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SPOTLIGHT

AT THE BAY

SGA CONSTITUTION

Claims of exclusion refuted by justice

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Unaware of the changes proposed in the new Student Government Association constitution, members of the Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus feel excluded.

“BCC is left out of the loop, we get the raw end of the stick,” said Tanha Dil, SGC-BBC justice.

After meeting on March 27, the University-wide Council, comprised of leaders from both campuses, agreed and approved changes on SGA’s constitution which will be felt University wide.

Changes in SGA’s constitution include a single ticket ballot voting system for BBC, possible salary changes and a new distribution of power.

The new revised SGA constitution included a memo which began by paraphrasing Article VI, section 5, subsection B, explaining that both SGC at Modesto Maidique Campus and SGC-BBC supreme courts were involved in the revisions created.

However, Dil said SGC-BBC had no involvement.

“We found out about the changes made after [Sholom Neistein, SGC-BBC pres-ident] announced it during Wednesday’s [March 31] meeting,” she said.

The memo continues to say: “Months of labor by the MMC Judiciary researching, debating, reviewing student and govern ment constitution” and concludes by saying, “Should there be any questions regarding the (constitution) discuss with the MMC Judiciary their reasons for implementation.”

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Apple begins selling iPad to the masses

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Obama, GOP reach consensus on oil drilling

ATLANTA (AP) — Now that President Barack Obama has opened the door to drilling for oil and gas off Georgia, state Republicans are showing some willingness to back the proposal following a bitter debate over health care.

Obama’s decision this week potentially opens a large section of the Atlantic coast from Delaware to central Florida that was previously off-limits to energy firms. While it allows for studies of Georgia’s seabed, any leasing of the rights to oil or gas found beneath it would not come until at least 2012, if at all.

Before the president announced his decision, a Senate environmental committee approved a resolution in February calling on the federal government to open all the East Coast to oil and gas exploration. It was the first time in six years the Coast — including Georgia — to oil and gas drilling royalties as they struggle with a budget deficit.

James Holland of Darien, Ga., a former crab fisherman who now serves at the Altamaha Riverkeeper, is staunch proponent of protecting Georgia’s 385,000 acres of salt marsh — about a third of the total on the East Coast. He said oil drilling off Georgia would put salt marshes — essentially nurseries for shrimp, crabs, oysters and other species — at great risk.

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It was a day full of entertainment, free food and giveaways as the Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus showed students their appreciation.

SGC-BBC hosted a “Barbecue on the Bay” outside of Panther Square on April 1 in honor of Student Appreciation Day.

“We wanted to let the students know that we’ve heard their concerns and that we are working for them,” said Kielia Samuels, SGC-BBC elections coordinator.

“This was the first time the interns held a barbecue on the bay and they were in charge of putting the event together. The interns planned the barbecue. Samuels said this was their final project and they got to get hands-on experience with the process of planning an event.”

The cookout was held from 12 to 3 p.m. and the menu consisted of hot dogs, hamburgers, barbecue chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans and cole slaw.

The first 50 students also received a cup of Ben and Jerry’s ice cream. The flavors were strawberry cheesecake and chocolate fudge brownie.

“We were expecting a turnout of about 100 students, but we actually exceeded that amount. We had about 250 students show up,” said Isabella Labin, SGA intern coordinator.

In addition to free food there was also live entertainment. Pro Club, a local hip-hop duo, performed songs for the crowd.

“I really enjoyed the barbecue. The atmosphere was nice and the food was good,” said Lorianne Hopkins, junior English major.

A generous crowd of students line up to receive their food during the Student Appreciation Barbecue held on April 1 on the patio of the Wolfe Center.

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Anzueto: We still have time

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been slow.
“People have not noticed it as much on campus, because we haven’t really pushed it. We just gave the stickers to our members,” he said. “But I know nationally this campaign is really being recognized. There are still people who have yet to turn in their Census, so it still leaves a large window. We still have time to get the stickers out.”

The results of this campaign won’t be known until the U.S. Census reappears in 2020, determining whether or not Queer the Census continues its movement.

