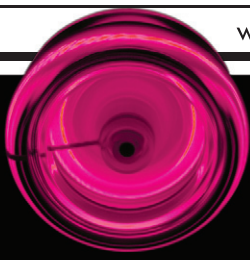


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The Organic Farmers Market, August 26, 12-4 p.m. This popular event occurs every Wednesday, where you can stop by and get a fresh organic smoothie or your weekly produce. Located on the Graham Center lawn.

The FIU Trail of the Torch, August 27, 10 a.m. This event will be held in the housing quad and will trail for two miles around campus. The first 300 people get a free T-shirt.

President Rosenberg's Ice cream Social, August 28, 3-4 p.m. Free ice cream will be given out to everyone at the pit in Graham Center.

WEATHER



MONDAY
Isolated T-Storms
LOW: 80 HIGH: 90



TUESDAY
Scattered T-Storms
LOW: 80 HIGH: 89



WEDNESDAY
Scattered T-Storms
LOW: 80 HIGH: 89

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H1-NO FUN



University prepares for possible second round after summer scare

JORGE VALENS
Asst. News Director

In an effort to prevent a possible resurgence of the H1N1 virus, commonly known as swine flu, University Health Services is not waiting to confirm cases before they start treatment.

Since late April, when the first few cases of H1N1 were suspected to be on campus, UHS was unable to confirm cases quickly, sometimes finding out a patient was a probable case long after he or she was already fully recovered.

"In the beginning, we were having lots of [possible] cases coming in, but we weren't necessarily obtaining the results to be able to confirm the case right away," said Dr. Oscar Loynaz, interim director for UHS.

However, with the large amount of H1N1 cases being confirmed, in relation to the low amount of seasonal flu cases, the state health department quickly changed the way it accounted for H1N1 cases.

"[The Florida Department of Health] said 'Instead of testing all these people, and spending all these resources in testing these people, let's just assume that if someone comes in through the door with a

SWINE FLU SYMPTOMS

- Sudden fever (100.4°F or above)
- Sudden cough
- Headache
- Tiredness
- Chills
- Aching muscles
- Limb or joint pain
- Diarrhea
- Upset stomach
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Loss of appetite

For more info regarding the H1N1 virus, please call 305-348-2401 (for MMC) and 305-919-5307 (for BBC)

flu-like illness, they are [positive for] H1N1," Loynaz said.

With this new approach, UHS is currently preparing for the fall season, when some experts believe that H1N1 will make a comeback.

"We need to determine what our response is going to be based on the influx of people coming in sick," Loynaz said.

Students who think they may have swine flu should consult their primary care physician. Should they not have one, or UHS is their primary care institution, they are urged to call the University's General Medical Clinic.

"If they have a fever, that is key,"

said Lourdes Diaz-Bergouignan, registered nurse and unit manager for the University's General Medical Clinic.

Diaz-Bergouignan explained that students with a fever of 100 degrees or more lasting more than two days should seek care immediately, whether it is at UHS or with their primary care physician. Other symptoms of H1N1, according to the UHS Web site, are severe aches and pains, headache and sudden fatigue.

"We want to make sure that we are treating them appropriately and

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PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Parking garage to open next summer

CHRISTOPHER LAZAGA
Staff Writer

In response to difficulties with the parking situation at the University, the Department of Parking and Transportation has begun work on a fifth parking garage to meet the current needs of students and faculty.

The new garage has yet to be named, but is currently known as Parking Garage 5, or PG5. It is going up along 8th Street, across from the Red Garage. This garage will stand six levels tall and will be larger than the existing four garages.

"This garage will have five bays, where our current garages have four. This means the building will be one row of parking wider than the other four," said Bill Foster, executive director of the Department of Parking and Transportation.

According to Foster, there will be approximately 2,000 parking spaces, about 1,500 spaces for students. In addition to the parking spaces, PG5 will also feature 30,000 square feet of retail and food service space as well as the new Public Safety offices. Foster did not mention what retail or food services would be available.

Foster said the current estimated cost for the construction of PG5 is about \$32.5 million.

"The money for the parking spaces comes from bonds that are repaid through parking fees. The money for Public Safety comes from the state of Florida. The retail

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Esteemed CFO Kenneth Jessell joins staff

JULIO MENACHE
Staff Writer

After a very public search for a new president, the University hired Kenneth Jessell as chief financial officer without a nationwide search.

Ken Jessell, who was appointed by former President Modesto Maidique this summer, replaced Interim CFO John Miller, who left FIU to become treasurer for the University of Missouri. Miller had replaced Vivian Sanchez, who



JESSELL

resigned last May, and will remain with the University under a one-year consultant agreement.

Thomas Breslin, chair of the Faculty Senate, thought a hire without a time-consuming national search a necessity to ensure a smooth transition for new University President Mark Rosenberg.

"Under the circumstances, where we lost such an important person [Sanchez], it's not good to have a position like that open," Breslin, who has been with the

University since 1976, told Student Media.

Breslin said he assumes that Maidique, with the blessing of Rosenberg, jumped at the chance to hire Jessell, who is considered one of the top budget experts in Florida's public university system.

"He's a person of great accomplishment, who seems honest and straightforward," Breslin, who recently met with Jessell for the first time, said.

"He's been a faculty member, he knows the state university system. We aren't going to have someone

who is going through a learning curve."

Rosenberg recently told *The Palm Beach Post* that Jessell's hiring is part of his strategy to "hit the ground running."

"I have known Dr. Jessell for over a decade and consider him one of the most experienced and successful public university financial strategists in the country," Rosenberg said.

As FIU's newest CFO, Jessell will earn \$285,000 a year.

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NEWS FLASH

FIU

Pie SGC leaders at Welcome Week event

Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus President and Vice President Anthony Rionda and Mykaelle Figueredo, respectively, will be participating in Involvement Carnival where students will be given an opportunity to throw pies at them.

The event will be held on Aug. 26 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the lawn outside the Graham Center Ballrooms.

SGC-MMC looking to fill open positions

Student Government Council at MMC is currently looking to hire new positions. Some positions will be paid, some will not.

Students who are interested should visit GC 211 and fill out an application.

LOCAL

Cash for clunkers program ends, some still offer opportunity

South Florida car dealerships are currently trying to collect from the Cash for Clunkers program, which ended Aug. 24 at 8 p.m.

According to CBS4, some dealerships, including AutoNation, have stopped participating in the program in order to complete the necessary paperwork to receive reimbursement.

