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Olson began by asking the audience to think about the vulnerabilities from natural events that were not noticed in the 1900s, saying that they would “sure as hell be noticed in the 21st century.”

From his perspective, a big challenge to making countries “sure as hell be noticed in the 21st century” is going to be a “brand new” type of disaster that Olson calls “tsunamis.”

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FOOTBALL

Carroll, Medlock share snaps in spring practice

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Staff Writer

On the first day back to practice since spring break, and the annual spring game looming ahead, the Golden Panthers came out without missing a beat.

The practice consisted much of situational play with offense versus defense in first down, second down, and third down scenarios. Jake Medlock and returning starter Wesley Carroll took most of the snaps and Willis Wright, who had limited playing time last year, looked impressive at the wide receiver spot.

Despite having taken off a week for spring break, the team did not look lackadaisical at all.

“It’s very hard having the week off and then coming back into it, but we picked it up with the fast tempo so we did well,” said T.Y Hilton.

Also there has been no change in attitude from last year since they won their first bowl game in school history.

“We are excited that things of that nature were accomplished, absolutely. But that’s a step in a long series of steps in this football program and that’s the vision,” said Cristobal on the atmosphere thus far.

As of right now, none of the recruits currently in high school have practiced with the team, but the goal is clear for coach Mario Cristobal on what he’s trying to take from spring practices.

“We have to find 22 guys on each side of the ball and 22 guys on special teams that will help us win,” Cristobal said. “The guys on campus we have to find out who will help us win the championship.”

The 25 freshmen and walk-ons that come later in the year will be added in the equation, but right now spring is all about what they have with them at the present time.

Thank God we have four of them right here on campus who have done a good job and they’re all going to play,” Cristobal said. “They have all proven there all going to play for us and play significant roles and potentially start.

One of the most difficult aspects that the team must get used to, specially the defense is new defensive coordinator Todd Orlando’s playbook.

“I’m sure some things will look similar but some things will look very different as well,” said Cristobal. “The best thing about it is that we’ve thrown a bunch of the new stuff at them over the course of the last 8 practices and they’ve picked it up very well, there haven’t been many mental busts and that’s a good sign because that means they have a very good football IQ.

Cristobal’s plan is to throw as much as they can from the playbook at his team the next four or five days in preparation for the Blue vs. Gold game, but will not use all the plays in the actual scrimmage.

The game will take place on Saturday, April 2 at 10:30 a.m. at the FIU football stadium. Admission is free, and the players and coaches will also be receiving SBC championship rings.

TENNIS

Liset Brito has emerged as a leader for the Golden Panthers

BRANDON WISE
Staff Writer

Liset Brito is a competitor with an ability to dominate her opponents with a slick ease. But do not let that fool you; she is a humble and quiet person off the court.

Brito has played tennis since she was seven years old. She has loved tennis and always enjoyed playing the sport. When she came to FIU in 2006, she struggled early on.

“As a freshman, I had trouble with the difference in matches from high school to college,” Brito said. “There is a lot of chaos between coaches going around the courts to all matches from high school to college,” Brito said. “There is no fear of playing and working out. I am not the one who recruited her to come to FIU, she is responsible for leading the team in the direction they are now.

“Sheen [Coach Applebaum] came in at first, everyone was very skeptical of her because she is young,” Brito said. “I didn’t care though. To me, as long as she could handle the job and manage the team, it wouldn’t bother me. We have a mutual respect between us that is great. There is no fear of confrontation between us. I can talk to her about anything.”

Coach Applebaum Dall’au has led the team to a 9-5 record on the season, winning eight matches in a row after starting 1-5 against top-ranked opponents.

The team is undefeated at home (8-0) and against Sun Belt opponents (6-0).

While Coach Applebaum Dall’au has been a leader of the team, Brito has been considered the team captain.

“I have a great relationship with the team, but I am nobody’s best friend,” Brito said. “In the tough moments, I know that they will listen to me, trust me, and follow me. It is what I have worked on for the past four years and it is a great feeling to have.”

While she is a leader and a great player, her future is uncertain as to where she is going from here.

“I am studying Recreation and Sports Management, but don’t ask me what I’m going to do after,” Brito said jokingly. “I love sports and will definitely be trying to stay in it as long as I can.”

As for her career after tennis, that is just as up in the air.

