FIG innovator dead at 60

JORGE VALENS
News Director

Professor Jeffrey Knapp, 60, director for the Academy of the Art of Teaching at FIU passed away on Feb. 17 after a nine-year battle with cancer. Knapp began his 20-year tenure at the University as a composition professor in the English department. He went on to serve as the director for the First-Year Interest Group program and later became the director of the Academy for the Art of Teaching, according to his Miami Herald obituary.

“[He] knew the value of sharing an intellectual experience with others,” said Dr. Lidia Tintle, associate dean for undergraduate education regarding Knapp’s work with Figs. University Ombudsman Larry Lunsford noted Knapp’s dedication to not only teaching but also to learning.

“[He] never stopped learning,” Lunsford said.

Lunsford credited Knapp with the modernization of the FIG program 10 years ago, specifically the program’s textbook, adapting it for a new generation of students.

Knapp was also the recipient of the University’s President’s Access and Equity Award in 2009, according to the College of Arts and Sciences Web site.

“[He] was this brilliant man who was funny and warm,” said Associate Director of Campus Life at the Biscayne Bay Campus Vicky Owles. “I don’t think he realized the impression he made on people.”

Owles met Knapp when she joined the University in 2001 teaching first-year experience classes.

THE MIAMI PROJECT

David Del Cristo presents the six “sweethearts” candidates (three shown above) that are running to be the face of Sigma Phi Epsilon’s philanthropy The Miami Project, which benefits spinal cord injuries. The “Sig Ep Black Party” was held on Feb. 19, between the Gold and Blue Parking Garages.

Interim dean named foundation chair-elect

MELISSA CACERES
Staff Writer

Marie McDermont, interim dean of the College of Education, has been appointed as chair-elect to the board of The Lumina Foundation.

The Lumina Foundation is a private foundation that serves to promote success in education beyond high school through the distribution of grants along with campaigns.

She will begin her three-year tenure in March of 2010.

“As an African American woman, there is always room to be a ‘first’,” McDermont said, who has an extensive background in higher education. “But this, to me, is a crowning achievement in my career because this is a national recognition.”

While this will be her first time holding the position, McDermont has been part of the foundation since its beginnings back in 2000.

Now as chair-elect, she hopes to engage in more public speaking to promote the knowledge that comes with higher education.

“Our one big goal is increasing graduation rates. The United States use to be No. 1 in the world and that gave us a competitive advantage which helped in things like national security,” McDermont said.

“Now we’re No. 10 in the world. We’ve slipped down so far that it is through college degrees that we will be able to retaliate.”

McDermont, who has held the temporary dean position since June 30, 2009 and also holds the title of president emeritus of Norfolk University, has a history of administrative roles within numerous educational institutions.

At Florida Atlantic University, she served as vice president for finance as well as chief operating officer. She has also assumed finance positions at Atlanta University, Emory University, University of Massachusetts Amherst, as well as the system of community colleges in Massachusetts.

“Marie’s extensive experience in higher education, from serving as president of a leading historically black university to her role...
code, Section II, Article E, the SGC-BBC president will fill the vacancy by appointment after an open application process. This appointment is then subject to approval by simple majority of the students of the SGC-BBC senate.

The elections commissioner is responsible for instructing all election officials of proper election codes and oversees the elections committee.

In the absence of the committee, the elections commissioner must use the judicial board to resolve any violations.

Christin “CiCi” Battle, SGC-BBC vice president, has assigned herself the job of revising the elections code. These revisions will not affect this semester’s elections and, if passed, will go into effect in 2011.

A bigger problem for SGC-BBC has been the fact its senate has not met quorum during its Feb. 8 and Feb. 15 meetings, limiting its ability to conduct business. To meet quorum, there must be half plus one of the total number of senators present in order to appoint members, a total of four senate members.

Currently there are only seven senators remaining from the 17 positions that were filled in the beginning of the semester, according to Zahra Ararbui Aski, SGC-BBC lower-division senator.

According to Zapata, the resignations of senators – and three speakers of the senate in the last semester and a half – has had an effect.

“There have been a couple of meetings where we have not made quorum. I know that we lost some people and I think it has been difficult for them to get back on track,” Zapata said.

