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ROYAL TREATMENT?

Students not-so-thrilled to ride stuffy limo at University

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Students pictured above were waiting to catch the bus that transports them between University campuses, but were met by a limo instead. The Royal Limousines are not the students' ride of choice, yet they're still charged for the service.

Riding in a limo is supposed to be fun, but riding in a limo that is crammed with 25 other students for an hour-long trip in inadequate conditions during traffic is not.

"It's hot in there," said Chandrea Mercy, a sophomore biology major. "If you sit closer to the driver, it's a little cooler. Further back in the limo, it's like having a heat stroke. It's not too good of an experience."

This is the dilemma many students face when taking the "shadow bus" back and forth between the Modesto A. Maidique Campus and the Biscayne Bay Campus.

The shadow bus is meant to be a shuttle service that can take students from one campus to the other in between the regular Golden Panther Express times. It's meant to speed up transportation for students, but students didn't expect to get picked up in a limo.

"The limo wasn't something we intended to provide on a regular basis," said Lissette Hernandez, director of Parking and Transportation. "It just happened that they sent that one because the other shuttle broke down."

Royal Limousines is the owner of that limo and is the company contracted by the University to help run additional shuttles to keep up with the extra demand of students. They were originally providing a large all-black shuttle, but it only lasted about two weeks into the semester before it broke down.

Then, the company started using the limo as a replacement, and students don't like the inconvenience of the ride.

"I told [the driver] about the ride, and that it's pretty bumpy," said Mercy. "He said if you sit on the side closer to the front, then you get a 'good seat,' so I guess he knows, as well."

After attempts were made to contact Royal Limousines owner Alberto Perera, he did not comment by press time.

To add insult to injury, students that take the limo are still charged $2.50 for the one-way trip.

Hernandez said the most fair way to make up for the additional $1 million contract for the shuttles – of which the University covers half the cost – is to charge the students that use the service, as opposed to adding to the already rising cost of fees.

Students aren't getting what they pay for.

Unlike the shuttle service, the limo is not equipped with Wi-Fi or a way for students to pay using their FIU One Card. Instead, students write down their information and are subsequently charged by the school.

"There's no space to study on there either," Mercy said.

Hernandez asks that all students seeking to voice their opinions, whether good or bad, do so by emailing parking@fiu.edu.

She also explained that the University has designed a program called Panther Trac, with an accompanying phone application, which can be downloaded for free by searching TransLoc. The app gives students real-time access to the locations of shuttles, as well as estimated wait times and alerts for when the shuttles are near.

Hernandez also explained that the department will be reconvening to assess the state of the transportation system, something that is done every semester to ensure the system is running smoothly.

"Our office looks to provide the best service to the student and will continue to look at options to make the schedule and the information available in a faster and more precise way," said Hernandez.

The department of transportation is looking into other options to transport students instead of the limos, but until then, students will have to continue riding in them this semester.

"We will continue to look for better service and customer service as well. This is not acceptable by our standards," said Hernandez.

Distance learning fee to decrease in the future

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FIU Online's distance learning fee violated Florida statute in 2012, and now the University is working to fix things.

The distance learning fee — the additional fee students are charged for online courses — exceeded additional costs of the services provided, which are attributable to the development and delivery of the distance learning course, thus breaking the state statute.

Dean of University College, Joyce Elam, said it won't happen again.

This violation was proved true last year when auditors concluded that the $53.33 per credit hour fee could be reduced if revenue was spent in compliance with statute and policy.

Elam, who manages FIU Online, said that these were matters of "grey areas."

The same audit also revealed that 67 percent of the fee money tested within FIU Online had no benefit to any of its programs.

Now, almost a year after the audit, there is a new policy in place to help rid of the "grey areas" according to Elam.

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Charred croissant causes chaos on campus



Patrick Chalvire/The Beacon

Students were forced to evacuate the Green Library after the building's fire alarm rang.

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A burnt Starbucks croissant caused a ruckus on campus Wednesday, when the fire alarm went off and students and faculty had to evacuate the library.

The fire alarm went off in the Green Library at 10:50 a.m. on Oct. 1. Students, faculty and staff were ushered out of the building and were not allowed into the main area of the library's breezeway.

University Police Chief Alexander Casas later confirmed that there was no actual fire inside the library.

Casa confirmed what set the fire alarm off was a burnt croissant.

NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

FBI: Former college student threatened to blow up dorms, kill students

A Chicago man sent a series of letters claiming he was going to bomb buildings at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, threatening to shoot staff and rape, kill and decapitate students if he didn't receive $50 million, according to federal court documents.

Derrick Dawon Burns, 21, was caught after he made anonymous calls to the FBI and SIU police this summer claiming he had spoken to someone named "Big Russ" in a Carbondale bar who said he had raped and killed people, according to an FBI affidavit.

Man who plunged to death on cruise ship wanted to see Miami sunrise

Miami-Dade police named Kendall Wernet, 20, as the man who climbed the forward mast of the Carnival Ecstasy at PortMiami to see the sunrise over Miami and fell about 20 feet onto the deck. Wernet, a Clemson University student, was on the cruise, along with 130 of his colleagues, as a reward for being among the top achievers of Student Painters, the painting company he worked for. According to Steve Acorn, owner of the company, the radar dish suddenly started to rotate, knocking him off onto the running track on the deck.

Protests overshadow China's National Day ceremonies in Hong Kong

Denouncing Beijing-backed dignitaries and continuing their street demonstrations, democracy protesters overshadowed ceremonies in Hong Kong on Wednesday marking the 65th anniversary of the founding of Communist China. "Step down!" a group of youths shouted out as the territory's top official, Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying, appeared at an 8 a.m. flag-raising ceremony alongside Victoria Harbor. Others turned their backs and crossed their arms in defiance but otherwise did not disrupt the proceedings. By midafternoon, tens of thousands of people _ perhaps more than 100,000 _ were again flowing into main roadways stretching from the city's financial district, Central, east toward Causeway Bay where the government was staging a sparsely attended official celebration of China's National Day in Victoria Park.

