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Basketball Excitement Fills The Air



Dwight Stewart didn't miss a beat after almost a year's layoff. His 22 points against North Carolina State in the opener led all Golden Panther scorers.

Golden Panther basketball is in full swing and both the men's and women's programs look to begin taking their rightful place among college basketball's elite.

With veteran coaches like **Cindy Russo** and **Bob Weltlich** at the helm, FIU basketball fans have witnessed some exciting games.

A new era in men's basketball began the day after Thanksgiving, when Weltlich made his coaching debut here. He is only the second coach in the history of the program.

Weltlich has coached on the collegiate level for 19 years, including 12 as a head coach. His 160-187 career record includes two Conference Coach of the Year honors and a pair of championships in the Southeastern and Southwest conferences.

Looking to rebound from a disappointing 7-21 record in 1989-90, Weltlich certainly appears to have his work cut out for him. He arrived facing one of the program's toughest schedules ever starting with North Carolina State, South Florida, Clemson, and Florida State at home, and

DePaul and Northwestern on the road—all by the first of the year.

"Our early schedule certainly was a demanding one, but one that provided us with an opportunity to evaluate where we are with this program," said Weltlich. "We looked forward to facing the challenge of playing top-ranked teams, but we kept in perspective our long range goals.

"I'm excited about the enthusiasm and willingness the players have shown," said the coach. "The potential here is tremendous. This school is not just committed academically, but athletically. It is an opportunity where the sky's the limit."

Weltlich, along with the fans, were excited about the return of redshirt-sophomore **Dwight Stewart** who missed the final 23 games of last season following knee surgery. Stewart averaged 18.5 points and 5.8 rebounds in four contests in 1989-90 before blowing out his knee during a practice last December.

Stewart didn't miss a beat, however. Against N.C. State, he tallied a team-high 22 points, and his 11 points against Stetson gave him 34 consecutive games scoring in double figures. The streak ended there when he scored only eight on the road against DePaul, but started anew with 21 points at Northwestern and 20 at Georgia State.

Newcomer **Grady Thompson** proved to be a go-to guy early on. His 20 points played a major role in FIU's 88-84 upset win over Trans America Conference pre-season favorite Stetson, and he led all scorers with 22 points at Georgia State.

This season marks the last that the Golden Panthers will play as independents, a dying breed among Division I programs. As of 1991-92, FIU will compete for the championship of the Trans America Conference with its automatic berth into the NCAA tournament.

"I'm excited about the commitment FIU has made with its basketball program," said Weltlich. "The commitment of resources, the strength of schedule and next year's move into a conference are all indicative of where we want this program to go."

Russo's women have been one of the top programs in the New South Women's Athletic Conference over the past three seasons. In fact, the Golden Panthers have won the last two NSWAC crowns and have registered six straight 20-win seasons.

But this is a very different squad. While the rallying cry of "Three-peat" is being chanted, Russo, who has never backed away from a challenge, is going about it the hard way.

FIU lost its entire starting five from a season ago and the coach, with her assistant's **Inge Nissen** and **Geneva Morgan**, have had to retool.

"I feel we had a very good recruiting year," said Russo while discussing the eight new players she's had to bring in. "In addition to some talented junior college transfers and key freshmen, I think we have the right combination to become as successful as we were last year.

"We recruited the top players from some of the outstanding junior college and

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Point guard **Julie Auger** will be counted on to provide veteran leadership to a young women's basketball squad.



1990 Golden Panther Club Highlights



V.P. for Student Affairs **Dick Correnti**, Metro Mayor **Steve Clark** and Athletic Director **Dick Young** welcome participants to the Steve Clark Golf Tournament at the Melreese LeJeune Golf Course.



University System Chancellor **Charles Reed** and President **Mitch Maidique** enjoy the barbs of Stone Crab Tip-Off Dinner guest master of ceremonies **Bill Bruce**.