“We also lost the senate chair. [Nickolay Chikishev] took over when Tanya [Williams] resigned.”

Chikishev, SGC-BBC lower-division senator, was appointed as speaker of the senate in January.

Furthermore, during the Feb. 15 meeting, Chikishev pointed out the need for the dismissal of several senators.

“We removed five people,” Chikishev said. “I have to notify some people they are being dropped.”

According to Zapata, a lack of urgency is apparent.

However, Zapata believes that the workflow has not been disrupted since issues can also be discussed during Wednesday’s SGC-BBC meetings.

“I think [the senators think] they do not on Monday they can always vote on [an issue] on Wednesday. I do not know how senators in general they cannot make meetings,” Zapata said. “But unfortunately, some of these senate meetings have been a waste of our time since we don’t have quorum. I don’t like that because it takes away the purpose of having senate meetings.”

According to Chikishev, to help alleviate the problem of not meeting quorum, the council has discussed promoting interns to paid senate positions.

Applications for candidacy during the Spring 2010 SGC-BBC elections will be sent out Feb. 23, and will be due March 9. Senate elections will take place on March 29 and 30.

Candidates will have two weeks to campaign.
Food, physics and a fervent atmosphere filled with fresh-faced students and seasoned alumnii of FIU were present at Food 4 Talk. The event, sponsored by the Honors College on Feb. 18, brought together a very colorful crowd of patrons for a night of spirited discussions and debates.

As the doors opened at 6:30 at the Wolfe University Center Ball Room, the guests started piling in, including scholars from Daniel Alvarez, who received his Master’s degree from Harvard and whose topic was “Celibacy and the Church” to John Bailly; who received his Master’s degree from Harvard and whose topic was “Celibacy and the Church” to John Bailly; and professors from the past.

The drast differences that exist between the student populations of both campuses are also proportionate to their meal options. MMC students have several dining options such as Burger King and Pollo Tropical in the Graham Center. Substantial dining options are found in locations elsewhere such as C3 Breezeway Café, which is a convenience store in the University Park Tower Resident Hall that features Bene Pizzeria and a Bora’s Head Deli, and Express Convenience Store inside of the Green Library.

Dining options at BBC are limited to Bleecker Street, Grille Works, and Moe’s Southwest Grill. "MMC gets Starbucks. We get Bleecker Street," said Eddy Morales, a junior broadcast major. "I’ve never heard of Bleecker Street."

According to Jones, the expansion of BBC dining options is on the table. "The University was considering placing a small food service within the [Biscayne Bay] library, similar to one recently added at MMC," said Jones. 

Efforts for the mini mart in the Library are being led by Business Services. Jeff Krablin, assistant vice president of Business Services, could not be reached for comment.

Even so, students at BBC are looking for a stronger effort in expansion. "I wish there was still a Subway there, but Moe’s has been my go-to place for my ten-hour Mondays," said Jenni Hanlon, a junior public relations major. "And I think we should definitely have a Starbucks like South campus does."

Jones also mentioned looking into expanding the hours dining is open. At MMC, some dining locations are open until midnight on weekends.

However, the BBC locations are open Monday through Friday until 4 p.m., closing a bit earlier on Fridays at 3 p.m., and are not open on weekends.

This leaves students who have evening classes and Bay Vista residents on campus with no dining options after 4 p.m.

"They should stay open until six because there are a lot of students who have 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. classes," said Hanlon. In all, BBC has yet to hear about any expansion efforts for the mini mart.

Efforts for the mini mart in the Library are being led by Business Services. Jeff Krablin, assistant vice president of Business Services, could not be reached for comment.

"I think we should definitely have a Starbucks like South campus does."

Jones also mentioned looking into expanding the hours dining is open. At MMC, some dining locations are open until midnight on weekends.

However, the BBC locations are open Monday through Friday until 4 p.m., closing a bit earlier on Fridays at 3 p.m., and are not open on weekends.

This leaves students who have evening classes and Bay Vista residents on campus with no dining options after 4 p.m.

"They should stay open until six because there are a lot of students who have 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. classes," said Hanlon. In all, BBC has yet to hear about any expansion efforts for the mini mart.

