Star-studded game raises over $100,000 for charity

Lebron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh hosted the “South Florida All-Star Classic,” managing to raise $100,000 for Mary’s Court, a foundation founded under the name of FIU basketball head coach Isiah Thomas’ late mother.

“It’s great to bring the game of basketball to South Florida, as well as help out a charity. To make an impact with Isah [Thomas’] mother,” said Wade in a pre-game press conference.

“We know how important she was to him and how important our mothers are to all of us.”

Most of the questions directed at the players were concerning the current lockout situation, which they refused to discuss.

“Whatever happens behind closed doors, you all ain’t gonna find out about it anyway,” said Wade. “There’s nothing to discuss.”

Regarding the charity, Mary’s Court, Thomas mentioned that he would be partnering with Wade to work with local youth groups, along with boy’s and girl’s clubs in their hometown of Chicago.

Once the conference finished, the two teams, captained by James and Wade, came out to play. Team Lebron and Team Wade were full of stars from around the league. Both teams played tough, as Team Wade managed to squeak out a 141-140 overtime victory over Team Lebron.

James led his team with 34 points and 13 rebounds, while Oklahoma City Thunder’s forward, Kevin Durant, added 27 points and 13 rebounds. New York Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony led Team Wade with 30 points and six rebounds, adding to Wade’s 25 points and 10 rebounds.

As the players were announced, they all received cheers and applause, except for one: Rajon Rondo.

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COMING UP

Homecoming game has arrests involving alcohol, trespassing

PATRIK SIMMONS
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Two people were arrested at the homecoming game against Duke University in the FIU Stadium on Oct. 1.

At the beginning of the game, Officer Matt Halfhide noticed Shreyohi Roy, 20, creating a scene with security at Gate 5. Halfhide requested Roy to leave the stadium several times, but she refused. As a result, Halfhide was going to place her under arrest, but “she began to pull away from me to avoid being handcuffed,” Halfhide said in his narrative.

Roy was charged with trespassing after warning and resisting arrest without violence. She was later transported to the Miami-Dade County Jail for booking.

Not much later in the game, Officer Matt Halfhide noticed Raimundo Andres Rueda, 23, entering the stadium without a ticket. Rueda, he noticed his blood-shot red eyes and slurred speech. He also smelled an “unknown alcoholic beverage emitting from him.”

“Fearing for the safety of the community, I placed Rueda under arrest,” said Suarez. Rueda was later transported to Miami-Dade County Jail for processing.

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University Police

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Inmates could staff fire stations in Ga. county

Officials in southeast Georgia are considering a money-saving program that would put inmates in fire stations.

The Florida Times-Union reports that the program would put two inmates in each of three existing firehouses in Camden County.

The inmates would have no guard, but would be monitored by a surveillance system and by the traditional firefighters, who would undergo training to guard the inmates. Authorities say one traditional firefighter with correctional training can supervise up to three inmates.

Authorities say the inmate firefighter program could save the county more than $500,000 a year by some estimates. Inmates charged with crimes such as drug offenses and thefts would be eligible.

Compiled by Melissa Caceres

GREEK LIFE

Fiji house celebrates 10 years

A decade after the opening of one of the only greek houses on campus, the Fiji fraternity held a celebration to commemorate the R. Kirk Landon house located near University’s east entrance on 107th Avenue.

Among those in attendance of the Sept. 30 event were many of the founding members which included R. Kirk Landon, Ashley O’Kurley and Ron Shufelt. Phi Delta Gamma, also known as Fiji, is one of only two fraternities, aside from Pi Kappa Alpha to have a house on campus.

A big factor in the inception of the house was Landon, who provided the initial incentive to make the dream a reality.

A former Board of Trustees member and a major donor to the University for many years, the Fiji house was named in his honor.

In a time when fraternities around the country were starting to gain momentum, Landon and other brothers thought it the perfect opportunity for a house.

It was an easy pick. The University of Miami already had established frats, Fiji fraternities were growing and needed housing, said Landon.

If Landon covered the finances, Ron Shufelt was the brain of the organization.