“I know that I would like to play some open here in Florida, but I do not think I have any real desire to pursue a career in it,” Brito said. “I don’t feel that energy to keep playing and working out. I am a little bit tired of the sun, I’d like to do something indoors with air conditioning, but you never know.”

She does love the sport with a passion and desire that will probably never go away.

“I love tennis and feel so comfortable on the court,” Brito said. “Teaching is something I think I could do. Teaching kids about tennis would be a great thing I think I can do.”

LISA JOHNSON
HONORED

Lisa Johnson won Sun Belt Player of the Week honors on March 23 for her outstanding play last week.

Johnson went undefeated against opponents from North Texas and South Alabama. She also picked up two victories with her doubles partner Rita Maisak in the doubles portion against those same teams.

She has been a tenacious foe for opponents, winning her past four singles.
**BASEBALL**

**Behar homer not enough to overcome early road deficit**

**ANDRES LEON**

**Staff Writer**

The Golden Panthers looked to bounce back against North Florida after dropping a conference opening series to Florida Atlantic University.

Things did not turn out well for FIU as they dropped the game, losing 6-3 to the North Florida Ospreys on March 22.

The Ospreys took an early two-nothing lead on the Golden Panthers.

With an early walk and allowing two hits to put runners on the corners, freshman Mike Ellis took the loss for the Golden Panthers. Ellis pitched well in the second inning after allowing five runs on five hits.

!) Logan Dodds, Jose Velazquez and D.J. Swanscodo relieved Ellis and between the three of them, they only allowed one run in a little over five innings pitched.

After a single from right fielder Tyler Marincio in the third inning, shortstop Alex Hernandez led off with a fly ball that was caught at right field. Marincio went on to score on the sacrifice fly. The Ospreys continued to pour on runs throughout the inning.

After being walked, left-fielder Alex Bacon stole second, threatening to score. The Osprey second baseman, Shane Kennedy, hit a ball deep into center field not only bringing Bacon home for the run, but earning the triple and putting himself in a scoring position.

On the next very play, designated hitter Andrew Hannon hit a single to bring Kennedy home to give North Florida a comfortable 5-0 lead over the Golden Panthers.

With the bats cold, FIU had to dig deep to find runs. In the sixth inning, Golden Panthers catcher Jose Behar hit his first home run of the season with two runners on base to give FIU some offensive presence and put them back in the game.

But just like as quickly, North Florida scored in the bottom of the sixth to make it a three-run game, making it harder for FIU to achieve a comeback.

As the ninth inning got underway, the Golden Panthers attempted to rally back. After an early Pablo Bermudez single, Garrett Wettels reached first off a fielder’s choice. With runners on the corners, FIU looked poised to shock the home crowd.

Off a costly out, Martinez reached first on a fielder’s choice only for Wettels to be snatched out to end the game. Tommy Organ earned the win for North Florida (11-10).

FIU (13-9) will be coming home to continue conference play in a three-game series against Western Kentucky beginning on March 25. Game time is scheduled for 7 p.m.

**SOFTBALL**

FIU returns to Sun Belt play on road

**MALCOM SHIELDS**

**Staff Writer**

At this point of the season, the Golden Panthers have grown accustomed to difficult road match-ups. This week will be another test as the Golden Panthers head to Waco, Texas to face-off against No. 15 Baylor in a doubleheader on March 24.

**TOUGH SCHEDULE**

The Golden Panthers have played 24 games against teams outside of the Sun Belt Conference compiling a 12-12 record against such teams. Thursday will also be the third time that FIU will face a ranked opponent this season.

The Golden Panthers are 2-1 vs. ranked teams with wins over Georgia Tech and Florida Tech and a loss to Ohio State.

After last Wednesday’s win over Middle Tennessee, coach Beth Torina spoke about the early difficult schedule.

“Our schedule has been tough and this week will be a good test for us,” Torina said. “I hope as we get into conference play and we face [teams] that are more like us, we will be able to go out and win [games].”

Streaking along

FIU is on a four-game winning streak after their sweep of MTSU. Kayser sent 4-2 in the series against MTSU and is on a six-game hitting streak. She’s currently batting over .300 for the season. Ashley McClain leads the Golden Panthers in all major offensive categories. She has a .405 batting average with a .734 slugging percentage.

Jenn Gniadek and Mariah Dawson continue to be a solid one-two punch on the hill for FIU. Both have combined for 145 total strikeouts and both are holding opposing batters under .250 for the season. Gniadek and Dawson must pitch well to keep the Golden Panthers in both games.