Efforts for the mini mart in the Library are being led by Business Services. Jeff Krablin, assistant vice president of Business Services, could not be reached for comment.

"I think we should definitely have a Starbucks like South campus does."
**Rosenberg's message that this is one University.**

A unified council will not only be more efficient and that an SGA under a single president could more easily get things done.

Given the recent developments regarding not only the status of elections at SGC-BBC but also SGC-BBC has not specified the reasons for removing former Elections Commissioner Whitney Dean. While her removal may very well for removing former Elections Commissioner Zapata. “But they have one when it counts.”

For instance: Let’s talk real tax reform: the system is broken and needs to be changed. Have an honest debate about the FairTax and a flat tax in an attempt to come up with the right tax system that Democrats on the left have proposed; ideas which are losing approval throughout the country.

Republican in need of solutions now

The last time a Republican held a senate seat in Massachusetts, it was during the Richard Nixon administration. But all is not well with the Republicans, to graduate students to perform aforementioned tasks.

There is one thing that is certain when talking about the Republican Party: it messed up. At this point last year, people were saying the Republic Party was finished,” said Jonathan De La Torre, currently the president of College Republicans at FIU. “But now I think we are going to make a comeback. We’ve shaped up our act. If what happened in Massachusetts and the rest of New England is a message to the White House, they are in trouble.”

The reason why Republicans lost in 2006 wasn’t because of their principles, but because the party turned its back on those principles. The party must establish itself as the party of political correctness and the party of the “No.” Republican need to unapologetically stand on the side of life, on the side of economic prosperity and on the side of patriotism and peace. At the same time, the party also has to have crossover appeal with the growing number of independent voters that are in this country; those who are in the middle of the political spectrum.

The party needs to come up with big ideas and come up with alternatives to the ideas that Democrats on the left have proposed; ideas which are losing approval throughout the country.

For instance: Let’s talk real tax reform: the system is broken and needs to be changed. Have an honest debate about the FairTax and a flat tax in an attempt to come up with a system that is fair to all Americans and does not punish productivity, but promotes the notion that a two council system just doesn’t work.

As of Feb. 21, SGC-BBC has no elections board, no commissioner, and according to SGC- BBC President Sholom Neistein, there is no council or board meeting scheduled for any senator positions as of this time. Candidate application packets, which include a copy of the constitution and the elections and the code, have also yet to be distributed.

Delivering these packets in a timely manner goes a long way in ensuring that potential candidates are informed and know of the general and academic requirements needed to run for office. Having a standing elections commissioner will also go a long way in ensuring the process runs smoothly.

SGC-BBC has not specified the reasons for removing former Elections Commissioner Whitney Dean. While her removal may very well be justified and recommended by the current SGC-BBC leadership for a number of reasons, the GSA and Panther Rage have failed to meet the needs of students. As the GSA’s annual estimated budget of $120,000 (funded by student fees) paid by graduate and professional students), $20,000 is allocated towards the cost of administration and $50,000 is awarded to students for pursuing research or attending conferences.

President Kianda briefly mentioned that should GSA be dissolved, SGA would match funds, providing more funds to students to graduate students to perform aforementioned tasks.

The president and vice-president of Media Affairs of Panther Rage, the University’s spirit organization, made comments at the senate meeting in relation to the organization’s possibility of dissolution. The president noted that Panther Rage has undergone significant restructuring towards boosting school spirit for athletics, the governing council’s primary function. It was also mentioned that the organization has experienced a steady decline in the allocations it received from SGA. Nevertheless, it has devised creative means through which it continues to operate financially.

Section III of the GSA constitution outlines its mission as “to represent and promote the interests of the University’s current and prospective graduate and professional student community; to support a clearly defined, student-centered, and professionalized student governance and providing leadership, service and financial and social opportunities.”

Currently, two people sit on the GSA board, no commissioner, and according to SGC-BBC, there are no dedicated coaches and support staff, talented athletes and unmatched physical facilities. Without school spirit, and more pointedly, an organization to effectively encourage students to attend baseball or football games, for example, the aforementioned qualities are meaningless.

Athletics play sports because they have passion to play and it increases their pride in their performance, however, when students show up to games in overwhelming numbers to support them.