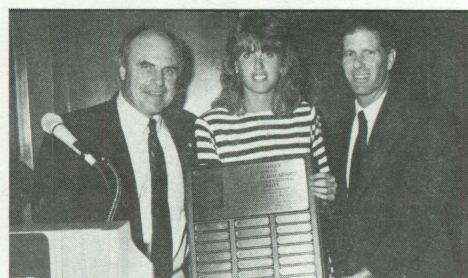
Andy Elisberg from the Miami Heat, Coach **Bob Weltlich**, the Heat's **Pauline Winnick** and **Eleanor Inman**, **Nancy Weltlich**, and **Stu Inman** of the Heat socialize at the Sherrill Hudson Reception at the Intercontinental Hotel.



Mr. **Sherrill Hudson** of the accounting firm Deloitte & Touche, welcomes his guests at a reception honoring the newest member of the Golden Panther coaching staff, Bob Weltlich.



FIU alumni golfers including **Terry-Jo Meyers**, **Michelle Dobek**, **Mary Beth Zimmerman**, **Anette Peitersen-Gosselin**, **Tracy Kerdyk**, **Liz Strong** and **Shelly Sanders** participated in the FIU/Alumni Pro-Am at the Miami Lakes Inn & Golf Resort.



Athletic Director **Dick Young** and Women's Golf Coach **Ken Juhn** present **Jennifer Barr** with the Pat Bradley Endowed Scholarship Award, given to the female golfer judged most outstanding on the squad.

Golden Panther Club Membership Tops 600

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Executive Director's Report:

Once again, the fall was filled with tournaments, fund raisers, special events, and athletic contests! The individual team support groups are vital to the success of these events. Thanks go to the Pat Bradley Committee, Links Club, Fastbreak Club, and Tip-Off Club members for their time and commitment to our athletic program!

SGA/Run For A Heart

(September 23, 1990)

The **Bob Glickman Trust** was increased by \$6,458.31 and over 700 runners participated in this fund raiser. Special thanks goes to **Jose Gonzalez** and the **FIU Student Government Association** for being the major sponsor of the event. **Total Food Service** and **Miami Runners Club** also played key roles with their involvement.

Steve Clark Golf Tournament

(October 23, 1990)

Another smashing success! The field was filled with over 100 golfers and \$6,500 was raised for our men's golf program. Winners included **Jeff** and **Liz Strong**, and **Dean** and **Anette Gosselin** with a low team gross total of 58. **Steve Martin**, **Pat O'Brien**, **Tony DeSesso**, and **Jim Foley** took honors with a low team net total of 48.

FIU/Alumni Pro-Am

(November 10, 1990)

Battling rain, **Charlie Delucca** and **Allan Schwartz** ran a clinic for Pro-Am participants with alumni golfers **Terry-Jo Meyers**, **Mary Beth Zimmerman**, **Michelle Dobek**, **Shelly Sanders**, **Liz Strong**, **Anette Peitersen-Gosselin**, and **Tracy Kerdyk** demonstrating. The Pro-Am low net was won by the **Levenstein** foursome. Special thanks to **Ryder System** and **Wendell Beard** for sponsoring this event, **Kay Fahringer** for her team sponsorship, and **Miami Lakes Inn & Golf Resort** for hosting both the Pro-Am and Pat Bradley Invitational.

Sherrill Hudson Reception

(November 13, 1990)

Sherrill Hudson of Deloitte &

Touche, hosted a reception where coach **Bob Weltlich** was welcomed to the University. Guests included **Stu Inman** and **Pauline Winnick** of the Miami Heat, **Rubin King-Shaw** of JMH Health Plan and **Seth Gordon**. A committee spearheaded by Mr. Hudson is being organized to sell season tickets for basketball.

Stone Crab Tip-Off Dinner

(November 15, 1990)

Celebrity master of ceremonies **Bill Bruce** entertained and some 525 guests met coaches **Cindy Russo**, **Bob Weltlich** and their student-athletes. A good time was had by all and some \$4,500 was raised for the department. Thanks to **Pepsi-Cola**, **Bacardi Imports**, and **Eagle Brands/Budweiser** for providing the liquid refreshments and **Tony Roma's**, **Holsum Bakery** and **Morrison's Cafeteria/International Mall** for donating food supplies.