Initiated as a brother in 1977, Shufelt took care of matters to make sure things ran smoothly until the house was fully built.

Fraternity members were allowed to move in on September 12, 2001. Ashley O’Kurley, an aspiring lawyer, was elected as president in his junior year. He insists was only possible thanks to Phi Gamma Delta.

"At first it was lonely. There were nine brothers living in the house at first. It’s great to see how much it’s grown since then," said O’Kurley.

He had the responsibility of looking out for the house and those living inside it.

"It was a rewarding experience. You can’t ask for more than that," said O’Kurley.

"Living on your own, making mistakes and overcoming them with your brothers - you won’t find that anywhere else."

Currently, Fiji averages 80 to 90 student members and the house is almost at full capacity.

Marissa Rudd, junior business major, expressed concern regarding the lack of information made knowledgeable to the public.

"How am I supposed to know what is going on [in student government] if I can’t even find out when the meetings take place?" Rudd said to Student Media.

SGC-MMC does have a Facebook page where status updates are posted after meetings, giving a brief summary on what took place and what new events are coming up.

Donovan Dawson, student and senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, said he wants to be "open and honest with the student body and with the media." The Technology Coordinator Sergio Pantoja, who promotion- MMC is hired, is responsible for updating the SGA Facebook page informa- tion of events taking place at MMC.

Although SGC-MMC’s new website has had a "bump in the road," the new one is easier to access, according to Dawson.

The website for the Student Government Council at the Biscayne Bay Campus, sbgc@fius.edu, also lacks meetings minutes from this school year’s senate meetings.

However, the SGC-BBC website lists the time and location of some of their meetings.

Motorcyclist charged with three degree felonies

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"lost control of the motorcycle, hit the median curb and was ejected," as stated in the narrative.

While conducting an area check, Officer [Aaron] Mitchell found a crack pipe wrapped in paper, along with cigarettes belonging to Pacheco. It was an easy pick. According to the SGC-MMC Presi-

He was medically clear, Bautista transported him to Miami-Dade County Jail for processing. Pacheco can face up to five years in prison and a $5,000 fine for each charge.

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FOOTBALL

Standing-room crowd watches thrilling exhibition game

Following two losses, the FIU Golden Panthers faced a must-win situation on Oct. 8. Although they got away with a victory, they did so in the least impressive way. As sad as it is, there is now an expectation on this team to not only win, but win decisively.

This past weekend against Akron, all of the stats were there. Wesley Carroll threw for over 300 yards, Kedrick Rhodes ran for 126 yards, and T.Y. Hilton caught a record 12 passes in a game. That is not a team that should have not been on the field with FIU, much less lost a game.

The defense played fairly well after having two letdown weeks in a row. The players are left with a bitter taste because this was a week that should have been a blowout.

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The expectations that have been placed on the Golden Panthers this year of being the dark horse pick to win the conference vs. Arkansas State. The Red Wolves were the dark horse pick to win the conference entering the season and have proved just why.

In the second quarter, New Orleans Hornets point guard Chris Paul put on a show, with fancy dribbling moves and creative passes. Oklahoma City Thunder's Durant and Russell Westbrook were in sync, running plays for one another and shooting long range jumpers.

The lack of discipline forced the team out of scoring range on multiple occasions. These are the kinds of mistakes that cannot happen if there is any hope of repeating as Sun Belt champions.

This was the Golden Panthers' final chance to prepare for the upcoming conference schedule, where they play four of their last six on the road. If the way that they played this weekend is any indication of how Sun Belt play will go, it could be a very long end to this season.

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The Sun Belt schedule for the next three weeks is going to be the most difficult stretch of the year, as the team goes to Arkansas State, comes home for Troy and then hits the road again to face Western Kentucky.

Already down a loss in conference play to Louisville, the Golden Panthers cannot afford another letdown defeat the rest of the way.

I understand that there has to be bad teams in college football every season, but this should have been one of these games where the Golden Panthers just took the Zips out to the wood shed and left them for dead.

The problem this weekend was the penalties, where the team committed 10 infractions for 80 yards.