Panther Rage itself may have shortcomings, it doesn’t bleak the fact that Panther Rage has succeeded in the past and continues to work.

In addition to facilitating a multi-million dollar budget and administering a plethora of student programs, SGA would simply be taking on new responsibilities by adding graduate and professional students, as all the Panther Rage has to list of responsibilities.

Instead of dissolving these organizations, perhaps a temporary committee to conduct research and formulate solutions as to how both the GSA and Panther Rage can better equip themselves in achieving their proposed missions, and importantly, how both organizations can efficiently administer their budgets to weather these troublesome financial times.

The SGC-BBC senate has failed to meet quorum during its Feb. 8 and 18 meetings. Nevertheless, it has devised creative means through which it continues to operate financially. Panther Rage for liaisons between Athletics and the student body.

Students seeking advanced degrees require an organization on campus, sensitive to academic endeavors, where they will be able to associate with individuals who share similar interests.

Regardless of GSA’s shortcomings, it is imperative to recall that graduate students rely on the GSA as a means for defining themselves within the University.

“Panther Rage exists to promote and maintain the highest level of school spirit possible at Florida International University.”
Monday, February 22, 2010

THE BEACON REVIEWS: THE WOLFMAN

Del Toro brings The Wolfman to life in classic horror remake

STEVE MESA
Staff Writer

Horror remakes have had a recent bad reputation, from the pointless (John Moore’s 2006 The Omen) to a complete waste of film (Rob Zombie’s Halloween II). However, The Wolfman, directed by Joe Johnston, manages to be an entertaining and bloody tale while paying tribute to the original 1941 Lon Chaney Jr. film and other classic werewolf films.

In 1891, several villagers of Blackmoor, England have been found beheaded, dismembered and disembowelled. The surviving villagers believe this was caused by the arrival of gypsies in their town. Law and order come in the form of Scotland Yard inspector Francis Aberline (Hugo Weaving), who believes that a crazed lunatic is causing the deaths.

Meanwhile, Lawrence Talbot (Oscar-winner Benicio Del Toro) is a theatrical actor who travels back to his homeland in Blackmoor after receiving news from his brother’s fiancée (Emily Blunt) of his brother’s disappearance. When he arrives at his family estate, he is reunited with his estranged father, Sir John Talbot (Oscar-winner Anthony Hopkins), who tells Lawrence that his brother’s ghostly and grim remains were found. In search of who (or what) killed his brother, Lawrence has a very close encounter with a wolf-like beast and becomes the tragic victim of an incurable curse.

The casting for The Wolfman is great, but the performances by Benicio Del Toro and Anthony Hopkins really bring some class and brooding and tragic man whose childhood is laced with tragedy. It also helps that Del Toro and Hopkins are the only person who can end the curse. Despite progressive action and development, women still face many – and possibly more – obstacles in rising to leadership roles within their professions.

A look at the daily news is enough to make almost anyone apprehensive of life after college. The job market grows tougher and the availability of jobs diminishes. Though these difficulties seem insurmountable, the FIU Women’s Center wishes to aid students with the drive and motivation to become leaders in industry.

Despite progressive action and development, women still face many – and possibly more – obstacles in rising to leadership roles within their professions. “Access to information is the hardest,” said Zoeann Finzi-Smith, a graduate student in counseling psychology, and the graduate assistant for the Modesto Maidique Campus’ Women’s Center. “There are [opportunities] that women may not even know are out there. They need mentorship to get there.”

The center’s fourth annual Women Who Lead Conference will take place next month, with events planned for both campuses. This series began several years ago, on a smaller scale, seeking to offer advice, information and direction. At the time, the conference had only one panel and session. With strong community support, Women Who Lead will now feature two break-out sessions, more panels and opportunities for networking and volunteer work.

Attendees will gain perspective from these events with topics such as “Developing My Leadership Plan” and “Breaking the Glass Ceiling.”

Joining the various women leaders, each conference will feature a leading woman of industry as a keynote speaker. The Biscayne Bay Campus’ conference will feature Lani Kane-Hanan, the senior vice president of Feasibility and Business Planning at the Marriott Vacation Club International.

A well University alumna, she received the ARDA Circle of Excellence Award in 2008 for her work in helping the American Resort Development Association prepare for its annual spring convention. Beth Sobol, president of Sobol Fashion Productions, will be MMC’s keynote speaker for the conference.