Some dealerships, such as Rick Case Honda, plan to continue offering similar incentives privately, as a result of the increase in sales.

NATIONAL

Apple is set to release a new update to its OS X operating system titled Snow Leopard

The new version of the operating system boasts new features such as Microsoft Exchange, an updated version of Quicktime, and a smaller footprint, to name a few.

This update comes before the release of rival Microsoft's new operating system, Windows 7, which is set to release Oct. 22.

The update will be available on Aug. 28 for \$29.

– Compiled by Jorge Valens

Further program cuts in queue

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Sanchez made \$334,090 as CFO, and interim CFO Miller made \$213,700.

'BUDGET GURU'

Before joining FIU, Jessell served as senior vice president of financial affairs for Florida Atlantic University, where he was in charge of finance and administration of the controller's office, the budget office, facilities, traffic and parking and human resources.

In addition, Jessell held a number of positions in FAU, including associate dean of business and interim provost.

"He is a very good communicator. He obviously works very well with people," said FAU Senior Vice President of financial affairs Dennis J. Crudele, who took over Jessell's post.

Jessell is also credited with

helping secure important partnerships for FAU with Scripps Florida, a biomedical research facility located in Jupiter, Fla., and with Torrey Pines Institute of Molecular Studies in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

"We're on the same page [in securing partnerships for the medical school]," Breslin said. "We've done the same thing, but at a broader scale."

SIMILAR CHALLENGES

Both universities have had to make significant cuts, as well as lay off professors due to the decrease in state funding.

Under Jessell, FAU considered cutting 30 employees, five of whom were faculty, as well as cutting 45 degree programs. The moves represented the largest one-year cut in FAU history.

Jessell also received scrutiny from the United Faculty of Florida-FAU after a report financed by the group

found that administrator salaries were growing at a faster rate than faculty salaries.

The report was conducted by FIU's Research Institute on Social and Economic Policy.

The institute also ran a similar study for FIU and found the same results.

University officials for both schools have disputed the numbers used in the studies.

Last June, FIU also had to resort to cost cutting measures after doing away with 11 degree programs, mostly in the field of education.

The Board of Trustees will meet on Sept. 11 to decide the fate of two popular degree programs, religious studies and recreational sport management, after Maidique asked that the board find alternative ways to fund the programs.

Requests to speak with Jessell were not answered in time for the publication of this article.

All flu-like signs assumed to be potential H1N1

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getting it at the onset of it," Diaz-Bergouignan said.

UHS suggests that students who are believed to have H1N1 should observe proper hygiene and limit social interactions when possible. If social interaction cannot be avoided, such as in housing, the use of a surgical mask is recommended.

UHS is looking to the entire University community, not just administration, to help make sure it can handle H1N1 in the fall.

"It's really up to each and every one of us to make sure that FIU is not impacted severely by H1N1, even if Miami-Dade County is," Loynaz said.

Students and staff should be mindful of their hygiene, and can refer to UHS's Web site for tips and guidelines on how to do that. According to the Florida Department of Health, there have been a total of 59 deaths as a result of laboratory confirmed H1N1 in the state of Florida as of Aug. 19.

The Centers for Disease Control have reported a total 522 deaths and 7,983 hospitalizations nationwide.



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BUILT IT: New parking garage with additional 2,000 spaces to open summer of next year.

New garage to have 2,000 spaces

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space will be paid by Business Services," Foster said.

Though the advantages of an additional parking garage will not be available this academic year, PG5 is currently slated to open Aug. 10, 2010.

"The retail and Public Safety portions will be opened shortly thereafter," Foster said.

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New high school to work closely with University

ANDREA CRUZ
Staff Writer

The Biscayne Bay Campus has a new neighbor: a brand new high school. And with high school students next door, University programs might see an increase in teenage partners.

The Alonzo & Tracy Mourning Sr. High Biscayne Bay Campus opened the doors to its first students Aug. 24, the same day classes started at the University.

"It's a new multi-story, state-of-the-art high school," according to the school's Web site. "It is designed to relieve the overcrowding of schools at the north end of Miami-Dade County."

The new public high school is home of The Sharks and has between 60 and 65 faculty and staff members, along with 650 students from the ninth and 10th grades, according to Sally Alayon, the school's principal.

Next year, the high school expects to add an 11th grade. In its third year, the school will have its first graduating class.

It will offer an honors program, dual enrollment program, an English language program, advanced placement classes and other academic programs in connection to the University, according to its Web site.

"We are actually working closely with FIU," Alayon said.

Students will work with students from different departments at BBC, such as the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the School of Hospitality Management and with the Marine Biology Program, according to Julissa Castellanos, director of operations in the Office of the Vice Provost.

The principal and some science teachers at the high school already met with University officials to work on different activities that would combine both schools.

Jennifer Grimm, BBC's environmental coordinator, already has plans for the students.

"Our environmental coordinator has met with the science teachers at the high school, and they hope to do interactive field trips on our campus, and have cleanup days at the bay with the high school students," Castellanos said. "As the school year progresses, we do hope to become more involved with one another with activities."

University students hoping to become teachers in the future will also benefit from having a high school next door.

"Many of our students will go on to be chemistry and biology teachers, and this is a good opportunity for them to get that experience," said Castellanos. "It's also good for them to learn how to set up labs and curriculum for students, whether they are being

SCHOOL ZONE TIMES

Monday - Friday

7 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday

7 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

teacher assistants or doing their future work."

Jayne Klein, director of the Honors Program at BBC, believes the location of the new high school will have a positive impact on the University community. Klein, who is also a religious studies adjunct professor, has been attending the BBC's Leadership Team meetings, where University members discuss issues that have a direct impact on the campus, including the opening of the new school.

"I would think it will give high school students an opportunity to have a closer relationship with a University and get a feel of what it might be like to go to the University," said Klein, who is grateful for the partnership.

"I really need to thank FIU for opening their doors to us. Clearly our goal is to get all of our students ready to go to college," she said. "It really is a win, win for everybody."

Joe Mintz, a junior math major, believes the new school may also bring more students to BBC.

"I think we will have more exposure since we have a high school right beside us now," Mintz said. "A lot of people from there will probably be interested in FIU, decide to check it out and eventually come here."

At the high school's campus, classes start at 7:30 a.m. from Monday through Friday. They end at 2:30 p.m. Across the street from the high school at the David Lawrence Jr. K-8 Center, classes start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

Despite the initial commotion of having two public schools next to campus, Mintz believes the different school times ease the traffic problem.