Upcoming Events:

Ashe/Aviño Tennis Tournament

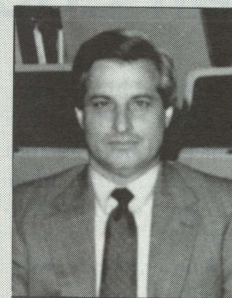
(January 12-13, 1991)

American Airlines, **Southern Bell**, and **Baptist Hospital** are major sponsors of this event. Saturday is a Family/Friend USTA sanctioned tennis tournament and Sunday is a Pro-Am event. A draw party is being planned for Friday night at the **Bacardi Imports** headquarters. For more information, call the Golden Panther Club at 348-2903.

Judy Blucker Reception

(February 25, 1991)

Honoring the University's first female athletic administrator, **Dr. Judy Blucker**, The Friends of Women's Athletics will host their annual fund raiser reception between games against the University of Central Florida on Monday, February 25th. Proceeds will benefit the **Judy Blucker Endowed Scholarship for Women's Athletics**. For more information, please contact the Golden Panther Club at 348-2903.



Tito Gomez
President
Golden Panther Club

Dear Golden Panther Club members:

1990 was a *great* year for the Golden Panther Club, thanks to the leadership of immediate past president **Oscar Fernandez**, and the diligent efforts of our members. You've laid the groundwork for what I anticipate will be another outstanding year in 1991.

Congratulations to our new vice president, **Joe Toledo**, and the newly elected executive board members. Your commitment and enthusiasm will ensure continued success to our club.

I'm excited about the activities and events we have planned:

- The Ashe/Aviño Tennis Tournament
- The Golden Panther Donor Recognition Dinner
- The "Carnival Cup" basketball game.

Also, in March we'll kick-off our annual Spring Drive. Last year, we closed out with over 600 members. We've set an ambitious goal of 750 members for this year's drive.

I'm counting on your team spirit and looking forward to working with you for a memorable year.

—**Tito Gomez**
President

Remember, the Golden Panther Lounge will be open for Club members and their families following basketball games this season. Please bring your membership card to gain admittance.

Don't forget to have your friends and business associates join the Club too—the more, the merrier. We look forward to seeing you soon.

—**Janice D. Allen**
Executive Director
Golden Panther Club



Baseball Looks For More Success in '91

On the whole, it was a very good year. Coach **Danny Price** and his Golden Panther baseball team ended 1990 with a 40-20 record, were ranked as high as 30th in a mid-April *Collegiate Baseball* national coaches poll, and finished third in Division I with 227 stolen bases.

But when all was said and done, that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow—a postseason tournament invitation—once again didn't materialize.

So, it's back to the drawing board for Price and company. And this year, with the start of the 1991 60-game season on February 1st against Augusta (GA) College, there's good news and bad.

The Golden Panthers begin play as members of the Trans America Athletic Conference with an automatic bid to the NCAA Division I regional going to its champ. Only problem there is FIU will compete head-to-head in an Eastern Division with Stetson and Georgia Southern. Both of those programs were invited to regionals last season and Georgia Southern played well enough to represent the TAAC at the College World Series in Omaha. Only two of these three schools will advance to the Conference tournament with a chance at attaining the regional bid.

From the roster, gone are catcher

Fausto Tejero (.304, 7 HR, 34 RBI), pitcher **Paul Anderson** (13-5, 3.40 ERA), and outfielders **Roger Bowman** (.293, .500 on-base percentage, 58 stolen bases) and **Gil Torres** (.308, 7 HR, 34 RBI).

But Price's ranking of 29th among all Division I coaches in winning percentage (.6733) and 69th in total wins (439) is no accident. The coach claims to have his "best outfield ever" coming in and has "more depth" than a year ago on the pitching staff.

Senior second baseman **Eric Cruz** (.320, 51 stolen bases) will anchor the infield and sophomore center fielder **Michael Warner** (.299) will steady the outfield. Both spent last summer honing their skills at the prestigious Cape Cod amateur League.

