

HOMECOMING EDITION

The legend of freshman phenom: T.Y.

For about a split second there, the man they call "Goodbye" almost looked mortal.

With two and a half minutes remaining in last Saturday's Homecoming game against Arkansas State, T.Y. Hilton did the unthinkable for FIU fans; he messed up.

COMMENTARY



CHRIS
TOWERS

On a reverse, T.Y. dropped quarterback Paul McCall's handoff, a potentially disastrous scenario for a team looking for a score. Of course once the ball popped out, neither McCall nor Hilton panicked. The reason: it's T.Y.

"Instead of going for the fumble recovery, I just said 'Let T.Y. take care of it.'" McCall said.

Once the ball hit the ground, T.Y. kicked it up to himself, scrambled back to the other side of the field, and heaved up a prayer to Junior Mertile that seemed to take an eternity to fall.

When the ball finally settled into Mertile's hands, the stands erupted with the biggest celebration yet in the young stadium.

HEROIC PERFORMANCE

While he's not quite wearing spandex and a cape out there, T.Y. is the closest thing to a hero this team's ever seen. If you haven't been following the Golden Panthers until now, and are wondering how they went from averaging 15 points per game to 21, you need look no further than the man with the 4 on his jersey.

To go along with his game winning touchdown, Hilton had a school record 199 yards receiving on six catches and 57 return yards. If that number seems low for the nation's leader in all purpose yards, it is only because the Wolves did everything in their power to keep the ball out of his hands, going so far as to hand the Panthers' good field position by squib kicking it to tight end Moses Hinton, rather than give Hilton a chance to take one to the house.

T.Y.'s performance in this game has to be considered one of the single greatest performances an FIU player has ever had, and was certainly the deciding factor in.

STILL IMPROVING

Despite T.Y.'s stellar game, there is much for this team to work on. The team's kicking remain inconsistent, at best.

Sure, Dustin Rivest kicked five field goals, a school record, but he also missed two which could have allowed the team to save the last few minutes for clock management instead of last second heroics.

They also continued some of the bone-headed mistakes of recent weeks, racking up 10 penalties for 75 yards. Those were the sorts of mistakes that killed them against Troy and the University of Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns, and they were lucky to keep their heads above water against the Red Wolves long enough to pull it out at the end.

FIU 22, ASU 21

RESILIENT



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WHAT A NIGHT: Teammates Odaris D'Hati (left) and Ula Mataavao (right) celebrate a come-from-behind victory as T.Y. Hilton threw the winning touchdown pass with 2:04 left on the clock **For full story, turn to page 8**

Float parade showcases creativity

NATALEE GIL-DEL RIO
Staff Writer

Crowds cheering, cars honking, and DJs blasting an array of music from all the different kinds of floats.

This was the scene on Nov. 7 during the Homecoming parade, one of the most anticipated events.

At 6 p.m. police cars flooded the streets of the university, blocking the school's rotunda to create route and free space for a massive parade, in

which floats built by different Greek organizations were showcased to a large crowd.

Fraternities and sororities were allowed to work together in groups in order to build the time floats.

Convertible cars donated by The Collection were the highlight of the parade.

They carried former and upcoming King and Queen nominees, as well as Dori-Ann Fernandez, the overall director of Homecoming.

As the parade moved around the

University, sororities and fraternities ran endlessly to the different checkpoints cheering on their respective floats.

Each sorority and fraternity wore different Homecoming shirts to distinguish the different organizations that took part in the building of each float.

The floats seemed to leave a lasting impression on the people in attendance, in particular, "Roary in Wonderland" by Alpha Omicron Pi and Phi Gamma Delta

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Obama's plans dissected by former governor

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Just days after Barack Obama made history by becoming the first African-American president, former Sen. Bob Graham presented students a preview of how Obama plans to tackle the key issues facing America today.

In the Graham Center East Ballroom, eager students lined up to hear Graham's presentation, which was part of the fall 2008 Honors College Excellence Lecture. There

was a surprising amount of students in attendance, which forced the Honors College to open the middle ballroom.