“I don’t know if [Queer the Census] will officially be recognized, but it is very much a notice to the government to let them know we need to be counted,” Anzueto said.

For more information, visit QueertheCensus.org.

Barbecue on the Bay

“The Big Chill in Washington: Prospects for Climate Change and Energy Legislation”

A Discussion with John Broder of The New York Times

TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH
2 - 3 PM

MARY ANN WOLFE THEATRE (WUC 100)
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John M. Broder became a political correspondent for the Washington bureau of The New York Times in August 2006. Previously Mr. Broder served as the Los Angeles bureau chief since the summer of 2002; the Washington editor since December 2000; and the White House correspondent since October 1997. He served as the newspaper’s BizDay Washington reporter covering regulatory and legal issues, including tobacco negotiations, anti-trust enforcement, consumer and financial regulation when he joined The Times in 1996. After covering the 2008 presidential campaign, Broder took over coverage of energy and environment in Washington. He is responsible for following domestic legislative issues, advances in energy technology and international climate change negotiations.

Brought to you by the Student Government Association and the Journalism & Mass Communication School.

Admission is Free

For further information, please contact SGA BBC at (305) 919-5680. Qualified individuals with a disability requesting an accommodation to attend this event must make the request no less than five working days in advance by calling (305) 919-5680 or TTY via FRS 1 (800)955-6771.

The New York Times
**The Big ‘O’**

**Film explores quest to patent ‘orgasm drug’**

**RONALD CALERO**  
Staff Writer

*Orgasm, Inc.*, a documentary about the pharmaceutical industry’s quest to help women achieve orgasm, was screened at the Wolfsonian-FIU in collaboration with FIU’s Women’s Studies Center and the World Erotic Art Museum as part of their “Advertising for Health” series.

Among the attendees were some University faculty members, friends of the museum and the filmmaker herself, Liz Caner, who introduced us to her latest piece of work. As the documentary rolled on, it was clear that she felt the idea that using drugs to help women enjoy themselves in intimacy is not a good one. Through a series of very interesting, informative and often humorous interviews, Caner’s film explores both sides of what had become a race for pharmaceutical companies to come up with a Food and Drug Administration-approved drug to treat what they call “Female Sexual Dysfunction.”

Similar to what would otherwise be known as frigidity, FSD describes a woman’s difficulty to get sexually aroused and/or to achieve an orgasm during sex.

On one side, you have representatives of these drug companies claiming that they can cure “this disease” with their product and, on the other, you have several experts on sexuality arguing that this “disease” cannot possibly be treated simply with the use of a drug.

The film explains that, unlike men, there are several more issues that come into play in order for women to get aroused.

For men, arousal comes as easily as the flipping of a switch. While women may have a similar switch of some sort, the procedure to turn it on is infinitely more complicated.

And, while the detractors in *Orgasm, Inc.*, admit that physiological issues certainly have something to do with it, they say that the idea of a pill taking care of this made-up “disease” is ridiculous. The movie culminates with Procter and Gamble’s hearing at the FDA advisory committee to put their latest creation, Intrinsa, up for approval.

Intrinsa is a patch that women would apply on their skin, much like a nicotine patch to quit smoking, which releases testosterone instead.

Why testosterone? Because apparently, testosterone should work in a female in the same manner it works on a male. Ultimately, the FDA committee rejected Procter and Gamble’s request, mostly due to the fact that the drug did not achieve any solid results and its side effects were still not fully known.

However, Intrinsa did get approved in Europe, and it is now available online for women worldwide who think there may be something wrong with them.

After the film, attendees and guests were treated to a delicious appetizer buffet in the museum’s cafe.

**Museum aims to enrich Miami**

*Thomas Baker’s “Pastoral” is part of the Bass Museum’s permanent collection.*

Art pieces include works by renowned Renaissance artists

**ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ**  
Staff Writer

In 1964, art collectors John and Johanna Bass donated their old masters collection to the city of Miami Beach hoping to enrich the culture of the city.