"I don't think it will affect the traffic that much," he said. "During the first week it might, but we have people here at FIU coming and going all over different times during the day, so as long as people just plan ahead and give themselves a little extra time, it shouldn't be too bad."

How was the drive to campus with the new high school open?

I drove slowly because I got a ticket last year. It will probably be a lot worse. There will be more cops so it will be impossible to drive over 30 mph.

Billy Gil, senior
SJMC

There's only two lanes coming and two going so that is not the ideal situation for us. It's going to be very hectic.

Georgia Bedeau, grad student
Hospitality Management

I came from south Miami so traffic wasn't bad. With the high school and middle school, it's going to be a headache. It's already a headache with the school zones.

Angie Castillo, senior
SJMC

GETTING ANIMATED



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DRAWN: Jeanette Itzkowitz, a junior psychology major, gets a caricature done of her by Al Rodriguez, caricature artist, at the Welcome Week kick off in Panther Square, Aug. 24.

Grant funds rehydration efforts

PHILIPPE BUTEAU
Contributing Writer

Two University professors received a \$2.75 million grant from the Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department to test the impact of wastewater on Biscayne Bay.

The funding - only the second of its kind, according to a University press release - will pay for a project to determine whether treated wastewater from a high-tech sewer plant could be used for the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Rehydration Project, a subproject that aims at rehydrating the bay under the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

The CERP was enacted by the U.S. Congress as part of the Water Resource Development Act of 2000.

There is not enough water to restore coastal wetlands in southern Biscayne Bay, so the Rehydration Project will provide highly treated wastewater through an advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant operated by Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department, according to the press release.

Gary Rand, an environmental studies professor, and Piero Gardinali, an associate chemistry professor, will head the research to find out whether these waters are good for the bay.

Current water and treatment facilities filter out bacteria and other forms of contamination, but they were not designed to eliminate all man-made contaminants, such as pharmaceuticals and personal care products, Rand said.

Gardinali will conduct an analysis to determine which pharmaceuticals or personal care products are left in the reclaimed water.

"Depending on what we find, we will 'track' the chemicals in the wetlands to see where they end up," he said.

Both laboratory and outdoor studies will be conducted at BBC with aquatic organisms exposed to the highly treated wastewater. This

study will evaluate the threat the reclaimed waters pose on the Biscayne Bay ecosystem, according to the press release.

Though Rand's work has not begun yet, he said in an interview with *The Beacon* that his research team will evaluate the toxicity of the treated water and determine how treated wastewater could be used to help solve wetland problems at the bay. Rand is now writing plans for the research his team will conduct.

According to Rand, the grant was awarded based on his 30 years of experience, his reputation and the University's state-of-the-art facility. The laboratories on campus were also a factor in the grant decision, he said.

"We have certain capabilities, more than other places, which are very amicable for the project," Rand said.

University graduate students will participate, but Rand wanted to bring in newer faces to the project.

"I have a habit of bringing on board undergraduates so they can learn some of the techniques," Rand said.

The research team has been preparing for a couple of years, according to Gardinali. As a result, he said students are already preparing before they get started on the real project.

"This is probably only the second project of this kind awarded in the United States," said Rand. "The other one was not done by a university; it was done by the federal government."

This isn't the first grant Rand's research team has received. They were awarded \$2.2 million from the federal government three years ago. They used the funds to monitor contaminants and their effect on aquatic organisms in the Everglades National Park, the Biscayne Park and Big Cypress National Preserve.

"We will be applying the best available scientific testing technology to evaluate potential risks of the treated wastewaters to Biscayne Bay," Rand said in the press release.

SIMPLY IRISISTIBLE

U.S. News rankings should be taken in stride

As we return to our classrooms and pick up syllabi from professors we've sorely missed, *U.S. News & World Report* returns to magazine racks with their eagerly anticipated college rankings for 2010.

COLUMN



IRIS A. FEBRES

You may not bat an eyelash at the publication - after all, you're already in college - but if you're perhaps looking into graduate school (as I am), chances are you'll be picking up a copy to scrutinize the list.

The publication has entered its 25th year of ranking the nation's universities and specific collegiate programs. Results are based upon a survey distributed to college presidents and provosts who rank colleges based on a numerical scale.

As always, Ivy League institutions topped the list - Harvard and Princeton tied for first, indicating a stalemate between the two universities. After these followed Yale, Stanford University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, among others. These are all universities listed in the first tier.

Where does FIU fall on the list? We are currently listed as a fourth-tier university (out of four tiers). This certainly contrasts our own assertion (as seen on the University's undergraduate admissions Web page) that we are "rated annually as one of America's best universities" by the magazine, perhaps citing specific program rankings.

I used to care about FIU's fourth-tier ranking. I wouldn't say I was bitter - I was more disappointed. Despite former President Modesto Maidique's efforts in creating new programs, the University was practically dismissed by *U.S. News*, again. As you'll notice, schools listed in third and fourth tiers are not even ranked - they're simply lumped together in two large groups.

As much as I would love to see FIU listed as a top institution, I doubt it would happen in my lifetime - not because I don't think FIU can make the coveted list, but I'm unsure if *U.S. News* would even let it.

None of the schools ranked within the top 10 best national universities were created in the 20th century. The oldest institution (Harvard) dates back to the 17th century, meaning its curriculum has existed and evolved for more than 300 years. Of course it's going to be good.

Anything can improve and mature with time, and so will FIU.

Don't let a number - whether a year of establishment or ranking - dictate where you'll go, whether you decide to go for an MA, law school or another degree. The rankings from *U.S. News* should serve as a mere guideline in outlining which schools you should consider for specific programs. It shouldn't be a checklist.

It's very easy to get caught up in where we fall on a silly list printed by one sole magazine, where what really matters is what we do after we take our degrees before we toss our caps into the air.