In his lecture, Graham discussed the significance of the 2008 presidential election, and Obama's election to the presidency. He said that this election had "redrawn the electoral map," creating more battleground states.

"There were at least 15 or more competitive states," said Graham. "This made for more areas in which both candidates had to spend a lot of time campaigning in."

He continued to say that this year's election

broke through barriers and proved that America is truly a country where people of all races can obtain the opportunities they seek.

Graham also discussed Obama's plans for the economy and national security.

According to Graham, Obama plans to "put money in the hands of the people who are most likely to spend it, in order to help boost the economy. He also suggests that during Obama's term, there may be more government regulations in the financial markets and a greater emphasis

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

MONDAY • NOVEMBER 10

WHAT: Phi Mu Presents: Dream Date
WHERE: GC Ballrooms
WHEN: 8 p.m.
HOW MUCH: Presale: \$7 Door: \$10

WHAT: C.R.Y.O.U.T. Support Group for Women
WHERE: Everglades Dorm, First Floor
WHEN: 8p.m.
HOW MUCH: FREE

WHAT: The Jamaican Cultural Alliance: Class Dance Hall Style
WHERE: GC Pit
WHEN: 11 a.m.
HOW MUCH: FREE

WHAT: Asian Movie Club
WHERE: GC 150
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: FREE

WHAT: Panther Rage
WHERE: GC 140
WHEN: 4 p.m.

TUESDAY • NOVEMBER 11

WHAT: SPC Veteran Day BBQ
WHERE: Housing Quad
WHEN: 12 p.m.
HOW MUCH: FREE

WHAT: Automatic Loveletter with SecondHand Serenade
WHERE: Revolution Live
WHEN: 7 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$ 20

WHAT: Miami Book Fair International
WHERE: Miami Dade College Wolfson 300 NE 2nd Ave
WHEN: 12 p.m.
HOW MUCH: TBA

WHAT: South Florida International Auto Show
WHERE: Miami Beach Convention Center 1901 Convention Center Dr
WHEN: 1 p.m.
HOW MUCH: \$ 10

Bob Graham talks politics post election

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on decreasing America's dependence on foreign oil.

For national security, Graham told students the number one threat to America is weapons of mass destruction in the hands of terrorists. During Obama's presidency, he plans to remove all the troops out of Iraq, but leave about 25,000 troops in Afghanistan.

"America needs to rebuild relationships with the rest of the world," Graham said.

He congratulated all students who voted and recog-

nized one who was standing in the voting line with him.

"You can be a player and use your political power everyday to make your life easier," said Graham. "If students are passive, then nothing will ever get done."

After the lecture, Graham answered some questions from the audience.

"Usually when someone asks a politician a question, they beat around the bush and don't really answer the question," said Dino Atikovic, a student majoring in international relations. "He did a great job, because he answered the



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GRAHAM AT GRAHAM: Bob Graham answers questions from students regarding what to expect from a Barack Obama presidency on Nov. 6 in the Graham Center Ballrooms.

questions very honestly."

Even some students who did not vote for Obama attended the lecture.

"I agree with his views on Barack Obama," said Linda Lee, a student majoring in business management. "I did not vote for Obama, but after what I heard today, I understand a little more about Obama's views."

The Honors College inducted Sen. Graham as an

honorary member of the Honors College at the end of the lecture.

In 1978, Graham was elected Governor of Florida, and in 1986 to the U.S. Senate, where he served three terms and in 2004 wrote the book "Intelligence Matters." He retired from public office in 2005, and spent the 2005-2006 academic year at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Parade, party popular with students

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(also known as 'FIJI'). While being built, the float had tiny tissue paper decorated around its surface.

"That float definitely won number one," said sophomore Julie Osheross.

After the parade, while the cars were being piled up to be taken back to the dealer, a massive celebration, aptly titled 'FIU Ultra' had students

changing into the Blue and Gold Panther garages, where students and staff both celebrated the end of the parade with a variety of music provided by renowned DJs such as DJ Kaenow and DJ Irie.

The event lasted from 8 p.m. until 1:15 a.m. in the morning, with glow paint provided by the Homecoming Committee, which was thrown by students to everyone at the party.

