn changed the design to be shaped like a star, instead of the simple circular design Tony Stark used. It’s a simple reason, but one that goes a long way in revealing Osborn’s character. Norman Osborn is someone who overlooks the basics and exchanges simplicity in favor of egotistical flamboyance, while Peter Parker is someone clever enough to notice.

Spider-man delivers a strong kick to Osborn’s uni-beam, causing it to backfire and giving Spider-man a chance to escape.

Peter changes out of his costume and walks into a local internet cafe to upload the video. Osborn follows the trail of webs and eventually finds Peter. He doesn’t know Spider-man’s secret identity, but knows that where Peter Parker is, Spider-eyes can’t be far off.

Osborn arrives too late. Peter confronts Osborn, telling him he’s uploaded the video and during him to shoot him in front of all the TV stations who have been following Norman during the course of the fight.

Knowing he’s been beat for now, Osborn flies away.

This isn’t the big showdown that some readers may have been hoping for, but it delivered on exactly what it promised: the beginning of the end of “Dark Reign.” Osborn’s patriotic reputation and hold on the world is at stake and it’s all because of Peter Parker.

Adam Kubert’s art is gorgeous, although the pace of this issue was a bit inconsistent. It also feels a few months too late, showing that the Amazing Spider-man’s thrice-monthly publication can sometimes hurt itself. It’s had to dance around this subject for a while in order to have it coincide with the rest of the Marvel Universe, giving this event an overall feeling of being overdue, but at the same time rushed.

Still, “Dark Reign: The List - Amazing Spider-man” is a great story and shows each character’s true personality better than a lot of titles have done this past year.

More importantly, sets the stage for the final showdown between Spider-man and Norman Osborn in Marvel’s next major event, “The Siege.”
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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.
“They were more desperate for a win than we were,” Thomas said.
Starting point guard Phil Gary Jr. led the contest with 16 points, but it was his defensive performance which stood out with four steals while the rest of the team struggled on the defensive side.
“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.

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.

VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

MEN'S BASKETBALL
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.

PHIL GARY

In helping Isiah Thomas pick up his first win as a collegiate head coach, Phil Gary established a new career-high with 27 points as the Golden Panthers beat Florida Memorial. The junior transfer from Chicago averaged 20 points per game during the week.

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MARQUITA ADLEY

Golden Panthers hurting inside with lack of size
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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**

Panthers’ (2-2) streak was snapped by the Michigan and Jacksonville, the Golden Panthers women’s basketball team.

"We missed [Monika]," said Coach Cindy Russo. "She’s very instrumental when trying to break the press [defense]."

Russo told Student Media that Bosilj is wearing a knee brace and is unsure when the change against James Madison rookie of the year Julius Wells who knocked down six of his 10 three-pointers.

FIU on the other hand struggled from beyond the arc shooting a stellar 54 percent from three point land; nailing 13 out of their 24 attempts, due mainly to 2008-09 College Athletic Association rookie of the year Julius Wells who knocked down six of his 10 three-pointers.

Wells 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."