University mourns the History chair's passing

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Five months short of his 90th birthday, professor emeritus Howard Kaminsky, has passed away.

Since 1972, Kaminsky played an important role in making FIU a four-year university, according to a memorandum by Provost Emeritus Douglas Wartzok.

Professor and Chair of the Department of History Kaminsky held a unique perspective about history close to his heart.

According to Wartzok, he served in the U.S. Army in 1942 during World War II at 18 years old.

"[He] enlisted full of enthusiasm to defeat fascism abroad," he said.

A communist, Kaminsky went to Czechoslovakia to live under its communist regime.

However, his political engagements to Marxism changed with his opposition to the Vietnam War and his political allegiance to President Reagan in the last 30 years, said Wartzok.

Also, he is a nationally distinguished medieval scholar who earned a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and who was also a notable history professor at the University of Washington.

Apart from his contributions to the University and his country, Kaminsky also played an important part in the lives of his colleagues.

"He was one of my best friends," said Darden Pyron, a history professor.

Pyron described him as fierce, willful and confrontational.

"He led the fight to allow us to enroll freshmen and sophomores. That changed the entire nature of the University," said Pyron.

Pyron said he spoke over 20 different languages, loved the ocean and that he enjoyed being a part of FIU.

"He found a place...that was very congenial to him."

The History Department will host a memorial service on Monday, Oct. 6, at 3:30 p.m., in the Green Library, room 220.

Distance learning issues solved with new policy in effect

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This policy informs the different colleges and schools within the University about how they can spend the fee money and requires them to first comply with a budget before they receive any of the revenue.

This budget is to be submitted to FIU Online at the beginning of each year and it should detail what they plan to spend their distance learning fee dollars on. At the end of the year, they are then given an annual report that compares their projected spending to their actual costs.

"By having this very well-defined template, it's very clear what they're planning to spend the money on," said Elam. "I think we have much tighter controls on [the spending]."

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> *Dean*
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Finding a solution to these spending issues is one thing, but students last year tried to eliminate the fee altogether.

After the audit information was released, a petition was started by recent alum Daniel Herrero to try and get rid of more than just the "grey areas." Within the time frame that the petition was open, he gathered 209 signatures, but was unable to succeed in removing the distance learning fee.

After attempting to contact Herrero, he was unavailable to comment by press time.

"We need the fee in order to offer students the convenience of online courses," Elam previously told Student Media.

Although cutting the fee completely from FIU Online is not a plausible approach, Elam did assure students that the $53.33 fee would decrease.

"I can't tell you when, but there is a downward trajectory," Elam said.

Elam said that both the economy and the demand for distance learning are factors in the fee decreasing; the more students enroll online, the more the school can spread fixed costs across.

Compared to other universities, FIU has one of the most expensive online fees. For example, the University of Florida currently has a distance learning fee of $29.43 per credit hour for undergraduates.

Ricardo Arana, a freshman political science major at UF said, "I haven't taken online classes yet, but if UF charged that much, I would look to take the classes in person."

The one thing Elam continues to guarantee to students is, "It will never go up — I'm 100 percent certain," she said.

Elam said that the only thing that would cause the fee to go up is a sudden plummet of online students. If this were to happen, a large amount of fixed costs would exist with fewer students to pay for them.

"You know, it is a process, but it is going to go down," said Elam.

FIU to enforce tailgating rules

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The University began enforcing some tailgating rules and procedures in Tamiami Park, starting with the football game against Florida Atlantic University on Thursday evening.

While tailgating, students can't litter, sell merchandise, take or consume alcohol other than beer or take glass bottles or containers. Legal drinking age will be enforced, according to an e-mail sent by the officer of External Relations.

Although grills are allowed, students can't make fires on the ground or dump charcoal on the park grounds.

Tents larger than 10 feet by 12 feet are not allowed and music needs to be contained per tailgating area— disc jockeys, stages or speakers are not allowed.

All cars driving in the park must be going at 15 mph.

"Planning ahead and observing these rules will ensure that you have a wonderful time and avoid any frustration associated with being turned away at the entrance to the tailgate area within Tamiami Park," the e-mail read.

Other areas available to tailgate are lots 6 and 24, east of the FIU Stadium.

For more information, students can look up the tailgating policies and procedures and fill out the tailgating space reservation form.

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OPINION

Can people blindly trust the police?

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The police forces of each state are supposedly symbols of safety and justice for all. People of all ages and ethnicities should be looking towards their local officers to resolve any issues they have. Yet, recently, it has been proven time and time again that some officers are failing to do this.

Police brutality has alarmingly increased over the last few years, the symbol of safety and justice slowly turning into that of a potential enemy to rights, including life. According to The National Police Misconduct Statistics and Reporting Project (NPMSRP), from April 2009 to June 2010 there have been 5,986 reports of misconduct, 382 fatalities linked to misconduct, and over $300 million has been spent in settlements and judgements.

One incident that is still apparent in the media and in people's hearts is Mike Brown's death. Mike Brown was an unarmed 18-year-old black male who was shot down on August 9, 2014, by Officer Darren Wilson. Although the actual trial is going on now, the expected date for a verdict from the grand jury is not until January 2015. This incident was prominent in social media due to the apparent racial profiling involved and the resemblance to Trayvon Martin's death back in 2012, in which another young black male was shot.