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Golden Panthers drop road game

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Mario Uribe and the Men's soccer team lost to Memphis 3-0 on Oct. 8.

After a landmark win against No. 21 Kentucky, the Golden Panthers were hoping to build on that success on the road this past weekend in Tenn. Conference foe Memphis had other plans.

The FIU men’s soccer team was shutout by the Tigers with a 3-0 score in a disappointing loss on Oct. 8 at Mike Rose Stadium.

The Tigers got on the scoreboard early with a goal from Chandler Gagnon in the 16th minute. They showed no signs of letting up as Wil Rodri gue z, who led the team as they faced Conference-USA as the defensive player of the week as a product of the 1-0 shutout victory over Kentucky.

The conference slate did not get any easier for the Golden Panthers, who stunned nationally ranked Kentucky or the one who was shut out by Memphis.

A week after defeating Kentucky in overtime, the Blue Raiders scored when the ball deflected off the knee of FIU’s own April Perry, resulting in a goal.

Despite aggressive play, FIU shut out

ANTHONY GUIVAS
Staff Writer

After FIU received its first tie of the year at the hands of WKU, the Golden Panthers looked to get back to their winning ways against Middle Tennessee.

As much as the Golden Panthers would have liked to finish off their two game road trip with a win, it was not meant to be, as FIU fell to the Blue Raiders 2-0.

The loss was once again contributed by a lack of execution. Continually, the Panthers had opportunities to score but could not execute in pivotal moments within the game.

A bit of bad luck also had a lot to do with the Golden Panthers’ loss. In minute 56:41, the Blue Raiders scored when the ball deflected off the knee of FIU’s own April Perry.

Despite aggressive play, FIU shut out. What was odd throughout the game was that the Raiders did not stand out any statistical category. When it came to total shots, the Blue Raiders led FIU 15-14 and shots on goal was 7-5 in favor of the Raiders.

So even though the Golden Panthers were not dominated, the Blue Raiders stole again. In minute 75:51, Regina Thomas put the finishing touches on a Raider win.

As FIU fell to the Raiders 2-0, they place their record on the year at 7-6-1. But the Golden Panthers have no sour taste in their mouths as they focus on the positives.

"It doesn’t matter who we play, we can create great opportunities," Chestnutt said.

"We are creating opportunities and limiting the other team. Bottom line, if you’re doing those things you’re doing a good job."

The Golden Panthers, of course, did have their chances to score and have the ability to baffle opposing teams, but without execution, all of that ability means nothing.

"They [the players] don’t have anything to concern themselves with except for again taking care of the moments in the game that matter … nothing to hang their heads over," Chestnutt said.

FIU will now travel back home as they prepare to take on North Texas on Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.
Newly crowned royalty involved on campus

ASHLEY LAPADULA
Staff Writer

Panther fans cheered as the winners of both Homecoming courts for the Modesto A. Maidique Campus and Biscayne Bay Campus were announced and crowned. On Oct. 2, the University hosted their Homecoming football game against Duke University.

With more than 20,000 people in attendance, the University gladly honored its tradition by introducing the Homecoming court and winners during halftime. Homecoming is known to unite the student body and welcome back alumni.

Alfredo Roig and Jacky Negret were both crowned as this year’s Homecoming king and queen for MMC, while Lindsay Burnett and Pablo Haspel were the winners for BBC. With so many overwhelming emotions, both the kings and queens were smiling from ear to ear as they posed for photos.

Roig, a senior, is studying sports management with a certificate in leadership studies. He hopes to pursue a master’s degree in mass communications. He was nominated by Pi Kappa Phi, his fraternity, to represent his organization in the Homecoming court.

“We [Pi Kappa Phi] couldn’t be happier to know [Roig] won the Homecoming King title. He is certainly going to make FIU proud,” said Matthew Handlon, a senior and Pi Kappa Phi member.

With an extensive list of involvements on campus, Roig takes pride in all that he has given to his fellow Panther community. His involvement on campus includes being part of the Week of Welcome committee, GO Team, Homecoming Council, Dance Marathon and Panther Camp. Roig currently writes for the Sports section at The Beacon newspaper.