Although the partying might be over, with students having to wait another year, lasting memories of their 2008 Homecoming week were made.

"This was probably the best party I've ever been to," said Michelle Cordero, a freshman studying anesthesiology.

Aside from the float parade and the celebration afterward, Homecoming

2008 also featured a week full of events, such as the lip sync competition, the Panther Prowl comedy show and the Interfraternal Council 5K walk/run.

Yet one staple of this very eventful week was cancelled: the naming of Homecoming King and Queen.

After voting for the candidates on Nov. 6, students later learned the event had been called off.

POLICE NOTES

Oct. 31 – Nov. 4:

- Oct. 31: Student William Zamora parked and locked his vehicle in the Red Garage, on the fifth level between 11:07 a.m. to 6:22 p.m. Returning to his vehicle, he saw that unknown suspect(s) had popped the driver's side door, stealing his sunglasses.
- Nov. 3: A student stated that after securing his bicycle at the bicycle rack located in front of the University Park Towers, he returned to it several hours later to discover his bicycle had been taken by unknown suspect(s).
- Nov. 4: A student stated that she parked and secured her bicycle at the Graham Center south side bicycle racks, and then went to class. Upon returning, she discovered that unknown suspect(s) had taken her bicycle.
- Nov. 4: Student reported to Public Safety that his/her parking decal had been stolen from his/her vehicle two days earlier. No suspect(s) at this time.

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IDEAL

SGC resolutions address lack of student parking

BARBARA QUIJANO
Staff Writer

Student complaints regarding insufficient parking spaces at the Biscayne Bay Campus have been heard.

A solution to the faculty parking spaces left unoccupied throughout the day was presented at the Student Government Council-BBC general meeting on Nov. 5.

"Students have complained to me that it takes them a long time to get to their classes, so we want to implement more parking spaces so that students can get to class in a timely fashion," said Sholom Neistien, speaker of the senate for SGC-BBC.

Any resolutions, council bills or appropriations presented to SGC requiring a vote must have two representatives as sponsors before being placed on a meeting's agenda. This excludes a bill proposed by the president in which case it must have one representative as a sponsor, according

to the Student Government Association constitution.

Two resolutions are being worked on. The first one specifies and reapportions faculty spots and student parking, while the second allows students to park on faculty parking spaces after 5 p.m. instead of 7 p.m.

"These resolutions would enable students to occupy these faculty spaces two hours before," Neistien said.

SGC-BBC Vice President Kenasha Paul, Jessica Senorin, a journalism and mass communication senator and Neistien proposed these resolutions.

"There is a lack of student parking spaces, and most of the faculty lots are empty," Neistien said.

For a resolution to be passed, it must first be read at the general council meeting. The following week, the resolution is read a second time, followed by a vote, depending on whether it must be amended. Once the resolution is passed, it is sent to administration for

approval.

"When it gets sent to the administration, it shows that students have concern and hopefully the administration will be wise enough to implement the resolution terms and reapportion faculty parking spaces to students," Neistien said.

The first reading took place Nov. 6, and the council agreed that the resolution needed to be more specific regarding time, desired faculty spaces and their location.

"We want to have Senorin look and see how many spots would be preferable and adequate," Neistien said.

Assuming that both resolutions are approved by administration, three resolutions will be passed this year, with the first addressing the voucher system for football games.

"Any student can approach any senator with an issue to write a resolution," Neistien said. "This SGA is really working for students and students only."

Panther Power seeks SGA approval as standing council

BARBARA QUIJANO
Staff Writer

Pep rallies, as well as pajama and tailgate parties, are some of the events Panther Power has offered students at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

The Panther Power cabinet is striving to be a standing council to gain active members and more respect, according to Natalie Vera, Panther Power director.

"Panther Power is a spirit organization that has to do with Athletics. [We're] trying to get students to be more involved and participate on campus, as well as at games, putting on events prior to games to increase the hype," said Vera, a junior majoring in criminal justice.

Currently, the cabinet director is the only member who receives a salary.

As a standing council, all members of the executive board would be paid.

The council would then be funded by the Student Government Association.