Another reason that this incident was such a large event in media was the fact that an impressive amount of protestors began to speak out against the injustice. Although it got out of hand quickly due to some protestors shoplifting, the police responded too harshly. Police officers attempted to gain control first through curfew, then by tear gas. Soon, there were reported incidents of police bringing out tear gas before curfew began. Children were also reported to have been involved when the gas was being dispersed. Rights were treaded upon, with some officers bringing journalists from The Huffington Post and The Washington Post under custody.

An even more recent incident that occurred was Darrien Hunt's death on Sept. 10, 2014. Hunt was a 22-year-old black male who was supposedly shot due to reported calls to the police of a suspicious individual carrying a sword. Three factors come into play in this incident that proves its injustice. First, the sword that Darrien Hunt was carrying was an edged fake replica of a katana, a Japanese sword. Second, even if Hunt's sword had been real, it is legal to publicly carry a sword under Utah's open-carry law. Third, a private autopsy, according to Hunt's family, revealed that he was shot several times in the back.

Countless of other cases featuring racial profiling and injustice have sprung up over the last few years, including John Crawford III, a black male who died after being shot for carrying a BB gun at Walmart, and Michael Cho, an Asian male shot down in California back in 2008 within 41 seconds of encountering the police. He was suspected of vandalism and cornered behind a liquor store.

The above mentioned were only a selected few of the cases that have continuously kept springing up in this country in a recent epidemic. The question is, how do we fix this dilemma, if those whom we go to when we are in dire need, are the ones turning their guns towards us? Who can trust the police? It seems that in order to be on the side of justice and safety, one has to be a specific skin color, and fit a certain appearance.

Society on climate change: 'whoops, my bad'

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My father is a middle-aged Haitian man who speaks mainly in parables and foreshadowing suggestions. "Everything is fine now, but wait until tomorrow comes and you have to take the wheel." Those words, or some variation, are etched into my brain, whether I like it or not.

I tend to have a just-do-it-tomorrow attitude, so my father will always have a job as an unofficial consultant. For the most part, I get it— you can prevent tomorrow's doom with today's discipline.

I think it's time that these teachings have moved on to bigger fish like world leaders and congress; especially after last week, where I saw people from all around the world coming together to make a point: climate change is real and we need to deal with it now.

At the UN Summit in New York on Tuesday, Sept 23, Mayor Bill de Blasio even warned against the "reckless way in which we live." In the presence of former Vice President Al Gore, the United Nations secretary general and hollywood celebrities, he added that "we know humanity is facing an existential threat."

The following few days, however, newspapers were filled with words like "plans" and "talks," and days after that, the world moved on. The oil companies kept producing and the world continued down a path of unknown peril.

Politicians can't run away from the idea that global warming is real (well, technically they can, but they'd be foolish to do so).

Just like everything in the 24-hour news cycle modern day world, climate change had a short shelf life. It always has.

This wasn't the first time people from around the world got together to discuss climate change. This also wasn't the first time that we walked away from a conference or gathering designed to help solve our problems, still not knowing what our exit strategy will be.

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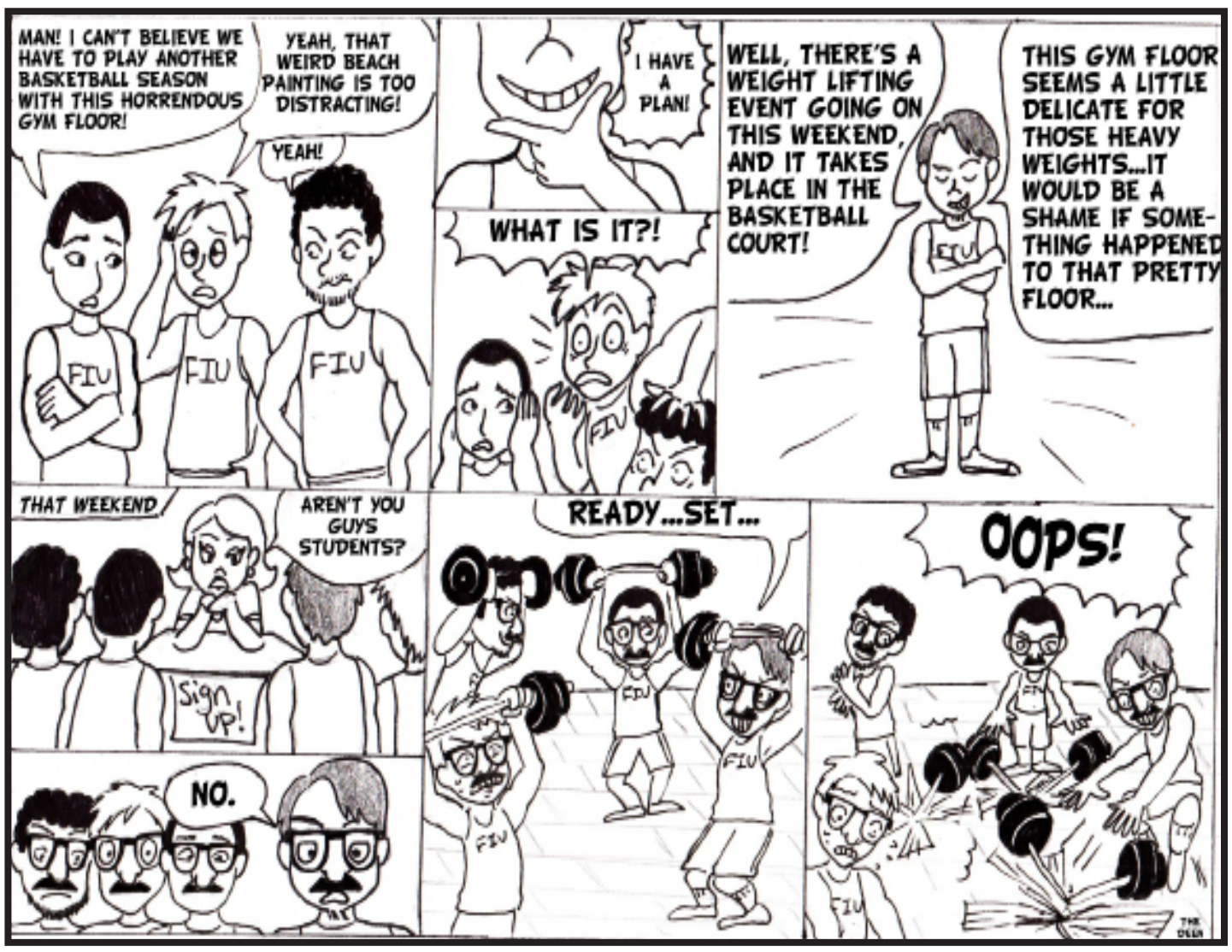
I think in order to understand the complexity of climate change and the slow train coming, you need to think about that young, short-sighted adolescent boy, who believes only in the now.