In the starting rotation, senior left hander **Kevin Lucero** led last year's staff in ERA (2.89) and was second in wins (10). Juniors **Doug Girling** (1-1, 4.37 ERA), **Todd Lange** (4-0, 3.56 ERA) and transfer **Jason Abramavicius** (University of Nebraska) should also contribute.

Senior **Jerry Santos**, who set a school record in 1990 with nine saves, looks strong again at stopper.

Season tickets are now on sale with applicable discounts for Golden Panther

Club members. Call the FIU Ticket Office at FIU-GAME (348-4263).



Senior pitcher **Jerry Santos**, who set a school record with nine saves in 1990, looks to do more of the same for Coach **Danny Price** and the team once the season opens on February 1st versus Augusta (GA) College.

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high school programs in America. It could take us awhile to jell, but I look forward to another fine Conference schedule."

Despite so many newcomers bringing with them so many question marks, never bet against a Cindy Russo-coached team. In thirteen seasons as a head coach, her teams have won at least 20 games on nine occasions and only twice have her squads won fewer than 17 contests.

Through most of the early campaign, Russo's starters have been those newcomers. California native **Tidra Hardy** traveled cross country to show her skills after being named MVP of the Bay Valley Conference in 1989-90.

Coming off the bench, for the most part, senior forward **Shauntay Cunningham** has played a key role early on. Junior transfer **Pauletta Murphy**, a 5-foot-2 slashing point guard from Oklahoma led Ponca City High School to a state championship in 1987 and a second place finish in 1988. It's hoped that some of her championship experience, and know-how, rubs off on this year's Golden Panthers.

As might have been expected, the team did struggle early, losing three of its first four. But a trio of home court wins over Bethune-Cookman, South Florida, and Texas Southern propelled FIU into the Christmas break filled with renewed thoughts and belief in the call of "Three-peat."

WMBM-AM Carries FIU Hoop Schedule

WMBM radio (1490 AM) will carry all regular season games of FIU men's basketball, Athletic Director **Dick Young** announced.

Steve Michael, a broadcast veteran, handles the play-by-play.

Michael has been in the broadcasting business for the past 15 years, covering minor league hockey and baseball, professional soccer, and collegiate basketball and soccer. He was also the sports director of Cox Television and the Oklahoma Cable Sports Network.

The Minnesota native is currently

working for both SportsChannel and ESPN, broadcasting tennis, along with auto and boat racing.

WMBM has a listenership that reaches Dade and South Broward counties, along with parts of the Bahamas. The station has long been recognized for its continuing service to the black community.

"A tie with WMBM gives FIU exposure in a special area where our student-athletes can serve as role models, while bringing Golden Panther athletics new visibility in the Metro-Dade community," said Dr. Young.



1991 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date (Day)	Opponent	Time
Jan. 2 (Wed)	Detroit	8:00 pm
Jan. 7 (Mon)	at Middle Tennessee State	7:30 pm
Jan. 12 (Sat)	Lehigh	8:00 pm
Jan. 14 (Mon)	U.S. International	8:00 pm
Jan. 19 (Sat)	Southern Utah State	8:00 pm
Jan. 21 (Mon)	at Samford	7:30 pm
Jan. 26 (Sat)	Missouri-Kansas City (<i>Homecoming</i>)	8:00 pm
Jan. 29 (Tue)	at Central Florida	7:30 pm
Jan. 31 (Thu)	Florida A&M	8:00 pm
Feb. 2 (Sat)	Middle Tennessee State	8:00 pm
Feb. 4 (Mon)	at South Florida	7:30 pm
Feb. 9 (Sat)	St. Thomas	8:00 pm
Feb. 13 (Wed)	at Florida A&M	7:30 pm
Feb. 18 (Mon)	at Stetson	7:30 pm
Feb. 23 (Sat)	at Missouri-Kansas City	7:30 pm
Feb. 25 (Mon)	Central Florida	8:00 pm
Mar. 2 (Sat)	at Wisconsin-Milwaukee	7:30 pm
Mar. 4 (Mon)	Miami, FL (at Miami Arena)	7:30 pm

