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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Faculty will mix classic, innovative ways of teaching

CHERYL MALONE
Staff Writer

As the College of Medicine prepares to open in Fall 2009, the 40 students that comprise its first class will be introduced to innovative teaching strategies.

Rather than auditorium-sized classes, the medical students can expect one-on-one interaction with professors and classmates in a personal learning environment, according to Assistant Professor Dr. Daniel Castellanos.

"The idea is to really foster that creative, active, learning environment through small group instruction, virtual cases [and] problem based working," Castellanos said.

Castellanos will teach the second course that students will take within their first year in the program. Each course will lead into the next

relevant subject with curriculum that is more in-depth compared to the previous course.

"I'm teaching for first-year students, and I'm also co-directing in other courses that come during period two," Castellanos said. "Period one is the foundations period where we teach [students] the basic principles of basic science as it applies to clinical medicine. Some of those courses will integrate vertically."

The "vertical" concept allows for students to have general knowledge in one area before going into further enriched concepts. Also, classes will revolve around different aspects of one topic.

For example, Castellanos described how one class may deal with heart conditions, while another class taken in that same week may be based on the culturally based issues that can lead to heart problems. Each lesson binds with the other, allowing for ground knowledge on a specific topic, Castellanos explained.

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Robert F. Dollinger is involved with non-academic activities which the medical students will take part in.

Since the class will start off at only 40 students, they are at an advantage

with interaction and activities. The students will work outside of the classroom within local communities, according to Dollinger.

"It is a way to bring health care into the community," Dollinger said. "This makes FIU unique."

The College of Medicine currently has five master teachers, who are the founding faculty. Each one will work to create a syllabus and layout of a course curriculum which will then be administered to other professors.

Course objectives will be met through in and out of class learning, along with virtual patients and small study groups.

"We really are electing a minimum amount of didactic delivery," Castellanos said. "We are going to try to make this as interactive as possible, meaning that we will deliver a series of course objectives before the

course."

Castellanos believes that the combination of traditional teaching methods with more interactive and innovative approaches will be most beneficial to students.

"We would like to take a look at evidence based on education. Can we introduce these innovative approaches to learning in a medical environment based on what's been done in other medical schools, and when we do that, can we contribute to the scientific literature or educational literature?" Castellanos said.

Research that will come from the College of Medicine will be based on the advancement of the students, Castellanos explained.

"Research will be done based on how these students learn and the environment they are learning," he said.

The most important factor expressed by both Dollinger and Castellanos is the interaction between professors and students. They believe that the student will gain greater knowledge with the combination of study and interaction between peers, professors and patients.

"We are trying to create an active learning environment where we can talk about it," Castellanos said.

The idea is to really foster that creative, active, learning environment through small group instruction, virtual cases [and] problem based working.

Dr. Daniel Castellanos, *asst. professor*

GANG TACKLED



OUCH! Junior quarterback Paul McCall is sacked by a host of Ragin' Cajun defenders in FIU's 49-20 loss on Nov. 1. McCall was sacked twice in the game before being relieved by Wayne Younger in the fourth quarter.

BRAD KEMP/
AP PHOTO

Club rallies support for forgotten Ugandan children

ANDREW CALIENES
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In the summer of 2003, three teens from San Diego decided to take a trip to Uganda in eastern Africa. What they found changed them forever, they say, and has sparked a movement throughout the United States.

On Oct. 27, the movement began to take root at the University with the screening of the documentary that started it all.

"Invisible Children: The Rough Cut" is the story of the plight of child soldiers in Uganda. Because of the 23-year civil war, the rebel army, also known as the Lord's Resistance Army, has been abducting children from rural homes and schools to brainwash them and use them as soldiers, spies and sex slaves.

Jason Russell, Bobby Bailey and Lauren Poole found that, because of the fear of abduction, children would leave their village

every day before nightfall in order to commute by foot to the nearest hospital cellar, bus stop or veranda in the closest city. There, hundreds of children would lie down and sleep in relative safety from the rebel army.

The three teenagers documented the story when they came back to the United States and began a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the Ugandan chil-

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HOMECOMING

Campuses ready for week of events

KISHORE SAWH
Staff Writer

With a revamped schedule and an ample budget, this year's Homecoming events will be all the rage at both campuses.

Even though Homecoming events will take place in the span of a week instead of two like in past years, there will still be plenty of events to attend. The Biscayne Bay and University Park campuses will host events independently, with a budget funded by SGA of \$30,000 for BBC and \$160,000 for UP.

UP's theme this year is "Hollywood Homecoming," and all events will be centered around movie titles, according to Andrea Kovachy, associate director of Campus Life and acting homecoming chair.

According to Kovachy, one of the biggest events is

the annual Lip Sync, which will take place Nov. 5 at 8 p.m. in the FIU Arena. It is expected to attract over a thousand students. The acts at the Lip Sync will correspond to Homecoming's overall Hollywood theme.

The Panther Prowl Comedy Show on Nov. 4 in the FIU Arena at 8 p.m. will feature comedians Ralphie May, Tony Rock, Craig Robinson and Elfren Ramirez. Tickets are available to students with a Panther ID in GC 2240.

Another major event is the Homecoming Parade, in which teams construct their own banners and compete for the top prize. The parade will feature Syesha Mercado, a Golden Panther and third-place finalist in the most recent season of American Idol. This event will be held Nov. 7 at 6 p.m.

After the Homecoming Parade, there will be FIU

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CHRIS GREEN/THE BEACON

AWARENESS: Center for Bio-Ethical Reform and College Republicans set up a display in front of GC to aware students of a genocide project.

Groups show abortion, genocide side-by-side

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Contributing Writer

The Center for Bio-ethical Reform, sponsored by College Republicans, displayed photographs depicting abortions at the main entrance of the Graham Center on Oct. 29 and 30.

Pictures of the Cambodian, Rwandan and Holocaust genocides were displayed to note the similarities between genocide

and abortion, according to the Center.

Pro-life supporters provided students with pamphlets informing them about abortions, also mentioning the Web site, *AbortionNo.org*, for videos and more information.

“With abortion, the group being exterminated is unwanted, unborn babies. Women who abort their babies are not Nazis, but abortionists are acting like Nazis,” states one of

the pamphlets under the definition of genocide.

The comparisons were just too much for many of students who wrote on the freedom of speech board several questions such as: “If a woman was raped and found out she was pregnant, should she have the child of the person who raped her?”