It's humorous, but it really shows how foolish we've become as people. Everything is fine now, more or less, but wait until tomorrow comes and you — most likely your kids — have to take the wheel.

That day, the world will say something that I've said so many times:

"Whoops, my bad."

SMASH BROTHERS



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College of Medicine to host Annual Mammography Art Initiative with Frost Museum

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FIU's College of Medicine will be hosting their Annual 'Mammography Art Initiative' Art Show and Auction at the Frost Art Museum on Oct. 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. University students and renowned artists alike will have the opportunity to exhibit their work.

The focus will be raising awareness and funds for breast cancer.

With over 600,000 uninsured residents in Miami-Dade County alone, raising money for free mammograms for these women is essential. It is even more crucial for women who are undocumented, because they may not acquire medical attention out of fear of deportation.

The Mammography Art Initiative was able to provide 80 free mammograms in 2013, but also wishes to expand their services to biopsies, pap smears and further medical help for uninsured, underinsured or undocumented women in Miami-Dade.

Of course, the visual of strength varies from person to person, especially the visual representation of strength in women with breast cancer. Laura Flores, second year medical student at the college of medicine and Logistics Director of the MAI, states that the art pieces submitted so far are, "quite empowering."

Alongside these amazing artists, a very special guest will be attending the Art Show. Joe Greer will be at the event as a special guest and speaker. Greer is the assistant dean of Academic Affairs and Chair of the Department of Humanities, Health and Society at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009.

Carolyn Runowicz will also be attending the Art Show to share her story as a cancer survivor and educate the attendees more about breast cancer.

The committee of the MAI is aware FIU students are unlikely to participate in the art auction, which is why affordable items such as restaurant certificates are going to be auctioned at reasonable prices.

Anyone who wishes to be part of the MAI Art Show has a chance, for entries are going to be allowed until 1 p.m., Oct. 9.

Sidenote: Flores and Castillo want students to be aware that if they know a under/uninsured women over 40 who needs a mammogram, to please contact nbrozo001@fiu.edu or jmaci009@fiu.edu. Whether it is friend, a sister, a daughter, a wife, a mother, a woman's life can be saved.

**Statistics retrieved from www.accessproject.org, excluding undocumented individuals*

A look inside the male modeling industry with David James

FASHION & STYLE



REBEKAH KEIDA

David James, 38, has spent the past 20 years of his life working as a male model.

"So, it's 2001 and I'm watching Zoolander with my parents, and my father, who is kind of warming up to me modeling, looks at me and says, 'This is your life? This is what you do?'"

The tragic gasoline fight scene just occurred and Derek Zoolander is crying over losing his male model roommates in the blaze.

"I said, 'Well, you know, part of it is true, Dad. They do have model apartments with bunk beds, but we don't fight with gasoline. And I am not a merman, you know?'"

In 1992, James entered the world of modeling at 18, beginning his sophomore year at Boston College.



TOMMY CHUNG/THE BEACON

David James, 38, who has spent the past 20 years of his life working as a male model poses for a quick photo.

"My sister suggested it. I did some pictures and I got with an agency. It was very part-time for me."

After four years of a top-tier education, James decided to move to Europe to model full-time.

"I wanted to travel and I wanted the flexibility of lifestyle."

James booked campaigns and walked the runway for Etro, Tommy Hilfiger, Ralph Lauren, and so on. He had the opportunity to fly to Paris, Milan, and London for photo shoots.

His parents were not as thrilled as you may suspect.

"[Modeling] was a sore point. My dad wanted me to become a lawyer like he was."

James is happy to say that after 20 years of modeling, his family finally "gets it." He says it helps to be successful. For instance, he just landed a Screen Actors Guild Home Depot commercial that will run for the next two years in North and South America. But booking a big job doesn't happen everyday.

"People think you make so much money as a model and, yeah, if you are working, then you make money, but no one ever factors in all of those hours that you are on castings that are not paid. I equate it to being a door-to-door salesman, who only gets paid when they sell the product. You walk around to 20 houses and then, finally, you sell a vacuum cleaner and you get paid, but no one cares that you walked to 20 houses for two days, you know?"

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics states that the average pay for models—for men and women— was $18,750 per year in 2012. That boils down to an average of $9.02 per hour, not much more than minimum wage.

The modeling industry is one of the most competitive industries—and the number of models is continuing to grow. The workforce is supposed to increase by 15 percent by 2022. That means more hopefuls, but less job opportunities.

"There are not as many gigs for men as there are women. Just look at it from a retailer's perspective. Men buy less than women," says Jared Sugarman, owner of Model Machine, an agency that has been booking male and female models since 2008.