Panther Power would have to let SGA and advisers know about their plans and events, but the council would still make final decisions for the group.

"Panther Power is kind of already treated as a standing council," said Kenasha Paul, vice president of SGC-BBC. "[The] only [difference] would be that their [vice president], treasurer and secretary would be eligible to get paid. The money would come out of our SGA funds, and it wouldn't be that

much."

The amount of money allocated to Panther Power, if it becomes a standing council, would depend on how much the budget is next year.

Panther Rage, based at University Park, is similar to BBC's Panther Power. Both organizations are trying to come up with some kind of collaboration to make it a unified name, according to Vera.

"I would still like to have it as a standing council so that maybe in the following years, whoever is the president or director can go ahead and move on from there," Vera said.

"If we can come to a common ground, all logistics are there. It's very feasible for them to become a standing council," Paul said.

A resolution sponsored by two senators would have to pass in order for Panther Power to be a standing council.

Paul, Neistien and Laura Torres, lower division senator, offered to sponsor and help Vera write the resolution.

"We're cool with it," Paul said. "That was something I wanted to work on as well."

Panther Power has been active for seven years and currently has more than 100 members.

"We are growing intensely; [the] growth is unbelievable from last year to this year. We want students to have fun and enjoy themselves in all of our events," said Vera. "I'm a little worried that if I don't do this now, it will be pushed back. So it's just basically moving forward after I leave."

HOMECOMING SHOWDOWN



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SCHOOL SPIRIT: As part of a week of events celebrating Homecoming, students competed in a water balloon toss outside the Wolfe University Center on Nov. 6, at a pep rally organized by Panther Power (top). Also part of the festivities was the Step Show, sponsored by the Student Programming Council, at the WUC Ballrooms on the night of Nov. 6. The winning men's team was from the Iota Phi Theta fraternity (middle), while the winning women's team represented the Zeta Phi Beta sorority (bottom.)



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HOMEcoming 2008

Homecoming week featured many activities to get students excited for the last home football game versus Arkansas State University.

On Nov. 3, a lip syncing contest was held at FIU Arena. Students performed in front of hundreds of their peers, interpreting the night's theme, "Reel Out the Spirit" (4,7).

Panther Prowl was on Nov. 4, and comedians Craig Robinson, DJ Efren, Ralphie May and Tony Rock performed (2).

The Homecoming Parade was held be-

tween the Blue and Gold Garages on Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. Several student organizations created floats to parade around the roundabout (3,8).

FIU Ultra, an outdoor foam and paint party, also took place on Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. between the Blue and Gold Garages (1,5,6).

The Golden Panthers went on to defeat Arkansas State 22-21 in Saturday's game.

Photo galleries for these events may be found at fiusm.com/galleries.

THE BEACON | Editorial

University outlines expected behavior at sporting events; rules not hard to abide

With FIU's rapid growth has come new buildings, traditions and issues our young university has never had to deal with before.

This is especially clear with Athletics, more specifically, the football program.

This year alone, *The Beacon* has reported several incidents that have occurred at home football games such as 47 students being charged with underage drinking, students making offensive chants to a University of South Florida football player while he laid motionless on the ground after injuring himself and students rushing the field after a win over Middle Tennessee.

With the new FIU Golden Panthers Pledge of Honor, Fan Code of Conduct, the University has rightfully taken a steadfast approach to try to educate the student body about what behavior is acceptable at FIU sporting events. The Fan Code of Conduct states that the following behavior will not be tolerated:

- Threatening, abusive or disruptive behavior
- Standing in aisles, portals or concourses
- Entering the field of play (during or after the game), unless properly credentialed or accompanied by an authorized staff member
- Profane or abusive language
- Smoking, except where permitted (NE and SW designated grassy corners of the stadium)
- Throwing objects in stands including paper or plastic cups/bottles
- Fighting
- Possession of alcohol inside the stadium except in designated areas (Stadium Club or Suites)
- Failure to comply with law enforcement officials or stadium

staff

- Public intoxication

These rules are reasonable and will allow students and fans to enjoy the college sporting experience. *The Beacon* strongly recommends for students and faculty to familiarize themselves with these rules.