Students from the Women’s Center and the

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Upgraded PantherSoft up, running with student focus

Last week marked another milestone on our mission to improve your experience here at FIU.

I am happy to report that the University launched its upgrade for PantherSoft Campus Solutions 9.0 on time and with great success.

Thousands of you already have visited the upgraded site.

For those of you who have yet to log on, please take a moment over the next few days to visit http://panthersoft.fiu.edu/f_login.htm.

Make sure to explore the new site and review all the new options available to you.

As you may know by now, University President Modesto A. Maidique set out a bold new vision for our University, which he dubbed FIU 3.0.

Among its main components are an enhanced student experience and an emphasis on customer service.

I believe PantherSoft 9.0 helps us toward that important goal.

I hope you will agree that this new system adds convenience and efficiency to more of the services you need to succeed at FIU.

By further streamlining the registration process, we believe this program will assist faculty members, advisors and everyone in enrollment services — from admissions to financial aid — be more responsive and efficient.

Among other new conveniences, this upgrade now allows you to check for time conflicts, pre-requisites and repeats before registering for a class.

The redesigned site also allows you to see which books are assigned for a particular class and how much they cost.

If a course you’ve registered for is cancelled, the system will send an automatic e-mail message alerting you.

Also, you will get an e-mail any time a class location changes.

Be assured that we will pay close attention over the next few weeks to how the

system is performing — from addressing any security concerns to making sure access is uninterrupted.

An upgrade of this magnitude requires nothing less.

A support team is on-call, and labs are available through Dec. 2008 to teach you how to maximize the system’s potential.

Lab times for faculty, staff and students can be found at <http://panthersoft.fiu.edu/cs/labs.htm>.

If you have any questions about PantherSoft, e-mail psquery@fiu.edu and for system support, e-mail psoffice@fiu.edu.

I also want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Panthersoft Project Team.

This upgrade is the result of a year’s worth of dedicated work by a full team representing academic affairs, technology services and enrollment and student services staff.

Many of them have volunteered their time to strengthen this system — and ultimately your academic experience.

Send your comments to Provost.Berkman@fiu.edu

POLICE NOTES

Oct. 23 – Oct. 29:

Oct. 23: Student Alan Meca advised to the police that his back driver side window had been broken. He further advised that his book bag which contained some clothing and a medical kit, had been taken from his car. Unknown person(s) used unknown tool(s) to commit the crime.

Oct. 25: At 1 a.m. an FIU staff member next to Lot 1 on the Biscayne Bay Campus stated to police that she had found a black piece of luggage in the lot near the Library. Two officers responded to the call and detained the item. They then tried to contact the person who’s name was on the luggage name tag. This was unsuccessful.

Oct. 29: An FIU employee reported to Public Safety that a vending machine located on the sixth floor lounge of the Lakeview North had been vandalized the night before by unknown suspect(s). The money from the machine was removed by police and taken to the Office of Business Services.

-Compiled by David Barrios

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Architecture students check out their "Digital Pulse"

The School of Architecture will host a two-day conference, titled "Digital Pulse in Architecture." The event will center on the discussion and showcase of digital design to reveal rhythmic qualities and sensations in space. The two-day conference will begin on Friday, Nov. 14 at 5 p.m. and all of Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Paul L. Cejas School of Architecture, room 135.

The conference will feature some of the most renowned designers of digital productions, including Jeffrey Kipins, who served as architecture /design curator for Wexner Center for the Arts and Eric Goldenberg, a professor and founding partner of Monad Architects, which uses 3D computer technology for a wide range of design scales. The event is free and open to the public.

School MBA program receives prestigious world ranking

The Executive MBA program was ranked among the top 85 programs in the field, according to the Financial Times. The program was officially ranked 82 out of a long list of candidates in the publication's annual ranking of schools and their programs.

Dean of School of Journalism and Mass Communication to step down

Dean Lilian L. Kopenhagen announced to the faculty of the SJMC that she will be stepping down at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year. The widely respected educator will take a one year sabbatical and then return to the post. During her term as dean of the SJMC, she was hailed as the "vanguard of educating Hispanic communicators across the country" and in Latin America.

Kopenhagen has also worked with major publications such as the *New York Times*, *The Sun Sentinel* and *The Miami Herald* to increase the visibility of the program. Her leadership grants from the Scripps Howard Foundation have founded important programs meant to enhance students writing skills, such as a Writing Center and a Boot Camp.

—Compiled by Julio Menache

GET TOGETHER



JAVIER DE LA VEGA/THE BEACON

SPIRIT: A large group of students got together for the spirit video in the brand new football stadium on Oct. 30. All participants received a free shirt.

Display upsets pro-choice supporters

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National Organization for Women-FIU chapter, who were pro-choice, were offended and disgusted by these vivid photographs. Their counter-protest involved passing out stickers, flyers and wearing T-shirts expressing pro-choice views.

FIU NOW President Alexandra Schneider said that her organization was informed of the Bio-ethical Reform protest the day

before it occurred and did not have enough time to prepare.

Midwest Region Director Mark Harrington, from the Center for Bio-ethical Reform, said the organization travels to universities across the country.

"These images are not how abortion really is," said junior Nick Chura. "These pictures look very back-al lied. Where are these pictures really coming from?"

Several members of the pro-life group argued

that there were alternative methods to abortion such as adoption.

Meanwhile, the pro-choice students, the Women's Center and FIU NOW tried to clear up the fact that they are not pro-abortion, but that no one is to make any decision on what any woman can do with their own body except the woman herself.

"The right of a woman's choice is sacred and a fundamental right," said freshman Diana Mesa, who was

on the pro-choice side.

Harrington offers a different perspective.

"If you banned something like abortion, it's not going to prevent it from happening. It's better to regulate it than to ignore it," Harrington said.

When asked what was the main reason for the display on campus, he said: "To raise awareness on contemporary genocide which is abortion and stimulate dialog on Bio-ethical issues."

Documentary sheds light on African child abductions

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children. When Dorian Santos, a student, saw the film in high school, she decided to bring the issue to the attention of the University community by forming a club dedicated to the children.

"Invisible Children is based in San Diego and has been working on rebuilding schools in Uganda and some microeconomic programs to bring jobs and economic stability to the region," Santos said. "It's really easy to get involved with a cause as important as this."

