LONGING FOR COMEDY BY Creative Theatre, Sept. 4, 7 p.m. $15, tickets available at the door. 896-2805.

Confident. Sept. 17, 9 p.m. Everyone who is confident, bring your shade to the show. $5 at the door.

Cabin Fever. Sept. 18, 9 p.m. Everyone who is cabin fevered, bring your shade to the show. $5 at the door.

LULU and the Lindy Hop. Sept. 2, 8 p.m. Everyone who is a fan of Lulu and the Lindy Hop, bring your shade to the show. $5 at the door.

UNDER 21 You don’t need drinks to have a blast — it’s true
Mauricio puerto Staff Writer

Miami has long been a popular tourist destination due to its climate, surroundings and entertainment. Those who don’t like to drink or who are under 21 can sometimes feel as if they are left out of the nightlife experience. Although many of Miami’s popular venues are for the 21-and-over crowd, there are still places to go that are open to those too young to drink legally or who simply don’t like to drink. First off, FIU has a student-run council that specializes in event planning known as the Student Programming Council. They are the main providers of events around FIU and last year brought famous rapper Ludacris and Grammy-nominated local Miami band, Loco Por Juana, to the Modesto Maidique Campus. These events are open to all FIU students.

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Facebook aids students’ causes

Group petitions to decrease tuition for online classes
GABRIEL ARRARÁS
Contributing Writer

Where there is a will, there is most likely a Facebook group to support it.

The cause to lower FIU Online tuition fees is no exception. There are currently 2964 members in the “FIU Students Together to Claim FIU Online Course Fee to be $14.51/ Credit” group, which was created by senior and international business major, Leandro Mafrafi.

As the name of the group suggests, Mafrafi and the students supporting the cause want to lower FIU Online tuition’s cost to $14.51 per credit taken, regardless of how many semesters the course includes (i.e. multi-semester courses).

The group’s petition claims that “if there isn’t a minimum of one classroom course in the night shift and one in the day shift, which shall also have enough seats for all students who wish to take classroom course; the online fee shall be null.”

The Facebook group outlines the online tuition fees of every major public university in Florida and compares them to FIU’s.

Out of the 12 universities mentioned, FIU ranks seventh among them in terms of lowest online tuition fees, with University of Central Florida being the most expensive.

“It is undeniable that tuition fees are too high,” Mafrafi said.

Dr. Joyce Elam, executive dean of the College of Business Administration and University College in Administration.

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The eve of the Graham Center Pit graphic unveiling, Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus President Anthony Rionda scurried around GC’s second floor dipping down picture frames.

He gave impromptu tours pointing out what theme a certain wall would carry after the remodeling. Rionda had called GC his “pet project” and said he was determined to make it “more student friendly.”

Improvements is the running theme Rionda hopes his administration is remembered for.

“I think our biggest legacy will be that we just made it work better,” Rionda told Student Media. “A better way to allocate students’ money, and to represent them.”

The SGC-MMC president is expecting that three pillars will guide his administration to those improvements – advocacy, school involvement and spirit, and co-curricular learning.

As advocacy goes, the administration hopes to get to know students’ concerns and be their voice when communicating with the University administration.

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“We are going to have a blog, video content, social networking capabilities like Facebook and Twitter,” he said. “It’s going to be all connected so we can post through Facebook or e-mail.”

The video content has been slated to include video recordings of all SGA meetings. This has been a goal of SGA’s since the start of the summer.

Up to now, however, they have not been recording the meetings. The delay on this promise, according to
Rising online tuition fees spur student involvement

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charge of overseeing FIU Online operations, said that “a new law passed by the state last session allows universi-
ties to charge a fee for cost recovery.”

Florida legislature recently raised the tuition costs of its universities by 8 percent, while also giving the schools the option to raise it another 7 percent.

The online course fee structure has been a regular complaint of students at the University.

“I have no choice but to pay an additional $199 fee for a number of my required courses for graduation because they are only offered online. I believe mandating students to take online classes is unfair,” said James Richardson, an inter-

national business major. Some of the members of the petition group argue that students taking courses via FIU Online are actually saving the school money by not taking up classrooms and making the University save on maintenance and utilities fees.

“You don’t use the rest-
rooms, you don’t use the classrooms and you don’t dirty the school,” Manufri said.

While Elam did not refute the group’s claim, she defended the online costs by explaining where the money goes.

“FIU Online is a separate unit with the sole purpose of designing, developing and delivering online courses. Fees reflect the costs of those services,” she said.