She is no stranger to South Florida; she was the founder of Miami Fashion Week in 1999, an event that shone the spotlight on fashion designers from Latin America, the Caribbean and the world over. Sobol understands business. She began as a model and now runs her own company along with being a respected international talent scout for modeling agencies. She also produces various trade shows for the industry.

“The more knowledge and plans for the future,” said Finzi-Smith when asked what attendees would gain from this conference. “Information from women who have been there.”

Along with the conference and panels, attendees may opt to join a lunch with these women leaders to gain more experience and perspective. BBC’s conference will be held March 5 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The conference at MMC will take place on March 26, from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

These Student Government
Women share their triumphs

WOMEN, page 5

Association-sponsored conferences will be free for students. The lunch session with the leaders will cost $5. The entire conference will be $20 for FIU alumni and $25 for other community members. Registration is required for attendance and can be completed at women.fiu.edu under the Women Who Lead tab.

The Women’s Center is available for further questions or information by e-mail at women@fiu.edu, or by calling the MMC center at 305-348-1506, or the BCC center at (305) 919-5359.

This Week on Campus

MONDAY, FEB. 22

HIGHWAY TO SUCCESS ROUTE 66 TOUR

Presented by WUC. Learn how to maximize your college experience.

WHERE: 6:30 - 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: MMC Pavilion
Register at eventbrite.cc

THE SPIRITUALITY OF INDIAN MUSIC

Lecture by Peter Lavazerali, presented by Theta Alpha Kappa.

WHERE: 6:30 - 10 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 2240

TUESDAY, FEB. 23

TISSUE TIMES TUESDAY TIMES

Katherine Wheeler Lecture

Presented by FIU Architecture.

WHERE: 7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: PCA 135

THURSDAY, FEB. 25

MEN’S BASKETBALL

The Golden Panthers take on Middle Tennessee. WHERE: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: U.S. Century Bank Arena

THE TWO VIRTUOSI CONCERT

Presented by FIU Music.

WHERE: 7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: $20 students, $25 general
WHERE: Concert Hall, WUC

RESIDENTIAL Royalty

WHERE: GC Ballrooms
HOW MUCH: Free
WHEN: 6:30 - 9 p.m.
Kappa.
presented by Theta Alpha

Lecture by Peter Lavezzi, resident at Bay Vista, asks the audience to mimic his moves in “Simon Says” parody for the talent portion for Mr. and Ms. Housing.

BOTTOM LEFT: Akeiro Lloyd, resident of Lakeview North, and Michelle Noel, resident at University Park Apartments, were crowned Mr. and Ms. Housing 2010.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Aaron Fingal, resident at Lakeview South, plays a self composed song on his guitar for the talent portion. The event was held on Feb. 18 in GC 140 as part of Diversity Week.

JOIN OUR STAFF!
The BEACON is always looking for talented and reliable individuals to join the staff. If you have an interest in writing, photography or even grammar, don’t be shy.

Stop by one of our offices located in GC 210 and WUC 124.

TUESDAY TIMES ROUNDTABLE

Discuss New York Times articles with fellow students.

WHERE: 12:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 150

NATIONAL PANCAKE DAY

Shades of Black: Fashion Show

WHERE: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 155, Porter Davis

Game Room

WHERE: GC 155, Porter Davis
HOW MUCH: $3 player pledge
WHEN: 12:30 p.m.

ROSENBerg TOWNHALL MEETING

Event will be in Spanish with English interpretations.

WHERE: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 150

FashioN SHOW

Radisson Art Museum.

WHERE: 2 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: BBC Wolfe Center

KARAOKE WITH ‘BOO-GE MAN GEORGE’

WHERE: 4 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: GC 155, Porter Davis

FRIDERIC KauFraM

Lecture by distinguished composer and former director of FIU School of Music.

WHERE: 6:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: BBC Center

ROSENBERG TOWNHALL MEETING

Event will be in Spanish with English interpretations.

WHERE: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: BBC Wolfe Center

MEN’S BASKETBALL

The Golden Panthers take on Middle Tennessee.