**SCOUTING THE BEARS**

The Bears enter Thursday’s game against FIU with a 24-4 record. Whitney Canon anchors their pitching staff with a 12-3 record and an impressive ERA of 0.70. Opposing teams are batting .166 as she also leads the Bears in strikeouts with 131. Canon can also swing the bat as well as pitch. She has a .357 batting average.

Pitchers Liz Paul and Courtney Repka round out Baylor’s staff. Both have an ERA under two runs per outing. Paul and Repka have opposing batting averages of .195 and .224 respectively.

Offensively the Bears have six batters with an average over .300. Dani Leal leads the Bears with seven home runs, 17 runs batted in and a .700 slugging percentage. Holly Hall’s .373 average leads the Bears lineup.

**COMMON FOES**

Baylor has played against two teams that the Golden Panthers have also played against this season. New Mexico and Illinois. The Bears defeated the Fighting Illini twice and swept the Lobos in a three-game series last month. The Bears outscored Illinois and New Mexico by 21-5 over five games. On the other hand, the Golden Panthers won 0-3 against both teams.

**MIA MI DOLPHINS**

Sparano stresses need to upgrade running back spot

**AP STAFF**

**Associated Press**

Miami Dolphins coach Tony Sparano said Tuesday that his team needs to add a running back to upgrade an offense that finished second last in scoring in the AFC last season.

Such an addition likely will come from the outside. That’s because, although running backs Ronnie Brown or Ricky Williams could re-sign with the team after becoming unrestricted free agents, both probably won’t be in Dolphins uniforms this season.

Brown led Miami in rushing last season with 734 yards but averaged just 3.7 yards per carry and scored five touchdowns. Although Williams had a better average at 4.2 yards per carry, he gained only 673 yards and scored just two touchdowns.

“It’s going to be a position we’re going to have to address one way or another,” Sparano said Tuesday after the NFL owners meetings concluded. “You need two guys because it’s such a physical position. Ideally, you’d like them to complement each other and be a little different. In a perfect world, one guy would be a big, downhill runner and the other would be a speedy runner who can catch the ball off of the backfield.”

Sparano said he’s also like to see more stability on the offensive line, which featured multiple combinations last season.

“That’s something I’d prefer to avoid,” he said. “We need guys to settle in and not have questions about what we want to do because we’re not satisfied with the level of play.”

An improved running game should make it easier for the Dolphins to pass downfield, which is another of Sparano’s priorities.

“We haven’t done it this week with big plays,” he said of the passing game. “We need to advance the ball down the field better. That’s something we’ve been working on this season.”

He said creativity and speed will be instrumental toward accomplishing that. Creativity will fall on new offensive coordinator Brian Daboll, the former Cleveland Browns offensive coordinator hired to replace Dan Henning.

The speed part of the equation came from draft pick Manny Harris, an undrafted free agent that Sparano says “might be the fastest guy we have.”

He said the Dolphins will continue to run the football “because that’s my nature.”

“That might not be popular with everybody but that’s what I like to do,” he said. “When it comes time to open some things up, I think we’ll be able to do some more things and challenge them. I think we’re going to be a little more vertical.”

Golden Panthers continued their road trip at North Florida for a two-game series. FIU returns home on March 25 to begin a three-game series against Western Kentucky.
ULTRA 2011

Music festival expected to have its biggest turnout yet

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The Ultra Music Festival is upon us once again, this year even bigger than before.

Founded in 1999 by business partners, Russell Faibisch and Alex Omes, Ultra began as a one day festival during the Winter Music Conference and featured performances by DJ Baby Anne and Rabbit in the Moon. One year later, the festival turned out a huge crowd and was renewed immediately for the next year.

By 2006, Ultra’s undeniable popularity led creators to add an extra day to the event. In the next three years, with the rising attendance and the growing popularity of electronic music, the festival became a three day event creating cheers of approval from electronic music lovers all over the world.

Michae Baisden, 19, a sophomore broadcast journalism major, is using this year’s three day festival as a way to celebrate her upcoming birthday Saturday, March 26. Going with a group of her girl friends, Baisden plans on attending the festival all three days with an option of selling her Sunday ticket.

“I have never attended Ultra but I’m excited. I want to see Deadmau5, Boyz Noize, Tiesto and AfroJack,” said Baisden.

