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Games promote alcohol awareness

JORGE VALENS
News Director

Over 50 housing students gathered in Everglades Lounge to take part in “One Tequila, Two Tequila, Three Tequila, Floor: If You Are Not In Control, Who Is?,” an event that promoted alcohol awareness using games and giveaways.

The first-time event was organized by Sierra Montgomery, vice president of operations for the Multicultural Greek Council and sponsored by MGC and University Health Services of the Frost.

“The whole purpose of the program is to just raise alcohol awareness … and have fun,” Montgomery said.

Montgomery added that she feels that this topic is very relevant to students in college and thought that the use of games and “fun topics” would be effective in raising awareness.

The One Tequila event utilized games like “alcohol bingo” and a relay race to teach housing students about the dangers of excessive drinking.

Energy forum lays out future global initiatives

ELSIE PUIG
Staff Writer

Experts predict improved living standards, globally, but concerns arise about whether advances in clean energy technology will be able to handle the expected 40 percent increase in global energy demand reported by the International Energy Agency.


According to the IEA, financing for renewable energy technology is still lagging behind oil, natural gas and coal. Conservation on energy has triggered strong opinions in developing countries like China and India where development is backed by heavy CO2-emitting machinery. The IEA estimates that by 2030, China and India together will represent about 35 percent of incremental energy demand.

“They often say things like, ‘You need to reduce your CO2 emissions, the problem is not ours,’” Nauman said. “Chinese are proud men, most of that coal is used to grow their economy; that is an enormous amount of CO2.”

Although efficient and affordable technology to make renewable clean energy an attainable alternative has not been thoroughly developed, Nauman expressed optimism for the future.

“In our own backyard, Haiti has to cut its emissions,” he said.

In two seasons with Thomas at the helm, the program has gone from a sinking ship yearning for past success to a steady return to respectability.

“People were beginning to take notice. About 1,000 miles north of Miami, the University of Maryland had apparently noticed what the 56-year-old coach was doing on Stadium Drive and, believing that he could do for the Terrapins what he was just starting to do at FIU, offered to fly him up last June to interview for the head coaching job.”

Thomas declined to interview, deciding to stick with what he has begun building at FIU.

Programming gives future leaders necessary tools

NICOLAS SARAVIA
Contributing Writer

Last October, business alumni launched FIU Leaders in Practice, an organization with the purpose of giving back to their community through civic service.

FLIP is preparing to give underprivileged high school students the chance of having a career day at FIU.

“We have both the programs and the facilities right here at FIU. We can get all the help we need from the administration,” Nauman said.

According to the IEA, excessive use of biomass as an energy source is harmful not only to air quality, but also to people’s health.

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Program provides organic lifestyle with harvest

Getting Schooled: Wal-Mart’s scholarships good for image

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Bingo, beer goggles blend festivity with responsibility

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about the importance of drinking responsibly. Alcohol Bingo had housing students place markers on the questions they knew the answers to. The questions on the play card varied from naming the consequences of a driving under the influence charge to listing the top reasons why people drink. “This seems like a really good program,” said Louis Rodriguez, a junior majoring in public administration, while looking at the alcohol bingo card. He added that he “learned a lot” from the activity.

After the round of bingo, students participated in a relay race that involved activities geared toward simulating inebriation such as playing soda pong and participating in relay races while wearing specially designed “beer goggles” that simulate the blurry vision one experiences while under the influence, which were on loan from UHS. Sophomore geography major Jessica Weatherson described the event as “not typical.”

“It’s really good [and] interesting,” Weatherson said, adding that she learned a lot about the game of bingo.

“It went well,” Montgomery said. “I had over 50 people attend which I think is amazing.” Montgomery plans on organizing this event again and hopes that UHS will play a bigger role in order to make the event bigger.

“I think people learned and had a good time as well,” she added.

ARC continues efforts to find alternative fuels

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At FIU’s Applied Research Center, ongoing research efforts have yielded contributions in the areas of technology development for converting biomass to fuels and power, algae fuels and deployment of renewable energy systems in Latin America. George Philippidis, energy director at ARC, believes that FIU should be doing more to fund research in renewable energy technology.

“Energy is a top priority for the country and the University should align itself with the rest of the country. It is under-utilizing resources and the expertise available,” Philippidis said.