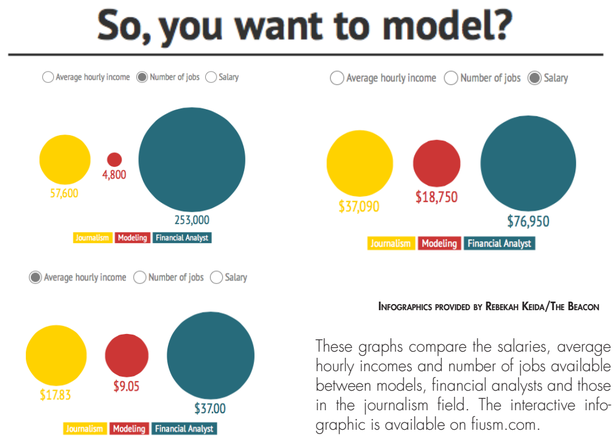
A study by IBISWorld in 2013 cites reduced advertising expenditure as the effect of the 2009 recession.

"I am not sure I would become a male model unless I was a really famous one. Even then. Only maybe," ponders Sugarman.

The average modeling career only lasts two to three years. Yet there is a sweet spot for men in their 30s and 40s. Statistical breakdowns of request castings for national print advertisements in New York City found that 39-year-olds are the most coveted for jobs.

This is great news for James who has no plans to stop modeling anytime soon.

"I made my choice and I'm doing well. I have a good life."



INFOGRAPHICS PROVIDED BY REBEKAH KEIDA/THE BEACON

These graphs compare the salaries, average hourly incomes and number of jobs available between models, financial analysts and those in the journalism field. The interactive infographic is available on fiusm.com.

HELPING HANDS

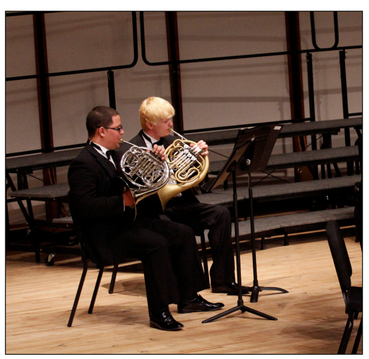


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A banner filled with student handprints sits on a table during the Empathy Experience event. Pi Kappa Phi's Push America campaign has been renamed The Ability Experience. The University's chapter named its own event "The Empathy Experience." The event was a fundraiser for children with disabilities, held in the GC Pit on Tuesday, Sept. 30. Those who donated money got to place a hand print on the banner shown above.

GOOD VIBRATIONS









Top: President Mark B. Rosenberg and his wife Rosalie socialize at the Faculty Convocation Concert cocktail on Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Right: Darwin Aquino conducts the FIU Symphony Orchestra.

Left: French horn players Kevin Segura (left) and Richard Bayes (right) play Violin Concerto in D Major, Opus 77, composed by Johannes Brahms.

Far right: Timpani player Christian Cruz-Vargas follows his music sheets while performing Overture to Candide.

Alex Cox's 'Repo Man:' a true cult classic, but recognized by few

CULT CLASSICS



RAFAEL ABREU

Why is it that more people don't know about writer/director Alex Cox's 1984 debut "Repo Man?"

Is it due to its stature as a cult classic? Is it because its plot about an extra-terrestrial '64 Chevy Malibu is too silly or bizarre? Is it because the film has something to say about then-President Reagan's foreign and domestic policies?

"Repo Man" stars Harry Dean Stanton and Emilio Estevez as Bud and Otto. Otto is a repo man and a suburban punk, who Bud takes under his wing.

The film chronicles their misadventures, as well as the adventures featuring the other repo men and an "agency" that's looking for the Malibu.

All of these different characters and events don't at all feel random or out-of-place; instead, they all feel like they belong, and could only ever belong, in this film's world.

The film's story follows these different threads and manages to make them all connect via other characters and the Malibu; they also help flesh out and poke fun at the world they inhabit.

The film mixes genres, ultimately becoming unlike any film that's ever been put to celluloid. It works as a punk film, since it uses punk music for the soundtrack and also showcases aspects of the punk culture at the time.

The film's main theme by Iggy Pop (which starts off the film with a stellar main title sequence) is fantastic, as are so many of the other songs off the soundtrack (which, at first, was more popular and known then the film itself).

The film also mixes with the science fiction genre, dealing with aliens and general weirdness.

Among the many things this film pokes fun at are science fiction films, with a mysterious and otherworldly force being a highly sought vehicle that is much more than is appears to be.

The comedy of the film relies as much on satirical elements as it does on the delivery of its main cast. Virtually everyone in the film treats many of the featured events and things as if they were nothing to write home about, resulting in their deadpan nature.

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Otto might be one of the only people in the film who seem to recognize when things are crazy or exciting. "Wow! That was intense!" he says, with Bud replying "Repo man's always intense."

You don't have to be into punk, sci-fi or Los Angeles to watch, love and appreciate "Repo Man." The film is so incredibly watchable, quotable and hilarious that I'm not surprised that it has garnered such a cult following.

I am, however, both surprised and lividly frustrated by how people confuse it with a couple other films, not even being aware that a film called "Repo Man" exists.

In any case, I hope that you, reader, are aware 1984's "Repo Man" comes with my highest recommendation.

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SPORTS

SOCCER

Cross-town rivals duel this weekend at FAU

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"Every single game is a game that you have to battle," said women's soccer Head Coach Thomas Chestnutt.

That's the tone of the locker room after the first weekend of Conference-USA matches for the Panthers. Chestnutt's team began their conference schedule with Old Dominion University and University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a respective win and a loss.

The 1-1 conference record holds the Panthers at the seventh spot, with their next opponent settling right underneath them, at number eight. Florida Atlantic University (6-5-1, 1-1) sees the Panthers on Friday, Oct. 3. The Owls are not unfamiliar with this Miami team, as they've shared a long history, the most recent match being in the 2013 season, where the Panthers won 1-0 in Boca Raton.