The agreement was established when the city of Miami Beach accepted the gift of the Bass art collection on the condition it would openly exhibit the collections and make them available to the public.

The Bass Museum of Art’s mission is to collect and exhibit the finest art the world has to offer from the past through the present to further enrich Miami Beach’s vibrant culture.

The Bass art collection consists of more than 500 European works from the 15th to 19th and early 20th century are mostly from Austria, John Bass’ birth country, and is

**MODERN CLASSICS**

**Timeless film provides framework for advent of American film noir**

*Photo courtesy of Corbis Images.*

**I write a column called Modern Classics. My rule of thumb is pretty simple: review films from the last 30 years which deserve credit and warrant discussion. But now and again, you get a film that you just cannot get out of your mind. This is the case for John Huston’s *The Maltese Falcon*, the gold standard for the detective film and what is universally regarded as the birth of the film noir movement of the 1940s and 1950s.

The film follows Sam Spade (Humphrey Bogart) of Spade & Archer, a small private eye firm in San Francisco. Spade fiddles with his rolling paper, preparing his next cigarette as his next “customer,” Miss Wonderley (Mary Astor), concocts a story as she asks for a man named Floyd Thursby to be tailed.

Spade’s partner, Miles, takes the job and is shot at point blank range while on assignment.

Spade doesn’t bat an eye or shed any tears. They’ve worked together for years, sure, but he knows the score. Miles’ wife, Iva Archer, didn’t like him and she has a $10,000 life insurance policy coming her way.

Behind closed doors the next morning, Iva is in the arms of Spade, asking Sam if he killed Miles in order to stay with her. The police have a different theory: Sam killed Thursby – who was shot the night Miles died – in revenge. Spade has no choice but to run the killers out.

Spade has no leads until Wonderley contacts him again. Except this time, her name is LeBlanc until she settles on Brigid O’Shaunessey. She drags him into the search for a mysterious black sculpture of a bird, worth of untold value.

He’s beaten and drugged as a cast of characters search for the “black bird.” Keeping track of the plot is about as challenging as staying on a mechanical ball, but it’s not about the plot, but more about the atmosphere as Spade tries to manage his head as the body count slowly rises.

He beats Joel Cairo (Peter Lorre, of *Fitz*; Lang’s M) after he holds him at gun point, searching his offices for the bird.

“When you’re slapped, you’ll take it and like it,” Spade tells him.*
The Egyptian gallery opened at the Bass Museum.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The University Fee Committee will be holding public hearings on Wednesday, April 7, 2010

**BBC - WUC 155 at 10:00 am**

MMC - GC West Ballrooms at 2:00 pm

The objective of these meetings will be to give interested individuals an opportunity to hear arguments pertaining to the proposed increase to the Student Health Fee. The amended fee will become effective in the Fall 2010 term. Students and other interested individuals are invited to attend these meetings.

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After the film, attendees and staff moved to a reception that had been prepared for them at the nearby World Erotic Art Museum.

**Egyptian gallery at Bass Museum**

The Bass Museum is located on 2121 Park Ave. in Miami Beach.

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**UP-ROAR CONCERT**

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larger than any other museum’s collection of African art. Notable artists from the collection include Jacob Jordaens, Peter Paul Rubens, Ferdinand Bol, Giovanni Barbagelata, as well as an alabaster by Italian Renaissance masters, Boticelli and Ghirlandaio. The famous alabaster from the Permanent Collection is one of a few Boticelli pieces on public view in the U.S.

The collection also contains sculptures, works on paper, decorative objects and textile selections. Most notable from the textiles collection is the 16th century Flemish tapestry “The Tournament” once owned by King Henry VIII.

There’s also the 19th century tapestry, “The Hunt,” by French designer Louise-Marie Baader. The tapestry fills two walls on the museum’s Grand Ramp, the room designed to provide adequate space for hanging and proper viewing of tapestry pieces.

Current exhibits include “Where Do We Go From Here? Selections from La Collezione Jumes,” and “Mika Tajima.”

“Collezione Jumes” positions art as a cultural index pivoting intergenerational and artistic from or based in Mexico with international counterparts.