Even though the solar rebate is not an option for households in Florida, federal government incentives are still available for institutions to install solar panels and water heating equipment. Philippidis urges FIU to write a proposal asking for a government subsidy.

“We have the opportunity to put a proposal together for installing renewable energy systems,” said Philippidis. “Other schools are doing it; we have a good track record and expert staff and faculty.”

Renewable energy, like solar panels and wind turbines, remain small-scale luxury projects where few are willing to venture. However, Philippidis ensures that there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

“The cost of getting electricity from wind is becoming as cost competitive as coal. If wind can make it, then solar and other biofuels can do it too,” he said.

Albert Razon, a graduate student in business administration and market analyst for the solar division of Premium Services, said the recession has been hurting companies like his, which depend on government incentives to “go green.”

“Getting electricity out of the sun is expensive, the technology has not caught on,” Razon said. “The government needs to put more incentives for households.”

Nauman believes that making clean energy technology accessible and affordable is a long-term challenge, but according to him it won’t be happening anytime soon.

“The current administration is faced with enormous challenges; we want an energy policy to do everything we want, we want to continue to grow [the economy] with minimal damage to the environment,” Nauman said.

Youth guided to succeed

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high school students to interact with motivational speakers, as well as a question-and-answer forum.

“It is a great experience to work with high school students because we are giving back to young people. It gives a good feeling to guide them toward a better future,” Ekankonye added.

This project has been inspired by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership program, which teaches the business community leadership skills regarding civic service. Officially recognized by the College of Business Administration, FLIP has a total of 15 members. Although aimed at business alumni, the group is open to graduate and undergraduate students who wish to participate.

“Joined FLIP because I have always enjoyed being part of something that makes a difference,” said Diana Cruz, College of Business alumna.

The group is subdivided into teams regarding duty areas, such as marketing and fundraising, which allow members to focus on specific tasks, as well as collaborating with other areas that need support.

FLIP usually holds sessions on weekends, in which speakers share their experiences as leaders of their community. FLIP is funded through donations, which can be made through the group’s Facebook page.

“After graduating from FIU, I wanted to stay connected and participate actively with the school, and FLIP was the perfect opportunity,” Cruz said.
JASMYN ELLIOTT
BBC Managing Editor

During the Biscayne Bay Campus Student Government Senate meeting held on Feb. 17, the council was finally able to take their stance on two previously proposed appropriations and extend the bounds of debate in the issue of proxy voting.

“The council passed a motion regarding an appropriations request submitted by the Student Organizations Council for $1000 to go toward the purchasing of OrgSync software for the use of BBC clubs and organizations. This matter was first brought up during the Feb. 9 and Feb. 15 senate meetings by Lower Division Senator Zahra Arbabi aiki. However, the council failed to make quorum on both days and therefore could not vote.

Although the University-wide Budget Committee is ultimately decide the allocation of funds for this software on March 1, SOC needed the funding beforehand since the deadline to purchase OrgSync software is also on March 1.

After giving the chair to SGC-BBC Comptroller Robert Chung, SGC-BBC President Sholom Neistein expressed his reservations to fund SOC.

“I think that $1000 is quite excessive for OrgSync to be used for just three months,” said Neistein.

He further cited that this was a University-wide initiative that is to be discussed on Feb. 19 during their deliberations meeting.

However, Honors College Senator Andrus Cruz pointed out a flaw in Neistein’s argument.

“I think you may have misunderstood. It’s not that we are paying $1000 for three months,” said Cruz.

“If [SOC] raises that deadline, they are not going to have [OrgSync] for a whole year,” Cruz said. “If we wait until the U-wide makes the decision there is no purpose.”

Without Neistein suggested that the request be tabled until Friday’s deliberations, SGA Advisor Rafael Zapata anticipated.

According to Zapata, this one-time fee will help the University catch up to OrgSync’s cycle. Furthermore, SGA will be able to use the technology.

“[OrgSync’s] cycle is different than ours, unfortunately,” said Zapata. “That is why they are requesting the extra money now.”

The motion passed with seven in favor and zero opposed. Even so, Neistein was less than enthusiastic.

“I will sign it with some protest,” Neistein said.

The council’s generosity only went so far. The appropriations request for $1007.83 toward a card reader from the Campus Life and Orientation Marketing Department was unanimously denied.