Apple dwarfs iPhone app developers

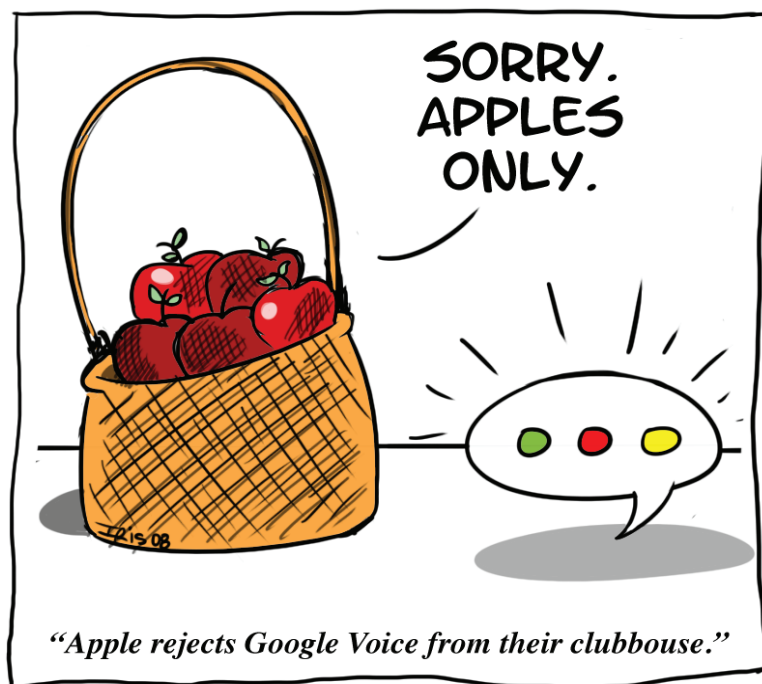
JORGE VALENS
Asst. News Director

As an iPhone user, I see the phone as a development platform with almost limitless potential and power. However, the only thing holding the iPhone back from being "the best thing to ever be created since cheese" is Apple itself.

Apple is notorious for the cryptic, mysterious way it controls the App Store, the iPhone's third-party application directory. Rarely does a day go by where I don't read about a horror story involving a developer getting their application rejected for some asinine reason.

Yet, it was the rejection of Google Voice - Google's answer to the multiple phone number problem - that has brought this matter before the Federal Communications Commission, and with good reason. According to an article from *USA Today*, the FCC's probe will have three parts: "One will examine wireless competition; the second will look at barriers to entry and investment; the third will focus on consumer billing, including wireless contracts."

Apple, however, claims in a letter to the FCC that it has not rejected the application, and that it in fact is still researching it, but it no doubt sounds like Apple is trying to protect its own hide. Not surprisingly, AT&T, Apple's partner in crime, has stayed quiet about the matter, simply stating in a letter to the FCC that it "does not own, operate or control the Apple App Store and is not typically consulted regarding the approval or rejection of applications for the App Store or informed when an application is approved or rejected."



The rejection of the Google Voice app is a blessing in disguise for U.S. consumers, as an investigation of this caliber will no doubt bring change and regulation to a heavily unregulated industry. However, the main issue here is not exclusivity agreements or service contracts. In the end, it is all about progress.

At first, Apple was very clear that this process was only to be used for determining whether an application was malicious or defective, and I was fine with that. But the App Store approval process has become less about quality control and more about Apple imposing its influence to make sure that the iPhone grows and evolves at their pace, and at no one else's.

At a time when technology is evolving at such a fast pace, this is unacceptable.

This mentality is hindering the progression of a large and powerful developer base that could, on its own, make the iPhone operating system into a powerful computing platform.

Apple's restrictions on the App Store hinder developers in both their creativity and the amount of money and time they would spend on a product. I wouldn't want to dedicate my time and resources to something that may get rejected.

This is especially apparent with rival companies, such as Palm and even Google, creating powerful devices with open operating systems that allow developers to create without boundaries. Apple needs to realize that just because it can control the App Store, or for that matter the iPhone's OS, doesn't mean it should.

Terrorist's release mocks the justice system

MATTHEW RUCKMAN
Asst. Opinion Editor

To many students, the Lockerbie bombing of 1988 means nothing. The 270 victims, mostly from the United States, killed in a plane couldn't be remembered by most of us not yet born. It was a specter safely tucked away in the '80s, with the DeLorean and Reagan administrations.

The terrorist attack has, however, come to the forefront of public perception once again with the release of the only man convicted in the Lockerbie bombing case - Abdelbaset Ali Mohamed Al Megrahi - all after serving only eight years of his 27-year sentence.

Al Megrahi essentially served 11 days for every person he killed in the Pan Am flight, rounding up for general reprehensibility.

On Aug. 20, the Scottish government released Al Megrahi on "compassionate grounds" due to a diagnosis of terminal prostate cancer that would give the convicted terrorist three months to live. A government official justified the decision by stating the Scottish "justice system demands that judgment be imposed but compassion be available."

I'm sure I'm not alone in having trouble rationalizing the Scottish task of balancing the principles of justice and mercy. When one man is found guilty of murdering 270 people, is mercy really called for, or does the instinct of self-preservation kick in with the verifiable fact that this man is dangerous and capable of slaughtering hundreds?

Granted, Al Megrahi probably won't be buying any green bananas with his three months

but his release skirts the dual role of the justice system: to punish the guilty and to deter future crimes by example.

His release states that punishment isn't reflective of the crime, but is conditional on medical factors, laughably giving a criminal *carte blanche* to anyone with a mortal coil to shuffle off.

The head of the FBI, Robert Mueller, even wrote a letter to the Scottish justice minister charging him with making a mockery of the justice system and "rewarding a terrorist."

There has also been speculation that Al Megrahi's release was motivated by political and corporate concerns. A theory supported by a meeting a week prior between Lord Mandelson, Britain's business secretary, and Libya's long-time de facto head of state Muammar Gaddafi's son. Several British energy

companies, like BP and Shell, have been pursuing oil and gas projects in Libya, which has the largest proven oil reserves in Africa. Upon Al Megrahi's arrival in Libya he was given a hero's welcome, with confetti and cheering crowds, in a disgusting display of insensitivity, rubbing salt in the already fresh wounds of the victims' families.

There have already been calls for boycotts against Scotland for their capricious release of one of the United States' most lethal terrorists. I think these movements are justified: through them we'll show that the murder of 180 Americans cannot be bought off, and possibly pressure the Scots into redacting this miscarriage of justice.

A man like Al Megrahi should live and die in the only place where he belongs: prison.

OPINIONPIECE

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The percentage of students accepted to FIU in Fall 2008, as reported by *U.S. News & World Report*.

WINNER/LOSER



The Taiwanese government is planning on building up to 1,600 houses for more than 25,000 people who had to flee their homes due to a monsoon. This chivalrous act will take the Taiwanese government approximately two years to complete.