These services include server maintenance, hiring instructional designers, soft-

ware developers, IT profes-

sionals, as well as providing software like Blackboard or the learning management system known as “Noodle.”

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He recently spoke with the Student Government Association, which, he said is “very interested” in moving the petition forward, as well as presenting it to FIU’s Board of Trustees.

“The fact of the matter is the University has undergone several budget cuts; it’s been very difficult,” Elam said when asked whether the petition would encourage FIU to lower its online tuition. She later added that she does “not see any funding to offset any of the online costs.”

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“Students want to go,” Rionda said. “They need to know there is a game and go to support their school.”

Last week, the presi-
dent called for the senate to create an athletics committee to help facilitate this partnership.

SGA will also be laying the ground work for a few things,” according to the president, such as the creation of a veterans memorial.

“It will not just be for veterans, but also FIU students that passed away,” Rionda said.

He hopes to partner with facilities and the community to start a reflecting garden that may bloom to a full memorial. This new budget process will also try to tackle reforms for the budget process. If successful, the new budget process will include line-item veto oversight for the senate.

As for his pet project of GC, new LCD televisions are on the horizon. With the blessing of Student Affairs Vice President Rosa Jones and the top SGA officials, 75 percent of the Panther TV fund will be reallocated to purchase about eight SGA-funded LCD televis-

ions. Rionda told Student Media.

Panther TV was an initia-
tive started in the previous administrations to give the University a student-run network. Currently, $40,000 were on reten-
don for Panther TV while details were ironed out. Of that money, $30,000 will now go toward buying tele-

visions for GC.

“We still have $10,000 to develop Panther TV,” Rionda said.

The televisions will serve as advertising vehi-
cles, since Rionda plans on taking down most of the bulletin boards in GC; the logistics still need to be worked out.

The vendor carts in GC will also be relocated, according to Rionda.

GC receives additional funding from Activities and Services Fees. These include $13,715 for repairs, $118,500 for new chairs, $21,600 for new carpets and $15,000 for computer equipment. To replace carpets in the ballrooms, GC received $115,971.

Rionda said the repairs should be done around December or January.

“It’s not about me, but the experience we all collectively have as students,” Rionda said of the upcoming year.
Marine biology series begins

Seminars to showcase latest scientific debates

LORENA ESTRADA
Staff Writer

The Marine Sciences Program is kicking off the Fall semester with a series of seminars that teach students about the latest research from top scientists in the field.

The seminar series will cover an array of topics from marine biology and chemistry, to ecology and fisheries. All students are welcome to attend the 45-minute sessions, which all begin at 1 p.m. on selected Fridays and take place in the Marine Science Building reading room, MS 105.

"For many, it will be a good introduction to many different fields of marine science," said Deron Burkepile, assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences and the organizer of the series. The lecture series began Aug. 28 with Marco Araujo, a post-doctoral researcher in the Department of Biological Sciences, whose lecture was titled "Individual-Level Diet Variation in Natural Populations." Araujo spoke about his current research on how people impact the ecology of mosquito fish in the Bahamas.

Mosquito fish were used as a model system to understand the effects people have on the fish population, Araujo said. "This is a good opportunity for students to come see what marine science is all about and learn more about cutting edge research," said Mike Heithaus, assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences.

The next seminar will take place Sept. 18 and will feature Monique Grol, who studied in the Department of Animal Ecology and Ecophysiology at Radboud University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands. Grol conducts research on the role of mangroves and seagrass beds, and the effects they have on the survival and growth rate of coral reef fish.

"This seminar series is very important for us because it allows us to bring together scientists from other universities around the world," said Burkepile. "They really let us to get to know the other scientists in our area that are asking interesting and important questions in all fields of marine science."

Upcoming guest speakers include: Oswald Schmitz, a professor of population and community ecology at Yale University and Margaret Miller, an ecologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Fisheries Southeast Science Center.

The third seminar is scheduled for Sept. 25 and will feature Adrienne Simon-Correa, a post-doctoral researcher in the Department of Biological Sciences.

"Students can expect to hear about different perspectives from some currently active debates among coral reef biologists, and the application of a variety of molecular techniques to the study of coral-algal symbioses," Simon-Correa said.

Miller will speak about symbiotic relationships formed between stony corals and dinoflagellate algae, and how this algae affect the ability of coral colonies to respond to changes in their environment.

It may be two weeks until another seminar, but both Heithaus and Burkepile are hopeful the series will soon run every Friday of the semester.