All Times Local

1991 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date (Day)	Opponent	Time
Jan. 2 (Wed)	FIU/Converse Sun & Fun Classic	5:45 pm
Jan. 3 (Thu)	FIU/Converse Sun & Fun Classic	TBA
Jan. 4 (Fri)	FIU/Converse Sun & Fun Classic	TBA
Jan. 10 (Thu)	Stetson*	8:00 pm
Jan. 17 (Thu)	at Georgia Southern*	7:30 pm
Jan. 19 (Sat)	at Florida A&M*	7:00 pm
Jan. 24 (Thu)	Mercer*	8:00 pm
Jan. 26 (Sat)	Georgia State* (<i>Homecoming</i>)	5:45 pm
Jan. 31 (Thu)	Florida A&M*	5:45 pm
Feb. 2 (Sat)	Georgia Southern*	5:45 pm
Feb. 5 (Tue)	Miami, FL*	8:00 pm
Feb. 9 (Sat)	at Stetson*	5:00 pm
Feb. 14 (Thu)	at Georgia State*	5:00 pm
Feb. 16 (Sat)	at Mercer*	7:00 pm
Feb. 18 (Mon)	Portland State	8:00 pm
Feb. 25 (Mon)	Central Florida	5:45 pm
Mar. 2 (Sat)	at Miami, FL*	7:30 pm
Mar. 7-8-9	NSWAC Tournament (in Tallahassee, FL)	

*New South Conference game
All Times Local.



Thanks to **Sunshine Ready-Mix Concrete**, there is a movable Golden Panther on the prowl.

Fall Sports Recap

Volleyball, X-Country Take Conference Titles

Women's cross country captured its second New South Women's Athletic Conference title in the closest championship meet in league history. Defeating favorite Georgia State on its home turf by a single point gave Coach **Mike Becker** and his young team the thrill of a lifetime.

One could not tell by the performance of the team that the top five runners were all freshmen. **Katie Flack** and **Jami Levin** played the key role by finishing in 11th and 12th respectively, outdistancing their Georgia State counterparts by two places each, enabling FIU to make up ground and win the title.

Michele Owen, **Maria Guzman** and **Maria Gallego** all finished among the top ten runners, earning All-Conference honors.

It was a banner year—conference championship banner that is—for the **volleyball** squad that finished 18-15 and took home its first-ever New South Women's Athletic Conference crown.

Outside hitter **Jovanska Rosich** led the team with 486 kills and 88 service aces. The sophomore from Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico was also named the Conference's Player of the Year. Rosich's powerful serves placed her fifth in the nation in ace average with .782 per game.

Also leading the squad were sophomore outside hitter **Melanie Krupowicz** with 408 kills and 69 aces and setter **Kathy Robinson** with 1,193 assists and 77 aces. Robinson's 77 aces placed her 14th nationally in ace average. Krupowicz was also selected to the NSWAC first-team while Robinson made the second-team. **Kacy Smith** was named honorable mention.

As a team, the Golden Panthers finished 1990 ranked first in the country in ace average. FIU outdistanced New South Conference foe Georgia Southern to take the title with a 3.402 aces per game average.

Head Coach **John Trojaniak** was selected the NSWAC Coach of the Year for his efforts.

Men's soccer finished with a 6-12-1 record, but that is a bit misleading. Coach **Karl Kremser's** squad was forced to forfeit four wins and a tie due to the use of an ineligible player, diminishing its actual on-field record of 10-7-1.

The forfeits did not dampen the spirits of the team, as witnessed by its regular-season finish. A 6-1-1 mark in its final eight games certainly showed the collegiate sports world that FIU soccer is still on the map.

The future looks extremely bright, too,

as the top two scorers, **Don Gaillard** and **Chris Veselka**, are both sophomores. Gaillard finished his second season at FIU with nine goals and five assists, while Veselka, in his first year with the team, tallied eight goals, despite playing in only 11 contests due to injuries.

Men's cross country finished third in its (and the University's) first ever Trans America Athletic Conference meet. FIU finished behind five-time defending champion Texas-San Antonio and meet host Georgia State.