Lindsay Lohan's house was broken into for the second time in three months. Lohan called her father after returning home at 3 a.m. to a missing safe and watches. Michael Lohan then called the cops. Thank you, Daddy!

QUOTATIONATION

"I have made it a practice not to comment on the actions of other prosecutors ... I am outraged at [the Scottish government's] decision, blithely defended on the grounds of compassion."

Robert Mueller
Director, FBI, on terrorist Al Megrahi's release

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ROAD TO RECOVERY

American Cancer Society seeks FIU students for volunteer effort

JANET CAREAGA
Contributing Writer

For many cancer patients without a vehicle, getting medical treatment can be difficult, with cab fare being too expensive and public transportation too slow and unreliable.

That's why the American Cancer Society created the Road to Recovery program which provides free transportation for cancer patients who are receiving treatment at nearby hospitals or medical facilities and do not have any other means to make it to their appointments.

The program runs with the help of volunteer drivers who take time out of their schedules to take the cancer patients to the proper facilities to receive treatment.

"Just about each and every one of us has been affected by cancer through a family member, friend or maybe even a coworker. I believe in helping others and this program helps save lives.

"This program is important because a lack of transportation sometimes leaves cancer patients with few options for completing their treatment schedules," said Brian Birge, an FIU graduate student who participates in the Road to Recovery program.

Cancer is second only to heart disease in U.S. mortality rates. The goal and mission of the American Cancer Society is to reduce cancer incidence and mortality rates. Volunteers are crucial to their efforts to help those struggling with cancer.

Unfortunately for many patients, it may not just be a trip to get treatment once a week.

Some must see a doctor daily for several months at a time while others may only

have to go once every couple of months.

That's why the American Cancer Society is aggressively searching for more volunteers.

"I personally don't think setting up events to get money helps. The kind of volunteering that helps is the little things like going to the hospital and spending time with a kid and not just once but repeatedly," said Danny Tamayo, a junior majoring in nursing.

The American Cancer Society is looking for people who are willing to donate their time and vehicle to assist those who need a ride to get treatment for cancer.

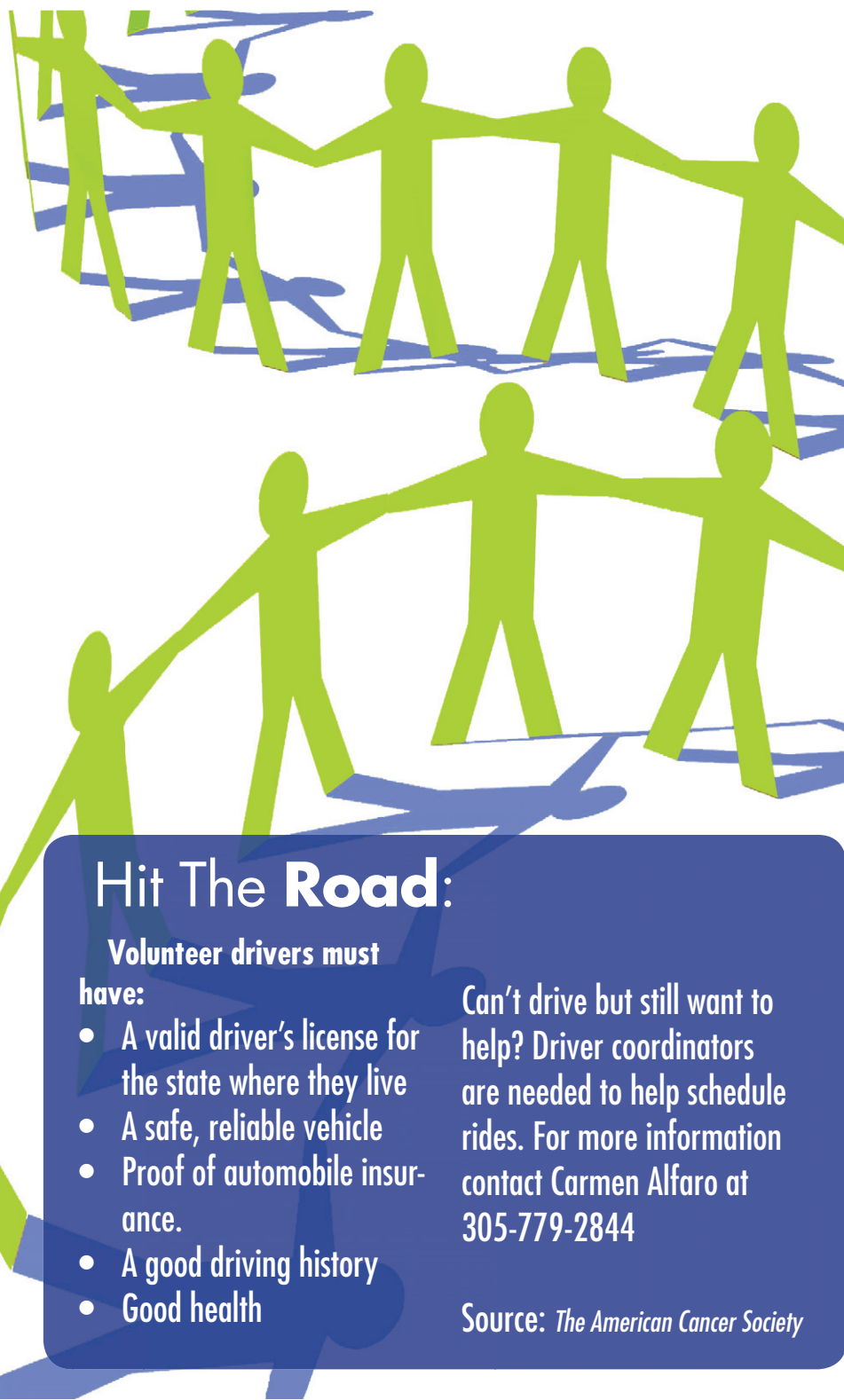
Those interested need to attend a two-hour training session at the American Cancer Society. Trainings are held once a month on Saturdays.

Volunteers must also have a valid driver's license, a good driving record and proof of adequate auto insurance. Those who participate in the program must also have a vehicle that is dependable.

"This is an opportunity for FIU to show their support as they do with events like Relay for Life.

"Many students can get involved since there aren't a lot of requirements for volunteers. A small effort will make a big difference," said Maria Sabando, a junior majoring in international business.

To get involved with the American Cancer Society's local Miami-Dade unit, contact Carmen Alfaro at (305) 779-2844.