Due to technicalities, the club is not considered a sponsored club by the University, but that has not hindered Santos and a group of about 15 students from trying to bring this cause to the attention of students.

Santos and her team have been hosting meetings and were able to get the "Deep South Roadies," four student interns for Invisible Children touring the U.S., to sponsor a screening of "The Rough Cut."

It's a tough job touring the country and some days are harder than others. For us, our role is to come and introduce people to the story.

Bethany Bylsma, student intern

"We have been visiting churches, high schools, colleges and universities, basically anyone who will have us," said Wallace Watkins, one of the student interns. "We travel around in a big black van, sleep in contacts' houses and show the film every day."

It is not always an easy task for the students.

"It's a tough job touring the country and some days are harder than others," said Bethany Bylsma, another student intern. "For us, our role is to come and introduce people to the story."

When asked why this was such a worthy cause, Bylsma was quick to express the importance of the struggle the Ugandan people are facing.

"The crisis in Uganda is happening right now. It's not something you find in like a

history class, it's continuing and has been for 20 years," Bylsma said. I think what is happening in Africa as the years progress is huge and we could see Africa fall completely or see it become a beautiful place."

Although the club is still unofficial, the group has been doing all they can to raise money for this cause.

According to Santos, it's very easy to get involved with the club, students can donate online at www.InvisibleChildren.com in the University's name or can just e-mail the club members at ICatFIU@aol.com for more information.

The next meeting for the 'Invisible Children' Club at FIU will be on Nov. 13 in the Graham Center Piano Lounge at 1 p.m.

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New secretary announced after student election

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Staff Writer

Announcements about posted flyers and an upcoming Parent & Family Weekend event were among the issues discussed at the Student Organization Council's monthly general meeting.

An election for the new secretary also took place at the Oct. 27 SOC meeting, involving members of varied clubs based at Biscayne Bay Campus.

Yi Dang, a transfer student from the Tianjin China Program, beat two other candidates, receiving 15 out of 27 votes.

The candidates, Patricia Martinez, psychology major; Vernal Green, electrical engineering major; and Dang got a chance to present themselves to BBC club members after the SOC general meeting.

They had two minutes to talk about their previous experiences holding leadership positions.

Club members got a chance to question the candidates about their availability and time spent on this campus.

Following the questioning, members engaged in a discussion about the candidates, headed by SOC President Didier Georges, while the candidates were outside.

Each club member voted on a flash card, but only students

could vote. Georges and Ivy Siegel, SOC adviser, counted the votes and then thanked all the candidates for their interest in SOC.

During her freshman year, Dang was the secretary of a student organization in China and was then elected president.

"The greatest challenge I faced was handling studying and work," said Dang, who maintained a 3.8 GPA.

The main responsibilities of the secretary are to record the minutes of all SOC meetings, and establish and maintain all SOC files.

The secretary must also be an FIU student with at least a 2.0 GPA, and be taking at least half of their classes at BBC.

The SOC Executive Board consists of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, marketing director and events coordinator.

It is the governing body for all student organizations at BBC, and serves these organizations through funding and coordinating activities to promote academic, social and athletic interests.

Dang said she is excited about having the opportunity to be part of SOC.

"I love working for students," said the junior hospitality management major.

FINAL CELEBRATION



NATHAN VALENTINE/THE BEACON

TAKING CARE OF HUNGER: Ana Maria Silva, SGC-BBC president, partakes in "Last Brunch." With create-your-own sandwiches and fruit punch, the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month ended at BBC on Oct. 28. Also pictured, Melissa Desrameaux and Alia Silvera.

Dance's theme: 'Moonlit Mirage'

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After the Homecoming Parade, there will be FIU Ultra, which will feature DJ's Irie, Kaenow and Sub-Zero. This event will take place Nov. 7, between the Blue and Gold Garages after the parade at 8 p.m.

All events lead up to the Homecoming Game, where FIU will take on Arkansas State at the new stadium.

BBC students will also have their own Homecoming week celebration.

The main events at BBC will be the Apollo Night talent show, which will take place Nov. 3 at

the Wolfe University Center Theater at 8 p.m., a Step Show in the WUC Ballroom on Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. and a Homecoming Dance on Nov. 7 at 9 p.m. in the WUC Ballroom.

Kicking off the week, the Apollo Night Talent Show will be a "fun night of showcasing FIU talents including music and poetry," according to Petra Haven, Student Programming Council and marketing senior.

The Homecoming Step Show will be a perfect place to see old friends, best friends and new friends, and enjoy the spectacle of fierce but friendly competition, according to Melissa Binns, homecoming chair and marketing major.

This year's Homecoming Dance

theme is "Moonlit Mirage." It will be a mixture of Moroccan, Arabian and Egyptian influences, which will be seen in the décor and the food. The dance will be a semi-formal event, according to Binns. There will also be a special memento for those in attendance. Instead of the usual keychain pictures, students will get crystal cube headshot engravings by Clearly Your Laser Crystal Imagery by Kramer.

The week ahead has much in store, and most events are free to students. For more details and a full list of events at either campus, please visit <http://www.fiu.edu/~hc/>, or call Campus Life at BBC at (305) 919-5804, or at UP at (305) 348-2137.

Networking skills fostered with SJMC's new council

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Contributing Writer

"Get excited! Get ready! Have your energy pumping," reads a recent e-mail sent to School of Journalism and Mass Communications students, "because we are about to accomplish something that SJMC students and faculty have never witnessed before."

The remarks, in an e-mail sent by Public Relations Student Society of America President Maria Alexandra Sanchez, refer to the newly established Integrated Communications Council.

The ICC will be a governing body for the currently active SJMC clubs; Public Relations Students Society of America, Association of Women in Communications and AdScene. It is a new concept developed by the presidents of these clubs.

The three clubs came together as they realized their mutual need

to contact and draw on each other for resources, according to Ashley Artiles, AdScene president.

"When you stand in a leadership position, you realize that you really need to integrate," said Artiles, a senior advertising major. "While you are in AdScene, you are also learning about PRSSA, you are also learning about journalism. Just because you are in one club doesn't mean you have to strictly see in one direction."

"In the past, there hasn't been an interaction or connection that would bring us all together, because everyone wants to target their own people," Sanchez said. "ICC is going to bring everyone together to do events in unison."

According to Sanchez and Artiles, they have been working on ICC since August and the new council has a calendar of scheduled events that goes as far as spring 2009.