Freshman **Joe Maselter** finished fourth of sixty runners to earn All-Conference honors.

With only two seniors on the men's squad and none on the women's side, the future appears to be a bright one for Coach **Mike Becker** and his troops.

Everton Edwards' women's soccer team finished with a 5-11-2 mark. Four of the Golden Panthers victories were shutouts, while the two ties were by identical 0-0 scores.

The team was led by freshman forward **Catherine Liller**, who scored ten goals and two assists. Liller is the sister of FIU's all-time leading scorer **Christine Liller**. **Randi Ross** (two goals, three assists) and **Sonia Marinello** (three goals) were also top scorers.

In goal, senior **Donna Jean Enright** posted six shutouts and 103 saves for a goals against average of 1.81.

Coach **Bobby Shave** had a large task on his hands replacing his top two **male golfers** from a year ago, **Bill Kennedy** and **Chet Bozdog**. For that reason, the men struggled through the fall portion of their schedule.

Dave Osbourne led the team in the fall with an 81.0 scoring average. **Blake Fayling** was second with an 81.9 average.

Coach **Ken Juhn** is beginning to put together the type of **women's golf** team that was common in the early-to-mid 1980's, when NCAA Tournament play was the norm.

Along with the group of returning players, five freshmen made competition for a starting spot that much greater. **Moir Dunn**, who once qualified for an LPGA event while still in high school is the leader of the team. She averaged 77.9 for twelve rounds, including a best finish of fifth at the Lady Seminole Invitational, her second-ever collegiate event. She also finished 11th in the Pat Bradley Invitational.

Melinda Hamlyn was second on the squad with a 78.2 scoring average.



Where are they now?

AN ALUMNI-ATHLETE UPDATE...

Anderson, Greg (Soccer) 1982, M.B.A. '84, University of Miami Law School. Currently a lawyer with Steele, Hector and Davis. Married with no children.

Boscia, Renee (Tennis) B.A. English, 1988. Currently an underwriter with AvMed Health Plan. Still active in community tennis events.

Corley, Clyde (Basketball) B.S. Criminology, 1984. Corrections officer with Dade County Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Czerniak, (Celia) Rosa (Tennis) B.S. Computer Science, 1985. Recently promoted to production support analyst at Metro-Dade County Aviation at Miami International Airport.

Hutch, Mike (Baseball) B.S., 1980. Head baseball coach at Broward Community College.

Marcantonio, Louis (Soccer) B.S. Sociology, 1986. Computer salesperson for Valcom Computer Center.

Moysidis, George (Soccer) B.A. Electrical Engineering, 1980. An electrical engineer with Florida Power and Light as well as a youth soccer coach.

Peterson, Ed (Soccer) B.S. Education, 1974. Physical education teacher at Pinecrest Elementary School.

Pinto, Roberto (Soccer) B.S. from Florida State University. Sales representative for Soccer Locker.

Rafowitz, Paula (Basketball) B.S. Criminal Justice, 1982. Teacher at Berkshire Private School.

Risco, Loretta (Basketball) B.S. Physical Education, 1981. Teacher, cross country coach and assistant athletic director at Miami Springs High School.

Sirmons, Janie (Golf) 1982. Assistant golf professional at Long Boat Key.

Spinosa, Lisa (Basketball) B.S. Education, 1984. Physical education teacher, boys' junior varsity basketball coach and trainer for Dade County Public School system.

Athletes' Academic Performances Up

As our teams continue to win more games and become more competitive on the fields of play, so too have they fared better academically.

Some interesting developments include:

	1989	1990
Athletes on Academic Warning or Probation	34	16
Athletes Dismissed by the University	5	2
Athletes With Over a 3.0 Grade Point Average	19	26

Additionally, there were some other high points:

- Two teams (men's soccer and men's cross country) achieved their highest grade point averages ever.
- The most dramatic improvements in grade point average from 1989 to 1990 were in our two premier sports—men's and women's basketball. The men's team improved from 1.983 to 2.293. The women improved from 1.882 to 2.334. Both of these teams have set goals of 2.4 this year.