“I want to have an amazing time with my friends and enjoy really great music.”

The music will consists of artists such as Benny Benassi, Dura Duran, Cut Copy, David Guetta, Chromeo and Will.I.Am, who will all take the stage at some time during the three day weekend.

Dylan Taylor Matthews, 20, a junior psychology major will also be attending Ultra for the first time this year.

“I’m going for the experience,” says Matthews. “I’m not crazy into the music at Ultra, but I do like a couple of the artists performing.”

Matthews is attending the festival all three days and is renting a hotel suite on the beach with his best friends, Humberto and Edmundo, and a big group of old friends.

“I’m excited to see Skrillex!” said Matthews. “But I just want to see what all the talk is about and why electric music is fueling the modern mindset. I don’t understand it, but I’m going to find out.”

Another student experiencing Ultra for the first time is Emily Silveira, 18, a freshman mass communications major, going on Sunday in support of the music as well as the producers she has grown to love.

“I’m going with my boyfriend, Steven and my best friend, Briana. I want to see Erick Morillo, Laidback Luke, Dada Life and ATB and hope to have the time of my life,” relates Silveira. “Many people have told me of the amazing experiences they have there, I hope mine is nothing short of that.”

Throughout the weekend, Ultra will play host to more than 380 DJs, bands and producers with 150,000 fans expected to attend and revel in the music which will be displayed in 16 stages, and be able to enjoy the variety of sideshow attractions and international dancers imported from Amsterdam, Rio and New York.

Nathalie Tijerino, 20, a sophomore education major, will be attending Ultra for the second year in a row after going to both days last year.

“I was very biased in the beginning” recounts Tijerino. “I went to Ultra because I’ve grown to like Electronic/House music and wanted to see what the big deal was.”

Tijerino danced to the beat of Swedish House Mafia, David Guetta and others in the company of her friends, cousin and some of her cousin’s friends but thinks the experience could have been better.

“I learned that you need to go with one crowd and stick to that crowd because if you try to meet up with other people it becomes a mission,” said Tijerino.

“I didn’t see all the people I wanted to but I’ll definitely do that this year.”

Tijerino plans to attend the three days with her best friends to try to get the most out of the experience the second time around.

“I’m excited to see Rusko and Deadmau5 the most but the list goes on and on. I have been planning it down to the tee with my friends and we anticipate a successful weekend full of fun and dancing.”

Amidst all the dancing, Ultra will continue to promote their “Ultra Green” program which has managed to derail 6 tons of recyclables that were directed away from Miami’s landfills and thanks everyone for their support in keeping the event clean of garbage.

Festivities officially begin on Friday, March 25 from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. and will last till Sunday, March 27 from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday will also be from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Students awarded cash prize in essay contest

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FIU Libraries awarded five freshmen for their participation in the Common Reading Essay Contest on March 22 at a reception for the finalists.

Every year, the library works with professors and students in their First Year Experience classes to promote the contest.

The subject matter for the essay was the assigned novel “A Chant To Sooth Wild Elephants” by Jaed Coffin. First prize winner Jose Perez’s essay, a communications major, was titled “What are the right answers?” and discussed Coffin’s search for his own identity in the novel.

His essay was chosen by the University Common Reading Program committee because he demonstrated excellent writing skill and engaged the reader. Perez won a $200 award.

The second and third place winners were Reilly Perez and Jeanette Boada respectively, who also won cash prizes. Honorable mentions went to Ciro Trombetta and Shurrum Daniel.

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Seth Rogen as stoner alien delivers big laughs in Paul

Few things surprise me these days, but hearing that AT&T is moving to purchase competitor T-Mobile for $39 billion just blew me away.

The implications of this deal will have a lasting effect on the mobile industry here in the United States, and it’s not a good one.

T-Mobile would be a third headed beast in the US after this deal, AT&T/T-Mobile, or AT&T&T, and Verizon would lead the pack in users with Sprint trailing at a sort-of distant third. Under them would be Metro PCS, Leap, and others that control almost 80% of the US wireless post-paid market… "The biggest losers of this deal are going to be the consumers. While AT&T and T-Mobile are going to try to spin it as a good deal to combine wireless spectrum assets, the fact is, T-Mobile USA is now out of the market," he said.

It is clear that the Department of Justice and the Federal Communications Commission need to step up to the plate here and do one or two things: kill the deal or impose serious conditions.