Both teams are coming off disappointing losses. In FAU's case, they lost to a weak Old Dominion team—a team that was handled 2-1 here, in Miami. The Panthers lost to a Charlotte team that was beaten by the Owls 1-0 this season.

Goals in first halves have been a common trend for the Panthers this year. In the first 45 minutes, the back of the net has been found eight times, versus four times in the second half. What needs to improve for the Panthers is their ability to contain the pressure applied by their opponents after scoring early.

"We're confident about ourselves," said senior forward Ashleigh Shim. "We just have to put [the game] away a little bit earlier."

The Panthers may be able to find that spark in the second halves that they're looking for against a FAU team that is outscored by opponents 13-12. While not a big margin, the Owls are allowing a shooting percentage of 96 percent for opposing teams. The Panthers are shooting 94% on the season.

Those ingredients can produce savory goals that Chestnutt will look for his team to capitalize on.

"We've gotta be prepared," said Chestnutt. "They're gonna be ready. For [FAU], it's a huge game. For us, it's another game, but it's another conference game."

FAU brings to the match two high-volume scorers, each with three goals this year: Claire Emslie and Hildur Hauksdottir.

That serves as an interesting counter to the duo of Shim and redshirt senior forward Chelsea Leiva (combined nine goals).

The cross-town match will likely favor the Panthers' defense, as they are tied for second in the C-USA in shutouts with five.

Defenders Sara Stewart, Nikki Rios and Marie Egan have been three players that are continuing to impress as they strengthen the iron curtain against opposing teams' pressure.

Something about the defense assistant coach Kyle Schroeder touched on before conference play began, was this: "We've been trying to make sure we're covering the gaps and our movement is synchronized… [Those are] just some of the things we're trying to shore up in the back."



BRIAN TRUJILLO/THE BEACON

Junior midfielder Scarlet Montoya tries to get the ball away from UNCC defender/ forward Cannon Clough on Sunday, Sept. 28, where FIU lost 1-2. The Panthers will play against Florida Atlantic University on Oct.3

The Panthers have not played a road game since Aug. 31, but are no strangers to success away from home.

Their 2-1 away record during non-conference matches this season provides confidence for the upcoming three-game road trip (FAU, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Middle Tennessee University).

"We do a really good job of possessing the ball in the first half," said Shim. "If we can look to do that against FAU and keep a cool head, I think we'll be fine."

The Panthers play under the Friday night lights in Boca Raton against FAU, 7 p.m., Oct. 3.

Panthers travel to New Mexico for conference game versus ranked Lobos

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After falling in their Conference-USA opener in a close match to University of Alabama at Birmingham, the Panthers will have a chance to get back to their winning ways when they travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico to face off against the University of New Mexico Lobos. Before the 3-2 loss to the No. 17 ranked Blazers Sept. 27 FIU was 2-0 against teams who were ranked nationally in the NCAA standings.

Coming into this contest on Oct. 4, the Panthers will have a chance to push their record against ranked teams to 3-1, facing off against the now No. 23 ranked Lobos.

To see Panthers (3-4-1, 0-1-0) in the National Collegiate Athletic Association rankings is possible, but one would have to scroll down the rankings page much longer, as they are placed just under Villanova University and above Marist College No. 103.

Head Coach Scott Calabrese and his team will look to improve that ranking by defeating the Lobos who enter the match sporting a 5-2-1, 0-1-0 record thus far this season.



MARIA LORENZINO/THE BEACON

Junior midfielder Daniel Gonzalez fights for the ball against the University of Alabama at Birmingham players on Sept. 27. The Panthers will face the Lobos in New Mexico on Oct. 4.

Scouting the Lobos

Just like FIU, the Lobos fell in their conference opener to University of North Carolina at Charlotte after two late goals were scored on them, ruining their chances at a perfect conference record.

Before falling to Charlotte, the Lobos found themselves ranked at No. 5 in the nation.

There is no doubt that the Lobos will come out seeking vengeance against the Panthers after falling almost 20 spots in the rankings and are now in the bottom half of the conference table.

This New Mexico team features 16 players returning from their unbelievable season last year, where the Lobos made it all the way to the Final Four before losing to Notre Dame, 2-0, the eventual champions of the tournament.

The team also features six players on their roster who have represented their country on the national stage, including USA, Canada, New Zealand, Costa Rica and Jamaica.

Both the Panthers and the Lobos will seek to get to a .500 conference record with the win friday night in Albuquerque.

Captain Leads the Charge

If the Panthers would like to return from New Mexico with a win, the team will look to their captain senior striker Quentin Albrecht, to continue playing at the performance as in recent outings.

Albrecht has scored of five goals this season, leading the Panthers in goals scored and is coming off of back-to-back multi-goal games.

The German native scored two goals in the team's win over Florida Gulf Coast University and also found the back of the net twice in the game against UAB despite the loss.

Albrecht also leads the Panthers in total points recorded with (10).

The next best points scorer has been sophomore defender, Marvin Hezel, who has recorded 3 total points for the team this season after tallying a goal and an assist in his eight games played. The game against the Lobos will be played at 9 p.m. in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

After returning from New Mexico, the Panthers will host another conference opponent on Oct. 8th when the University of South Carolina Gamecocks travel down south to Miami. The gamåe against the Gamecocks is set for a 7:30 p.m. start.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country looking to best their best

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The men and women's cross country teams will travel to Orlando, Florida, this weekend for the 19th Annual Disney Cross Country Classic, looking to build upon the strong performances made in Gainesville.

Though ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex encourages athletes and their families to enjoy The Walt Disney Company's other amenities, the Panthers will focus on building upon the improvements made two weeks ago, at the Mountain Dew Invitational, where many Southeastern Conference programs were present.