The exhibition has four sections: art about art, art and urban anthropology, text in art and a series of artist profiles. The exhibit ties together a narrative between art works that explore art in a global sphere.

Mika Tajima connects Modernist geographic abstraction to the shape of our environment. Tajima’s “The Double” constructs a phantom performance space, referencing sources ranging from Herman Miller’s conflicted office furniture system from the late 1960s to the 1970 cult film Performance.

Freestanding panels that merge aspects of sculpture, painting and graphic design to form a wall of pattern and reflection divide the exhibition space.

Later this month, the Bass will reveal its newest gallery, The Egyptian Gallery. The gallery offers viewers a unique opportunity to learn about one of the world’s oldest civilizations. The gallery has an Egyptian sarcophagus and mummy.

The project was conceived when the Bass’s Executive Director and Chief Curator Silvia Karun Cubiñá identified a polychrome wood inner sarcophagus and mummy from the 26th or 27th dynasty (808-514 B.C.) in the museum’s collection.

“With the opening of The Egyptian Gallery, the Bass Museum will appeal to a wide audience of art, culture, archeology and history lovers; children and adults alike. It will serve as the place in Miami to experience a long history of object-making and what these objects say about the human mind from 700 B.C. through the present,” Cubiñá said.

The museum is in the original Miami Beach Public Library and Art Center. Russell Pancoast, grandson of Miami Beach pioneer John A. Collins, designed the landmark building in 1930. It’s Miami’s first public building with an exhibition space for the fine arts.

The building preserves the formal gardens of Collins Park, which had been Collins’ gift to the city in the 1920s. The building is now the centerpiece of the city’s historic district and was placed on the National Register in 1978. The Bass Museum is located on 2121 Park Ave. in Miami Beach. Admission is $6 for students with ID. Visit www.bassmuseum.org for more information.
Conference promotes benefits of natural birth, importance of midwives

MARA MURRIEL
Staff Writer

Celebrating womanhood – its perks and its trials and tribulations – the Women’s Studies Student Association hosted a conference to inform the public on the healthy practice of natural birth.

The conference, titled “Birth Rights: What You Should Know About Natural Birth,” looked to explain the dangerous nature of midwifery and well-woman care, general, about birth and pregnancy.

Four panelists, all experts on midwifery and well-woman care, congregated for two hours in Graham Center’s conference room to explain the dangerous nature of surgical births and the benefits and history of midwives.

Presenting statistical data, among other study results, Sheila Simms Watson, a midwife at Spirit of Life Midwifery, made a case against the so-called “medical model.” She stated that in countries like Sweden, the Netherlands and New Zealand, maternal and infant mortality rates are incredibly low, and this is directly related to the fact that in those countries, midwives are the primary caregivers to pregnant women.

In Miami-Dade County alone, the rate of births by Cesarean section (C-section) is alarmingly high: from 50 to 70 percent. Our maternal mortality rates are about 34 percent higher than other industrialized nations, yet we claim to have the highest quality of healthcare.

According to Watson, sending pregnant women to a hospital for prenatal care and birth is like treating them for a disease, and pregnancy is far from an illness. Therefore, healthy pregnant women should not be sent to an obstetric-gynecologist for treatment; there is nothing they need treatment for. An obstetrician is a specialist trained to deal with problems and complications, so until these arise, and only if they do so, pregnant women need not seek medical care. Because birth is a natural process and women are equipped with all the necessary organs and functions to see it through, all they need is friendly supervision, emotional and psychosocial support, and guidance. These are things midwives provide.

Justine Clegg, former chair of Midwifery at Miami-Dade College, talked a bit about the historical role of midwives and the shift from midwifery to medical care. Up until the industrialization of the United States, doctors and modern medicine were regarded as highly dangerous and untrustworthy.

Then, at some point, the medical industry began to promote itself as the safer way to treat and advertise the ability of drugs to take away birthing pains. As explained by Clegg, the pain associated with birth cannot truly be taken away, because after the drugs wear off, there will either be surgical pain in the case of a C-section, or soreness.

