

STROCKTALK



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StrockTalk going live

Starting Wed., Aug. 22, not only will you be able to read StrockTalk, you'll be able to hear it live.

Don Strock, FIU's head football coach, will be hosting a weekly sports talk show on WAXY 790 AM at Shula's Steak II at Don Shula's Hotel on Main Street in Miami Lakes.

"The show is going to be about football in general," said Strock. "I'll be discussing pro and college ball and inviting lots of football personalities to be on the show with me. It's going to be a lot of fun for everyone."

The show, which will feature a call-in segment, will air every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m.

"This is a great opportunity for Coach Strock and FIU to make the South Florida community aware of FIU Football," said Dave Evans, director of football development.

WAXY 790 AM carries the FIU men's and women's basketball games and will broadcast FIU football games as well.

For more information on StrockTalk call 305-820-8047.

FIU toots its own horn Marching band director hired

When the FIU football team takes to the field in the fall of 2002, there will be a full marching band in the stands to cheer it on. The job of assembling and directing the FIU Marching Band has gone to Mark Gregory Martin.

Martin, will begin the program from scratch, building a repertoire and recruiting musicians when he begins his duties at FIU in August.

Formerly an assistant director of the Longhorn Band at the University of Texas - Austin (UT), one of the most celebrated bands in the nation, Martin comes to FIU with 23 years of conducting experience.

"Greg is full of energy and enthusiasm, and that's just what we need at the School of Music to start such an important program," said School of Music Director Fred Kaufman. "It will be a pleasure to work with Greg and to watch our band play at the first FIU football game."

Martin, 45, holds a master of Musical Arts degree in Wind Conducting from James Madison University and is in the

process of completing a doctorate of Musical Arts degree in Wind Conducting from UT. He has also served as a lecturer in its School of Music.

Prior to joining the UT staff, Martin spent 14 years in the Florida and Virginia public school systems and taught at James Madison University. He has also served as a Color Guard Instructor and Marching Caption Head.

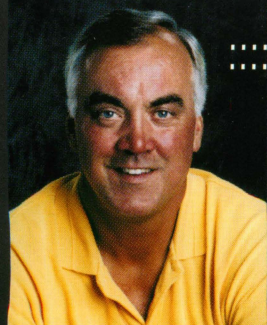
"I have always wanted to start a program," said Martin. "FIU has given me the opportunity to do that in a vast cultural community that has a unique style and an energy level that you don't come across too often. FIU is ripe and ready for a top-notch marching band, and I look forward to providing that for the school and the community."

Martin plans to create a band that incorporates the Hispanic culture, as well as the art deco history of South Florida.

For information on the FIU Marching Band call 305-348-2896.



Gregory Martin
Director of FIU's
Marching Band



STROCKTALK By DON STROCK

I put on my hard hat yesterday and took a tour of our new field house - it is looking great! In the next few weeks the finishing touches will be placed on the structure, and we should be ready to move in by the time our student athletes start classes on August 27.

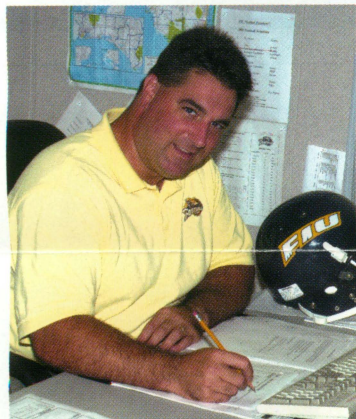
At the same time, our field is going to be completely redone. We are going to have one of the most high tech playing surfaces in the nation and certainly in the southeast.

So things are really falling into place.

I hope to see you at our scrimmages this fall starting on Saturday, September 29.

Calling the shots coach profile

Steve Hladio – FIU Offensive Line Coach



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FIU Offensive Line Coach

Steve Hladio, a key part of the coaching staff that steered the State University of New York at Albany in its transition from Division II to Division I-AA, is now the offensive line coach of the FIU Golden Panthers.

Offensive line coach for the Albany Great Danes since 1996, Hladio helped that program compile a 41-13 record. He also served for three years as camp coordinator for the NFL's New York Giants, who train each summer at the university. Prior to his tenure at Albany, Hladio coached the Harvard offensive line.

Hladio, 32, graduated in 1986 from South Western High School in Hanover, PA, where he was a standout in both football and wrestling. He accepted a scholarship at Shippensburg University, where he was a three-year starter, earning all-conference honors for the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference in his senior year.

He served as a graduate assistant for the football programs at University of Cincinnati (1991-92) and Boston College (1993-94) before joining Harvard.

He is married to Michele Hladio. The couple has a daughter, Emily.

FIU FIGHT SONG
SAM LUSSIER, CR2001

MARCH TEMPO

Bb F7 F7 Bb F7sus

From the green fields of Ta-mi - am - i to the north shores of Biscayne Bay, here's the

Bb Bb7/D Eb E°7 Bb7/F C7sus C7 F7sus F7

place where we can ga - ther where gol - den pan - thers hunt their prey A - ny

Bb F7 F7sus Bb F7sus

one who tries to de - feat us bet - ter think twice and stand a - side; bring them

Bb Bb7/D Eb E°7 Bb7/F F7 Bb Bb7

here with their fear to Mi - a - mi and when they come we'll show our panther pride.

Eb Bb F7 Bb Bb7

Gol - den Pan - thers strong and true we will fight for F I U.

Eb E°7 Bb7 G7 C7 F7 Bb

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Let's go pan - thers gold and blue fight for F I U!

Save the date!



FIU has scheduled four public scrimmages during the Fall semester. Remember these dates, and come out and support the Golden Panther football program.

Saturday, September 29, 2001 First scrimmage, University Park Campus, FIU Community Stadium, TBA

Saturday, OCTOBER 27, 2001 Third scrimmage, University Park Campus, FIU Community Stadium, TBA

Wednesday, October 17, 2001 Second scrimmage, Biscayne Bay Campus, North Miami Stadium, TBA

Saturday, NOVEMBER 10, 2001 Blue/Gold Game, University Park Campus, FIU Community Stadium, TBA

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