The first event was an ICC social, which took place Oct. 22 at Badrutt's Place on South Miami

One of the biggest things that students don't understand is that you have to network. I'm always reminded that it's not what you know, it's who you know. [ICC] will give students the opportunity to be known and seen.

Ashley Artiles, President
AdScene

Avenue.

"The ICC social was a success," said Eileen Sinconegui, the AdScene editor and a junior advertising major. "Considering it is my first semester in FIU and AdScene, it was an amazing opportunity to get familiarized with members and chairs of PRSSA, AWC and to connect further with AdScene members."

Other scheduled events include the ICC Forum and a leadership retreat in November, a December banquet at the Wolfe University Center and a spring career fair.

"One of the biggest things that students don't understand is that you have to network. I'm always

reminded that it's not what you know, it's who you know," Artiles said. "[ICC] will give the students the opportunity to be known and seen."

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment in communications-related fields is highly competitive. The latest edition of the Bureau's Career Guide to Industries reports that when it comes to public relations and advertising, "competition for many jobs will be keen because the glamor of the industry traditionally attracts more job seekers than there are job openings."

"From what I have learned from all of the professors, com-

munications is a very competitive field," Artiles said. "You should be networking from the time you get into college, because when someone that is [considering] hiring you looks at your resume, they want to see an internship."

The purposes of AdScene include providing a better understanding of advertising, stimulating advertising professionalism and promoting fellowship and exchange of ideas between members. PRSSA serves its members by enhancing their knowledge of public relations and providing access to professional development opportunities and AWC provides interdisciplinary networking through information exchange, educational leadership development, and technology, according to their web sites.

These are the only active SJMC clubs, since other organizations like the National Association of Hispanic Journalism Students and Media on Demand are currently inactive, due to low student participation.

SMELLS LIKE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT



NATHAN VALENTINE/THE BEACON

COSTUME PARTY: Students, faculty and staff break away from the regular workday and show up on campus dressed up in their Halloween best on Oct. 31.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Watch Party

The event will be hosted by the Black Democrats. It will take place Nov. 4 from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. in room 100 at the Wolfe University Center. All students are welcome; there will be free food, giveaways and live music.

Guitar Hero Tournament

Students can sign up at the front desk in the Fitness Center in room 160 at the Wolfe University Center. The event is Nov. 19 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Panther Square. For more information, contact 305 919 5678.

Sisterhood Retreat

Students can sign up in the Women's Center at room 256 in the Wolfe University Center. The event will be on Nov. 21 to Nov. 23. For more information, visit fiu.edu/~women. The entrance fee is \$15.

AMIGAS

AMIGAS is a health program that creates a comfortable setting for women to discuss topics related with health, in particular the risks dealing with VIH/SIDA.



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Funds approved by SGC-BBC for future activities

BARBARA QUIJANO

Staff Writer

The Finance Committee of the Student Government Council-Biscayne Bay Campus has approved two allocations of money, totaling \$780, which according to Rashida Cohen, finance committee member, was the largest sum allocated this year.

It is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to review and make recommendations to SGC for the expenditure of all reserved and unallocated funds of the SGC voting members, according to the SGC-BBC by-laws of the Student Government Association constitution.

"Everyone has their own budget, but since the budget cut took place, everyone has been coming to us for additional funding. Because of this cut, they need to conserve their money and seek alternatives," Cohen said.

The Finance Committee, which is part of the senate, can fund financial requests under \$500 without having to take the request to the senate for a vote, Cohen said.

A sum of \$450 was allocated for International Education Week 2008, which is primarily sponsored by the International Students and Scholar Services department,

including the appearance of consulates from five different countries, a club fair and an international-themed dinner.

We are funding them because it would be beneficial to the FIU community as a whole...to bring international and domestic students together.

Rashida Cohen, Finance Committee member
SGC-BBC

"We are funding them because it would be beneficial to the FIU community as a whole," said Cohen, "to bring international and domestic students together, to inform them about the options that the ISSS program has available, and educate them about international places and study-abroad programs."

and SGC-BBC. The money they requested was for food, advertising and entertainment, according to Cohen.

The original request was for \$1000, but ISSS was told by the Finance Committee to seek alternative options for funding, so the request was cut to \$450; \$350 for Consulates Day, \$50 for snacks and \$50 for entertainment and International Movie Day, according to Cohen.

International Education Week takes place at BBC from Nov. 17-20. The event will provide a variety of pro-

The second allocation, amounting to \$330, was for the Watch Party, co-sponsored by the Black Democrats and SGC-BBC, to watch the elections taking place Nov. 4 in the Mary Ann Wolfe Theatre.

The Finance Committee currently holds \$12,000 in its budget, according to Sholom Neistien, speaker of the senate at SGC-BBC.

"We are vehemently trying to get the \$50,000 SGA didn't use from previous years left over in the reserve account, to offer more to the student body," Neistien said.

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Campus campaign policy must be defined

Faculty members were asked to take down political materials from their offices by their deans.

This set a very apt stage to discuss what is appropriate, and not, for professors to engage in during a campaign season, as well as where the line is drawn between a professor's role as a facilitator of free thought and that of an employee of the state.

Although *The Beacon* believes academic freedom is an invaluable right within the classroom, professors should not articulate their personal views on a specific election issue or candidate while on duty, unless they're beliefs somehow specifically relate to the course content.

We do have a concern with the fact that while professors are teaching, they are employees of the University, paid by the students to teach.

It is a simple matter of whether or not the employee is fulfilling their duties and not using their office or position to further personal agendas.

Many classes do involve political discussion, and instances will occur that a professor bringing up his or her political inclinations is relevant to the class and subject.

Even in this situation, however, the professor should only be his or her views to encourage class debate, and not to promote their own ideologies.

No student should ever feel like they should have to change their views (or appear to), in order to please a professor.

A student's freedom of thought should be a professor's agenda. Of course, grey areas abound here,

and this is the central issue of the situation that is currently taking place.

The Beacon received this response from Media Relations, in an effort to clarify the ban of political materials on public buildings: "Political expression on campus is not prohibited, but the use of state facilities for political campaigning and using work time to engage in such activities is prohibited."

The University policy stems from Florida Statute Section 104.31, which states, "No officer or employee of the State ... shall use his or her official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with an election or a nomination of office or coercing or influencing another person's vote or affecting the result thereof."