When Zapata expressed concern at the lack of discussion, Arbabi aiki pointed out that the matter was previously discussed at the senate meeting held on Feb. 15. Even so, she offered an explanation as to why the request was denied.

After explaining Campus Life had a card reader that was stolen earlier this year, Arbabi aiki noted that the replacement of this machine is ultimately their responsibility to replace.

“Campus Life does have their own budget, which means they can use that budget to purchase [a card reader],” she said. “[The senate] all felt that this is not something the students should be paying for.”

Arbabi aiki also pointed out that she had not seen the card reader that Campus Life once had in their possession being used for SGA events, citing that it was mostly reserved for Late Night and SGC and SPC events.

Neistein agreed, adding that this is not the first time SGA has funded a project for the use of BBC clubs and organizations.

During the deliberations meeting, Arbabi aiki confirmed this, stating that this particular card reader was “lost” — or, at least that is what the council was told.

According to Neistein, the card reader that SGC-BBC funded in the past was held in the marketing department when it was not in use, whose doors automatically lock. Furthermore, the only people who had access to the key were Zapata and members of the marketing department.

“I would love to meet the robbers who stole it, because that would be pretty clandestine to just go in there without opening the door,” Neistein said.

Zapata praised the council for being “judicious and conscious” in ultimately deciding to reject the motion.

TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF

Lonely breakfast leads to bland food, reliable standby

This is going to make me sound so pathetic, but I find myself eating alone a lot. It is not because of my lack of friends down in Miami. I am just always on the run.

For some reason, the only meal that is totally socially acceptable to eat alone is breakfast. I guess people figure you do not want to be spoken to in the morning so breakfast is a throw-away meal.

So I went on a mission to find places that I could eat alone without being judged by anyone around me.

Sometimes I am uber-busy in the morning and need a place to sit while I eat. By mistake, I went to this horrid place called Sara’s Kitchen Restaurant on 2214 NE 123th St., Miami.

I honestly thought this place was going to be a nice Jewish diner. They even have a sign on the door that says “Shalom ya’ ll” and the menu contains charming names of their specials.

For example, they have the ahu special (which means “dad” in Hebrew) which is three eggs, potato or salad, coffee and a bagel for $4.27, tax included. What I got, however, was not what I expected.

The eggs, which I ordered scrambled, had no flavor to them; they were also a little burnt on the sides. As for the bagel, it did not come with cream cheese. I am sorry bagels are not meant to be bland. So forget the “daddy in Hebrew” which actually strong enough to wake me up with just one sip.

Breakfast should be relaxing, not bland. So forget the “daddy special” and go for Cuban in the morning. You will thank me when lunch rolls around and you are still wired from coffee.

There is a great place to grab a cup of coffee, or café con leche depending how you pronounce it, and a pastry. A small cup of coffee will run you $1.70 and a spinach croqueta is $0.65 more.

I love stopping by here and eating my food in the car on my way to school. The croqueta always makes me smile with its creamy center. Since I am convinced that Cuban coffee in God’s gift to the world, I love how their coffee is actually strong enough to wake me up with just one sip.

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The eggs, which I ordered scrambled, had no flavor to them; they were also a little burnt on the sides. As for the bagel, it did not come with cream cheese. I am sorry bagels are not meant to be had with strawberry jam or butter. Then again, my coffee tasted like water and my home fries failed to come with my meal, so a lack of cream cheese is expected.

I would be disappointed if any of my readers step foot in there.

Most days, my lonely breakfast means a stop at Vicky’s Bakery, 948 Weston Road, Weston. They have locations throughout Miami-Dade and Broward, but this location is closest to me.

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Catch “Weekends with Paradise” every other Friday. Our writers pay for all food and experiences and are not compensated in exchange for positive reviews.

Miami-Dade Aviation Department construction supervisor Alex Montalvo leads a mock interview of an FIU student on Feb. 16. Montalvo was participating in the Practice Interview Program, hosted by the Career Services Office, in which employers held mock interviews with students and provide feedback on their performance.
GETTING SCHOLED

Minority students receive benefits from Wal-Mart

I have never liked Wal-Mart.

The side of me that wants to remain a progressive, happy liberal has always made me want to remind me that Wal-Mart is evil.