The men placed 8th out of 13 total NCAA Division I teams competing in the 8-kilometers, with an average of 27:41.50. Freshman Ronny Greenup led the way with a time of 25:33.86, a mark good enough for 31st place out of 264 total contestants in the 8K. This was Greenup's second consecutive finish in the 25-minute range.

Head Coach Ryan Heberling stated that he is looking forward to Greenup going sub-25 soon, and this weekend's event will give Greenup another opportunity to do so.

Also cracking the top 100, was junior Daniel Puentes with a time of 26:42.93, putting him in 83rd place. The Hollywood native made a vast improvement over his time at the University of Central Florida Invitational, where he finished in 29:01.37.

Panther cross country fans should expect Puentes to continue to improve and notch his best time of 2014 this weekend.

Other times for the men who participated in Gainesville includes junior Eli Monzon's 27:57.52, freshman Andres Magliano's 28:06.28, and freshman Leonel Pozo's 30:06.89.

The women's cross country team managed to capture a rare achievement in Gainesville; all four of the women recorded 2014 bests for the 5K.

Senior Catherine Ventura claimed the best time and her best for 2014 with 19:50.11, putting her at 128th place.

Sophomore Isolada Montiel was close behind with a time of 20:17.94. This became Montiel's best personal time as well, beating her old mark by nearly a minute.

Sophomore Brittany Wasserback competed with the team for the second time this season and ran a 22:09.08. Like Montiel's time, this new 2014 best beat her old one by nearly a minute.

Also participating was sophomore Adrienne Gerzeny, who ran a 21:15.60 – a 2014 best.

A pattern of consistent improvement is obvious among the women runners, and all should be expected to continue to beat their old times in Orlando.

The Disney Cross Country Classic is a chance for the men and women to stack themselves up against the best in the nation and have fun while doing so. If the men and women can keep up their trend of improvement, Panther fans should look for a new slew of 2014 bests out of this weekend's run.

CLUB SPORTS

Rugby beats the Knights and target Owls

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The FIU men's rugby team has started their season off stronger than ever as they shut-down the two time Florida Cup defending champs, University of Central Florida on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Junior rookie Nicolas Daniel scored two tries against the Knights; Sophomore Santiago Laphitzondo also scored. Sophomore Mateo Velazquez kicked two conversions for two points each and a penalty which is three points, finally giving the Panthers a 22-10 victory.

"It felt great, being out on the field with guys who have put so much work into the game, and to top a proven team felt incredible. I was fortunate to be in the right place," Daniel said.

Daniel was able to score a try off a pass from the new starting scrum half Federico Torres-Garcia.

Torres-Garcia said, "I realized this was something I would enjoy doing and I was right, I'm having a great time."



VERONIKA QUISPE/THE BEACON

FIU second row Santiago Laphitzondo (right) takes the ball away from a UCF player at the game on Sept. 20. FIU won the game 22-10, and will play FGCU at home on Oct.11.

This was a huge win for the University as UCF is known for being one of the toughest contenders, in anyone's schedule, since they average 50 points per game.

However the Panthers' defense held them down at 10. The Panthers will continue to work on defense to capture the number one spot in the conference.

The rugby panthers also won their preseason game in Key West, 12-7. Forwards' captain, junior Christopher Ariera scored a try for five points and freshman Tomas Velazquez scored another. Velazquez kicked the conversion for two points.

The Panthers have a tough back to back schedule yet they are confident this is their best team yet.

The team was six men short for this season. Senior Agustin Laphitzondo, one of their key players and backs captain, suffered an injury during practice.

The injury is causing him to be on the sidelines until December. For the meanwhile,Mateo Velazquez has stepped up to take his place for the remainder of the season.

Despite these shortages senior captain Kyle Gilbert remains hopeful for this season.

"I believe this is the toughest, strongest and most complete team we have had because we don't have any week spots on the field," Gilbert said.

The game of rugby is definitely growing and increasing in popularity; in result 14 new players have signed up to challenge themselves with the team that took second in the Southern Independent Rugby Conference championship last season. However they're not all rookies to the game.

Six of them have had prior rugby experience from Chile, Argentina and the Miami Rugby association. Some B side players have also stepped up and have taken some of the missing spots.

The additions to the rosters have created nice room for adaptability in any position needed on the field.

"The game plan for this season to win the close games is, to start quick and put points on the board and play shut down defense," says Gilbert.

The team will also have a tough battle against Florida State University on Oct. 25. Last season they defeated the Seminoles in one game and lost the other. For the past couple of seasons these two teams have battled for the two spots at the SIRC, whoever wins the conference gets a spot in nationals.

According to Rugby Florida Union, the Panthers hold the number two spot after Florida Atlantic University. The Owls have five points because of a bonus point, and FIU is second at four points.

The SIRC conference has decided to split their games throughout the fall and spring season.

So now the team must face the challenge of both the SIRC conference and Florida Cup during one season.

For the SIRC it's a fight to see who faces the top two teams of the North. For the Florida Cup the top four teams go to the championship in Nov. The Panthers will take on FAU on Oct. 4.

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Senior outside hitter/rightside hitter Martyna Gluchowicz spikes the ball at the game against FAU on Sept. 17. The Panthers play Western Kentucky University on Oct. 3.

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RUNNING DIRTY

The Benjamin Dash course is set, Panthers are ready to go

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The obstacle course with mud pits, water slides and wooden walls has been placed and tested before Panthers and the community dash for cash.

Obstacles for the Benjamin Dash, a charity mud run partnering with FIU Biscayne Bay Campus Recreation, were constructed and placed along the course during the week before the run taking place Saturday, Oct. 4.