Being a young university, we have yet to deal with these issues. Although the University has had sports programs since the 60s, the football program was first launched in 2002 and is finally beginning to establish a winning tradition that is generating interest among students and alumni.

The Fan Code of Conduct will set the foundation for fans of FIU sports to understand what is expected of them and eliminate any ambiguity of what is or not allowed.

The University and Athletics have done their part to educate students about what proper behavior is expected at a FIU sporting events. Most of it is pretty much common sense anyway.

The FIU Golden Panthers Pledge of Honor, Fan Code of Conduct is posted outside of the student entrance and clearly visible for fans who are entering the FIU Football Stadium. At First Year Experience classes, professors are making sure students are learning about this policy.

With that being said, pleading ignorance is no acceptable excuse if any fan is caught breaking any of these rules, because again, they are pretty much common sense.

The University has done its part to try to educate fans about this policy, now it's up to fans to hold up their part of the bargain.

What does that entail?

Reading, understanding the rules and obeying them.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Supporters responsible for historic victory

Panthers, we did it. We are living history!

On Nov. 4, 2008, Barack Obama was elected President of the United States.

It could not have been done without you. To everyone that voted for him, to everyone that supported him, to everyone that convinced their family, friends and neighbors to vote for change this year, here is a special thank you from all of us from the FIU Students for Obama.

As our organization comes

to a close, we wanted to applaud the efforts of the FIU Students for McCain group; the odds were against you, but you still gave it all you had on campus. We might have had our differences, but in end, I hope we can come together as Americans and unite as we always have, as we always will.

Hector Suco
President

FIU Students for Obama

TURN IT DOWN

The truth about MP3 players revealed

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Can you hear me now? I said, can you hear me now? No, this isn't another Verizon Wireless commercial. This is a public service announcement from your very own ears. Hearing loss no longer applies to old people. It applies to us as well, more than ever before.

Before you block me out with your snazzy iPod or tune up your radio at full blast, listen to me ... hear me out ... while you still can! I don't want my warnings to fall on deaf ears.

But, let's get down to business. Please lower the volume of your music player. Believe me, it would be

times that has happened to me.

One time, I sat next to this guy who had his iPod so loud I could decipher the song he was listening to. Although I got free listening time sitting next to him, I couldn't help but lament his future.

Users listening at high volumes for more than an hour a day each week risk permanent hearing loss after five years. Sadly, people in our generation will not realize the damage until it's too late.

According to *The New York Times*, "If young people continue to listen to music for long periods of time

“Users listening at high volumes for more than an hour a day each week risk permanent hearing loss after five years.”

music to your ears if you can just practice safer hearing. (Yes, another pun, but we got to talk about this hear and now!)

According to *The New York Times*, a European report said that "those who listened for five hours a week at high-volume settings exposed themselves to more noise than permitted in the noisiest factory or work place. Maximum volume on some devices can generate as much noise as an airplane taking off nearby."

Ouch. And you thought music's a great therapy. It is, but only if the person next to you can't hear it. I cannot tell you how many

and at high volume levels during several years, they run the risk of developing hearing loss by the time they reach their mid-twenties."

I don't know about you, but I'm seriously reconsidering how much time I'm spending with my MP3 player.

Furthermore, there are many reports of temporary or persistent tinnitus induced by loud music. According to *ata.org*, tinnitus is "the perception of sound in the ears or head where no external source is present." In layman's terms, some people describe it as "ringing in the ears" or "head noise." You probably had that sensation before when you leave a very loud club. The annoyance usually goes away.

However, prolonged exposure to loud music can lead



that euphonious permanent sound in your ears. Who would want to live with that?

That's why MP3 players and iPods are considered a particular threat because ear-bud type headphones can lead to a greater sound exposure than other types of listening devices.

"Your typical listener is not at risk if they are listening in a quiet situation, but if they are in a noisier situation, such as commuting, they very easily are going to be at risk," said audiologist Dr. Brian Fligor, according to an interview on *Science Daily.com*. Dr. Fligor's study concluded that 80 percent of people listen at dangerous levels when background noise comes into play.

