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FOOTBALL STADIUM

New 18,000-seat 'cage' unveiled

CHERYL MALONE
Staff Writer

FIU's "The Cage" might not be able to boast University of Florida's "The Swamp" stadium's 88,600 seats, and the Golden Panthers may not be able to compete with the Gators' seven conference championship titles, but they can claim some of the most dedicated fans in college football.

Executive Project Manager Rudy Armenta, former FIU College of Engineering student, and 30-plus FIU alumni worked approximately 2,816 hours to create the brand new stadium that will be unveiled on Saturday in the first home opener of the season.

"[FIU alumni] were responsible for designing and building it, therefore it is unique," said Armenta, who works for Oberecht Construction Inc., a Coral Gables based construction company that has built or renovated major buildings in South Florida including Miami International Airport and the Miami Performing Arts Center.

FIU alumni aren't the only unique aspect of the University's new 18,000-seat stadium. Its "pit effect," the sensation that fans get of being close to the field, is not common in most college football stadiums.

"When you stand up on the stadium, you feel like you could jump down," Armenta said. "Each person behind the next is tall-

er. This will greatly improve what you can see."

Rather than the old parallel side lines, the new stadium offers a curve effect: guests will no longer need to turn their heads to position a good view of the game.

The stadium has been in renovation since 2007 and even though it will be debuted in its new form on Saturday's football game against the University of South Florida, it still has several steps to go.

As of Aug. 28, Phase One has been completed but approximately six more phases are yet to come.

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FIU hosts No. 12 ranked team

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In one of the most highly anticipated games of the season, maybe even in the team's seven year history, the Golden Panthers will host the South Florida Bulls on Sept. 20 to finally open up the brand new on-campus stadium.

With a sellout crowd of 18,000 expected for the nationally televised game on ESPNU, the Golden Panthers must feed off intangibles to defeat a team that is not only 3-0 this season but currently ranked No. 12 in the AP Poll.

What stands out the most about South Florida, besides being ranked No. 2 in the polls last season, is the fact that they defeated the Kansas Jayhawks 37-34 on Sept. 12.

The Golden Panthers fell to the Jayhawks 40-10 on August 30.

The Golden Panthers are 0-2 and are in desperate need of an offensive spark after failing to reach the end zone this season in both road games against Kansas and Iowa respectively.

The 10 points that they have accumulated thus far have been on special teams when freshman T.Y. Hilton had a 74-yard punt return for a touchdown and junior Dustin Rivest nailed a 43-yard field goal.

Both plays were on opening day against Kansas as the Golden Panthers were shut out 42-0 by Iowa.

Offensively, junior quarterback Paul McCall will once again be the starter, and sophomore Wayne Younger will relieve him at various points of the contest.

McCall has had a difficult season to date completing 18-of-44 passes for 128 yards with no touchdowns and four inter-

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Medical School makes strides to help poor families

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The College of Medicine will open next fall with an unprecedented effort to improve the health of 40 low income families.

The program, called the NeighborhoodHELP (Health Education Learning Program), involves each medical student monitoring and tracking the health of a specific family over a four-year timespan.

Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs Pedro Greer says the program will help prospective doctors understand the altruistic quality necessary to be an effective doctor.

"This is how you become a doctor, how you learn to be a doctor, we need students that understand the reality of people's lives, what they go through and what causes diseases," Greer

said.

The medical students will begin this project their first day of class. For approximately the first eight months, the students will learn about ethics, cultural competency, the social determinants of health and interdisciplinary teamwork.

After taking these courses, students will begin to work with their designated family. Throughout the four years, the students will work with a team that includes the families' health care advisor, who will oversee the development of a health care plan best suited for the family.

"FIU students will work together to address the real medical, social and ethical issues experienced by disadvantaged families in South Florida," said Dean of the College of Medicine John Rock.

"Through FIU's partnerships with various

health care providers including Mount Sinai Medical Center, Miami Children's Hospital and the Florida Department of Health, FIU medical students will constantly attend the families' medical needs.

Senior Mohammad Asad was surprised to hear that the College of Medicine was going to implement a program like NeighborhoodHelp.

"A doctor has to be able to understand not just the medical aspect of health care, but patient care as well," Asad said.

The idea behind creating this program first began when the founders of the college were trying to determine the criteria for the doctors they wanted graduating from the College of Medicine.

The founders decided they wanted doctors that alleviated the cause of the most common diseases in America: poor social conditions.

"[We are] trying to produce the most highly trained, ethical, socially sensitive, socially aware, and responsive students that you can find," Dr. Greer said.

At present, the communities and families that will be a part of this project are still being chosen. Families are being interviewed and selected based on their economic status; they must be at least 100 percent below the federal poverty line to qualify for the program.

"The Board of Governors is delighted that FIU College of Medicine will be taking the state-of-art health care directly to our neediest communities," said Chancellor of the State University System Mark B Rosenberg in a press release.

"We are looking forward to this new initiative and applaud FIU for its commitment to its community."

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PHASE ONE COMPLETE: The 18,000-seat stadium is complete, and the FIU Golden Panthers are playing the No. 12 USF Bulls on Sept. 12.

Phase two: 45,000 total seats

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Phase One of the stadium renovation included seat back rests, greater height, a 20-foot wide walking area wrapping around the upper-level of the stadium, a 6,000 square foot open floor lounge, and 19 suites, according to Armenta.

The stadium suites were originally going to be 245 square feet, but were increased to 350 with no additional charge to the budget.

Visiting teams will also enjoy a new feature: separate locker rooms for the opposing team.

The new stadium has grown only about 1,000 seats in the first stage but further expansion will culminate to a stadium of about 45,000 seats in the next two years.

"The stadium was modified from 18,000 square feet to 17,000 to accommodate a new field house," Armenta said. "Everything is built to support further growth."

However, before the future 45,000-seat stadium, Phase Two will be in full swing by the middle of next year. It will consist of a new field house, which will overlook the stadium, allowing teams to see both the score board and field,

according to Armenta.

During Phase Three, the northern side of the field will undergo an extreme makeover made specifically for the FIU student body.

"The lower bowl will become a new Student Center that will include an admissions office, housing office, financial aid office, study hall, and conference auditoriums," Armenta said.

Thus far, the expansion of the stadium has been made possible through bonds and loans. The projected \$29.7 million budget for Phase One was not completely used, said Armenta.

The remaining money will go back to FIU, while the loans are paid back through events, tickets and corporate sales and sponsorships through the Athletics Department. The budget for Phase Two has not been set yet.