The reason behind the improved academic performance is the support of

the Golden Panther Academic Support Unit. Some of the major thrusts of this area are to assist coaches in recruiting academically-qualified athletes, create orientation programs in order to assist student-athletes adjust to the demands of college academics and the time pressures associated with athletics, advise student-athletes on course selection, majors of study and career choices, and monitor their academic progress through effective communications with the faculty.

Our Golden Panther Breakfast Club meets each morning from 7:30-9:30 and assists our athletes in developing independent study habits. It also helps enhance academic performance by providing tutorial assistance, test-taking workshops, and study skills seminars.

Thanks to the support of our coaches and administrators, the Golden Panthers expect to continue to improve in the classroom. Each student-athlete's main goals are to graduate and prepare for the challenges ahead.

Michael Becker
Retention & Recruitment Coordinator

If you are a former athlete at Florida International University, please fill out the form below and return to: Golden

Panther Club, FIU University Park Campus, Golden Panther Arena, Room 111, Miami, Florida 33199.

Name _____ Year Graduated _____

Address _____

Sport(s) Played _____ Degree _____

Profession _____

Family Information _____

Additional Notes _____



Winter/Spring 1991 Home Schedule

Bold type indicates Golden Panther Club Hospitality Area.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
January			1	2	3	4	5
			W-Basketball's Sun & Fun Classic M-Basketball vs Detroit (8:00)		W-Basketball's Sun & Fun Classic	W-Basketball's Sun & Fun Classic	
6	7	8	9	W-Basketball vs Stetson (8:00)	10	Bacardi Draw Party	12
M-Tennis' Ashe/Aviño Tourney	M-Basketball vs US Internat'l (8:00)	15	16	17	18		M-Basketball vs Lehigh (8:00) M-Tennis' Ashe/Avi: o Tourney
20	21	W-Tennis vs Florida Atlantic (1:30)	22	23	W-Basketball vs Mercer (8:00)	W-Tennis vs North Florida (1:30)	19
27	28	29	Executive Board Meeting (7:00)	30	M & W-Basketball vs Florida A&M (5:45 & 8:00)		M-Basketball vs So Utah State (8:00)
							26
							W-Basketball vs Georgia State (5:45) M-Basketball vs MO-Kansas City (8:00)

February						Baseball vs Augusta (7:00)	1	W-Basketball vs Georgia Southern (5:45) M-Basketball vs Middle TN State (8:00)	2
Baseball vs Augusta (1:00)	3	4	Baseball vs Palm Bch Atl (7:00) W-Basketball vs Miami (8:00)	5	6	7	Baseball vs Seton Hall (7:00)	8	M-Basketball vs St Thomas (8:00) Baseball vs Seton Hall (1:00)
Baseball vs Seton Hall (1:00)	10	Baseball vs Palm Bch Atl (7:00)	11	12	Baseball vs Barry (7:00)	13	14	Baseball vs Tennessee (7:00)	15
W-Tennis vs Auburn (10:30) Baseball vs Tennessee (1:00)	17	W-Basketball vs Portland State (8:00)	18	19	M-Tennis vs Barry (2:00)	20	W-Tennis vs Barry (2:00)	21	22
24	Judy Blucker Reception M & W-Basketball vs UCF (5:45 & 8:00)	25	26	Baseball vs Barry (7:00)	27	28			23
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10	Baseball vs Maine (7:00)	11	12	13	M-Tennis vs Murray State (1:00) Baseball vs Geo Washington (7:00)	14	Baseball vs Geo Washington (7:00)	15	M-Tennis vs Pennsylvania (1:00) Baseball vs Geo Washington (1:00)
M-Tennis vs Army (2:00) Baseball vs Rutgers (1:00)	17	Baseball vs Rutgers (7:00)	18	W-Tennis vs Dartmouth (1:30) Baseball vs Rutgers (7:00)	19	W-Tennis vs Miami, OH (2:00)	20	M-Tennis vs Michigan State (2:00) Baseball vs Boca Raton (7:00)	21
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