Dr. Fligor later explained that as sound travels through the ear canal, it ends up in the inner ear. When it's too loud, tiny hair cells, which communicate information to the brain, are either damaged or destroyed. These hair cells are not conditioned to withstand loud noises for an extended period of time. Over time, the constant loud music can permanently damage the hair cells and your hearing.

According to *The New York Times*, a study recommends to limit listening time to one hour per day and "setting the volume to no more than 60 percent of maximum sound output when using headphones that are placed over the ears — and even less when using ear buds."

One day after listening to loud music for many years, you'll remember me. Only then you'd wish you could "hear me" out when I asked you to lower the volume of your music device.

Remember, you might "hear" today, but it might be gone tomorrow!



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RECORD SETTER: Junior kicker, Dustin Rivest, set FIU's single-game record for field goals made after connecting on five in the Golden Panthers win over Arkansas State. He made field goals from 42, 33, 43, 35, and 37 yards.

Rivest makes 5 FGs, sets kicking record

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down pass from Corey Leonard, as an answer, and that made the score 14-9, in favor of Arkansas St. Dustin Rivest added his fourth field goal to close the third quarter with a 14-12 score.

Arkansas St. opened the final frame with a 12-yard scoring run from Derek Lawson. Rivest added his fifth field goal, and the score stood at 21-12 with 11:28 remaining.

After a four-yard Brett Shankle punt, FIU found itself with starting a drive at the Arkansas St. 42 yard line. On the first down, McCall completed a pass to tight end Eric Kirchenberg for 28 yards, but FIU would not be able to sustain the momentum, and would settle for a field goal, which Rivest missed from 27 yards.

FIU's defense forced a three-and-out, and the next Shankle punt was fielded by Hilton, who leads the country in total yards per game, with an average of 198.7, and returned 27 yards, to the Arkansas St. 38-yard line.

The following play will go down in the FIU annals, being mentioned among the greatest in school history.

On the first down, Paul McCall attempted to hand the ball off to T.Y. Hilton who was motioning from the left of the shotgun formation. The exchange was sloppy, and they fumbled, and as Hilton booted the ball backward, and eventually picked it up, McCall threw, what would prove to be the block that allowed Hilton to make the play. The freshman receiver scooped up the ball and sprinted back to his left, and threw a wobbly pass to a wide open Junior Mertile in the end zone, to give FIU its winning margin, after adding the point after touchdown.

"When I recovered the fumble and saw Junior wide open, all I thought was 'I've got to get him the ball.' When Junior caught it and I heard the crowd go crazy, I started going crazy too," said Hilton, who is just 93 yards shy of tying Cory McKinney's single season high of 890, set in 2002.

FIU will have a week off before hosting Louisiana-Monroe on Nov. 22.

Coach Cristobal assuages doubts of a letdown after the break. "Our focus has turned to winning every day, as opposed to winning the whole thing."



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MOVING UP THE CHARTS: Through just eight career games played, T.Y. Hilton already ranks fifth on the FIU career receiving yardage list.

BOX SCORE

	FIU	ASU
First Downs	16	22
Rushes-Yards	22-48	49-222
Passing	359	149
Comp-Att-Int	13-26-1	16-34-0
Return Yards	103	143
Punts Avg.	3-36.7	6-29.7
Penalties-Yards	10-75	8-96
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Time of Possession	22:22	37:38

RUSHING — FIU: Reams 13-25, McCall 4-17, Ned 1-15, Owens 1-8 **ASU:** Arnold 22-113, Leonard 18-55, Lawson 6-30-1, McLennan 1-20

PASSING — FIU: McCall 15-33-321-0, Hilton 1-1-38-0 **ULL:** Leonard 13-26-149-1

RECEIVING — FIU: Hilton 6-199, Ellingson 2-57, Kirchenberg 2-37, Mertile 1-38-1, **ULL:** Johnson 3-45, Thompkins 2-35, Cmements 2-18, Gillott 2-13, Catlin 1-18-1

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Record-breaking performances lift FIU over Red Wolves

ANDREW JULIAN
Sports Director

The Golden Panthers got back in the win column, squeaking out a 22-21 victory over Arkansas State on Nov. 10 at FIU Stadium.