As an FIU alumni who graduated twelve years ago from FIU, Armenta feels a personal attachment to the stadium renovation.

"[FIU alumni] can give back and become a part of something that will bring a lot of good to the University," Armenta said. "It is a way to give back to the University for them giving us an education."

Panel stresses comprehensive sex-ed

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The pre-marital sex controversy took center stage in the 2008 Video Music Awards when host Russell Brand teased the Jonas Brothers for wearing promise rings.

In defense of abstinence until marriage, Jordin Sparks responded, "It's not bad to wear a promise ring, because not everybody, guy or girl, wants to be a slut."

William Smith, of the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States, mentioned Sparks' remark as part of the panel discussion called "Sex, Lies and Stereotypes: The Harm of U.S. Abstinence-Only Policies at Home and Abroad" on Sept. 16 in the GC Ballrooms.

The event was hosted by Voice of Planned Parenthood, a student based

group on campus that advocates reproductive rights.

Among the panelists were Julie F. Kay of Legal Momentum, Serra Sippel of the Center for Health and Gender Equity, and Lillian Tamayo of Planned Parenthood.

The panelists discussed the harm of teaching abstinence-only curriculum in schools, instead of sex curricula that mentions both the benefits of practicing abstinence and informs students on contraceptive methods.

The panel discussion was partly based off a 2007 study conducted by Mathematica Policy Research.

It found no evidence that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' abstinence programs increased the rates of sexual abstinence and delayed sexual initiation or decreased number of sexual

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Campus Crusade for Christ

partners.

Kay mentioned that taxpayer dollars are used to fund "fear based programs" that rely on sexual stereotypes like the notion that there is an emotional cost for women who engage in short-term relationships.

Michelle Cordoba, a sophomore and leader in Campus Crusade for Christ, truly believes that sex without commitment is emotionally and mentally harmful.

"I have girls coming to me crying, saying they feel used," she said. "But boys also, sex is like a rite of passage for men, and in this hyper-sexualized culture,

those who choose to wait are mocked."

One statistic that Tamayo highlighted is that Florida receives the second largest amount of funding for abstinence-only education.

However, it has the second largest rate of HIV infection and is the second largest in teen pregnancies.

The panel discussion ended with a Q&A, and the panelists reinforced the idea that students have the power to advocate comprehensive sexual education by contacting their representatives in the House and the Senate.

NEWS FLASH

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FIU tries to get senior citizens that safe fit

FIU Occupational Therapy Department along with Alliance for Aging and other groups dealing with the elderly will be hosting its first ever 'Car-Fit' event on Sept. 20.

The program looks to keep elderly drivers safe by focusing on the proper fit in the vehicle, which increases the safety of the driver and those around him.

Car-Fit trained volunteers spend 20 minutes examining drivers, looking at a list of 12 points in order to achieve this 'fit,' which include the proper foot positioning on the gas and brake pedals and the proper driver's seat positioning in terms of the steering wheel.

The event lasts from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the UP Parking lot 5 (between the Wertheim Performing Arts and football stadium.)

East of Havana in South Florida

The FIU's Cuban Research Institute and the University of Miami's Center for Latin American Studies have joined forces to present the groundbreaking film East of Havana at the University of Miami Cosford Cinema.

The film centers on the youth of the island and the growing hip-hop/rap movement as a way of self-expression.

The screening of the film will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m. followed by a panel discussion featuring Jauretsi Saizarbitoria, the writer and co-director of the film, Ariel Fernandez, a hip-hop artist and artist, and Alejandro de la Fuente, a professor in history.

The event is free and open to the public.

Relay for Life 2009 party

FIU hosted a "Kick-off party" for Relay for Life, a school fundraiser that raises money for the American Cancer Society.

The event took place on Monday Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in GC 243.

The 2009 FIU Relay for Life will take place on Wednesday March 6 and Thursday March 7 in the new football stadium.

Last year's event raised over \$72,000 to fight cancer.

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SHOW PRIDE: Panther Power advertises its events at the Wolfe University Center windows.

Students get together to show their panther pride

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Contributing Writer

Panther Power, a Biscayne Bay Campus organization, kicked off its three-day pep rally event Thursday, in anticipation of Saturday's first home game of the 2008-2009 football season.

Students who attend the events will participate in several spirit-related activities, which included Thursday's football movie night and continue with Friday's car decoration event and Saturday's "Power Rally."

"Considering that it's the first major event for this year, we expect a huge turnout," said Natalie Vera, Panther Power president. "All of the Panther Power summer events have

been successful, and we couldn't be more excited for our first fall event."

The events commenced on Thursday behind Panther Square, where students came together for a barbecue.

Attendees witnessed Thursday's main spectacle, the return of a long-lost furry friend.

Friday's events will continue with football movie matinees and the jewel event of the three-day pep rally, the "Pimp your Pride" car decoration event.

"We are hosting the 'Pimp your Pride' car event for the very first time this year. We are going to decorate everyone's car so that we can take our pride from the parking lot to the streets," said Michelle Souza, Panther Power vice president.

The Panther Power organization has reportedly already signed up over 170 students for the shuttle buses, which will transport students from BBC to FIU Stadium at University Park.

The buses are scheduled to leave BBC at 1 p.m. on Saturday and will arrive at UP at approximately 2 p.m., giving students ample time to tailgate before the opening kickoff at 5 p.m.

The tailgating event is set to take place underneath the tent in Gate 6, starting at 2:30 p.m., and it will be open to all FIU students with Panther IDs and vouchers.

Various UP organizations, including Panther Rage and the Athletics department, have collaborated to bring food, drinks and music to the

Students help hurricane victims

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Haitians and Cubans, whose belongings were damaged by hurricanes with strong winds and flooding waters, will get help from students at the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Hannah-Grace Oxar, a sophomore in physical education and member of InterVarsity, a religious group with a chapter at BBC, organized the Food and Clothing Drive for the Victims of Haiti and Cuba to collect non-perishable food, clothing or just about anything for those in need in these islands.

Collection boxes are located in front of the information desk at the Wolfe University Center, and everyone is encouraged to donate.

The boxes will be there until Sept. 26, and the goods will be sent to Cuba and Haiti by Food For The Poor, an international relief organization with distribution offices in both islands.

"As a student body, we can come together to help people," Oxar said. "If every student [from BBC] donated one can, we would have 10,000 cans of food for those people who need it."

Another student from BBC

also took action to help the victims of this season's hurricanes.

Vanessa Ruiz, a senior majoring in broadcast journalism, is one of the organizers of the Haiti Hurricane Relief Drive Party at The Vagabond, a club located on N.E. 14 St.