"We are still getting things sorted out," Heithaus said.

The updated seminar schedule will be available at http://www.fiu.edu/marine/seminars.html.

For more information, contact Deron Burkepile at dburkepi@fiu.edu.

ROCKIN’ ROARY

My first yoga class prove to be anything but relaxing

I wouldn’t call myself a yogini, but I do enjoy doing yoga every now and then. Last Saturday, I read my first yoga article in YM magazine and began including some of the poses in my workout routine in seventh grade. I bought a few videos, and within a summer, I knew enough to do it alone. But I had never been to a formal class until this weekend.

I went to the Ayama Yoga Center, and let me tell you, if you want a place to relax and do yoga – DO NOT GO THERE! Maybe that’s a little harsh, but my experience there was nothing short of horrid.

From the moment I pulled into the parking lot, I knew it was a bad idea. First of all, it’s located in a warehouse. Imagine big blue garage doors and a parking lot covered with rocks instead of asphalt. When I parked, there was no one around but myself, so I didn’t feel safe getting out of my car right away.

When I walked in, the instructor said “hello” and asked if it was my first class. Instead of finding out why I was in the class, he simply asked me if I would be paying $18 for the class upfront, or if I wanted to wait after the class to pay for a package deal. I handed my money over, and that was the last time we spoke.

When I walked into the actual studio, I wanted to die. The floors were made of interlocking foam blocks for children. And from the white stains I saw, I doubt those ever got cleaned.

Luckily there was no smell, but I had a stuffy nose so I could be wrong.

I put down my mats and sat down in the dimly lit room. The only lighting came from the main office and a night light. While I was sitting there cross-legged, everyone around me was already in random yoga positions.

The women in front of me were making a lot of noise, and I was trying to get into two particular positions with a partner. Now, since I am convinced that the universe just likes to play games with me, the day I went to class, both partner positions required one person to walk on the other person’s back. Person A then grabs person B by the knees and pulls person B’s legs together while person B tries to keep his or her legs pulled apart.

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I ended, I jolted out of there. I have never been to the yoga classes offered at the Biscayne Bay Campus Recreation Center, but I think I am going to try going there from now on. They are free, and I don’t need to worry about lying on a stained floor.

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...and with a group of unwelcoming people.

So I sat down in protest during the last half of hour of the hour-and-a-half class. When the class ended, I jolted out of there.

I am not used to the yoga classes offered at the Biscayne Bay Campus Recreation Center, but I think I am going to try going there from now on. They are free, and I don’t need to worry about lying on a stained floor.
Florida’s education system is going up in smoke.

As part of a political agenda, the House of Representatives and the Senate have cut billions of dollars for public education, and the state’s government has spent the past few years cutting back on the luxuries: schools, hospitals, stuff like that. With education having been slashed by billions over the past few years, and economic stimulus funds only able to prop up our education system temporar-ily, (more than three billion for Florida education so far, as reported by The Orlando Sentinel) legislators were forced to raise taxes in April on everything from less popular than education – cigarettes. The revenue from the tax will help offset further cuts to education and health care.

As Florida’s smokers are forced to leave our restaur-ants, out of our work places and into our increas-ingly deteriorating streets, isn’t it time we thought about it? Sure, in the past, cigarettes were an ugly vice, a public health nuisance, spreading cancer and sadness throughout the land. But now, there is a silver lining. The Beacon does not endorse smoking ciga-rettes. The revenue from the tax will help offset the overall quality of FIU. The presentation will create a dialogue on a very important subject that rarely receives attention. It fits perfectly with FIU’s value of global learning.

The SGC-MMC senate is on its way to becoming the most efficient and effec-tive senate in FIU history. It has acted and will continue to act in a fiscally conservative manner for the general well-being of the student body, they were elected to represent.

It is important to note that, while being frugal with student funds is important, being too conservative serves no one. As mandated by law, any unused funds in the SGC-MMC account at the end of the fiscal year is moved to a reserve account. These funds are not given back to the student body. So, if the senate were to be too harsh in their funding, students’ funds would be wasted.

The SGC-MMC has a responsibility to allocate funds fairly among as many students as possible. While it would be ideal for the council to allocate funds to as many student groups as possible, it simply cannot be done. Some groups are not eligible for funding in such as sororities and fraternities, due to their own policies. These groups, for example, charge membership dues or exclude students for various reasons. A&S-funded projects must potentially benefit any and all students.

So, SGC-MMC will continue its strides to bring the very best activities and services to the student body.