Every time I’m dragged to Wal-Mart to catch some sale with family, I remind myself that it is an awful company with awful business practices.

After all, KnowMore.org, a Web site dedicated to investigating companies and raising awareness of corporate abuse, urges its users to boycott Wal-Mart, citing areas of concern around “worker rights, human rights… and business ethics.”

One critical facet of this concern revolves around the inability for Wal-Mart employees to unionize.

But now I find out that Wal-Mart may not be as evil as it seems.

The Chronicle of Higher Education revealed that The Wal-Mart Foundation would award 30 grants to the Council of Independent Colleges to benefit minority first-generation students.

Margaret McKenna, the Wal-Mart Foundation’s president, said, “Our goal was to encourage schools to do what they thought made sense.”

That being to help more students graduate, especially those who have been consistently underserved by higher education.

The Chronicle noted that numerous studies from the Higher Education Research Institute and the U.S. Department of Education “have found that first-generation students are much less likely to graduate,” and generally perform worse than their peers whose parents have degrees.

Wal-Mart’s awards to the CIC are funneled into grants to institutions that primarily serve minorities.

It gave $4.2 million to the Institute of Higher Education Policy, which created the learning of 15 grants last year.

Fifteen more grants will be announced in February, all of which will amount to $50,000, except for 10 of the next CIC grants (which will equal $5,000). In addition to the grants to the IHEP, Wal-Mart granted over a million dollars to the Excellence in Education’s “Growing What Works” program, an initiative “designed to replicate programs that effectively increase Latino student success.

For a company whose market capitalization is over $221 billion as of September 2004, it is nice to see that the big guy is helping the little guy, and it’s certainly refreshing to see Wal-Mart in good press.

What is perplexing, however, is Wal-Mart’s limitation of its funds to small, private colleges, particularly those that participate in the CIC.

While I can see it is channeling its money into institutions concentrating primarily on minorities, it is obvious that these are not the only schools with large minority populations.

The CIC is comprised of more than 600 independent colleges, yet only 30 of those qualify for Wal-Mart’s awards.

The criteria for selection, according to the CIC’s Web site, includes that participating institutions must have an enrollment of at least 30 percent of first-generation students.

But what is a “first-generation” student? The most common definition of one notes that neither parent possesses neither a bachelor’s nor an associate degree. Additionally, diplomats from other countries are also considered, but vary by college.

Regardless of what exactly a first-generation student is, Wal-Mart should open their pockets just a smidgen more – millions of dollars to them, it essentially pocket change – and open their recipient pool to additional institutions.

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Staff Writer

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The reason Americans do not see Palin as an influential political figure stems from her stand on social issues rather than political.

If she were to align herself with the Tea Party, it becomes apparent that her main concern as a candidate would be public policy, especially in concern to fiscal responsibility.

More pointedly, these speaking engagements have given her a reason to platform upon which to continue to discuss her concerns about energy independence.

The recent alliance benefits the Tea Party tremendously. Sarah Palin attracts attention; she has a talent for energizing the conservative base as well as attracting media coverage.

Although this may not be a partisan and political plurality in the theoretical sense, any attention that the Tea Party can garner will highlight its opposition to increases in the national debt and taxes and will eventually lead to reform.
Film depicts raw brutality behind war

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FISTFULS OF TECH

To survive, Apple iPad must forge its own market

The iPad is currently floating in purgatory between the iPhone and the Macbook. It is a device without a market, but it doesn’t have to be that way. Steve Jobs released the long-awaited iPad on Jan. 27 to a crowd of anxious tech journalists and a loyal customer base where he succeeded in disappointing each of them. Well, all except for Steve Jobs himself. He’s a man crush on Jobs prevents him from hating anything Apple.

It’s no secret that this device has a massive identity crisis. This is evidenced by its gorgeous, 9-inch multi-touch screen and an awkward dock with a real life keyboard welded to it. Is it an iPhone? Is it a Macbook? It’s neither. However, my column this week isn’t about the iPad’s pitfalls, it is about the iPad’s potential.

Underneath its rushed, iPhone derived software and its ambiguous purpose lies a computing platform that is not only extremely powerful but also limitless in its potential.

The iPad’s biggest hurdle, its Achilles’ heel, is ironically the same problem the iPhone has: it’s a closed environment.