Currently, due to the ambiguity of the difference between political "campaigning" and "expression," and when discussing politics in class is "using work time" or simply sparking collegiate debate, deans of individual colleges have been interpreting the rules in different ways.

There needs to be a uniform policy that clearly defines what is allowed and not – and the Florida Board of Governors should be responsible for developing this policy.

Since the policies of individual universities are based upon a state law, a mandate from the BOG would be the most appropriate institution to coordinate such a ruling.

Faculty have rights and responsibilities when teaching.

It's only fair that they clearly know what both of these are.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Amendment 2 is overkill, discriminates

In the article about Florida's Amendment 2, "Same-sex marriage amendment heightens controversy," the writer Sergio Bonilla attempts to explain what the amendment's purpose actually is.

Bonilla says, "Amendment 2 is a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage on the Nov. 4 ballot." In actuality, the amendment allows the State of Florida to waive the benefits of same-sex spouses wed in other states, and Floridians currently part of domestic partnerships and other types of civil unions.

Same-sex marriage would not become legal if the amendment is not passed, and would not become illegal if the amendment passes, as is explained by the text of the amendment: "This amendment protects marriage as the legal union of only

one man and one woman as husband and wife and provides that no other legal union that is treated as marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof shall be valid or recognized."

The actual legislation that bans same-sex marriage is actually already in effect, in the form of two state statutes.

While this amendment, which I am personally opposed to, is a huge setback for Florida, it just solidifies the allegations that Florida is simply trying to institutionalize bigotry and discrimination against seniors, homosexuals and countless others engaged in similar civil unions.

**Joseph Marhee
Sophomore
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THEOCRACY

President's religion a concern

JONATHAN ALPERT
Asst. Sports Director

I would like to think I am not prejudiced, but maybe in denial. With both parties in the presidential election set to make history when a winner is appointed, I started to think about how the Oval Office can change in the near future.

Like many Americans, I am unsure about who I'm voting for and I won't know until I step behind the curtain and cast my vote. I'm nervous about John McCain's age and Sarah Palin being crazy. I'm worried about how Middle America would react to having an African-American president.

Not that it is an issue this election, but the whole issue of Obama's middle name got me thinking: I would be uncomfortable voting a Muslim into the Oval Office, or any publicly elected position.

Over the last number of years and most likely the upcoming years, America will be dealing with the Middle East and Arab countries on many different fronts. America will have tough decisions to make having to do with oil, the War on Terror and Israel.

If a Muslim was president, it might skew his or her point of view and agenda.

Sept. 11 really screwed people of Muslim faith over in the U.S. Personally, I don't have problems with anybody from any faith, as long as they don't try to hurt me or my family. I know Muslims that are CEOs, doctors, lawyers, etc., but I wouldn't be able to vote one into office partly because of 9/11. I know and fully understand there is a 99.99 percent chance 9/11 was an isolated incident, but it

still is strong in everyone's mind in America. When you stare death in the face, as many Americans observed, you don't forget it, and whoever is responsible is reflected upon negatively for many years to come.

How can you vote anyone into office even minutely related to an incident as horrific as 9/11 and with a conflict of interest in dealing with the war on terror?

I know what the reader is thinking. It's unfair to group people together based on faith. I understand that and I sympathize, but the reality is, people do.

The nation is hiring a person, just like you and me, to be the most powerful person in the world. It is a decision that will have ramifications for many years. People should think twice about voting for anyone connected to or part of the Muslim faith. I know most Muslims in America aren't evil, but the presidency is serious business!

Do you think a Jew in Germany would vote someone into office in Germany whose third cousin's best friend's grandmother had the slightest connection to Nazism? I doubt it, and that is my point exactly. I try to be as open minded as possible, but voting anyone into office of the Muslim faith or connections would be detrimental to America.

The ironic thing about it all is that President George Bush is in bed with the Muslim elite, and look where that's got us.

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All candidates created equal

CHRIS TOWERS
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Almost two years ago, CNN's Glenn Beck had the first Muslim U.S. congressman, Keith Ellison, on his show following his election to Minnesota's 5th district.

In one of the more uncomfortable moments in an increasingly awkward cable news climate, Beck opened his interview by asking Ellison, "Sir, prove to me that you are not working with our enemies. And I know you're not. I'm not accusing you of being an enemy, but that's the way I feel, and I think a lot of Americans will feel that way."

While I initially thought this was just a poorly-worded question on Beck's part in order to cause controversy, apparently it represents a real fear among a significant portion of the U.S. population.

I understand full well the emotional and reactionary nature we all have when it comes to the attacks of 9/11 and there is a natural human need to apply the blame to someone.

It is only natural for humans to react that way, since we are, at our core, still driven largely by our logically flawed "fight or flight" instinct in times of danger or fear.

The entire Muslim community has been held guilty for the actions of the smallest fragment of their population, and there are many in our country who simply would not vote for someone of Muslim faith because of those actions.

But, seven years afterward, there still remains a fear based on stereotypes and prejudices.

As an atheist, I suppose it's easier for me to step back and assess Islam in the same light as Christianity and Judaism.

At their bases, all three religions are peaceful in nature, but all three can also be interpreted to justify whatever actions you want against heathens and nonbelievers.

This is, of course, the danger of taking the work of men as dogma.

Barack Obama has had to face false claims about his ethnic and religious background throughout the entirety of his presidential campaign, and it is a cheap tactic by his opponents to play on the real fears of the populace.

But the fact that their fears are real doesn't mean they are based in reality or reason.

Holding every Muslim accountable for the actions of 19 hijackers and a small but dedicated group of zealots is no more logical than not voting for a Christian or Jewish person because of their religion's own bloody histories.

The fact of the matter is every group in our world's history has, at one point or another done something to be ashamed of.

Human nature leads us to these actions; religion and race are just the easiest ways to justify it to the masses.

But the overwhelming majority of those of Muslim faith had nothing to do with the attacks and condemned them, so to hold an American politician accountable for that is unfair, and only serves to hold us back as a nation.

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STAR POWER

Guitar Hero tournament lets participants flaunt their skills

CLAUDIA SANTANA
Staff Writer

Green. Red. Yellow. Blue.
Orange.

These may seem like a simple list of colors, but to fans of a popular video game, these colors can be the tabs to Guns N' Roses' "Welcome to the Jungle." "Guitar Hero" fans, it's time to step up your game.