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THE SOAPBOX

SGC-MMC senate justified in its expenditures

Ben F. Badger, Jr. Special to The Beacon

In the Aug. 31, 2009 issue of The Beacon, an opinion article implied that the Student Government Council at the Modesto Maidique Campus should be frugal with its funds.

The council would agree. SGC-MMC is given the responsibility of allocating nearly $11 million in student Activity and Service fees. Every single dollar student pays in their A&S fees should be used to make student life more enjoyable and improve the overall quality of FIU.

In the past, President Anthony Rionda and Vice President Mykaelle Figuereido were commended by the Beacon for being fiscally responsible. It is their goal along with the senate to make the 2009-2010 year memo- rable for its students and their involvement in and outside the classroom, not for how much money is spent. There are many areas that the SGC-MMC funds, which include the Student Union, the Recreation Center, Campus Life, the Student Program-ming Council, the Council for Student Organizations and Student Media. These funds enhance student life.

The Hijabi Monologues is a worthwhile project which the Senate decided to fund. This presentation will create a dialogue on a very important subject that rarely receives attention. It fits perfectly with FIU’s value of global learning.

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We ought to just do the right thing because it’s the right thing to do and we don’t have to have a law that pun-ishes us if we don’t.

Gary Herbert
Governer of Utah

However, the governor stood reluctant toward the legislation. He claimed, “Where do you stop? That’s the problem going down that slippery road. Pretty soon we’re going to have a special law for blue-eyed blondes.” He added, “We get bogged down sometimes with the minutiae of things that government has no right to be involved in.”

Twenty-one states have established laws preventing discrimination against one’s sexual orientation. Will Carlson, the public policy director of the gay rights advocacy group Equations, Utah, helping to hope the governor come to an understanding, argued, “We don’t have a right to be in the lives of blue-eyed people getting tired or evicted. We do have a situation where gay and trans-gender people are being evicted and losing their homes, but because they’re gay or transgender.”

Putting homosexuals aside – what if I found myself in a situation where I had to defend my male friend in order to move into an apartment complex? What if my job made me walk for watching an act from the Cinque Du Soleil on YouTube? Isn’t that a hot female contortionist?

I don’t find anything wrong with a straight man listening to T.A.T.u. (who I’m aware might not be lesbian) or George Michaels. I also don’t think Rudy Giuliani should issue an “I’m straight” statement every time he appears on “Saturday Night Live” wearing a dress. SNL already has a difficult time being funny anyway.

In regard to government, I’m with Henry David Thoreau when he wrote, “The government is best that governs not at all – and when men are prepared for that, will be the kind of government which they will have.”

We both know what the right thing is, and if everyone did it, we wouldn’t need laws to protect Americans being turned away for being black, gay or Mormon. But laws aren’t about doing the right thing, laws are about promising it.
El Floridita offers a delicious taste of Florida's history

If Florida's history were a meal, El Floridita would have it on its menu. El Floridita prides itself on taking its patrons back to a time when South Florida was famous for its ports, saloons and seafood rather than its bright lights, big city and colorful nightlife.

The restaurant, elegantly decorated but somewhat empty, showcases classic seafood dishes which are undoubtedly influenced by Spanish and Latin culture – a fact that is apparent in its bilingual menu. Appetizers include crowd favorites such as lobster bisque and shrimp cocktails. But, for a true taste of Florida, try the shrimp ceviche, a zesty, refreshing dish that includes the fresh flavors of lime, cilantro and chilies.

The main course offerings at El Floridita are extensive. For those who want to become acquainted with the restaurant's flair for seafood dishes, the Paella Florida is a must.

The restaurant's take on Spain's national dish is a healthy mix of saffron-infused rice loaded with chicken, ham, vegetables and seafood, topped with a whole langouste for your dining pleasure.

The restaurant also offers paella varieties with only one main accompaniment, such as squid, shrimp or a seafood medley.

Furthermore, they offer meals and specials showcasing a variety of fish – including bass, salmon and grouper – which are all served with your choice of two sides, such as the ever-present black beans and rice with sweet plantains, yellow rice, fried yucca or simply french fries.

In the event that you are not into sampling fish, there are plenty of offerings for you as well.

They offer Chicken or Steak Milanese, their house specials, which include a cheese-infused breading and sautéed, then topped with a savoy reduction. Or, try their version of the Cuban dish, churrasco, a seared, 10-ounce flank steak with a crispy (albeit salty) exterior and a tender interior that goes well with its white rice.