An unfettered iPad with no limits; multi-tasking and a full Web support including Adobe Flash, would make this thing a very powerful contender in mobile computing, worthy of its lofty price point.

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The iPad can achieve what the iPhone cannot; it can be an unstoppable computing platform, one that could propel multi-touch technology and make it more mainstream than ever.

Imagine a multi-tasking, flash-equipped iPad carried around by doctors at a hospital. Him or her quickly walking around, going from patient to patient using it to manage and view their charts, prescribe medications and even view CT Scans or MRI results in real time.

Another place where an iPad would flourish would be in the classroom. An iPad in the hands of students in a classroom, completing assignments and e-

GREEN THUMB

Club’s organic mantra offers an easy way to make healthy choices

The Organic Farmers Market is held from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday.

They are located right next to the fountain between the Graham Center and DeGuzman Masion.

There is plenty to get involved with in the Garden Club other than the farmers market. Some of their upcoming projects include the beautification of the garden, a fruit tree and seed-sprouting workshop, planting for spring, field trips to local farms and a workshop on how to create a “market garden.”

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To survive, Apple iPad must forge its own market

The iPad is currently floating in purgatory between the iPhone and the Macbook. It is a device without a market, but it doesn’t have to be that way. Steve Jobs released the long-awaited iPad on Jan. 27 to a crowd of anxious tech journalists and a loyal customer base where he succeeded in disappointing each of them. Well, all except for Steve Jobs himself. He’s a man crush on Jobs prevents him from hating anything Apple.

It’s no secret that this device has a massive identity crisis. This is evidenced by its gorgeous, 9-inch multi-touch screen and an awkward dock with a real life keyboard welded to it. Is it an iPhone? Is it a Macbook? It’s neither. However, my column this week isn’t about the iPad’s pitfalls, it is about the iPad’s potential.

Underneath its rushed, iPhone derived software and its ambiguous purpose lies a computing platform that is not only extremely powerful but also limitless in its potential.

The iPad’s biggest hurdle, its Achilles’ heel, is ironically the same problem the iPhone has: it’s a closed environment.

An unfettered iPad with no limits; multi-tasking and a full Web support including Adobe Flash, would make this thing a very powerful contender in mobile computing, worthy of its lofty price point.

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GREEN THUMB

Club’s organic mantra offers an easy way to make healthy choices

The Organic Farmers Market is held from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday.

They are located right next to the fountain between the Graham Center and DeGuzman Masion.

There is plenty to get involved with in the Garden Club other than the farmers market. Some of their upcoming projects include the beautification of the garden, a fruit tree and seed-sprouting workshop, planting for spring, field trips to local farms and a workshop on how to create a “market garden.”

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Apple currently holding back iPad’s potential

mailing them to their professor, or reading Internet-fused textbooks, is quite a sight. I have written ad nauseam about how Apple is holding back the iPhone’s growth with its closed platform.

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Fuller’s epic typifies a raw, emotionless war

assault on Omaha Beach, a squad of soldiers is sent to find and retrieve a soldier whose other brothers had died in the conflict.

The entire premise could have been shrunk and made into another one of the many episodes that pepper this film. Both films are great in their own way. Spielberg set out to make a tribute to veterans as a past to their sacrifices. His attention to detail and budget gave him a much more accurate film in terms of set-pieces and props.

He finds his truth in filming the massacre on the beaches of Normandy, which is in itself a highly effective sequence. But at the end of the film, the flag still waves and America is a better nation for it.

Fuller doesn’t care, nor do his protagonists. They do what they do because they have to. There is no central story or climatic battle sequence. Much of the film involves marching and downtime. The soldiers feel like they’re the only squad in the U.S. Army.

Little flourishes — a young girl who adorns Marvin’s helmet with flowers, or attacking an army occupied by Germans and patients — add a little character.

Spielberg was concerned with making an anti-war movie. Fuller was busy making a true-to-war film; people die, people live, people change, people gripe.

Replacements fill the squad and the Four Horsemen don’t care. The squad members are all just a dime-a-dozen. One dies, another comes in. They don’t care because they’ll soon be gone. The truth just hurts too much.

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By ALEX GARCIA/THE BEACON

Golden Panthers, Thomas anxious to start season

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Roughly eight months later, the Terrapins will be escaping frigid conditions for a three-game series from Feb. 19-21 to find out firsthand exactly what Thomas has done and continues to do at FIU.

