GAMES PROMOTE ALCOHOL AWARENESS

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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 FIU.

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

Montgomery added that she feels 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 effects of drinking.

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“Today’s everyday decisions affect tomorrow’s energy,” said Audience Chair Greg Kopp. “The IEA estimates that by 2030, China and India together will represent machinery.”

The International Energy Agency, or IEA, is an organization composed of 29 countries that cooperate to meet the world’s increasing energy demand. The agency was created to ensure that energy demand is met in the most efficient and economic way possible.


According to the IEA, financing for renewable energy technology is still lagging behind oil, natural gas and coal. Conservation and energy efficiency programs are taking up a larger portion of the global energy market.

“They offer many things that are attractive to consumers,” Nauman said. “One thing that is driving energy efficiency is the price of oil.”

Fall River, Mass. Former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis and FIU President Mark Rosenberg have given a chance to the white house to help them study the future of the energy sector.

“The reality of the future is that the world is changing,” Nauman said. “It’s going to take a lot of hard work to change the way we use energy.”

According to the IEA, renewable energy technologies policy framework is crucial for the future of energy. The IEA estimates that by 2030, China and India together will represent about 35 percent of incremental energy demand.
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 over 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 Weatherpoon described the event as “not amazing.” Weatherpoon said, adding that she learned a lot during 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.
Council approves OrgSync funding, card reader denied

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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 Arbaahi. 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, SOG 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 reservations to fund SOC.

"[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, Arbaahi asked 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, Arbaahi asked 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."

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

Neistein agreed, adding that this is not the first time SGA has funded a card reader for Campus Life. Zapata confirmed this, stating that this particular card reader was "lost"—or, at least that was what the council was told.

According to Neistein, the card reader that SGC-BBC [sic] 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.

Neistein praised the council on 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 Kosher Restaurant on 2214 NE 123rd 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 ahi special (which means “dad” in Hebrew) which is three eggs, potato or salad, coffee and a bagel for $4.27, tax included.

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 wired from coffee.

I love how their coffee is 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.

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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 it a point 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. Education Department “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 $150,000 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 led to the creation of 15 last year.

Fifteen more grants will be announced in February, all of which will amount to $100,000, 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 outside 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, diplomas 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 smidgeon more – millions of dollars to them, it is essentially pocket change – and open their recipient pool to additional institutions.

Wal-Mart’s scholarship and grants program must be expanded, though this may certainly limit public institutions like FIU, which receive funds already from their respective states.

Palin can resurface through Tea Party

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Politics in the United States are known to be quite polarizing. “To speculate everywhere, it may seem as though bipartisanship and plurality are elements of society that will never be a reality.”

Despite this, there are instances in which the ideologies of various political factions interact.

Recently, the Tea Party has become defined as a governor and vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin is currently known as one of the most polarizing figures in American politics.

But I would like to believe that she has the ability to bridge this gap, just maybe not as a Republican.

Her ability to garner media attention can be used to provide support for her political career.

Attracting accomplishments, she has become a best-selling author.

Going Rogue: An American Life sold 1 million copies in its first two weeks, and garnered best-seller rankings comparable to the memoirs of Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

Palin also provides political commentary as a regular guest on the Fox News Channel.

After being announced Jan. 27, 2009, supports candidates for federal and state office whose beliefs and practices benefit the country – regardless of political affiliation.

As an accomplished speaker, Palin was the keynote speaker at the Tea Party Convention on Feb. 6 in Las Vegas.

The original [Boston] Tea Party was organized in response to the Act of Tea of 1773 passed by British Parliament.

At the time, the United States was a British colony, and colonists opposed the Tea Act because they believed that it imposed “taxation without representation.”


Those involved regard these acts as wasteful government spending.

The Tea Party facilitates national protests held on April 15 for Tax Day, July 4 for Independence Day and Sept. 11, to commemorate the memory of victims of the 9/11 attacks.

As its primary public policy stance, the Tea Party opposes increases in national debt and taxes.

A Rasmussen poll administered on Dec. 7 found that 41 percent of Americans have a favorable view of the Tea Party movement.

The same poll constructed a hypothetical situation to test the feasibility of an official Tea Party candidate.

A vote solely be decided along party lines, among Democrats, Republicans, or Tea Party.

Surprisingly, 56 percent of Americans would vote for a Democrat, 23 percent for Tea Party, and 18 percent for a Republican.

This demonstrates that the Tea Party has a real chance to compete as a third party, and might even have a slight edge over Republicans.

A poll administered by the Washington Post/ABC News conducted on Feb. 11 finds Palin has a 37 percent approval rating and a 55 percent disapproval rating.

Overall, 71 percent of Americans find her unqualified to run for president.

Some might conclude that Sarah Palin’s future does not seem likely to include holding a position in a political office of any sort. However, I disagree.