An activist in well-woman care since the 1970s, Clegg has fought to bring credibility back to midwives and make America a primarily natural birthing country. Though her combined efforts with other activists have brought them to national accreditation exams for midwives and licensing schools, support is scarce.

In Florida, there are only three midwifery schools and few birth centers. Recently, with the passing of the controversial healthcare bill, midwifery was introduced into Medicaid coverage. However, the number of women willing to engage in midwife care is small.

Although midwives work with pregnancy and birth in the home, at birth centers and even at hospitals, most women are unaware of the process and its benefits.

In an effort to propagate knowledge and inform women about safe choices, the midwife coalition at the conference portrayed their trade in what they believe is its essence.

Clegg spoke of midwifery, the oldest profession in the world, as an act of civil disobedience. She clarified that the responsibility of a midwife is to befriend and protect a woman, shielding her from authorities that may not have her best interest in mind.

Midwifery is a high-touch, low-tech process aimed at keeping a woman, her child and her family happy and healthy during pregnancy and after birth.

Looking at birth from a political point of view, and speaking from the heart of a 70s hippie child, Clegg drew from biblical excerpts and facts about wild animal behavior to demonstrate the importance of midwives in a community.

“A midwife,” she said, “is essential to survival.”

The Maltese Falcon still relevant today, revolutionizes film industry

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Casper Gutman (Sidney Greenstreet in his first film), another character on the search for the bird, is willing to turn to his bodyguard (Elisha Cook, Jr.) to the police as a fall guy for the series of murders that occur.

Gutman tells his bodyguard with regret: “I couldn’t be fond of you if you were my own son. But, well, if you lose a son, it’s possible to get another. There’s only one Maltese Falcon.”

These are hard, cold people in the middle of the Great Depression. The film, based on Dashiell Hammett’s 1929 novel, is almost a note-for-note recreation of the source novel.

These people driven by basic human motives: revenge and greed. Certainly, the film’s motives: revenge and greed. Certainly, the film’s“Tough and bleak, it shows an America about to emerge from the depression, wholly changed. A new spirit would separate itself from its source and place. It is timeless.

Modern Classics is a bi-weekly movie column reviewing modern day classic films. Look for it every other Monday.
Problems with SGC-BBC elections hasten need for unification of two councils

To say that the election of the Big Cypress Bay Student Government Council leaders was a mess would be an understatement. But more so than anything, the events of election week have exposed a worrying level of incompetence at every level of SGC-BBC, and a blatant ignorance of the rules.

The transgressions which occurred are a perfect example of how a lack of leadership can make an organization inefficient, problematic and a waste of student resources.

Last week, The Beacon reported that SGC-BBC Senate Speaker Nickolay Chishievsk attempted to commit voter fraud by requesting some students’ Panther IDs along with their Pantherian usernames. Chishievsk claimed in an email that by giving him their information, students would be submitting an absentee ballot. Chishievsk did not give instructions on submitting a preferred candidate, nor did he specify what candidate he would vote for with the information.

He did note that as next year’s SGC-BBC treasurer, he would work closely with then-President candidate Zhebra Arbatki and vice presidential candidate Tasha Dil. Both Arbatki and Dil have denied any connection with the matter.

SGC-MMC have also sort of any absentee ballot program, and asking students for their information to vote for them is not only a violation of both U.S. law and the SGA constitution, but it’s a violation of common sense; even more so from a student leader who should have understood the full implications of his actions.

Luckily, the issue was addressed before voting commenced. Chishievsk has since resigned. But Chishievsk’s wasn’t the only incident of the week or even the most serious.

Late last night, vice presidential candidate Dil was disqualified in an unrelated incident, when it was discovered that as a current SGC-BBC justice, she was running in violation of the SGA constitution, which forbids any current justice from holding office.

Dil’s disqualification calls into the question the legitimacy of the race for SGC-BBC vice president. While The Beacon endorsed the rival’s ultimate winner, Denise Halpin, we cannot say that hers is a genuine victory.