Tomorrow morning at 8 a.m., about 40 University students and staff members will join hundreds of locals in a nearly 3-mile long run surrounding BBC, for a chance to win cash and either keep it or donate to charity.

Dashers can donate their earnings to local nonprofits such as The Humane Society of Greater Miami and Voices for Children Foundation, or to student organizations like FIU Alternative Breaks and the FIU Triathlon Club.

Over 15 obstacles will be spread along the course, as will flags worth up to $100. The flags are to be exchanged for money after the run is completed.

"They're gonna be everywhere, you can't miss 'em," said the general manager of the Benjamin Dash, Robert "Bobby" Martinez, about the flags.

Commuting to campus by car or on bike, tire hills, traverse walls, soon-to-be mud pits, mazes and quarter pipes can be seen from a distance.

Frank Samper, Benjamin Dash operations manager, said the quarter pipe, near the previous Bay Vista Housing complex, was the most difficult obstacle to install.

Designer of the obstacle, Doug Whitaker, said it took nearly five days to build off-site, then transport to campus and reassemble.

"We're gonna make sure we do it first," said Samper.

He said final touches of all obstacles and a test run of the course will be done by Benjamin Dash and University staff prior to the day of the event to ensure it is safe for runners.

According to Martinez, about 300 participants registered through the Benjamin Dash website.

But Martinez said he expected a surge of registrants the day before the event through sites such as LivingSocial and Rush49.com, where he said the majority of people sign up.

For University students and staff, packet pickup will be held today, Friday, Oct. 3 in the BBC Rec Center between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

All participants will receive dog tags courtesy of the Benjamin Dash and water bottles on behalf of the BBC Rec Center.

Students and staff must bring their FIU OneCard to receive their packets, or they must pay the difference for the event via debit or credit card.

Ireysis Ramos, a junior psychology major and front desk clerk of the BBC Rec Center, said she recently started at BBC this fall after taking her first two years of college online.

Although Ramos will be working the day of the dash, she said the event is for a great cause and is conveniently hosted on campus so students can participate.

"They bring it to your house," said Ramos. "Apart from working, you don't have an excuse not to do it."



TOP: Here is the second maze, adjacent to the Royal Caribbean construction site, where dashers will have to crawl through on all fours.

MIDDLE RIGHT: The quarter pipe, one located near Bay Vista Housing, was the hardest to build and possibly the hardest obstacle to climb.

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MIDDLE LEFT: The first obstacle dashers will overcome is a wall climb, in front of the Kovens Conference Center.

BOTTOM: Participants will climb over this hill of tires, found at the entrance of the Kovens Conference Center, to earn some Benjamins.

Panthers dive into 2014 season

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The University women's swimming team is prepared for a new season starting this weekend.

The team came in second for the Conference USA Swimming and Diving Championships, and they placed in the top 50 of the National Collegiate Athletic Association last year.

The Panthers only finished 60 points behind Rice University in the C-USA tournament.

"I'm very proud of the team at C-USA and NCAA's this season," said Head Coach Randy Horner to fiusports.com.

Neither of these accomplishments should be overlooked as the team made Panther history, only shortly after joining C-USA in July last year. The team's season record, led by Horner, was an almost undefeated 6-1 last year.

Though they achieved more than ever before, the Panthers are aiming for more victories this coming year.

Losing six seniors, including Sonia Perez Arau and Sabrina Beaupre, both record-setting team leaders, the team may have to compensate with new talent and some experienced players returning.

Another team leader, current senior Johanna Gustafsdottir, will be returning for a victory in the C-USA tournament and supplying tougher contention for the NCAA title.

Practices are twice a day with some sessions at the swimming pool in Tamiami Park.

This season has much of the same competition as last season, with the first meet of the season against rival Florida Atlantic University on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Other competitors that return to the schedule include University of North Florida, Indian River State College, Central Connecticut State University and Florida Gulf Coast University.

New competition includes, Illinois State University and Texas Christian University. Panthers can also look forward to home competition invitations.

A meet to look out for is the long awaited rematch against crosstown rival University of Miami, taking place Jan. 31 at FIU's Biscayne Bay Aquatic Center.

LIVING BY THE BOOK



NATALIE REYES/THE BEACON

Bryan Anderson, a military veteran who lost both of his legs and left arm after he was injured by an improvised explosive device, speaks to students about his book "No Turning Back" as part of Diversity Day on Sept. 30.

New student leaders appointed

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The Biscayne Bay Campus' Student Government Council appointed several new senators in its last few meetings to represent students and the different colleges on campus.

Rebecca Merek, a junior hospitality major, and Yumeng Zhang, a senior also majoring in hospitality, were elected as the new Hospitality Management senators.

Lauren Peterson, a freshman majoring in biology, was appointed lower-division senator. As a transfer student from Cornell, Peterson was frustrated when the classes she took at her previous university did not count toward the University's core curriculum.

"There needs to be someone to guide transfer students better," Peterson said.

Akheim Paisley, a junior majoring in psychology, was appointed as the new Arts and Sciences senator.

Bendjy Calixte, a junior political science major, and Xuan Di, a senior majoring in hospitality, are the new at-large senators. Both said they wanted to get more involved on campus.

"I want to do something meaningful and feel a sense of accomplishment," said Di.

SGC-BBC also welcomed two new justices.

Stefy Moreau, a senior accounting major who was a justice last year, and Abigail Morales, a freshman political science major, were both appointed justices.

"It was enlightening to learn how justices affect the school," said Moreau. She said the justices had but one case to hear last year.

Kareem Stanbury, a junior majoring in broadcast media, was appointed the new marketing coordinator.

Stanbury said he wanted to better promote student government events through the use of social media and entertainment.

"I want to make SGA more noticeable and be more loud about events," Stanbury said.