Hit The Road:

Volunteer drivers must have:

- A valid driver's license for the state where they live
- A safe, reliable vehicle
- Proof of automobile insurance.
- A good driving history
- Good health

Can't drive but still want to help? Driver coordinators are needed to help schedule rides. For more information contact Carmen Alfaro at 305-779-2844

Source: The American Cancer Society



POP & CIRCUMSTANCE

As decade ends, changes in music come into focus

"Genie in a Bottle" by Christina Aguilera.

"Millennium" by the Backstreet Boys.

"Scar Tissue" by the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Ten years ago, these represented the height of musical popularity. These were the No. 1 pop song and album, and rock song for the last week of August.

It's been a long time since Christina Aguilera was writhing around on a beach and the boys from the mean streets of Orlando were at the top of the musical world - a lot has changed since then.

When *Millennium* was released, it sold

1.13 million copies in its first week, a record at the time. It seemed like every 12-year-old girl in the world bought a copy of that album that week.



COLUMN
CHRIS TOWERS

Last week, George Strait's 25th studio album, *Twang*, debuted at the top of the charts, moving a whopping 155,000 copies. The week before, Sugarland set a billboard record by selling 75,000 copies, the lowest total in the history of the chart for a debut No. 1 album.

Obviously it's a little unfair to compare two periods when one featured a historically swift sales mark, but could anyone sell a million copies in a week right

now? There was a 12-month period where the Backstreet Boys, *Nsync and Britney Spears all sold more than one million in a week. Even Limp Bizkit sold 600,000 copies in one week in 1999.

The late '90s were the most prolific era in the history of music sales, probably because this was before the Internet offered a massive choice in listening to or downloading music.

It served less as a means for distributing music, but still could provide a valuable marketing tool.

As it has become easier and easier to illegally download music on the Internet, with broadband connections becoming increasingly more frequent, album sales have steadily slipped.

I'm not criticizing anyone for downloading music, but anyone who would say Internet downloading hasn't been the main culprit for the lower album sales in this decade is kidding themselves (or just trying to justify their own actions).

The upshot is that there is probably more variety in the music people listen to. I don't think it can be argued that people listen to less music now than they did 10 years ago, so they must be listening to a more varied selection of music.

While we may never see a massive cultural force like the Backstreet Boys or a young

Britney Spears again, the average listener probably has a richer, more varied library because there is simply more available.

This is doubly true among college students, who generally listen to a wide variety of music and who are among the most egregious illegal downloaders out there.

It is with this in mind that *The Beacon* is planning on running a few "Best of the Decade" lists in this column as the semester goes on, culminating in Radiate FM staff, Beacon staff and reader and listener lists of the best albums of the decade.

If you'd like to be counted in our end-of-the-year reader's list, send your top 10 albums released since the beginning of the millennium to chris.towers@fiusm.com. Rank them with your favorite at No. 1, and so on down the list.

Whether you dug *Tha Carter III*, last year's best selling album, or Andrew Bird & the Mysterious Production of Eggs, we want to hear your opinion, so make sure to send in your lists by the end of November and keep an eye out for all of our lists as the year and the decade come to a close.

Pop & Circumstance is a biweekly column focusing on all things in the music world. Chris Towers can be reached at Chris.Towers@fiusm.com.

On campus activities can make transition to college lifestyle easier

MONICA PUERTO
Staff Writer

It's the first day of school, and many of us have a variety of emotions. Freshmen are anxious, nervous and wondering where in the world their classes are going to be.

The rest have been through that phase and have a way better idea of what is going on and, more importantly, where.

Most FIU students are from Florida and do not live on campus. So, how do you get involved, become a part of the Panther community, and see what it has to offer?

The first week of school is filled with events to welcome students. A few of these events are art exhibitions at the Frost Art Museum, a play at the Wertheim Performing Arts Center, a screening of French films and a farmer's market.

The first main event will be held between the Green Library and the central fountain on Aug. 26 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. The FIU Organic Farmers Consortium will offer organic produce for students to purchase.

Kicking off the rush process of fraternities and sororities is a barbeque that will be held Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. by the lawn of the GC Ballrooms. According to Denise Halpin, a sorority member of Delta Phi

Epsilon, "Every Greek organization is invited to attend along with all their members."

This event however, is open to all and non-Greek students are highly encouraged to attend, especially if they are interested in Greek life at FIU.

For all the French culture fanatics out there, the French Club (*Le Cercle Français*) is starting their semester-long Festival Cinema, which will include the screening of two French films each month.

The themes of these films will be centered on times of unrest and war. The first film, *Cyrano de Bergerac*, is on Sept. 1.

The second film is on Sept. 15 and is called *Le hussard sur le tort* (The horseman on the roof).

From Sept. 2 until Oct. 4, the exhibition of Geoffrey Olsen will run in the Frost Art Museum. It is a tribute to his life and will feature works that were inspired by his home in Great Britain as well the time he lived in Miami. The director of graduate studies passed away in December of 2007, but will be preserved forever in his "bold and free flowing use of oil paint in layers".

That same day is the Frost Museum's Wednesday After Hours, sponsored by Target. It is one Wednesday a month, where you can come join

discussions about exhibitions such as Olsen's, dance performances, poetry slams, live music.

Through private donations and local and state government agencies, the Frost Museum allows free admission for the public to all the exhibitions and public events.

Contributing to the artistic talent of the Panther community is FIU Theatre which, according to Publicity Coordinator Jessica Rodriguez "has been named one of the top theatre programs by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival."

FIU Theatre performs four plays a year; two in the Fall and two in the Spring.

The first play, *Sonia Flew*, by Melinda Lopez, runs from Sept. 24 until Oct. 4. Lopez captures the emotion of family struggles between relationships. Sonia, a Midwestern suburb mother has kept a secret from her son, which resurfaces when he announces his enlistment to the Marines after Sept. 11. Their conflict can only be resolved by uncovering Sonia's hurtful past and the resentful relationship with her parents.

All performances take place at the Wertheim Performing Arts Center near the Frost Museum. Tickets for students, faculty and staff are on sale for \$10, while general admission is \$12.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Farmers Market:
Where: between the Green Library and the central fountain
Aug. 26: 12-3 p.m.

Greek Kickoff BBQ:
Where: By the lawn of the GC Ballrooms
Aug. 25: 7 p.m.