Because Dil was disqualified after a full day of voting had already occurred, Halpin’s opponent, Wendy Tercer, can justifiably claim that those who voted for Dil on Monday would have instead voted for her.

In the name of fairness, the vice presidential results should be invalidated and a run-off between the two candidates should occur.

As are VP candidates is Dil’s responsibility to know the SGA constitution well enough to interpret it. In this case, she was clearly unaware of clause which forbade her eligibility. According to the constitution, Dil failed to determine her own eligibility.

Yet while Dil reserved most of the fault in the matter, her candidacy was indeed certified by the SGC-BBC adviser Rafael Zapata and SGC-BBC Elections Commission Kiela Samuels, both of whom also failed to identify her as ineligible and allowed her to run in the first place.

“Many students are confused why the clause is even there,” said Dil in an interview with Student Media.

The clause in question is a necessary and important one, as it discourages the politicizing of the nonpartisan SGC-BBC justice by determining elections based on political agendas and/or aspirations. These incidents are but a few examples of a dysfunctional arm of SGC in dire need of reform; they are also an example of the issues associated with a lack of central leadership.

The remedy is a strong and unified SGA, a case for which we will make the second entry to this series.

This editorial is the first in a two-part series, the second of which will be published April 7.
CAJUN SPLIT

FIU splits first two games vs. Louisiana

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Pitching was the focus in the weekend series between the Golden Panthers (17-10, 4-4 SBC) and the Louisiana Ragin’ Cajuns (14-13, 4-7 SBC) as the teams split the first two games.

LOUISIANA 7, FIU 3

R.J. Fondon was the star for the Golden Panthers, but his performance on the mound was not enough to secure the victory for FIU. The Golden Panthers faltered late in the game as the Ragin’ Cajuns rallied to earn the victory in the middle game of the weekend Sun Belt series.

“He did a real nice job for us, just an outstanding job,” head coach Turtle Thomas said of Fondon’s outing. “For him I wish the outcome would have been different.”

Louisiana struck first as Matt Goulas crashed the first pitch he saw from Fondon over the left field wall for a solo shot.

Fondon would recover, not allowing a single hit until the fourth inning and threw five consecutive innings of scoreless baseball after the first inning. But the Golden Panther offense was having problems that wouldn’t show up until the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings.

The lead was short lived as R.J. Fondon made his second mistake of the game, surrendering a two-out solo home run to Lance Marvel to tie the game 2-2 in the seventh inning.

The Golden Panthers regained the lead in the bottom half of the inning but ran into more trouble in the eighth inning. Fondon was pulled from the game in the inning, leaving two runners on base for Eric Berkowitz and a costly error by Raiko Alfonso that drove in the winning run.

Fondon ended the night pitching 7 1/3 innings, allowing five runs in the last two innings as they secured the victory to even up the series.

FIU 8, LOUISIANA 1

Louisiana would score five runs in the last two innings as they won the Saturday game.

SOFTBALL: UNT 10, FIU 2; UNT 5, FIU 1; FIU 10, UNT 9

FIU avoids sweep with walk-off run in the seventh

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The FIU softball team got their fight back.

After dropping two consecutive contests to North Texas on April 2, the Golden Panthers rallied back in game three to avoid a sweep from the Mean Green.

The FIU softball team scored their first run of the game in the first inning an error by North Texas catcher separately.

In the first inning an FIU error led to UNT’s first run of the game. The Mean Green increased their advantage to 2-0 after Martinez singled to drive in Megan Rupp. Before FIU was even able to score, the deficit got worse. UNT tacked on two runners on base off of FIU errors in the top of the fourth before the Mean Green scored their third run on a wild pitch. Not long after, Martinez plastered a two-run shot out of the park to put UNT up 5-0.

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Golden Panthers add five new players

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Sports Director

The FIU women’s soccer team won the 2009 regular season Sun Belt Conference Championship for the first time since 2000, only to lose in the first round of the SBC tournament afterward.