WHERE: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: U.S. Century Bank Arena

THE TWO VIRTUOSI CONCERT

Presented by FIU Music.

WHERE: 7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: $20 students, $25 general
WHERE: Concert Hall, WUC

KATHERINE WHEELER LECTURE

Presented by FIU Architecture.

WHERE: 7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHERE: PCA 135
Russell leads Golden Panthers with 18

**BASEBALL, page 8**

“The returning guys are really happy to have beaten FIU twice this season,” Royster said. “Since last season and the season before that they had beaten us in all 4 of the games played.”

The Golden Panthers (7-22, 4-12 SBC) could not say the same.

Otero had a monstrous double-double with a 15-point, 16-rebound performance, but Golden Panthers leading scorer Marvin Roberts was non-existent nearly the whole game while going a mere 3-of-6 from the field.

Tremayne Russell was the high man for FIU with 18 points, 4 assists, and 2 steals while also playing the second most minutes driving in two runs.

“We had to calm down,” said Bermudez. “We were really anxious, we were hyped up. It took us five innings to find ourselves.”

After a pitching change, Mike Martinez followed with a double down the third base line to even up the score at three apiece.

Berkowitz delivers in relief, Henry shines in debut

**SPORTS**

**FIU 11, MARYLAND 2**

The Golden Panthers picked up where they left off with more offensive power and a cluster of great defensive plays, cruising past Maryland in convincing fashion in the second game of the weekend series on Feb. 20.

Jabari Henry made a first impression on defense, throwing out a Terrapin base runner to end the top of the second and keeping Maryland off the scoreboard.

Henry then proceeded to impress the FIU faithful in the bottom of the second, sending a pitch soaring deep into left field that found its way past the scoreboard and into the FIU soccer field for a three-run homerun in his first collegiate at bat.

“I was thinking last night ‘What if I hit a homerun?’ and I actually did,” said a smiling Jabari Henry. “I was just trying to hit the ball that far.” He put one right there and I drove it.”

Corey Polizzano (1-0) took the mound for the FIU, letting up one run on seven hits across five innings of work. Polizzano ran into trouble in the top half of the third, letting up a run after giving up two singles and committing a throwing error while fielding a bunt to first. But an unassisted double play by Junior Arrojo and a diving catch and throw by third baseman Garrett Wittels bailed the senior southpaw out of a jam.

“That was big because they could have had a big inning,” Polizzano said.

Tim Joe made Maryland starter Eric Potter pay the price for leaving an off-speed pitch hanging, sending a line drive shot over the left field wall for a two-run homerun in the bottom of the third.

The rest of the game was smooth sailing for FIU as they tacked on a few more runs and rode on solid pitching from the bullpen to win their second straight game.

**BASKETBALL, page 8**

“Defense or offense, you can ask any coach it’s all about making that extra effort.”

This would soon change.

Polizzano ran into trouble for FIU as they tacked on a few more runs and handling the ball during crunch time.

“It was mainly for defensive purposes,” Thomas said of Russell’s playing time. “Plus he had the hot hand at the end of the game.”

The Golden Panthers shot 54 percent from the arc in the impressive first half. FIU knocked down six straight 3-point shots at one point during the period. Stephon Weaver was a perfect 3-of-3 in the first half, while Phil Gary hit two threes to keep the Golden Panthers in the game.

With the coming of the second half, the Panthers nearly disappeared from long range, shooting a paltry 1-of-4 in the half.

The Owls were able to capitalize on FIU’s mistakes by scoring 16 points off turnovers, including a few easy layups in transition actions.

With 13 seconds left in the game, the Panthers were down by a single point when Russell applied tremendous defensive pressure to FAU guard Alex Tucker, who lost the ball rolling off his shoe out of bounds.

“That’s all about effort,” Russell said. “Defense or offense, you can ask any coach it’s all about making that extra effort.”

The Owls had no issue applying effort to their repertoire as well, however, especially on the last play.

“I kind of knew he was getting the ball (Otero),” Royster said. “I thought that before I went up there the timeout before the last play we had told ourselves that whatever happened, we wouldn’t let any of their players score and they didn’t.”
FIU guard Temayne Russell drives to the hoop in the second half against Florida Atlantic. Russell led the team with 18 points.