The relief drive will take place Sept. 19 and will feature musical performance by Afrobeta, a local band. Everyone that brings donations, including but not restricted to canned goods, hygiene supplies, clothing and blankets, will get free admission before midnight and reduced admission after.

"We decided to do this because the images and information after the hurricanes were just too powerful, and disturbing to ignore," Ruiz said. "We felt that something needed to be done. We often forget, between classes and partying, how close to home this really hits us. So we said, 'Why don't we mix that partying with a good cause?' I mean, now it's them...but it could be us."

For more information on the Food and Clothing Drive for the Victims of Haiti and Cuba, please contact Oxar at (305) 788-1379. For information about the event at The Vagabond, call (305) 379-0508.

tailgating event. They also took cautionary security measures to ensure an organized and safe atmosphere for those attending the football game.

The Golden Panthers will take on the South Florida Bulls in FIU's home and new stadium opener.

"Nearly 500 students have received vouchers at BBC for the first home game, which is a lot more than was previously expected," Vera said.

For more information on the shuttle schedule and events call (305) 919-5804.

Football season offers chance to score on new dishes

Football season has officially started - and thank goodness.

Last season, I started a tradition where I would watch the New England Patriots games on my couch each week. The plan was perfect as they kept winning.

When the Pats' lost, I decided to trade my spot on the couch for a bar stool.

To aid me in my hunt for the perfect place to watch the game, I enlisted my younger brother, Arash.

Arash and I watched the first half of the New York Giants at St. Louis Rams game at Pizza Roma, located at 19090 N.E. 29 Ave. We both got a slice of pizza and the server even asked if we wanted seconds.

One thing I loved about this place are the web-cameras in the restaurant, allowing you to go online to check how long the line is.

It is in no way a sports bar, but it

is a fun place to watch a game and get a good slice of pizza.

If you are looking for a real sports bar, then drive over to the Bar-B-Que Beach, located at 12599 Biscayne Blvd.

I got to watch the Redskins beat the Saints while Arash finished watching the Giants kill the Rams.

On Saturday if you wear a college jersey they give you half for your first drink; and on Sunday, if you wear a Miami Dolphins jersey.

While there, be sure to try the fried pickles, which are amazing. And for the less daring, make sure to get the s'mores. The staff brings out a light up Sterno, chocolate and fruits to your table, so you can roast your own marshmallows.

The Bar-B-Que Beach has a tailgate party on Saturdays and Sundays and a football buffet on Sundays. From the drinks that are

served in mason jars to the 12 flat-screen TVs, this is the ideal spot to watch a game.

Of course, watching the game on Sunday is not enough. Any good sports fan owns random items plastered with their team's logo.

Head over to BC Sports Collectibles in Aventura Mall. Trust me, they have anything you could ever want with your team's logo on it.

I had a lot of fun going out to watch the games, but I did come home in time to watch the Pats play, right there on the couch. Some traditions are just too hard to let go.

So relax and think about more important things, like if Chad Ocho Cinco is going to buy out all of his old jerseys.

Weeks with Paradise is a column that runs every other Friday that covers North Miami night life. Any suggestions for places I should visit, please send me an e-mail at paradise.afshar@fiusm.com.



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UNUSUAL SNACK:

(below) Bar-B-Que Beach bar. (right) Build your own s'mores while watching the game.

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2008 ELECTION UPDATE

Efforts to challenge voters a disgrace to nation's democracy

ERIC FELDMAN
Opinion Editor

Some phrases really scare me as we near closer to the general election.

One of these is “voter eligibility.” This term reminds me of a time in the past where one had to be a land-owning white male to cast a vote for president. Another term is “vote suppression,” which is the complete opposite of what should be happening as more and more Americans are facing personal crises driving them to the polls.

Unfortunately, both of these phrases have been rearing their ugly heads in a recent news item out of Michigan.

The state's Republican party is planning on using lists of foreclosed homes to prevent citizens from these houses from casting their vote.

They are challenging the “eligibility” of these voters by claiming that, due to the foreclosure of their homes, they are not actually residents of the municipality in which they are voting.

According to a Sept. 10 article published in *The Michigan Messenger*, state rules allow political parties to assign people to observe poll activities and to challenge the eligibility of any voter. Now, I appreciate such guidelines in place to prevent voter fraud, but the way in which it is being enacted by the GOP is simply skewed, if not malicious.

Of course there are requirements for eligibility to vote, including age and citizenship and steps should be taken to ensure that the person voting is who they say they are. However, being able to say that a registered voter who cannot prove their identity is not “eligible” is insane.

It harks back to prehistoric days where voters had to pass intelligence tests or show proof of property ownership in order to vote, especially the latter.

Voting in a precinct other than the one you are assigned

is one thing, but what is one to do when they are essentially homeless?

Does losing your home equate to losing your vote?

The answer is yes, if you ask a member of the Michigan GOP, but not if you ask anyone with morals.

“Voter suppression” is a sub-headline in the *Michigan Messenger* article, and it too, is a phrase that sends a shiver down my spine. Whether or not it is being presented under the guise of election integrity, there is really no other way to bill this except as the suppression of the voice of American voters.

Citizens with foreclosed homes are challenged in Michigan, due to residency status concerns, and there is nowhere else for them to go. According to the Michigan article, many of the residents are still living inside of their houses, and they are able to refinance their home. They have been stripped of their votes.

Voters in Florida also have their own concerns as they head to the polls. On Sept. 16, Common Cause—a watchdog group—released a report ranking Florida as “one of the worst” states in terms of being prepared to fairly run an election.

According to news service Florida News Connection, the report cites Florida's voter verification system, which could delay the process for many voters due to Florida being the only state that requires an exact match on voter identity.

While this may seem like a common sense good idea at first, but what this means is that a voter may be rejected by a middle initial appearing on their driver's license, but not on their voter registration card. The Florida News Connection article also says that state laws make it “too easy to challenge a person's right to vote.”

This is downright scary in a time when every citizen's right to vote should be being affirmed, not inhibited, by those in power.

LIVE AND LET DIE



Student, journalist sentenced

VERONICA TRUEBA
Contributing Writer

If you're an American student, you get to voice your opinion on any issue – women's rights, freedom of religion and freedom of expression. Much of this is taken for granted on a daily basis.

However, if you're an Afghan student, expressing what you think might cost you your life.

This is what happened to Afghan student and reporter Sayed Parwiz Kambakhsh. He now faces a death sentence for downloading and distributing an article on women's role in Islam.

In an era where freedom of expression is something students in America take for granted, oppression and censorship continues to occur throughout the world.