Play N Trade, a new video game retail franchise, is sponsoring a "Guitar Hero 3" tournament throughout the month of November.

The first and second rounds will be a few in-store tournaments held toward the middle of the month.

Currently, there are Play N Trade stores open in the South Florida area in The Hammocks, Miami Lakes, Pembroke Pines and Weston. Soon, a Kendall location will open as well.

To participate in this local contest, guitar heroes should be 18 years or over, unless accompanied by an adult. After paying a \$35 entrance fee, any person willing to play will be able to participate. The fee includes tickets to the final round at the Bank Atlantic Center during a Florida Panthers game - a bargain compared to its usual \$42 value.

Although anyone can play, the competition will be tough. The songs will be played on the expert level, with limited selections in song choice.

"This is actually our second tournament. The first was Super Smash Brothers, last year," said Elizabeth Fernandez, the Hammocks store location manager and University political science major. She also said the store is busy preparing for the event.

All stores will play a qualifying round on Saturday, Nov. 22. Stores will be shut down that night in order to accommodate for the tournament. The winners from the first tournament will move on to participate in the regional tournament the next day, held in Pembroke Pines.

The two finalists from the preliminaries will show off their star power in front of hockey fans at the Florida Panthers game on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

The winner of the tournament will receive \$1000, a signed Panthers jersey and, of course, bragging rights.

Nick Caceres, a senior majoring in Asian studies, is excited for the event.

"'Guitar Hero' is karaoke for the new generation. 'Guitar Hero' and 'Rock Band' are what [make] people bust out in full song and dance. I'm psyched for this," he said.

So if you think that you are a guitar hero, pass by your local Play N Trade store as soon as possible to register for this event. Not only will there be prizes, but the win will bring you heroic pride.

For more information on the tournament or Play N Trade, check out <http://www.playntrade.com>.

Reenacted financial crime encourages career change

On Oct. 23, I was an IRS criminal investigator and special agent - well, I was one during the Special Agent Experience event at the University.

The School of Accounting, in collaboration with the IRS Criminal Investigation department, hosted the previously named Adrian Project, now known as the Special Agent Experience.

The SAE is a one-day program that turns college accounting majors into special agents for the day. The purpose of the event is to recruit accounting students to the field of forensic accounting.

"I received my bachelor's and my master's in accounting from FIU, and I know the high caliber and quality students that the University turns out," Special Agent and recruiter Joseph Perera said when asked why this event was brought to the University.

The event gave us a glimpse into solving financial crimes as a federal agent. We had help as each group was assigned an experienced special agent to coach us through the steps involved in an investigation.

For each case, we collected evidence, interviewed witnesses, gathered different sources of information, obtained warrants and finally arrested the culprit. The group I was in was assigned the "Alex Gold Embezzlement case," and luckily our group leader was

Arthur C. Vandesande, a special agent with 21 years of field experience.

Usually cases are started by whistleblowers, tips, ex-wives, research, random audits, follow-up cases and observation. In SAE, both the informant and the witnesses were role-played by seasoned special agents.

Our case started with a tip: The informant walked in asking compensation for information.

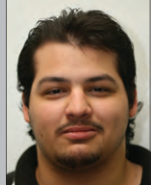
He told us about a woman, Courtney Gambler, who goes to this casino and spends thousands of dollars per week there, and she wears a ring that is pretty much as large as a rock.

She also looks flashy, but does not dress the part as she dresses as if she shops at Goodwill. She also drives a Hummer (which we were given the license plate of). The problem is that she spends more than she wins.

So where is she getting all this money from?

Through the license plate we managed to recover a photo ID, address and other statistics. Since Gambler is a big gambler, she must have a file at the casino, thus also having a player representative. We then interviewed her player representative and discovered that she uses cashier's checks to pay for her gambling as well as send some of it to a bank.

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**PANTHER ARENA 8 P.M.
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Thursday, Nov. 6

**GC 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
HOMECOMING COURT VOTING**

Friday, Nov. 7

**BETWEEN BLUE AND
GOLD GARAGES 6 P.M.
HOMECOMING PARADE**

**BETWEEN BLUE AND
GOLD GARAGES 8 P.M.
FIU ULTRA**
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Saturday, Nov. 8

**BETWEEN BLUE AND
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Student turned secret agent lives to see tomorrow

SECRET AGENT, page 7

It is also suspicious that she works although she spends the majority of her time at the casino. She also does not look disappointed if she loses - this was quite strange to the investigative squad.

We then managed to follow her paper trail from her file at the casino to several other companies linked with her money.

During this time, we learned a great deal about tax and property law.

Apparently, a company called Goldmember Enterprises sent checks to another company, and the latter wired money to another one - the last two companies under Gambler's address.

Since the bookkeeper of Goldmember Enterprises should know where the money is coming from, we decided to interview her. It turned out that the bookkeeper was being kept in the dark. She knew nothing.

We then staked out Gambler to see if she would meet with anyone related to Goldmember Enterprises, such as Chief Executive Officer Alex Gold. Sometimes, agents stake someone out for weeks and get absolutely no information at all, but we were lucky enough to get evidence within the first five minutes.

We witnessed her meeting with another woman, whom we also took the license plate number of, and exchanging what appeared to be casino chips, which is against casino policy.

We then re-interviewed the player representative and found out that Gold and Gambler had been together in the casino before, and they had gotten into a fight because Gambler owed Gold money. We also managed to get a physical description of Alex.

All that was left to do was interview Gambler and Gold.

During the interview,

Gambler was very evasive and was not answering questions directly. She constantly lied to us. We only managed to find out that the woman she spoke with was Alex's wife.

He was not cooperative and very rude. But we already had enough information on him to arrest him, so it did not matter.

We got an arrest warrant from a federal judge and proceeded with the arrest. With the arrest, both the investigation and our fun ended.

Many accounting students took part in this exciting and eye-opening event. The majority of students attended the event either because they were interested in the field or they would like to apply to one of the positions.

I did it because being a special agent is just pretty damn cool.

The one thing I learned from my special agent experience? Don't mess with the IRS. You'll end up paying back every dime with time.