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- able 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 her passion and political plurality in the theoretical sense, any attention that the Tea Party can garner will heighten its opposition to increases in the national debt and taxes and will eventually lead to reform.
**MODERN CLASSICS**

**Film depicts raw brutality behind war.**

Finally got around to watching Jean Luc Godard’s *Pierrot Le Fou* during a quiet Valentine’s Day. Early in the film, the protagonist, played by Jean-Paul Belmondo, is stuck at a typical bourgeois party speaking to an American director named Sam Fuller (playing himself in a cameo role).

Intrigued by Fuller’s profession, he asks the filmmaker about his feelings on film. Fuller is succinct: “Film is like a battleground. There’s love, hate, action, violence, death … in one word: emotion.”

Fuller’s films are gritty, hard-bitten and shameless, yet utterly authentic to life. No other film exemplifies his style more than *The Big Red One*, a semi-autobiographical account of his experiences in Europe with the First Infantry Division during World War II.

Take for instance a scene in the film wherein a soldier triggers a Bouncing Betty land mine. Lee Marvin, the sergeant of the squad, examines the soldier and tells him he’ll live. This particular land mine wasn’t designed to kill him but to castrate him.

The soldier is undoubtedly frightened at the chance of losing his manhood. Marvin, the grizzled tired veteran who’s seen it all, picks up a piece of flesh and says, “Here. I’ve found it.”

Those are the moments that stick in my mind most deeply when I watch this film.

The film follows Marvin and his squad of young American soldiers; Zab (Robert Carradine), Grift (Mark Hamill), Vunci (Bobby Di Cicco) and Johnson (Kelly Ward). They travel across Europe to the sound of German radio starAxis Sally telling the Americans to surrender or die.

The further the film goes, the more absurd the war becomes; squad patrols through Italian countryside in search of snipers, falling asleep to the sounds of German radio star Alex Sally telling the Americans to surrender or die.

Zab, an aspiring writer based partially on Fuller, serves as the narrator and notes the irony of how to find a sniper: “You know how you smoke out a sniper? You send a guy out in the open and you see if he gets shot. They thought that one up at West Point.”

Truth is what Fuller is after in this film and he comes far closer to it than Spielberg did in 1998 with *Saving Private Ryan*. In that film, following an incredible reenactment of the

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**GREEN THUMB**

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

The Garden Club is a student organization on campus that focuses on growing organic produce and life-raising awareness about the food choices that people make.

The organization, also known as MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences), is open to the entire FIU community and represents a diverse group of students, faculty and staff.

MANRRS hosts workshops that cover various gardening and food topics. They also take field trips to local farms to have a better understanding of what is going on in South Florida agriculture.

The FIU Garden is located between the Baseball Stadium and the nature preserve at the Modesto Maidique Campus and is maintained mainly by members of the Garden Club.

“I first joined the Garden Club because there is nothing like going out and picking your food fresh from where it is grown. I feel like growing your own food is a tremendously rewarding experience that everyone should enjoy,” said Ian Wogan, president of MANRRS.

The Garden Club also hosts the local Organic Farmers Market on campus. They sell produce from local organic farms in the Homestead/Redlands area.

“One of my professors had mentioned the Organic Farmers Market before and he said those are the freshest type of vegetables,” said Estrella Morejon, a senior journalism student.

They also have a local soap maker, a local bread maker, a local honey producer and local baked goods. Other student organizations like the Yoga Club, Vegetarian Club and Students for Environmental Action sell fresh sandwiches, wraps, smoothies and fruit tarts.

Junior Jake Kruger (left), senior Jessica Okaty (center) and junior Brayan Tome (right), work on a supporting trellis for tomatoes on Feb. 12. The Garden is located between the Baseball Stadium and the Nature Preserve.

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 Deuxieme Maison.

There is plenty to get involved with 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.”

“I think it is important for other students to be involved with the Garden Club because it is a great way for people to learn to grow their own food,” Wogan said. “Not only can you learn to grow amazing food, but we make sure to have a good time together.”

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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 *The Wall Street Journal’s* Walt Mossberg — his 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 full Web support including Adobe Flash, would make this thing a very powerful contender in mobile computing, worthy of its lofty price point.

Not allowing multi-tasking and Flash on the iPhone, though cruddy, is a little more defendable than on the iPad. These features take a toll on resources and battery life, and on a phone can be a bit problematic.

However, the iPad can do this. It has Apple’s new A4 processor, a “system on a chip” processor that can handle large, demanding workloads while still maintaining good performance and a 10-hour battery life.

The iPad can achieve what the iPhone cannot and 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 waking 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-
Apple currently holding back iPad's potential

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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 part of their sacrifices. His attention to detail and budget gave him a much more accurate film in terms of set 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 arc or climactic 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 asylum occupied by Germans and patients – add a certain charm.

Spielberg was concerned with making an anti-war movie. Fuller was busy making a true-to-war film; people die, 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. If they cry in combat, it’s not because their friend got killed but because they could be next.