Should the deal go through, the FCC should mandate heavy conditions to ensure that the mobile market in the US stays competitive and should take advantage of their position and implement restrictions to ensure net neutrality in mobile.

Reef & T-total is a weekly column on all things technology.
University must cultivate HIV prevention education

HIV/AIDS is a disease without borders. The collective understanding of HIV/AIDS and the demographics that the disease affects is shortened and flawed. It is essential to focus more on the topic and look at the issue of race in regards to both prevention and healthcare for those infected.

The disparities in diagnosis between races are stark. The need to promote understanding about the impact of HIV/AIDS on the masses, minorities and women in particular, is integral to eradicating this disease.

Among the myriad of statistics supporting the link between race and higher rates of HIV/AIDS, there is one stagnant fact that is particularly concerning. According to Care Resource, an organization that seeks to promote understanding of HIV/AIDS and prevention, African Americans, while only accounting for 20 percent of the total population of Miami Dade county, comprise 51.5 percent of AIDS cases. This is a disproportionately high statistic and there need be social analysis as to why African Americans are suffering so much more from this disease.

Furthermore, Care Resource reports that 77 percent of pediatric cases of AIDS were African-American children, the AIDS rate for African American women was double that of White women, and lastly, it is the leading cause of death for African American women between the ages of 25 to 44 and the third leading cause of death among African American men in the same age group.

The reason why African Americans are disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS, as presented and explained by Avert, an international HIV/AIDS charity, points out that during the late 1980s African American media painted HIV/AIDS as a white, gay or bisexual man’s disease. The marginalization of African American men and women in the fight to prevent HIV/AIDS directly influenced and created an epidemic in the black community.

It is essential that an intellectual, compassionate environment surrounding HIV/AIDS education is cultivated at the University.

Social media abuse can destroy career aspirations, too

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Not all speech is free in the realms of Facebook, Twitter and similar forms of social media. The consequences are severe for posting questionable content by way of social media can be devastating to one’s reputation, and career. Students and professionals should be more wary of what is being posted under their name in social media, as questionable content will be scrutinized and can be made punishable.

According to the New York Times, trainee accountant Paul Chambers recently learned this the hard way as he angrily “tweeted” in reference to Robin Hood Airport in the United Kingdom, stating: “You’ve got a week to get your [explicit] together, otherwise I’m blowing the airport sky high!” In consequence of posting such a hostile statement, Chambers was fined $4,800. Although his followers immediately apologized, the damage had been done. The consequences of posting on social media can be long lasting, since the site is posted on the world wide web for all to see, and is in no way intrusive.

While universities and employers should keep in mind that students and employees do have personal lives, they also should examine all aspects of a candidate’s personality, and rightfully expect professionalism from future prospects. Users must accept that information posted on these sites can be viewed by anyone at anytime, and should “tweet” or post to them accordingly by utilizing privacy features and simply refraining from posting outlandish content.

Universities and employers have the right to examine one’s social media exposure before accepting them into their establishment. Because content posted on social media sites is just a Google search away, students and professionals alike should think twice about whatever they would like to remain private to themselves, as it can and should result in serious consequences if it proves to be threatening.

Unemployment not a sign of laziness, can be advantageous

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Unemployment has been a hot topic in politics this year as the recession. Many people in the media and politics have a lot to say about the unemployment system and those taking advantage of it, but many times those words come from people who have not experienced a day of unemployment, or why one would choose to remain unemployed for more than two years “are un-American losers.” This is not to insult to those who have been down on their luck in a tough time. Simply being unemployed does not equate to being lazy, socialist, un-American or anything else some individuals in the popular media insist upon.

Beck also states that those taking advantage of unemployment benefits are promoting socialism and wasting tax payer money, but this propaganda cannot be further from the truth. It is unethical for someone who claims to defend traditional American values to insult millions of Americans because of their economic situation. Attacks on the middle and lower class from upper class Americans simply promote a division of classes in our society.

There is a plethora of reasons why one would choose to remain on unemployment benefits. Many times, those benefits can amount to more than a minimum wage or part-time job that a potential employee may be overqualified for.

There will always be those who say “Any job is better than no job,” but sacrificing unemployment benefits for a minimum wage or part-time job can result in even less money coming into a household.

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FOODGASM

Candidate brings SGA experience from China

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