Kambakhsh's story proves that people are still being punished for voicing their beliefs.

Kambakhsh, 23, is both a journalism major at Balkh University in northern Afghanistan and a reporter for a daily publisher called *Jahan-e-Naw*.

While Kambakhsh's only crime might have been Internet file download and distribution, on January 2007, he was found guilty of blasphemy. Kambakhsh was accused of mocking Islam, the Koran and of distributing an article that said Prophet Muhammad was ignorant of women's rights.

In a trial that lasted four minutes and in which Kambakhsh claims he was tortured, he was sentenced to death.

For many, this was considered a call to action. There have been several attempts to save Kambakhsh and fight the oppression that is taking place in Afghanistan.

According to a Jan. 25

Reuters story, State Department spokesman Tom Casey told reporters, “We're concerned about this sentence that was handed down to a reporter for basically practicing his profession and we wouldn't want

are being printed out and spread throughout America and across the world has already made a difference.

Right now, U.S. ambassador in Kabul, William Braucher Wood, plans to raise the matter

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to see any actions taken that would limit his or anyone else's freedom of the press or freedom of expression.”

The director of the Institute for Peace and War Reporting in Afghanistan, Jean Mackenzie, told *The New York Times* in January that Kambakhsh is also being punished for the articles written by his brother, Sayed Yaqub Ibrahim.

These included a controversial article about a local militia leader and legislator.

After Kambakhsh was arrested, the National Directorate of Security invaded Ibrahim's house and confiscated his computer hard drive.

Reporters Without Borders, a freedom of the press advocacy group, is outraged at the situation.

Its Web site, www.rsf.org, provides details of the delays and obstructions in Kambakhsh's appeal of his death sentence.

On Sept. 2, Reporters Without Borders denounced the suspension of Kambakhsh's appeal hearings, which are causing the student to remain without a clear answer as to his fate nine months after he was sentenced to death. His lawyer contends that the delays are illegal.

But the fact that these stories

with Afghan authorities.

Also, since Kambakhsh's case was appealed, the United Nations contacted Afghanistan, asking the country to reconsider the case.

“I don't think we can do much to save Kamakhsh,” said junior Mariana Carrasquel, a human resources major. “It's true that we have freedom of expression and we can bring awareness to others, but there's not much more we can do to protect someone who lives in a country with a completely different set of rules and beliefs.”

It may seem unlikely, but Afghanistan is currently undergoing a wave of press freedom. New publications and newspapers have been founded since the dismissal of the Taliban regime in 2001.

Despite this, Kambakhsh's is the third case involving the death sentence of an alleged blasphemer, as Afghanistan's opposing factions clamor for middle ground.

In the case he is executed as a blasphemer, he will not be the only one to die.

If Sayed Parwiz Kambakhsh is put to death, it will be alongside freedom of expression, which would also leave Afghanistan that same day.

LOOK FOR ELECTION UPDATES EVERY FRIDAY

PRE-GAMING

Panther Rage hypes students for home game

JONATHAN DAVILA
Life! Editor

The FIU football home opener, as well as the unveiling of the new FIU stadium, wouldn't feel the same without some pre-game tailgating.

With that notion in mind, Panther Rage is hoping to lead the roars of students into FIU stadium this Saturday with their two-day event Follow the Roar.

"It's [the] kickoff to the home football season. [We have] a big game on ESPNU against a top-25 team... [we're] setting the tone for FIU football," Campus Events Chair for Panther Rage Anthony Barbato said.

Follow the Roar kicks off tonight at 10 p.m. at Gracie's Grill with a pre-tailgate, blue and gold party. The party will be nothing out of the ordinary; it will offer free food and a deejay playing music, but students are being encouraged to show up sporting blue and gold attire to show support for their team.

"It's like a mini pep rally," Panther Rage Secretary Betsy Guevara said.

After the party, students will surely proceed to sleep in on Saturday morning.

For those that will wake up too late in the morning for breakfast, yet too early for lunch, Panther Rage has you covered with brunch on Saturday morning. It will be served at Lakeview North between noon and 2 p.m.

Following the complementary meal, Panther Rage will lead participating students to the Housing Quad, where they will be greeted by a giant, inflatable Roary. Students will remain at the Housing Quads tailgating with the giant Roary until game time at 5 p.m.

At that time, Panther Rage will lead, and students will "Follow the Roar" into FIU stadium for the first time to cheer on the Golden Panthers as they take on the University of South Florida. During the game, the club will be painting faces and conducting undisclosed competitions during half-time.

"The [reason] for [producing] Follow the Roar is to get everyone to come out to the game. Our job is to support athletics," President of Panther Rage Michael Halpert said.

The other officers of Panther Rage agree with Halpert, but believe Panther Rage encompasses more than just its

members.

"[It's not only] Panther Rage going to the football game, it's FIU students," Barbato said.

"The whole student body is Panther Rage," Guevara said.

The club hopes that response for Follow the Roar will be positive, because they aspire to make it a continuing event.

"We're trying to start a [new FIU] tradition," Barbato said.



WEEKEND CALENDAR

FRIDAY • SEPTEMBER 19

WHAT: Faculty Convocation Awards Ceremony
WHERE: Wertheim Performing Arts Center
WHEN: 9:30 a.m.

WHAT: Center For Leadership ENGAGE Workshop "So you think you can Join"
WHERE: GC314
WHEN: 12:30 p.m.

WHAT: SPC Movie "21"
WHERE: GC 314
WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHAT: Panther Rage Blue & Gold Party
WHERE: Gracies' Grill
WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHAT: Free to Sing Out Loud
WHERE: Wolfsonian FIU
WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHAT: Fito Paez in Concert
WHERE: Arsh Center for Performing Arts
WHEN: 8 p.m.

WHAT: Democracy for America Campus Corp.
WHERE: GC 241
WHEN: 6 p.m.

WHAT: Muslims Students Association
WHERE: GC 305
WHEN: 1 p.m.

WHAT: Japan Club Meeting
WHERE: GC 343
WHEN: 6 p.m.

WHAT: Fracture at the White Room
WHERE: White Room
WHEN: 10 p.m.

SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 20

WHAT: FIU Vs. USF
WHERE: FIU Stadium
WHEN: 5 p.m.

WHAT: International Coast Clean Up Day
WHERE: Islands Off The Coast of Coconut Grove
WHEN: 10 a.m.

WHAT: The Sneak Preview with Rookie Of the Year
WHERE: Talent Farm
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WHAT: Florida Marlins Vs. Philadelphia Phillies
WHERE: Dolphin Stadium
WHEN: 7: 10 p.m.