French Club Festival Cinema
Where: GC 150
Cyrano de Bergerac

Sept. 1: 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Le Hussard sur le Tort
Sept. 15: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Geoffery Olsen Exhibit:
Frost Art Museum
Sept. 2 - Oct. 4

Sonia Flew:
Where: Wertheim Performing Arts Center
Sept. 24 - Oct. 4
Thurs-Sat: 8 p.m.
Sunday: 2 p.m.

Record broken at FIU

VIGNESH DORAISWAMY
Asst. Life! Editor

FIU students took part in a Guinness World Record breaking event in the GC Ballrooms.

The participants were required to yo-yo non-stop for three minutes.

The event was organized by Week of Welcome and Molina Healthcare.

Molina Healthcare decided to bring this to FIU as Miami

was found to be fattest city in the country and they wanted to bring exercise awareness to FIU students.

The previous record as stated by Jennifer Gilmour, Guinness representative, was 493.

The final number of FIU students that participated as stated by Gilmour was 557.

Gilmour confirmed that this would show up in the next edition of the Guinness Book of World Records.

Rush Week kicks off sorority recruitment

AMANDA BATCHELOR
Staff Writer

Calling all ladies! If you want to get involved on campus, joining a sorority just might be for you. Right now there are Rho Gammas, which are sorority recruiters, walking up and down GC looking for women who are interested in joining a sorority. They will have sign-up tables in GC everyday this week. There is a \$30 non-refundable fee to participate in sorority Rush Week. Each day of Rush Week you will be going to sorority "parties," which are about a half-hour session with each sorority where you will learn about them and meet sisters.

The first event of Rush Week, "Meet your Rho Gamma", is Aug. 31 in the GC Ballrooms at 7 p.m. It will be a short event where you will meet your mentor throughout the recruitment process. She will be the leader of your group, escort your group to all of the sorority parties, and help guide you through the process. At this event you will go over the different days of the week, what is appropriate to wear each day, and the rush process in general.

The second event on Sept. 1 is at 5 p.m. and is Sorority 101. Your Rho Gamma will tell you where to meet each day and then you will move on to various locations on campus for each party. You will meet each sorority and learn what they are about. At the end of this night, and each night, you will vote on each sorority.

Each night thereafter, you will most likely be going to less and less parties, until the second to last day, where you will be left (usually) with two and then the last day you

will get a bid from one sorority.

The third event on Sept. 2 begins at 5:30 p.m. and is "Philanthropy Night." This day you will learn about the sororities local, national or international philanthropy and other charities they do.

On the fourth day, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. is "Sisterhood and Traditions." You will learn all about the values of each sorority and the bond they have with each other.

The fifth day, Sept. 4 is "Preference Night" at 5:30 p.m. This night you will visit one or two sororities, where they will share a ritual with you and you will be able to talk with some of the sisters and wrap up anything else you want to know about them.

Finally the last event on Sept. 5 is at 11:30 a.m. in the GC Ballrooms. This event is "Bid Day!" You will receive a bid from one sorority. You can accept or decline the bid.

If you decline the bid you will not be able to join any sorority on campus for one year. If you accept it, you will move on to the quick event of revealing each group to the sororities and you will get passed on to your new sisters, where they will have a celebration of their own – on or off campus.

At this time you are considered a new member of the sorority and will go on learning about the sorority, mingling with the other sisters, doing community service, etc., for usually a couple of months until you get initiated and are officially a sister.

If you are interested in joining a Multicultural or National Panhellenic Council sorority you can find out more about them or the Panhellenic sororities (which partake in Rush Week) at www.fiu.edu/~grecs.

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Freshman brings 'Ooh' factor to spread offense



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HOLD THE LINE: At an open scrimmage this past Saturday, the offensive line showed it can be dominant this season by opening large running lanes for running backs.

Mallary impresses at fall practices

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slash and dash. I'm the slash, he's the dash."

DYNAMITE

While the depth chart for this season is not solidified, Mallary's performance in camp almost assures him playing time this season.

With the offense gaining speed at the wide receiver position last season, this might be the year the running backs get a jolt of velocity.

"He's dynamic, and he gives us a dimension that we haven't had," Cristobal said. "And his ability to make people miss is pretty special."

During the scrimmage on Aug. 21, Mallary led all backs with 65 yards on seven touches.

"Now you know why he got the nickname 'Ooh.' Because when he goes, there's a lot of 'oohing' and 'ah-ing' going on," Cristobal said.

Moreno seals it with 2nd-half goal

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3-0.

"For the first game of the season, you have to be happy to get a shutout and limiting our opponents to very few looks on goal from a defensive standpoint," Coach Thomas Chestnutt told *fiusports.com*.

The next game for FIU is against the University of Florida Gators on Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. in Gainesville, Fla.

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 28	Florida	7 p.m.
Aug. 30	Fla. Gulf Coast	6 p.m.
Sept. 4	South Florida	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	UCF	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Cal Poly	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	North Florida	2 p.m.
Sept. 20	Arkansas	1 p.m.
Sept. 25	Middle Tenn.	8 p.m.
Sept. 27	Western Kentucky	2 p.m.
Oct. 2	Denver	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	North Texas	1 p.m.
Oct. 9	Louisiana	7 p.m.
Oct. 11	Louisiana-Monroe	1 p.m.
Oct. 16	South Alabama	8 p.m.
Oct. 18	Troy	2 p.m.
Oct. 23	Arkansas-Little Rock	7 p.m.
Oct. 25	Arkansas State	1 p.m.
Oct. 30	Florida Atlantic	7 p.m.

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ports.com, the top three running backs coming into this season are sophomore starter Darriet Perry, freshman Darrian Mallary and junior fullback Trenard Turner, who combined for 158 yards on 23 carries during the scrimmage.

STARTER'S SIGNATURE

Perry showed what he could do at the end of last season, when he ran for 115 yards on 16 carries against Florida Atlantic with two scores and 58 yards on 15 carries against Western Kentucky.

It's rare for a second-year player with 31 career touches to have a signature play, but when Perry carried three Owls on his back for a first down during the fourth quarter, it was just his eighth carry of his career. But after that play, everyone watching knew who he was and knew who would be taking the first handoff for the Golden Panthers when they open against Alabama this season.

'OOH'

But the most impressive running back during

the scrimmage was Mallary, who paced the team with 65 yards. The freshman, who Coach Mario Cristobal has given the nickname "Ooh," did his damage on just seven carries.