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TEAM	CONF	OVERALL	PCT	STREAK
Louisiana-Lafayette	4-0	5-3	.625	W4
Troy	4-1	5-3	.625	L1
Arkansas State	2-1	4-4	.500	L2
FIU	2-2	3-5	.375	L2
Louisiana-Monroe	2-3	3-6	.333	W1
FAU	1-2	3-5	.375	W2
Middle Tennessee	1-3	2-6	.250	L3
North Texas	0-4	1-8	.111	W1

*All records up to date as of Oct. 19

INDIVIDUAL SEASON STATISTICS

RUSHING	Att	Net	Avg	TD
Julian Reams	80	276	3.5	5
A'mod Ned	77	248	3.2	3
Daunte Owens	28	122	4.4	1
Paul McCall	61	77	1.3	1
Wayne Younger	17	46	2.7	0
T.Y. Hilton	9	27	3.0	0
Brad Serini	0	3	0.0	0
Jeremy Dickens	2	-11	-5.5	0
TEAM	5	-11	-2.2	0
Carlos Munera	1	-20	-20.0	0
Total	280	757	2.7	10
Opponents	328	1302	4.0	13

PASSING	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD
Paul McCall	87-172-8	50.6	1080	8
Wayne Younger	18-33-0	54.5	249	1
Total	105-206-8	51.0	1329	9
Opponents	176-270-9	65.2	1723	13

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	TD
T.Y. Hilton	21	578	27.5	4
Junior Mertile	17	101	5.9	1
Greg Ellingson	15	194	12.9	1
Eric Kirchenberg	12	120	10.4	2
Jeremy Dickens	10	127	12.7	1
A'mod Ned	9	71	7.9	0
Marquis Rolle	8	65	8.1	0
Daunte Owens	3	17	5.7	0
Julian Reams	3	13	4.3	0
Jason Frierson	2	9	3.0	0
Alonzo Phillips	2	28	14.0	0
Elliott Dix	1	3	3.0	0
James Rucker	1	3	3.0	0
Total	105	1329	12.7	9
Opponents.	176	1723	9.8	13

SCHEDULE

Opponent	Date	Time
Arkansas State	Nov. 8	7 p.m.
Louisiana at Monroe	Nov. 22	7 p.m.
@ FAU (Dolphin Stadium)	Nov. 29	4 p.m.
Western Kentucky	Dec. 6	7 p.m.

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Volleyball vs. Middle Tennessee* (7 p.m.) University Park

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Men's Soccer vs. SMU* (7 p.m.) University Park

* Conference game



Infractions infringe on improvement

JULIAN, page 12

penalties for 50 yards.

This cursory evaluation shows two very distinct truths about the FIU season. The first being that when FIU doesn't turn the ball over, they put themselves in excellent position to win, and the second is perhaps more pertinent to the remainder of the season, mostly because the former is a well regarded fact of the game, and it is that the penalty problem is not new, rather the Golden Panthers had been winning in spite of their propensity to commit infractions.

For perspective on how this stretch would rank nationally for the Golden Panthers, who currently rank 116 in penalties per game, lets allow for a comparison to those national standings.

FIU's 76 penalty yards per contest would rank 118 out of 119 full Division I FBS members, and the 10 penalties per contest would rank last, by almost a full flag.

MEN'S SOCCER

Golden Panthers fall to Tulsa at home

STEPHANIE GABRIEL
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team faced several scoring opportunities against Tulsa.

Despite twelve shots on goal, the Golden Panthers ended up scoreless against the No. 9 team, resulting in a 2-0 loss at home on Oct. 29.

Tulsa was there to grab the lead early on.

Kyle Corrie assisted Eric Defreitas who took a lob shot to score the first goal in the eight minute.

This marked Tulsa's 33 goal of the season.

FIU had an opportunity to respond when the senior Juan Guerra wailed one from the left side of the post.

There were no defenders near but the ball traveled wide right.

Guerra, who was named C-USA offensive preseason player of the year, made a second run in the 41 min-

Of course the argument could be made that penalties do not a successful team make.

After all, Oklahoma St., Boise St., Florida, Texas Tech, USC, TCU and Georgia; all ranked in last week's BCS top 13, all within one game of their conference lead, and all serious contenders for major bowl games are ranked below 100 in penalties per game.

Also, FIU hasn't got the veritable glut of high school All-Americans that the other seven schools have, so it's a tad more difficult to overcome the loss of 76 yards per game, or for a direct relationship, exactly 29.14 percent of what FIU gains, offensively in a whole game. It's about overcoming the lack of focus and lack of discipline with, well....focus and discipline.

How then, is that achieved, and particularly at this part of the season, how does a team become one that avoids the yellow handkerchief that has become such a part of its sea-

ute, however; a Tulsa defender nearly repossessed the ball.

Steven Jair Cabas was there to recover the loose ball and hit a shot for the Golden Panthers, but it was blocked by a defender.

"Giving up pretty much a soft goal early in the contest didn't help matters because then you have to play catch up and we're not a very good defensive team," head coach Munga Eketebi said.

Tulsa exceeded the Golden Panther defense in the 53 minute when Jeovahni Sandez beat an FIU defender on the goal line and found Chirs Taylor inside the box.

Taylor sent it cross to Jose Prada who drove it in for the 2-0 lead.

FIU has lost every contest in which they have trailed by at least 2 goals and their defense has given up twenty-eight goals on the season.

FIU nearly prevailed in the 66 minute of the game when Ricardo Ximenes settled a pass from Christian Dominguez and aimed a hard shot straight toward goal.

However, an FIU shot was turned away once again.

This time it was a diving save by Tulsa keeper Tyrel



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RUNNING DOWN A DREAM: T.Y. Hilton caught 4 passes for 96 yards and returned kickoff for a touchdown, but it wasn't enough to offset FIU's 13 penalties and 3 turnovers.

son thus far?

I haven't got those answers, but somebody on the home sideline had better hope to when Arkansas St. comes calling this Saturday, otherwise more mistakes could lead to another deluge, like the one that inundated the Golden Panthers in Lafayette.

Then again, ASU is also on a two game losing streak, ranks near the bottom of the country in penalties (7.63/game, 105) and penalty yardage (70.13/game 110), and they're on the road, so perhaps their student newspaper is prattling on about its teams propensity toward infraction.



VICTORIA LYNCH/THE BEACON

KICKIN' IT: Defender Cory Kendall dribbles the ball up field. He finished the game with one shot attempt in the Golden Panthers (2-10-2) loss to Tulsa (12-3-1).

Lacey.