WHAT: A Romantic Night with Tchaikovsky
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WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHAT: Acting for the Camera
WHERE: Prometeo Teatro
WHEN: 6:00 p.m.

WHAT: Brad Paisley
WHERE: Cruzan Amphitheatre
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.

WHAT: Cardio Kickboxing
WHERE: Coconut Creek Community Center
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WHEN: 4 p.m.

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WHEN: 8 p.m.

WHAT: United Nations Day of Peace
WHERE: Bayfront Park
WHEN: 12 p.m.

WHAT: Coin and Stamp Show
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WHEN: 10:30 a.m.

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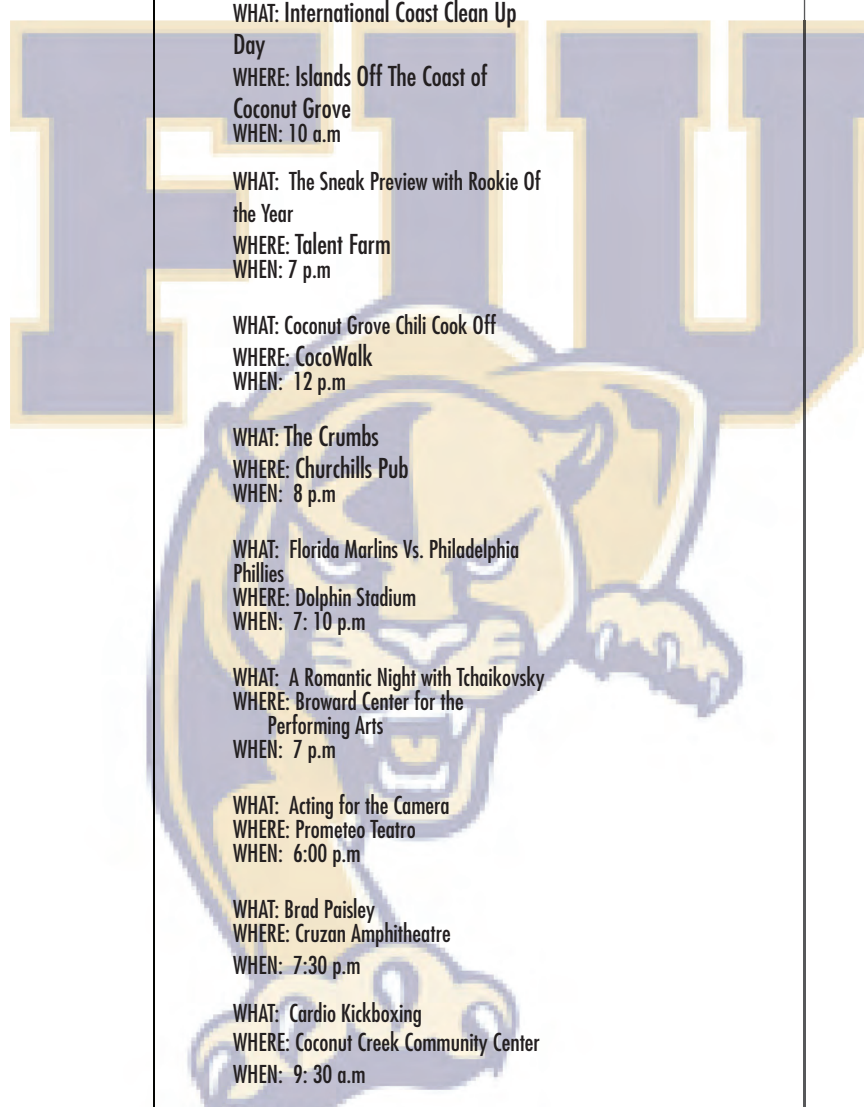
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WHAT: Radio Gol
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WHERE: Fairchild tropical Garden
WHEN: 11:00 a.m.

WHAT: The Convertible Girl
WHERE: Broward Stage Door Theatre
WHEN: 2:00 p.m.

WHAT: Yoga Philosophy and the Yoga Sutras
WHERE: Miami Life Center
WHEN: 6:00 p.m.



REVIEWS (YOU CAN USE)

MOVIE

Burn After Reading

Coen brothers' latest film doesn't burn after viewing

NELSON HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

The Coen brothers have a flair for the ridiculous. History has revealed their pattern of leaving people clueless as to what is going on, so the public has come to expect what they are ready to unveil.

Following their Oscar-winning Fargo, they threw everyone for a loop with the brilliant stoner opus The Big Lebowski. Now, in the wave of the critically acclaimed No Country for Old Men, the Coens have released another bit of insanity into the movie theatres: A mash-

up of old school spy vs. spy missions, a parade of infidelities and insecurities. With plenty of booze, exercise, Russians and enough four letter words flying around that would make your grandmother stare in awe, Burn After Reading is their latest mix of hysteria and secrecy.

For the foray into the United States' highest halls of secrecy, Burn After Reading dips from a wide shot of the Earth and slowly works its way into CIA headquarters, tailing the heavy and quick steps of analyst Osborne Cox (played by a malevolent John Malkovitch) and his subsequent job loss for what was labeled a "drinking problem." Following a tirade, catch-

ing everyone from his bosses to Mormons, Cox storms off and sets about to writing a memoir as one last spit in the eye to his former employers.

Some of his musings end up on a disc his wife (Tilda Swinton playing a pediatrician without a soul) burns along with some of his financial information -- a part of clandestine divorce proceedings. The disc ends up in the hands of two gym employees (Brad Pitt and Frances McDormand) looking to make a quick buck. They take it to the Russian embassy and then all hell breaks loose in the form of quick shots, axe murders, confused spies and

Princeton reunions.

The Coens have done what they do best: Give a surprisingly violent, always pleasant and always witty send-up of the very lives we lead. This film keeps what the Coens hold dear -- terrible haircuts, profanity laced outrage and the always pleasant murder -- and lets us see ourselves on the movie screen.

As people sit in the aisles of their local theatres, one can only hope that they come to see themselves on the screen, and at the very least laugh at what we have all become or just see the film and continue on the all-American practice of misunderstanding.

MOVIE

Lakeview Terrace

Jackson's bad cop role highlights LaBute's newest thriller

STEVEN MESA
Staff Writer

What if the best police officer on the LAPD turns out to be a bad neighbor?

In Lakeview Terrace, Abel Turner (Samuel L. Jackson) is a respected LAPD officer who roams the streets with his partner (Jay Hernandez) to learn what the word on the street is according to his informant (Keith Loneker). While Turner is a respected individual on the force, he also commands respect from his kids. He even demands that his son wear a Shaquille O' Neil jersey instead of a Kobe Bryant jersey.