The freshman showed excellent speed and lateral quickness as he ripped off runs of 15, 20 and 24 yards. On one carry, he took the handoff on the left side and hit the hole with the kind of authority that FIU hasn't seen in years. He shows a good burst and despite being just 5-foot-8, is a tough runner who isn't afraid to work between the tackles.

He probably can't work as an every down back, but should serve as a change of pace for Perry. Mallary is a more down field power runner, and should be able to provide a nice spark.

TURNER'S RETURN

Trenard Turner, a fullback coming off an injury from last season, grinded through the defense for 57 yards on 13 carries during Saturday's scrimmage. In the past, Turner was used more as a receiver out of the backfield, as he ranked second on the team in receiving yards in 2007.

But Offensive Coordinator Bill Legg did not have a fullback who could catch the ball, so what we saw on Saturday might be an indication of how Turner might be used this season.

STRENGTH DOWN LOW

However, all of this discussion of strong running back play wouldn't be happening if the offensive line hadn't shown their potential as a unit during the scrimmage. It has always been an area of concern, and last season when the Iowa Hawkeyes pushed FIU around, Cristobal made a point of noting that FIU needed big guys down in the trenches if they were ever going to make the next step.

The offensive line worked strongly as a unit and pushed the defense around, opening holes for the running backs and even the wide receivers got in on the action, providing second level blocking once the backs got through.

A good running game has always been a hallmark of a strong team, and FIU may have found themselves the kind of pieces needed for the running game they've lacked in recent years.

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STABLE OF BACKS

Running backs look to reverse units production

You never want to see a triple digit when you are looking at a team's ranking. But over the past four years, FIU has finished in that bottom sixth in all of college football in rushing twice, including 98.67 yards on a paltry 2.83 per carry average in 2008, good for 107th last year.

To make things worse, only one of those six teams

COMMENTARY



CHRIS TOWERS

ranked below FIU ran the ball less often. FIU was throwing away downs when they put the ball in the hands of A'Mod Ned and Julian Reams.

So it was a relief watching the way the running backs cut through the defense during last Saturday's open scrimmage. According to *fius-*

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DARRIET PERRY (Soph.): Ran for a team high 115 yards on 16 carries in last year's Shula Bowl. He also scored two TDs in the game. Averaged 5.6 yards a carry last year. Enters the season at the top of depth chart.



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TERNARD TURNER (Jr.): Had his sophomore season cut short after injuring his leg. As a redshirt freshman, caught 12 passes for 261 yards (21.8 average). Has shown promise as a short-yardage back in camp.

Freshman RB Mallery: more than meets the eye

SERGIO BONILLA
Sports Director

Freshman running back Darrian Mallery is often bullied by his teammates.

Mallery's 5-foot-8 frame tags him as the shortest player on the roster and an easy target for the heavier linebackers on the team.

But his speed and strength are making it hard for the Golden Panthers' defense to tackle him, let alone catch him.

"When I first came in, I don't want to say I was scared, but I was nervous because they said the game speeds up. I run a 4.38 [40-yard dash]; speed is speed. I know once I get on the field, I'm going to 'Ooh' a lot of people," Mallery said.

Entering the third week of football camp, the Gulliver Preparatory standout is surprising the defense, his head coach and

the sophomore running back he hopes to learn from.

'TOUGH LITTLE DUDE'

Weighing in at 175 pounds, it might seem easy for defenders to knock down the freshman in his first few weeks of camp. Yet when the linebackers have tried to push over the speedy rusher, he's met them with strong resistance.

"I've never been scared of anybody," Mallery said. "It's the big linebackers that try to come and bull-rush me, and I hit them right in the chest to hold them up. And they get really mad because I have really strong arms. I lift 315 pounds so I'm not really worried about them," Mallery said.

Coach Mario Cristobal acknowledges Mallery's speed, but it's his strength as a pass blocker that has impressed Cristobal the most.

"Surprisingly enough, he's very good at pass blocking as well, which is always a concern with a young back," Cristobal said.

Starting running back Darriet Perry agrees with Cristobal's assessment of Mallery.

"He's a tough little dude," Perry said. "He'll step up in the whole. He'll throw his body in there."

This season, Mallery will be sharing rushing duties with Perry, a sophomore who played in the last two games of last season. Perry made the most of his playing time by rushing for 175 yards on just 31 carries.

That was good for a 5.6 yards-per-rush compared to last season's running back tandem, who each averaged 3.4 yards per carry.

Based on his senior year of high school, Mallery might be able to give the team an improved yards-per-rush average. In

his senior season at Gulliver, he carried the ball 169 times for 1,796 yards and 15 touchdowns.

If Mallery can produce half of his 10.6 average yard-per-carry from last year, the running game will have a large increase in that department.

Perry is trying to make sure they work together to hurt opposing defenses.

RUNNING ROOMMATES

Mallery and Perry are rooming together this fall, which Mallery sees as an advantage after practice.

"Every day after meetings, we sit and run over the plays," Mallery said. "He tells me I have to have a heart to play. He played last year, and he doesn't want me to make the same mistakes that he did. We call ourselves

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WOMEN'S SOCCER: FIU 3, STETSON 0

Golden Panthers end streak of home-opening losses

CHRIS GREEN
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team won a home opener for the first time since 2000.

With their Aug. 21 3-0 road win over Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., the Golden Panthers (1-0) are looking to net the team's first winning season since the 2001-02 season.

"The win definitely gives us some confidence," junior captain Cassandra Sorzano told *fiusports.com*. "The whole preseason we focused on defense, and I think

our intensity was there defensively and that's what allowed us to score three goals."

Senior midfielder Mayara da Fonseca Bordin opened up the scoring for FIU on a penalty kick at 22:15 minutes, giving the Golden Panthers a 1-0 lead.

"I knew it could change a lot of our game if I scored or not," said Bordin. "We always joke after practice by taking some penalty kicks, so I wasn't scared but I knew it was a lot of responsibility."

Sorzano would double the lead 12 minutes later. The goal also

saw Kaley Durrance net her first assist of her collegiate career.

At halftime, the Golden Panthers led Stetson University 2-0. For sophomore Victoria Miliucci, leading early was a surprising change of pace.

"At halftime, everyone was shocked because I don't think we've ever been up 2-0," she said.

In the second half, incoming junior Thaisa Moreno connected on a 25-yard shot to seal the game for FIU, solidifying the lead at

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CONTAINED: Sophomore midfielder Victoria Miliucci was a defensive presence against Stetson. The Golden Panthers won 3-0.