The loss set FIU's record at 2-10-2 and 1-5 in the conference, while Tulsa's win lifts them up to 12-3-1 and a flawless 7-0 in the C-USA.

The Golden Panthers' next game is against the Florida Atlantic on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. at University Park Campus.

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GOLDEN PANTHERS TAMED

Ragin' Cajuns end Golden Panthers SBC title shot

JONATHAN RAMOS
Asst. Sports Director

T.Y. Hilton wasn't enough this time.

FIU's freshman sensation compiled 295 total yards, including a game opening 90-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, but the Golden Panthers (3-5) fell to Louisiana-Lafayette (5-3) 49-20 on Nov. 1 at Cajun Field.

Hilton accounted for 192 yards on returns and 96 yards receiving, as he padded on to his team leading 587 yards through the air.

The Golden Panthers, however, met a ULL team that was playing in not only its homecoming and 1,000 game in the history of the program.

After the Ragin' Cajuns tied the game 7-7 with a Michael Desormeaux touchdown pass to Ladarius Green, running back Julian Reams put FIU back up with a 1-yard score at the end of the first quarter.

The Ragin' Cajuns then proceeded to punish the Golden Panthers for the most points they've allowed all season.

'QUICKSAND'

On a fourth down deep in FIU territory, with 11:22 left in the second quarter, the Golden panthers began a series of crucial mistakes that led to a four-touchdown storm before halftime for ULL.

"It was one of those quicksand effects," head coach Mario Cristobal said. "The more we fought, the more we dug in ourselves in a hole."

FIU was called for an offsides penalty on a fourth down that gave ULL a first-and-goal and resulted in the first of Tyrell Fenroy's three touchdowns on the game.

"They said that our corner, who was in press coverage, was over the line of scrimmage. I don't know what to say. That's the explanation we got after the game," Cristobal said. "We didn't get one during the game. We were supposed to get one in the game."

The call led to another penalty as Cristobal was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"I was demanding an explanation and I kept demanding and demanding and they said I couldn't have one," he said.

Just one play into the next FIU drive, running back A'mod Ned fumbled as Gerren Blount picked it up for the Ragin' Cajuns and deposited it for another ULL touchdown.

ULL safety Derik Keyes then interrupted a Golden Panther drive in Ragin' Cajun territory with an interception of FIU quarterback Paul McCall that he brought all the way back to the FIU 4-yard line, leading to another punch in score by Fenroy.

Desormeaux then hit leading receiver Jason Chery for a 25-yard reception that put ULL up 35-14 at halftime.

"Good teams react positively no matter what things are thrown their way," McCall said. "We need to get back to doing things right. We can't let things snowball like they did tonight."

AN HISTORIC AFFAIR

Fenroy is putting the finishing touches on what has been a stellar career. Against the Golden Panthers, Fenroy became just the seventh player in Division-I Football Bowl Subdivision history to have four 1,000-yard seasons when he had a run at



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STIFFED: Louisiana-Lafayette's Tyrell Fenroy (32) breaks the tackle Jeremiah Weatherspoon (6) for a touchdown in the Golden Panthers 49-20 loss to the Ragin' Cajuns. Fenroy finished with 81 yards on 22 carries and three touchdowns.

BOX SCORE

	FIU	ULL
First Downs	11	21
Rushes-Yards	31-117	57-228
Passing	153	216
Comp-Att-Int	12-24-1	13-19-0
Return Yards	192	68
Punts Avg.	4-49.5	2-39.0
Penalties-Yards	13-112	7-69
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-0
Time of Possession	22:22	37:38

RUSHING — FIU: Reams 11-70-1, Owens 9-28, Ned 4-18, Hilton 1-7 **ULL:** Fenroy 22-81-3, Desormeaux 8-44, Shankle 6-37-1, McGuire 4-36, Chery 2-13, Thomas 4-10

PASSING — FIU: McCall 9-21-85-1, Younger 3-3-68-0 **ULL:** 13-19-216-0

RECEIVING — FIU: Hilton 4-96, Kirchenberg 3-26-1, Dickens 2-21, Reams 1-11, Frierson 1-3 **ULL:** Louis 3-46, Fenroy 3-16, Chery 2-43-1, Smith 2-15, Falgout 1-82

the 5:12 mark of the opening quarter.

Fenroy also captured the Sun-Belt conference record for career rushing touchdowns as his three scores mounted his career total to 44 overall.

The Ragin' Cajuns, who came into the game as the Football Bowl Subdivision leader in rushing yards per game, with 311 per contest, ran the football 57 times in the game, and their defense responded to the time their offense gave them by allowing just 270 total yards to FIU.

"They ran the ball hard, but it wasn't nothing that we haven't seen

before," safety Jeremiah Weatherspoon said. "We have played teams that run the ball hard. We just have to know that bad things are going to happen. We have to react to it and be more resilient."

The Golden Panthers are now an even 2-2 in Sun Belt Conference play, leaving Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns undefeated and in first place in the SBC, while placing FIU fourth in the conference overall.

With three conference games remaining, FIU has been mathematically eliminated from the conference championship.

Just penalties...OK; penalties and turnovers...not so much

Another possession, another yellow flag. The Golden Panthers have lost more than just the last two games on their road trips to Troy and Lafayette over the past three weekends, they've lost

COMMENTARY



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their composure.

The back to back losses are not simply a product of strength and conditioning programs that are more mature than FIU, or the other teams having waves of fourth- and fifth-year players, although those aspects of physical maturity have plenty to do with FIU's losses, rather a combination of bigger op-

ponents, playing on the road, and shooting itself in the foot.

A profusion of turnovers and superfluity of penalties have all but dashed any surprise run FIU could make to a post-season game, but, with some regrouping, could still make a run at a .500.

There is good and bad to take from every game, but the things that marked this contest, that the Golden Panthers can improve

upon, are the same things that could have, and perhaps at this point in the season, especially coming off a bye week, been avoided.

Those criticisms can be offered about FIU's contest with Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns, but one would be shortsighted at best, and perhaps perjurious at worst to limit the scope of these mistakes to just the most recent game., where the

Golden Panthers committed three turnovers and 13 penalties totaling 112 yards.

Troy: Three turnovers, 10 penalties for 72 yards.

Middle Tennessee: Three turnovers, nine penalties for 68 yards

North Texas: Zero turnovers, nine penalties for 78 yards

Toledo: Zero turnovers, eight