Chris and Lisa Mattson (Patrick Wilson and Kerry Washington) are an interracial couple who move next door to Turner. They become a target for Turner, who disapproves of their relationship. Determined to have the new neighbors move out quickly, Turner relies on annoying tactics such as security lights aimed at Chris and Lisa's bedroom. When that fails to help carry out his mission, he uses scare tactics. Due to Turner's constant harassment, the couple decides to fight fire with fire. Will cooler heads prevail or will this end in tragedy?

While the movie contains strong performances from Wilson and Washington as the

terrified couple, the highlight is Samuel L. Jackson's performance. When Jackson is present in any scene, he commands attention with his facial expressions and his unpredictably. When another character is doing something he or she is not supposed to, it will keep the audience on its toes because in this movie, you do not know what Jackson's character is going to do next.

The screenplay is very revealing as soon as the movie begins. While race is one of the reasons for Turner's disapproval of the couple's relationship, the movie goes deeper and deeper into Turner's psyche and ultimately reveals his

reasons for doing what he does. The neighbor on a warpath theme is something that has been torn from the headlines, most recently where a man killed his neighbor over a strip of grass in Lauderdale Lakes.

Film director, screenwriter and playwright Neil LaBute does a great job in making a movie that contains dramatic themes set up like a thriller. In one amazing scene, LaBute uses his direction to frame Abel and Chris' face during a showdown in a bar where Abel ultimately reveals his motivation.

Lakeview Terrace is a movie that contains a great villainous turn for Samuel L. Jackson.

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First-year student masters balance act

It's really hard to balance school with the immense social life available at FIU as a freshman. We first-years come into college expecting it to be similar to high school.

We think we can show up to class, do a bit of work, go party on the weekend and still manage to pull off an A.

I'm finding out the hard way that this is not so.

This past weekend, I decided to attend two parties, one of them being a toga party hosted by the very well advertised Sigma Alpha Mu, otherwise known as Sammy. Mind you, I had a college algebra and an honors seminar test on the upcoming Tuesday, a sociology test on Wednesday, a paper for public speaking and a worksheet for first year experience due on Thursday.

But, I had survived three weeks of college and passed two tests already. I deserved a break, right?

Friday was the toga party.

I arrived at my friend's house around 8 p.m. After she told her mom we were going to the movies, we headed out to my other friend's house to make the togas. One good thing about college parties is that they teach you how to put together outfits you will never use later in life,

like togas.

About an hour and two instructional YouTube videos later, we were finally able to properly make the togas without having them fall off.

When we finally arrived at the party, it was dead. It started at 9 p.m. and, being the punctual freshman that we are, my friends and I got there at 10 p.m. Everybody knows the party really gets going at eleven anyway – and it did.

Everybody was having a blast dancing and mingling with the crowd. We lost track of time and left pretty late at night, or early in the morning, depending on how you look at it.

The next night we had been invited to a masquerade party.

I didn't have a mask, or the time to get started on my homework. I had overslept and still had to buy my mask and get ready for the night's debauchery.

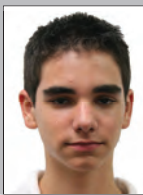
This time, the party started a little later – 10 p.m.

I had learned not to arrive at these parties until about 11 p.m. but I arrived at midnight just to ensure that the party was already in full swing.

It was so packed that I had to park a block away, but the long walk to the party was well worth it.

At this party, there was more

REAL FRESHMAN EXPERIENCE



JASON CACERES

GOING BANANAS



NATHAN VALENTINE/THE BEACON

BAM! Junior Casey DeCespedes (left), pastry manager for the Hospitality Student luncheon, flames bananas for the dessert portion of the luncheon, while two students (right) prepare bananas in the pasty prep area. The luncheon included a three course meal with wine.

dancing and socializing. I left the party around 2 a.m., which is relatively early for a college party, but I desperately needed sleep.

I woke up at 3 p.m. on Sunday. It looked like I would be pulling my first college all-nighter. Not good.

Monday morning, after having slept nothing at all the night before, I

got to school feeling like I was about to pass out. It turned out the quiz that should have been on Wednesday had been moved up, thanks to Miami's wonderful weather conditions. I bombed it.

A word to my fellow freshmen: if you are going to party, make sure you get your homework done first.

Trust me, I learned this the hard way.

Real Freshman Experience is a column by Jason Caceres. Read it every other Friday in Life! Have a suggestion on what Jason should write about next? E-mail us at life@fiusm.com.

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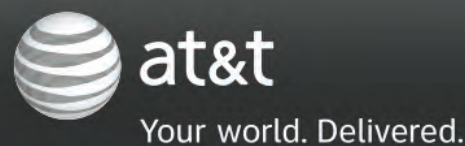
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Quarterback Pennington and offense yet to find consistency

STEVEN WINE
AP Wire

For Miami Dolphins quarterback Chad Pennington, this season is like being stuck in big-city traffic at rush hour: He figures progress will eventually come.

"I'm patient," he said Wednesday. "Being in New York for eight years, you've got to be patient or you won't last very long."

Two games into the season, Pennington and the Dolphins are still waiting for their first win. They'll try again Sunday as two-touchdown underdogs at New England.

Pennington was touted as an upgrade at quarterback when he signed as a free agent Aug. 8 after being released by the New York Jets. But so far the offense has sputtered, and the Dolphins have offered little evidence they're better than last year's 1-15 team.

Despite a passer rating of 77.7, which is better than the rating for any of the three quarterbacks who started for Miami last year, he has led Miami to only two touchdowns while averaging under 6 yards per attempt, and the longest of his 36 completions went for only 24 yards, reinforcing doubts about his arm strength.

In Sunday's 31-10 loss at Arizona, Pennington was the Dolphins' second-best quarterback. Rookie Chad Henne came off the bench in the fourth quarter to direct their lone touchdown drive.

The latter category, he said, is becoming more comfortable with the timing of



ROSS FRANKLIN/AP PHOTO

TEAM LEADERS: Quarterback Chad Pennington, right, and defensive end Vonnie Holliday smile as they walk back to the sideline after the coin toss prior to their loss to the Cardinals.

his receivers' routes. That will be a season-long process, he said.

"I don't expect it just to one day click, and everything to start working perfectly," he said. "I've been here six weeks. It's going to take time."

Not too much time, coach Tony Sparano said.

"It might be a season-long process," Sparano said, "but we don't have all season to wait for it."