On March 31, however, the disappointment from last season’s conclusion began to be replaced with optimism with the signatures of five prospects to the Golden Panthers 2010 recruiting class.

FIU signed Paige Covington, Nicole DiPerna, Kim Lopez, Crystal McNamara, and Chelsea Leiva to reinforce a team looking to replace the contributions of departed seniors like Marina Pappas and Amy Jackson.

The team made a seven win improvement from 2008 last season, and FIU’s reignig SBC coach of the year, Thomas Chestnutt, will look to guide the team further.

“Alex is very good club.”

Chestnutt said. “We wanted some players that could play different positions. We are adding speed to our team, some toughness as well and overall competitive spirit.”

Covington is the only incoming prospect from outside of South Florida. Chestnutt grabbed the 5-foot-3 wing out of Carmel, Indiana.

“We recruit all over the country and we go all over the world as well,” Chestnutt said.

Chestnutt said that there was room to add a few more players before next season, and that the goalie and defender positions could be addressed then.

This class, however, will bring more fire-power to the Golden Panthers, who could complement All Conference goalie Kaitlyn Savage with more scoring. FIU was 4th in the conference in shutouts last season.

The Golden Panthers are set to return 10 starts to the team next season.

Barrett, pitching staff showcase struggles against UNT

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took a 3-2 advantage after freshman Jessy Alfonso recorded a three-run homer in the bottom of the first. FIU then found themselves down by four runs heading into the bottom of the third inning after UNT combined for seven runs in the second and third innings, but it didn’t matter.

The FIU defense left the Mean Green scoreless over the final four innings before FIU freshman Briie Rojas scored a winning run in the bottom of the seventh for the walk-off win. Sophomore Jackie Tetlow hit a single, which resulted in an UNT error that enabled Rojas to score.

“I was confident that either I was going to get it done or someone else was going to get it in the next inning,” Tellow said. “I knew that we were going to come back and fight today.”

Freshman Kayla Burri led the FIU offense with a 4-for-4 effort while Alfonso notched a team-high four RBI. In the circle, Barrett struggled again for FIU with five earned runs in 1.2 innings. Gniadek took over and had five strikeouts along with five earned runs.


“It’s great to know that whenever I struggle she can go in there and do her job.”

FIU is 22-13 overall and 5-4 in the Sun Belt conference while North Texas now sits at 15-12 and 5-4 in the SBC.

“I think they got their fight back a little bit,” McClendon said. “They’re starting to get their confidence back and they’re starting to realize that they’re good.”

WOMEN’S SOCCER

Barrett, pitching staff showcase struggles against UNT

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ace Zach Osborne came into FIU pitching like one of the best pitchers in the Sun Belt conference.

Unfortunately for the Cajuns, Scott Rembisz was able to match his counterpart’s performance with a stellar outing of his own and helped the Golden Panthers secure the victory in the series opener on April 2.

“[Rembisz] is a very good competitor,” head coach Turtle Thomas said. “When he’s on his game, he’s tough to beat. He beat a very good club.”

Osborn and Rembisz matched each other in each of the first three innings as the game moved along at a quick pace.

Rembisz blanked first, giving up a run in the top of the fourth after committing an error that put Alex Fusilier on third base, setting up a sacrifice fly by Jordan Pourier to drive him in.

FIU struck back against Osborne in the bottom half of the inning, scoring three runs thanks to a series of singles to take the lead.

Both pitchers held their ground until the seventh inning, when Osborne gave up a home run to Jabari Henry. The solo shot was the seventh home run of the season for the freshman leftfielder, a team-high.

The Golden Panthers chased Osborne out of the game in the eighth inning and were able to add more cushion to their lead with a four run inning powered by another string of singles and timely hitting.

“We’ve been able to focus on Osborne all week,” Tim Jobe said after going 3-4-for-4 with two RBI.

“We were tired up and ready to go.”

Rembisz pitched seven innings and allowed one unearned run while striking out five Rasin’ Cajun hitters with no walks.

“I just tried to go out and throw the same way I try and throw every night,” said Rembisz. “It’s always good to get the win on Friday night.”

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