**Baseball: FIU 10, Maryland 3; FIU 11, Maryland 2**

**Mowing Maryland**

Team scoring binge fuels wins

**Joel Delgado**
Asst. Sports Director

FIU guaranteed themselves a series victory over Maryland with a pair of wins to open up the season.

**FIU 10, Maryland 3**

Declining temperatures and a nonproductive offense kept the fans gathered at University Park Stadium quiet for most of the first five innings of play Friday night.

But offensive outbursts in the latter half of the season opener brought the crowd to life as the Golden Panthers saluted to a 10-3 victory over visiting Maryland on Feb. 19.

FIU (1-0) starting pitcher Scott Rembisz (1-0) had a shaky start but settled down and earned his first win of the season, pitching five innings and allowing three runs while picking up five strikeouts.

The Golden Panthers dug themselves into an early hole as Rembisz gave up three runs in a tumultuous second inning. Rembisz settled down and managed to hold the Terrapin offense at bay.

But Maryland starter Brett Harmon continued to silence FIU batters.

“He was throwing real good,” FIU head coach Urdu Thomas said of Harmon’s performance in the early innings. “We didn’t really do what we think we were capable of doing, which is hitting that ball the other way and we didn’t really adjust early on.”

The Panther offense came to life in the bottom of the fifth when Pablo Bermudez, who got injured in last season’s opening game, slapped a single to right field and managed to hold the bases loaded.

**Baseball, page 7**

**Golden Panthers fall to season sweep of Owls**

**Joey Cruz**
Staff Writer

With 14.5 seconds left in the game, FAU (14-12, 10-5 Sun Belt) center Brett Royster was already in the midst of one the best performances of his career.

“Frustration wasn’t done however, as he cemented a 77-74 FAU win and a season sweep against FIU by blocking J.C. Otero on the final possession to seal the victory on Feb. 18.

Royster wasn’t done however, as he cemented a 77-74 FAU win and a season sweep against FIU by blocking J.C. Otero on the final possession to seal the victory on Feb. 18.

The FAU center had a whooping 10 points, 14 rebounds and 4 blocks throughout the game. The Owls also used contributions from Sanchez Hightley, who had 19 points in the contest, and Ray Taylor, who scored 17 points and notched 6 assists in the game.

“Both of them are really fast,” Thomas said.

The FAU offense exploded with 21 hits against Bethune Cookman, while senior Paige Cassidy held down the defense with a complete game that included five strikeouts on Feb. 19.

Alfonso led the Panther attack going 4-for-5 at the plate with three RBI.

The FIU defense exploded with 21 hits against Bethune Cookman, while senior Paige Cassidy held down the defense with a complete game that included five strikeouts on Feb. 19.

Alfonso led the Panther attack going 4-for-5 at the plate with three RBI.

The FIU offense exploded with 21 hits against Bethune Cookman, while senior Paige Cassidy held down the defense with a complete game that included five strikeouts on Feb. 19.

Alfonso led the Panther attack going 4-for-5 at the plate with three RBI.

The FIU offense exploded with 21 hits against Bethune Cookman, while senior Paige Cassidy held down the defense with a complete game that included five strikeouts on Feb. 19.

Alfonso led the Panther attack going 4-for-5 at the plate with three RBI.

The FIU offense exploded with 21 hits against Bethune Cookman, while senior Paige Cassidy held down the defense with a complete game that included five strikeouts on Feb. 19.

Alfonso led the Panther attack going 4-for-5 at the plate with three RBI.

The FIU offense exploded with 21 hits against Bethune Cookman, while senior Paige Cassidy held down the defense with a complete game that included five strikeouts on Feb. 19.

Alfonso led the Panther attack going 4-for-5 at the plate with three RBI.

The FIU offense exploded with 21 hits against Bethune Cookman, while senior Paige Cassidy held down the defense with a complete game that included five strikeouts on Feb. 19.

Alfonso led the Panther attack going 4-for-5 at the plate with three RBI.

The FIU offense exploded with 21 hits against Bethune Cookman, while senior Paige Cassidy held down the defense with a complete game that included five strikeouts on Feb. 19.

Alfonso led the Panther attack going 4-for-5 at the plate with three RBI.