It's reasonable to wonder about Pennington, who was benched at midseason last year by the Jets and has lost his past eight starts. His most recent win as a starter came against the woeful Dolphins, and he won't be playing them again anytime soon.

But in fairness to Pennington, he's working with perhaps the NFL's most modestly talented receiving corps. Sparano has tried various combinations at wideout and is still waiting for a glim-

mer of big-play ability.

"I'm hoping to see some of our receivers step up, make a big play, break a tackle, run after the catch, do something like that," the coach said. "That's what I want to see."

Even with opponents geared to stop the run, receivers have struggled to get open. No wideout has caught a pass for more than 20 yards, a reflection of Miami's inability to throw downfield.

Compounding the offensive woes is a ground game that has yet to get untracked. Ricky Williams and Ronnie Brown make running back Miami's deepest position, but they've totaled only 100 yards this season, averaging 2.6 per carry.

"We want to get into a rhythm, which comes with having an opportunity on a drive to touch the ball a few times," Brown said. "Unfortunately we haven't been able to establish those

long drives, and neither one of us is in a situation where we get those touches and get comfortable and get in a routine."

The offense is off to an even slower start than last year. Miami has scored only 24 points and totaled 513 yards.

"We're so capable of doing so much more than we're doing," Brown said.

Pennington agreed.

Details emerge in Simpson Trial

LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Wire

A key witness in the O.J. Simpson robbery trial was confronted with contradictions in his testimony Tuesday, including his claim that he didn't try to profit from the casino hotel room confrontation that led to charges against the former football star.

Memorabilia dealer Bruce Fromong, who returned to the stand after becoming ill Monday, told defense attorney Gabriel Grasso he didn't have money on his mind while allegedly being robbed of sports collectibles by Simpson and a group of other men.

"You were not trying to profit off this?" asked Grasso.

"I was not trying to profit from it," said Fromong.

The attorney played a tape recording of the 2007 incident in which Fromong said, "It's not (expletive) over. I'll have 'Inside Edition' down here for us tomorrow. I told them I want big money."

Fromong acknowledged it was his voice and he con-

ceded that he later advertised memorabilia on eBay with the statement, "The same ones stolen by O.J. in Las Vegas."

On redirect questioning, District Attorney David Roger asked to play more of the tape excerpt in which Fromong raged against Simpson.

"Nobody puts a (expletive) gun in my face. I stood up for this (expletive) when he was in jail. I stood up for him when he was on trial. I set up his offshore accounts," he yelled.

Testimony came on the first anniversary of Simpson's Las Vegas arrest. He and co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart are charged with 12 counts of robbery, kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon and coercion. They have pleaded not guilty.

Tempers in the case boiled as Roger referred to the confrontation as "the robbery." The defense, which claims Simpson was trying to recover stolen personal items, objected on grounds that was a legal conclusion.

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FANTASY FOOTBALL FIVE

Want to own your fantasy league? Then read this column

Week 2 of the NFL featured one of the most exciting slates of games in recent memory.

Peyton Manning was shut out in the first half, and still brought his team back to win.

Ben Roethlisberger led his team to victory, throwing the ball all over the field with a separated shoulder.

Jay Cutler and the Denver Broncos got a few lucky breaks from the zebras, managing to squeeze by with a victory after head coach Mike Shanahan decided, down by one with

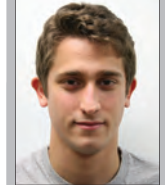
20 seconds remaining in the game, to go for the two point conversion and the win instead of kicking the PAT to force overtime.

For fantasy owners, last weekend brought high scoring, close games that went down to the wire. The winning owners, were pleased with their decisions to start Aaron Rogers, Jay Cutler, Santana Moss, and Julius Jones, while losing teams regretted the starts of Derek Anderson, Willie Parker, and anyone on the Bengals offense.

The Patriots are hosting the Miami Dolphins, and after the the Cardinals and their offense (over 400 yards of total offense), watch out for Cassel to find Welker and Moss open all day.

*Others to watch on the Pats: running backs Sammy Morris, Lamont Jordan and Kevin Faulk.

COMMENTARY



JONATHAN ALPERT

Eddie Royal WR, Denver Broncos- QB Jay Cutler (who you should be starting every week from here on out, by the way!) is looking like the next Marino sitting in the pocket, making the right reads, and releasing the ball downfield very quickly and efficiently.

“Jay Cutler is looking like the next Marino sitting in the pocket, making the right decisions, and releasing the ball downfield very quickly.”

It doesn't hurt when you're throwing to Brandon Marshall and Tony Scheffler either, his two favorite targets.

Marshall and, Scheffler will open up the field for the speedy and elusive Royal,

*Others to Watch on Broncos: Running backs Michael Pittman, Andre Hall and Selvin Young

DeSean Jackson WR, Philadelphia Eagles- The second wide receiver in NFL history to every record over 100 yards receiving first two games of his career, Jackson has become one of the feared speedy receivers in the NFL.

It will be interesting to see how Jackson adjusts his game now that defenses are starting to against him, but he should be a starter on every team, and if not, he should be traded because his value is probably at its highest right now. He is only starting in 50 percent of fantasy football leagues. Don't let him waste away on the bench!. Start him or trade him.

*Others to watch on the Eagles- tight end L.J Smith and running back Lorenzo Booker.

Other than those three this week, most teams have tough matchups, where the good players usually are solid fantasy players.

Don't get too fancy or cute this week with waiver wire pickups or starting bench players.

PLAYERS TO BENCH

Ricky Williams/Ronnie Brown- RB, Miami Dolphins- What was originally thought to be a top 5 running back in the NFL, this pair of running backs are both averaging under three yards per carry and haven't been able to develop any kind of ground attack.

The Dolphins offensive line is suspect, and the team isn't very good. Stay away from all Miami Dolphin Players, including Ronnie and Ricky.

However, if an owner in your league has both, you should consider offering him a deal to acquire one of them for cheap, he/she is probably 0-2 and needs to make a change.

It might not be a bad idea

acquiring one of them and benching him until the offense comes around, if it will at all.

Derek Anderson QB, Cleveland Browns- He has not lived up to the hype leading into this year, and with the defense being riddled by injuries, the QB of the future, Brady Quinn, might be starting sooner than you think.

Anderson hasn't been able to read zone defenses, or run the two minute drill as well as Head Coach Romeo Crennel would have liked thus far, and it's because of that the Browns are 0-2.

WR Braylon Edwards and TE Kellen Winslow haven't been as productive as last year. Even though they are still good starts, stay away from their QB.