“Most northern teams like to come down and play in the warm weather early, so I thought it was a good situation to be in,” said Thomas. “And I know [Coach Bakich] who I respect very much so it looked like two and two just added up to be four.”

Maryland, led by the first-year coach Eric Bakich, is a team looking to rebuild, but is predicted by experts to finish at or near the bottom of the ACC Atlantic Division in 2010 in what should be a transitional year for the program.

Last season, the Terps finished 27-27 and struggled in the conference play with a record of 10-20. They struggled in the pitching department with a 5.03 ERA. FIU will likely face there two top returning starters, Brett Harmon and Matt Fullerton, over the course of the series.

At the plate, the team hit a paltry .281 as a team and coming into the new season losing three of their top four hitters. Their top hitter from 2009, David Ponter, remains the biggest threat for the FIU pitching staff.

But for the most part, it is hard for FIU to predict what to expect from a team that is expected to lean heavily on its new players to deliver right away.

“They have a number of new players and some returning pitchers that pitched a fairly good amount for them,” said Thomas on what to expect from the new-look Terrapins. “[Maryland’s home field] College Park is one of the shortest fields in the ACC so I’m sure they’re going to recruit some power guys that can hit home runs as well.”

Scott Rembisz is expected to start on opening night, looking to give the Panthers a victory to set up the rest of the weekend and get his senior season started on a positive note.

“I’m excited and ready to go,” said Rembisz. “It’s always good to get started off the right way. Every Friday night win makes the rest of the weekend much easier for the team.”

The Panthers expect to start R.J. Fondon and Cory Poliziano for the last two games of the series.

The FIU lineup is still anything but certain, however, as key position battles remain unsettled as the team practiced throughout the week preparing for the opening series. Thomas expects a rotation of Doug Joyce, Sean Reilly and Miami-Dade transfer Jose Behar at catcher early on in the season while there is still uncertainty as to who will emerge as FIU’s starting left fielder.

“We got three or four candidates in left field,” said Thomas. “Nobody has stepped up to win the job, but nobody has stepped down, either. They’re all going to get a chance to play.”

Mansare shines in victory

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“I didn’t have any worries,” said Carey. “I knew we were going to win. We held our own and even when they had lots of push to go ahead we just played good defense, settled down, and did what we needed to do.

The Golden Panthers finished off the game with an 8-1 lead to take the win by 17 points.

FIU (14-13, 9-7) shot 48 percent from the field on the night while FAU (13-12, 9-6) was held to a 30.4 percent effort. The Golden Panthers also held an advantage from the free-throw line as they knocked down 8-of-9 shots compared to 6-of-10 for the Owls.

“I’m impressed because we are really playing like a team,” said Miloglav. “It’s amazing to be a part of this team.

With the victory, the Golden Panthers increased their current win streak to six and with just two games remaining against the two top teams in the Sun Belt Conference, Middle Tennessee and Western Kentucky, some seem confident that the Golden Panthers can continue to turn heads.

“We just have to keep pushing,” said Carey. “We’re capable of doing it. We have players that can be the best in the conference,” said Gonzalez. “I think at the beginning of the season we knew we were good but we weren’t playing together. We’re going to win if we’re laying as a team, and that’s what we’re doing now.”

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FIU sweeps season series against Owls

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In fact, from the moment the Golden Panthers started clawing, Florida Atlantic seemed flightless.

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Freshman Fadia Manns was the only double-figure scorer for the Owls, shooting 3-of-5 from the three-point mark.

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But with few seconds on the clock, FIU forward Chris Mur responded by knocking down his free throws, ending the possibility of a Lambda comeback.

PI KAPPA ALPHA 43, SIGMA ALPHA MU 43

Pi Kappa Alpha (1-1-1) made a nerve-racking three-pointer with seconds left to tie Sigma Alpha Mu (1-1-1), 43-43.

Sammy guard Javier Rosario fought off and early Pike push and kept them alive and tied the game going into the half, shooting 3 of 5 from the three-point mark.

Late in the game, Rosario came to the rescue on another three pointer to put Sammy ahead 43-40 with 17 seconds left in the game. Cabrera then missed on the one-and-one free throw attempt and Pike forward Yendy Gonzalez tied the game on a three-point shot.

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