"Most importantly today, we learned how to fight through adversity, something that we had not been able to do before" said head coach Mario Cristobal, about his team (4-5, 3-2 Sun Belt Conference), that trailed for much of the contest.

The Red Wolves (4-5, 2-2) took a 7-6 lead with 59 seconds remaining in the first half, on a 1-yard touchdown run by junior quarterback Corey Leonard, and the Red Wolves held that lead until the 2:04 mark in the fourth quarter.

The game was not all smiles for the Golden Panther offense, although they produced their best offensive game of the season, rolling up a season high 407 yards of total offense, and Paul McCall accounted for 359 of those yards through the air, the second highest single-game total in school history.

Eight times, the FIU offense advanced the ball inside the ASU 30 yard line, and each time, were forced into a fourth-down situation. This inability to convert on third-downs, FIU was 2-of-12, led to a record setting day for kicker Dustin Rivest, who's five field goals broke the school mark for field goals in a single game, set in 2003 by Adam Moss, with four. Rivest also tied his own FIU record of seven field goals attempted in a single contest.

The first two kicks came in the second quarter, and opened the scoring for the contest, with the latter coming with 12:22 remaining, and the former, with 4:33 to go in the half. Both teams moved the ball well in the first half, piling up over 400 yards combined, in total offense. FIU countered these field goals with excellent defensive stands, forcing Arkansas St. to go over on downs on two of their first two possessions in FIU territory.

FIU began the second half with a seven play 45-yard drive that ended with Rivest's third field goal of the contest, this his second from 43-yards. The drive was highlighted by a 32-yard completion from Paul McCall to standout receiver T.Y. Hilton. Hilton finished the game with six catches for a school record 199 yards.

Reserve tight end caught an 18-yard touch-



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THE LEGEND GROWS: T.Y. Hilton caught a school record 199 yards and threw the game-deciding touchdown in FIU's to a 22-21 win.

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Women's basketball drops one and only exhibition game

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The women's basketball team opened the season against Barry University on Nov. 6 at the U.S. Century Bank Arena. It was the first, and only, exhibition game of the season.

The Division II Buccaneers, under head coach Bill Sullivan, created enough offensive and defensive plays to pull out a 54-40 win.

The Golden Panthers were held to only 19 points in the first half.

Returning leading scorer Monika Bosilj went 0-for-4 in field goal attempts and 0-for-3 from the 3-point line. Following suit behind Bosilj were teammates in the back and front court.

Lack of college experience by new players in the back court was evident. First-year player Michelle Gonzalez had five turnovers and made only one of four field goal attempts.

"It is hard as a new point guard coming in," said Gonzalez. "But as the season goes on, we will all be able to work together better and score more points."

Although FIU held a 16-15 lead with only five minutes to play in the first half, Barry closed on a 15-3 run to take a 30-19 lead into halftime.

The Golden Panthers shot 26.9 percent (7-for-26) in the first half.

The Bucs continued their run by scoring the first five points of the second half.

Leading the Bucs was Lucy Martinez, who led all scorers with 17 points.

On the other side, junior forward Marquita Adley led the Golden Panthers with 12 points.

The Panthers trailed the Bucs 48-38 with less than three minutes left in the game but second half steals prevented the Golden Panthers from cutting the Buc's lead.

The Bucs finished with 12 steals and forced the Golden Panthers to turn over the ball 18 times.

While some new players looked polished in their first college minutes, others made mistakes that gave the Bucs more opportunities to score.

Freshman guard Asia Wilson scored four

points in her first Division I game.

Her strong passes and communication on the court made her a positive contributor.

However, a lack of communication on the Golden Panther side was the biggest contributor to the 14-point loss.

"This game was my first time playing with my team and that made it hard to communicate," said Gonzalez.

The Golden Panthers will host University of Wisconsin-Green Bay on Nov. 14 in their season opener.

The Phoenix's finished last season with a 26-6 record. FIU will have to communicate and prevent offensive turnovers if they want to pull out win in their first regular season game.