The Bengals Offense- No one could have fathomed how horrendous the Bengals offense has been this year.

The Dolphins are averaging more points a game than the Bengals are. QB Carson Palmer, wide outs Chad Ocho Cinco and T.J. Houshmandzadeh, and running backs Chris Perry and Kenny Watson haven't been able to move the ball at all.

Do not start under any circumstances, especially this weekend, when they travel to a rejuvenated Ravens and face a fierce Defense led by Ray Lewis and Ed Reed.

Maybe the Bengals underestimated the importance of Rudi Johnson after all.

COACHES' CORNER: MEN'S SOCCER

Eketebi: Obviously we're not where we would like to be

LUCA MESSINA
Asst. Sports Director

Five games into a young season, the men's soccer team is not where they expected to be (0-4-1). With its highly touted recruits, this year's squad was expected to compete and improve upon last year's record of three regular season victories.

Earlier this week, head coach Munga Eketebi shared his thoughts on the state of his team and why it is they have struggled out the gate.

"Obviously we're not where we would like to be; but by the same token, we haven't been at full strength," he said. "Right now three key players are not cleared that were expected to be major contributors for us."

The three players that Eketebi is referring to are junior transfers Ricardo Ximenes, Diego Tamburus and sophomore transfer Dane Smith.

While forward Ximenes and midfielder Tamburus are offensive additions, Smith, when he returns, is expected to anchor a defense that has allowed 14 goals in just 5 games.

"The guys [Ximenes, Smith and Tamburus] are not coming in as true freshman; they are experienced players and for them to not be cleared doesn't help us," he said.

Without the recruits, Eketebi feels that the losing has been a collective effort.

"It's pretty much been a little bit of everything. We've had trouble scoring goals

and the defense needs to be more solid," he said.

When asked if preseason Conference USA Offensive Player of the Year nominee Juan Guerra has filled the role of captain, Eketebi agreed.

"From an offensive standpoint, yes. Even though he started off slowly for us, he's starting to produce [three goals in the last three games], which is mandatory for us," he said.

Besides Guerra, the two other members of the group dubbed "The Big Three" [Steven Jair-Cabas and Christian Caporaletti] have yet to contribute.

"Cabas still hasn't started producing and that's not good for us. Caporaletti has been used more as a midfielder than a forward which is a bit of an adjustment... but he should be able to handle it," the coach said.

Even though the team has struggled so far, it is a similar beginning to last season. Eketebi feels the team is ready for conference play which begins Oct. 4 against South Carolina.

"When those three players are cleared -- definitely. We started the preseason without a full deck and right now we are a much better team than two weeks ago," he said.

The team has played four of its five games on the road but will return to University Park this weekend with a game on Sept. 19 against Fairfield and Sept. 21 against Holy Cross. The Golden Panthers tied Missouri-Kansas City 2-2 in their home opener on Sept. 7.

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ANDREW JULIAN
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There is, of course, no campus without students, and being the major supporters of athletics, as they are, through athletic the fees, they will have first crack at attending the game.

The vouchers handed out last week, over 5,000 of them in total, will serve as a means

of entry for students, but not the only means of witnessing FIU athletic history.

"All students, who present their student ID's at the gate, will be admitted to the game this Saturday" said FIU Athletic Director Pete Garcia.

The students acquired their vouchers at FIU Arena or the Biscayne Bay campus will be a privileged group, according to Garcia.

"While there isn't a bad seat in the house, those students who picked up their vouchers will receive priority seating," he said.

"The students are the biggest financial supporters of

the athletic department, this is really their stadium, and their athletic department, and I've been adamant about not selling single game tickets at the expense of the students, when we expect 6,000-9,000 students to attend," said Garcia, and he was sure to add that no student will be admitted at the gate without his or her student ID.



First game in new stadium presents huge challenge

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passes and has just a 47.2 quarterback rating.

Younger rarely played in the opening contest but relieved McCall at halftime against Iowa and played the entire second half.

At this point, he is 11-for-21 for 107 yards with no touchdowns or interceptions. He has completed 52.4 percent of his passes and has a 95.2 quarterback rating.

The other offensive pieces have yet to establish themselves, particularly the receiving core, as sophomore Marquis Rolle leads the team in yardage with 46 yards and senior running back A'mod Ned leads the team with seven receptions.

The running backs have also struggled but have faced two strong defenses and this week it won't get any easier as the Bulls' defense is currently ranked No. 25 in the Football Bowl Subdivision. The unit has also allowed 21 points per game this season.

Ned leads the FIU rushing attack with 22 carries for 63 yards. Senior running back Julian Reams struggled mightily against Kansas with four carries for a yard but had five carries for 24 yards before leaving at halftime with a concussion.

Despite the injury, Reams is expected to be at full strength and will be in the backfield with Ned sharing carries as usual.

The Bulls, led by 12th year coach Jim Leavitt, own the 13th best total offense in the FBS and possess one of the top quarterbacks in college football: junior Matt Grothe.

Although the Golden Panthers have faced a polished quarterback this season in Kansas quarterback Todd Reesing, Grothe can be just as dangerous if given the opportunity.

He has completed 61-of-93 passes for 780 yards with seven touchdowns and two interceptions.

The junior has completed 65.6 percent of his passes and has a quarterback rating of 156.58.

His other offensive weapons are the two running backs Moise Plancher and Jamar Taylor who will share the bulk of the carries.

Plancher has 23 carries for 130 yards and three touchdowns while Taylor has 21 carries for 122 yards and a touchdown.

The receiving core is also a threat with three names to keep an eye out for: Taurus Johnson, A.J. Love and Jessie Hester.

Johnson in particular has been the biggest difference maker of the three as he has 14 receptions for 235 yards and two touchdowns.

Even though head coach Mario Cristobal has been pleased with the development of the defense during the bye week, the unit has to be at the top of its game to keep this one close as the Bulls have averaged

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41 points a game.

Besides their opening victory over Tennessee Martin, an FCS member, the Bulls have played one solid team in UCF and one very strong team in Kansas.

With the offense continuing to struggle, the defense has to avoid mental lapses at all costs and has to stay away from allowing the big plays that they were prone to allow in the first two games.

These two teams are going in opposite directions with South Florida continuing to rise up the ranks in the FBS this season, much like they did last season, while the Golden Panthers are continuing to struggle at the Football Subdivision level with a 1-25 record.



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RUNNING DOWN A DREAM: Quarterback Wayne Younger runs the ball during practice. He and the Golden Panthers look to upset No. 12 ranked USF in the opener at the brand new FIU Stadium Saturday.