Although their pasta offerings center on seafood, they do have varieties that incorporate chicken, ham or vegetarian, if that is on your radar.

Their dessert menu includes traditional Latin fare such as tres leches and flan, both of which are a fair choice. I was particularly impressed with their chocolate mousse. For starters, the presentation was good, as the mousse is covered with a solid layer of chocolate and is covered with a solid layer of chocolate and is covered with chocolate mousse.

Aside from having no cover, a good-sized dance floor and performances by drag queens and dancers, the staff here is also very friendly. Straight girls always fall for the bar-tenders who let their jeans hang low enough to reveal the maker and waist-size of their designer briefs.

On our way home back down US 1, we passed by that 24-hour Taco Bell for chalupas and ice water. Autumn and I noticed a young lady with tears in her eyes waving at us in the middle of the street. We slowed down and I put my window down to see if I could help her.

“Oh my god, but like I need help, my car broke down and I need money for a taxi. I know a taxi is a lot but if you could give me anything, a quarter, it all helps you know, ay please,” she pleaded.

I looked into my wallet and saw a $10 bill and two singles. I figured, “Hey Bobby Joe, what would Jesus do? Just think of the money you saved on cover charges. Be a good person.” I gave her the $10.

“You sure you don’t have like, $15?” she asked.

We drove off. I definitely don’t have what it takes to be the Jesus of this town.
Nightlife for those who can’t (or don’t want to) drink

According to Cristina Rodriguez, president of SPC, all of these are free – a point she enthusiastically emphasizes: “They are always free, never forget that.”

SPC holds a regular movie nights every Friday in GC 140. This semester, they will be showing movies from the Oscar-winning Slumdog Millionnaire to the Sacha Baron Cohen vehicle, Bruno.

If you want to venture out of the panther zone, but not too far away, you can go bowling at two venues. There is a bowling alley at Dolphin Mall called Strike, which features glow in the dark bowling lanes, a restaurant with lane service and big screen televisions. The most affordable time to go to Strike is Monday nights from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. People 18 and over can play unlimited bowling, with shoe rental included, for just $14. One bowling alley that is a bit more affordable is Bird Bowl, on Bird Road. They are currently remodeling and they are expected to emerge in September with a new lighting and a new sound system, a new expanded game room, new ceiling tiles and new menu themes in their restaurant. The cheapest time to go would be Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. for $2 games, or on Wacky Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to close when a game costs a $1.50. Both specials do not include shoe rentals which are $3.50.

For entertainment without the heavy lifting, the Wolfsonian Museum, on 1001 Washington Ave, offers free guided tours every Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is $5 with student ID. Until Oct. 11, the museum lobby will be showing the social aspect of fashion swimwear with the “Beauty of the Beach: A Centennial Celebration of Swimwear” and “Sun Stroke Stimulus” exhibits. Lectures and photographs explore the innovation, glamour and health aspects of the bathing suit culture. This exhibition is free. Not too far away, and later in the evening, the nightlife starts in downtown Miami. For the clubbing experience, South Beach is arguably the more popular, but most clubs are 21 and over. However, many clubs in downtown are not. Downtown houses clubs such as Vagabond, White Room, Space, Allure and Nocturnal – all of which allow people 18 or older at least some of the time.

Lauren Siena, a sophomore who spends many evenings at Vagabond, loves the place: “I never have a bad time there, it’s a great social environment with a variety of people.”

Clubs offer more than drinks

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

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Come celebrate the grand opening of the designer toy store. WHERE: 7 p.m. HOW MUCH: Free WHERE: Pigskinghost
Former Golden Panther returns to campus as a professional player

JOEL DELGADO
Staff Writer

When Miami FC played its first home game at FIU Stadium this past April, the first professional soccer match ever played at FIU, it was a homecoming of sorts for Miami FC midfielder John Pulido.

The 27-year-old former Golden Panther played in his first soccer match on-campus since he last put on an FIU uniform in 2003.

His return to his alma mater sparked memories of three conference championships, Atlantic Soccer Conference Player of the Year honors and a career at FIU that took him to the professional ranks.

“I had a great experience at FIU,” Pulido said, recalling his days at the University. “It was one of the most amazing times of my life both soccer-wise and social-wise. I did everything I wanted to do, had good seasons and made it to the professional level afterward.”

Pulido was born in Colombia and played at American High where he was an offensive-minded midfielder.

“He was very good technically,” Eketebi said concerning Pulido’s playing ability. “He sees the game with great vision, holds on to the ball, has deceptive speed, can take people on. But he can find the open man, also.”