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“The process of ComicEd’s first comic book had already begun, but it was in need of more artists and characters. Alvarez collaborated with other artists — including Anaper Sand, University student Eric Gonzalez, Alex Rocky Ferrer, Matt Sagoritis and Brian Bernard — and began creating more heroes, including the E-Male, the Manazon, King of the Amazons, Black Caesar and more.

They considered the placement of panels, narrative boxes and word balloons. It was difficult to balance art and text, so pages had to be added just so words were not overwhelming.

Black culture is not the only one highlighted in Alvarez’s comic. He also wants to provide a comic book with a series of Cuban jokes and put them into a book that could appeal to people of all ages. For $100, readers can submit their ideas and receive a version of their ideal comic book in return.

Alvarez has grand plans for ComicEd. Although most of their readers are based in Miami, ComicEd plans on doing a convention circuit to get their name out. Digital publication is also on their agenda, with the help of Graphicly.com. From there, readers can enjoy comic books from their iPads or other mobile reading devices.

They will also relaunch their website. With the help of moving to Broward County, ComicEd will work with middle and elementary schools.

University alum creates non-profit to promote literacy
We usually place predisposed expectations on something. When it comes to Wilco, we have experienced a full circle of music that expands from Americana, to intricate pop melodies, to airy, light folk fare. They have done it all exceptionally well, so we would not be remiss to think that after “Wilco (The Album)” they had created a final culmination of all their past creations and complete the wide-ranging music saga they constructed.

One thing you can expect from Wilco is that you will always be surprised by their next move. This is the case with their new LP, “The Whole Love,” the first album on their own label dBpm. It is a fresh, invigorating album that differs away with the casualness of their last two LPs.

Opening tracks usually set the mood and the sonic direction of an album, but “Art of Almost” is a fragmented opener. Static sounds swirling around an unconventional drumbeat with robotic sounds and rain drops have leadman Jeff Tweedy creeping in with: “No, I froze, I can’t be so far away from my wasteland.” Orchestral string slide in the background and hits the crescendo with a full-on rock jam filled with clattered guitars.

It feels like they are teetering on the edge of critical mass by the end of it, with enough frenetic force to show everyone that the daft “dad-rock” genre that has been given to them has dissipated.

There is a wider scope on “The Whole Love,” and Wilco manages to expand on all their past soundscapes. The lead single, “I Might,” chugs through with its crunchy, distorted bass line, courtesy of John Stirratt. It all simmers together with lively organs and slashing guitars. Even when Tweedy is referencing Slim Jim pies and him potentially setting kids on fire, it is still enjoyable, catchy pop that Wilco excels at.

Beatles-esque songs like “Sunloath” and the jumpy, synthy waltz of “Capitol City” are still entirely Wilco but contain a ‘70s-inspired sound that you can instantly notice.

Something else that is noticeable is Tweedy’s ability to dig into deeper emotions, like with the catchy “Born Alone” where he openly sings “sadness is my luxury.” Much like the album, Tweedy forgoes the thought that deep-rooted music cannot be enjoyable and engaging at the same time. And although he is earnest, on “Black Moon,” Tweedy soulfully croons about being an old shoe, waiting for an awakening.

It sounds like self-introspection, laced with a beautifully paced steel pedal and acoustic. The 12-minute folk closer, “One Sunday Morning,” shows Tweedy sympathetically singing the heartbreaking narrative of a grieving son over his dead religious father that never accepted him.

All of the layered instruments of rain drop like keys, ghostly-sounding pedal steel guitar, and melodic acoustics that is as pleasant to the ear as it is emotional. It is a fantastic closer for an album that is as organic and fleshed out as anything they have created.

Wilco is able to create an album that is as enjoyable to blast through your car stereo as it is with detailed listens through your headphones. Their penchant for crafting adventurous, colorful music is still in tact, and a big “folk you” to anyone that expected middle-aged men to fold.

Radiate Reviews is a weekly music review column. Look for it every Wednesday this fall.