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Lee Marvin (front) stars in Sam Fuller’s war epic, The Big Red One, as sergeant of an American squad in World War II.
Golden Panthers, Thomas anxious to start season

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 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 Poutier, 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 Corey Polizazzo for the last two games of the series.

The FIU lineup is still anything but certain, however, as key position battles remain unset-tled 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 uncer-tainty 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

"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 advan-tage 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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The Owls never soared on Wednesday night at the U.S. Century Bank Arena in Miami.

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

Four Golden Panthers, however, were able to get off the ground and score double-figures to lead FIU’s women basketball team to a 59-42 victory.

Freshman Fadnusa Mansare led the attack with a game-high 30 points and grabbed nine rebounds while junior Elisa Carey was also productive in the frontcourt with her eighth double-double of the year – 12 points and 11 rebounds.

The backcourt also shined for the Golden Panthers as guards Michelle Gonzalez and Carmen Miloglav both knocked down 11 points.

Carey had her eighth double-double of the season with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

At that moment, the last matchup between the teams probably crossed a lot of the players’ minds while some remained confident.

“It crossed my mind maybe the last five minutes,” said Gonzalez.

The junior’s thoughts were of last month’s game when FAU rallied back from a 15-point deficit in the final five minutes,” said Gonzalez.

“The junior’s thoughts were of last month’s game when FAU rallied back from a 15-point deficit in the final minutes against FIU to force overtime.”

Elisa Carey (center) puts up a shot against arch rival Florida Atlantic on Feb. 17.

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TRACK & FIELD

Team shines with strong showing at GVSU meet

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The FIU Track and Field Team is in top form just in time for the SBC Championships that will take place this weekend in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The GVSU big meet in Grand Rapids, MI on Feb. 12 saw the Golden Panthers take further strides into becoming a force in the Sun Belt. Freshman Victor Chin turned in a very strong performance with a second-place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.88 to break the freshaen school record.

On the women’s side, Benia Gregoire’s mark of 50 feet in the weight throw was good enough to put her second all-time in the event.

“Slowly but surely we’re moving to the place that we want to be going into the conference meet,” said coach Eric Campbell regarding his team’s progression. “I’m really proud of where we are going into the championships. I’m excited to see how both teams will perform.”

K’Keyan Dumuy bested her time from last week’s school-record breaking day by a freshman in the 60m dash, getting a 7.64 for a fourth place finish. Lakeisha Kelley also posted a time (7.79) that ranks among the top five performances in school history by freshmen.

The emergence of a young and hungry freshman class has propellled the Golden Panthers.

Freshman like Andrew Mattox and Dennison Long have consistently improved as the season has passed, with the team peaking at GVSU. Throughout the season, starting with the Jimmy Carnes Classic, the team has slowly progressed into top form, and take that momentum into Conference.

The team is hoping to come out with a solid finish, yet has the talent to do much more than just finish in a solid position.

Intramural Basketball: Fraternity

 Blowouts, uneven play highlight fraternity rivalries

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For the first time in the Fraternity intramural basketball season this year a game ended in a tie, and Beta Theta Pi forfeited their game against first place Pi Kappa Phi.

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 Yendi Gonzalez tied the game on a three-point buzzer beater.

PHI GAMMA DELTA 35, LAMBDA THETA PHI 28

Pi Gamma Delta (1-2) got their first win of the season against Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity Incorporated (1-2), 35-28.

In the final minutes of the game, Lambda guard Ryan Ore nailed a pair of free throws that narrowed the FIU lead 28-31.

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.

PHI SIGMA KAPPA 54, TAU KAPPA EPSILON 20

Phi Sigma Kappa (3-0) remained undefeated and defeated Tau Kappa Epsilon (0-2), 54-20. Tege guard Richard Driest kept them close in the beginning, leading them with 10 points.

SIGMA PHI EPSILON 51, SIGMA CHI 6

Sigma Phi Epsilon (2-1) easily defeated wireless Sigma Chi (0-3) 51-6, not allowing a single point in the first half.

“It came down to our defense and we didn’t let up,” Sigma guard Andrew Areces said.

At the end of the first half, both teams were tied at 1-1 and the home team went on a 10-0 run to take the lead.

“We got out of sync there and didn’t play like that for the rest of the game,” Sigma guard Andrew Areces said.

FRAT LEAGUE STANDINGS

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Phi Sigma Kappa 3-0 1.000 102
Kappa Alpha Phi 2-0 1.000 41
Sigma Phi Epsilon 2-1 .667 57
Sigma Alpha Mu 1-1-.500 3-6
Lambda Theta Phi 1-2 .333 -16
Pi Kappa Alpha 1-1-.500 -2
FIU 1-2 .333 -51
Beta Theta Pi 0-2 .000 -52
Sigma Chi 0-3 .000 -90
Tau Kappa Epsilon 0-2 .000 -64

*All records up to date as of Feb. 18