After his FIU career had come to a close, Pulido’s professional career began when he was selected in the sixth round of the 2004 Major League Soccer SuperDraft by the Colorado Rapids.

“When I got drafted, my dream came true,” he recalled fondly. “I worked hard for that moment, and when it happened, I said to myself, ‘Thank God.’ Now I have to maintain myself, which is even harder than making it to the pros. I just keep working hard.”

In 2006, Pulido was signed by Miami FC before its inaugural season, giving him a chance to return to Miami.

Pulido has been the one constant on Miami FC’s always changing roster.

“You automatically have to be a leader. You have to be strong during the tough times and demand the best from your teammates during those times,” Pulido said. “Coach Zinho gave me a lot of confidence to take on that responsibility.”

Shortly before this season began, the ownership group behind Miami FC announced that they would play a number of their home games at FIU Stadium for the first time. Miami FC has one more home game left at FIU this season on Sept. 5 against the Austin Aztex.

“We were hoping that playing at FIU would bring good things and so far, it has,” Pulido said.

Miami FC has enjoyed success at FIU, gaining at least a point in five out of six matches at the stadium.

One of the major challenges for the team has been the ability to earn the respect of the South Florida soccer community.

Pulido is participating in the MFC Challenge, where for every 500 fans in attendance at the season finale this month, one player will shave his entire head.

“I don’t wanna shave my head,” Pulido joked. “But it’s a good thing. We need to have the support of the fans, so hopefully it brings out a lot of people.

“We have to win and we are winning. We definitely have to play good soccer,” Pulido said. “Going through what we’ve been going through, we make ourselves stronger. We want to be successful.”

Thomas, Garcia back off boycott

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all win that night, without necessarily having a winner or loser of the basketball contest.”

The Coaches versus Cancer tournament has raised nearly $50 million for the American Cancer Society, according to the society’s Web site.

After the opening game in Chapel Hill, the Golden Panthers will host three Subregional Round double-headers from Nov. 20 to 23.

Two players ejected late

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ball and midfielder Cristian Raudales was tackled inside the penalty box.

Starting goalkeeper dove to his left but he could not stop Raudales’ shot from entering the goal.

BROTHER’S KEEPER

The Golden Panthers received two red cards during the last 11 minutes of the contest. Goalkeeper Shane Lopez ran and tackled an FGCU player in the 79th minute. Lamarre was unable to play so his brother, midfielder Chris Lamarre, played goalie for the final 10 minutes of the game. He managed to record one save.

Phillip Lamarre and Cabas are expected to start the next contest vs. St. Thomas on Sept. 4. Eketebi noted that the lack of depth was a hindrance against the Eagles.

“What didn’t help us at all was not being deep today.”

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Rosa looks to play sparingly before home opener vs. UM

Joel Delgado
Staff Writer

Yarimar Rosa wasn’t able to start off her senior year how she would’ve liked.

“I’m feeling better. But I’m mad at the same time because it’s the beginning of the season,” Rosa said. “Everybody was excited and I was back with my team and then just like that, I was out.”

It is still unclear if Rosa, who suffered a strained hip muscle, will be on the court for the tournament in Kansas this weekend where the Golden Panthers will finish their road trip. More than likely she will be back at full strength for the home opener on Sept. 10 against the University of Miami.

“They’re telling me I should play one or two sets to see how I feel. That depends on me,” she said. “I’ll definitely be ready for next weekend.”

With a strained hip abductor, the Sun Belt Conference’s Preseason Player of the Year was forced to sit out the first tournament of the season last weekend and is day-to-day, according to Coach Danjela Tomic.

Rosa first injured her hip while playing for the Puerto Rican national team over the summer; she felt better after resting for several days. The injury began to resurface in the days leading up to the season opener.

“It was a big shock because she didn’t know until right before we played the first game,” Tomic said. “She got re-injured during warm-ups before our game against Western Carolina.”

Despite her absence, the Golden Panthers fared well in the Kentucky Classic with victories over Western Carolina and Northwestern.

“Taking into consideration that we were playing without Yari, I’m pleased that we won two,” Tomic said. “I think that tells a lot about our team.”

That doesn’t mean that the Golden Panthers wouldn’t like to have their three-time All-American back in the lineup.

“Everybody knows what Yari means to this team,” Tomic said. “Hopefully we’ll have her back and we’ll just build on last weekend.”

During the week, Rosa has been doing cardio, light weights and other light activities to try and get back to form.

She participated in practice for the first time on Sept. 2 with a light workload.