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RADIATE REVIEWS

“The Whole Love” a new fresh take for Wilco

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011

FIU School of Music

FIU LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE AND COMBO I
An evening of jazz standards and creativity.
When: 8 p.m.
How Much: Free and open to the Public
Where: Gibson Miami Showroom (in the Dorissa Building), 2711 North Miami Avenue, Ste 8

JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL
“Maboroshi” will be shown.
When: 1-3 p.m.
How Much: Free and open to the Public
Where: MMC GC 140

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011

FIU DANCE MARATHON
A fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen. Just bring in the flyer, present it to your server when ordering and 20% of your check will be donated to their organization.
When: Ongoing
Where: 100 Miracle Mile, 305.774.9940

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Having already been educated as an American student, it would be the natural next step to allow them to further their education in our colleges and universities.

The three main candidates, while more charitable than the rest, suffer from weaknesses in strategy. Many young people might not be too concerned about this issue now, but Social Security will be a great asset to our lives in the future, and Perry has been spotted as wanting to do away with it altogether. In his book, “Fed Up!” he describes Social Security as a “Ponzi scheme” and “unconstitutional.”

Meanwhile, Bachmann has vowed to ban same-sex marriages across the nation, which would affect members of our gay, lesbian and transgender community. Romney might be the only logical candidate for young Republicans to vote for, but he has said that he will immediately repeal Obama’s health care plan that would take effect in the next two years. This would mean that if we were struck with an illness such as cancer, and we did not have insurance, we would not be able to get the necessary treatments to keep us alive.

Herman Cain, a former economic advisor and Georgia Senate nominee, has his “9-9-9 Plan,” which basically consists of raising income taxes on everyone to 9 percent (which 50 percent of Americans do not currently pay at all, according to the bankruptcies of companies (cont)), raising the sales tax to 9 percent (which here in Duke county is 7 percent), and dropping the corporate tax to 9 percent (which varies from 30 to 35 percent). With two tax drops, this is a plan that only benefits the highest income earners of the nation.

Rom Paul, current Texas congressman and famed Libertarian, is another interesting candidate. He is very popular among liberals for being against all of our wars, but he only feels that way because of his extreme views on how small government should be. We would not be stepping into a job environment with no centralized safety regulation system if it were up to Paul.

We have many decisions to make in our lives, and a major one is whom we elect as our leader. For those who have lost faith in our current president, the options are not looking too bright, but at least we have options. Most of these candidates running for office in 2012 will be more experienced than their predecessors, as they have already served in Congress. They will certainly be stepping into a world one way or another, and considering our incompetence, it would be of utmost importance to choose the one who positively impacts our lives.

There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.

Colin Powell, former Secretary of State
The education minor program at FIU offers students an opportunity to ensure a life-long career opportunity in teaching for its participants.

Student indecision and a harsh job economy can make choosing a major a daunting task, and a consistent need for teachers can help take pressure off when faced with a dead-end in a career hunt.

“Teaching will always be there,” says Jane Oliveira, program assistant for the College of Education at the University, “and it’s almost always good to have the option.”

Using the education minor program can be beneficial to any major, and help open doors that would otherwise require numerous hurdles that a graduate may not have time for.

Florida has three requirements to become a certified teacher, including completion of educational courses, Florida certification exams, and at least two years of teaching experience.

Since 2007, the Universities education minor has been approved to meet the state’s criteria for the first stipulation, and allows you to teach in an assisted environment in your specialization, or field of major. Transcripts for successful graduates are also stamped as “State Approved” to help expedite the process.

“The courses the state requires are exactly in our minor,” says Oliveira. “It’s a great foundation for future developments.”

According to a pamphlet released by the College of Education, “A minor in education is a smart idea if you are interested in pursuing a career as a school teacher and your major is outside education, or are unsure about your career plan and would like to have the option to teach if you later decide.”

Upon graduating, a student must pass the Florida Teacher Certification Exam (FTCE), a three-section exam, and complete two years of public teaching. Once there is an offer of employment, the state gives prospective teachers three years to complete the requirements.

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