ROYAL TREATMENT?
Students not-so-thrilled to ride stuffy limo at University

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

“It’s hot in here,” 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 pick up in a limo.

“The limo wasn’t something we intended to provide on a regular basis,” said Lisette 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.

距离学习费用降低

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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.

A student at FIU Online, Traci Casas, said “It’s a little bit warmer with Wi-Fi on.”

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

Students at the FIU Online Green Library were forced to evacuate the building Thursday after a fire alarm rang.

Students and faculty 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.

Casas confirmed what set the fire alarm off was a burnt croissant.
University mourns the History chair’s passing

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Five months short of his 90th birthday, professor emeritus Howard Kaminsky, passed away away by Provost Emeritus Douglas Wattrock.

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

According to Wattrock, 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 Wattrock.

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].”

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 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 learning are factors in the fee decreasing; the students enrolled 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.
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How cold is the world getting? The United Nations says it has warmed almost half a degree F in the past five years. That's enough to lower the world's average temperature to the level it was 20,000 years ago. The world got warmer another degree or so in the 1990s. Apparently, we humans don't learn.

Should we be paying attention? The world almost never does. We've become as people. Everything is fine now, but they'd be foolish to do so. 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).

It's humorous, but it really shows how foolish we've become as people. Everything is fine now, but they'd be foolish to do so. 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).
College of Medicine to host Annual Mammography Art Initiative with Frost Museum

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FMI’s College of Medicine will be hosting their Annual Mammography Art Initiative’s 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 the cost of free mammograms in 2013, but the cost of providing these services is increasing yearly. The initiative with Frost Museum of Medicine aims to empower women and raise awareness and funds for breast cancer.

This year, the College of Medicine at Frost Museum is hosting their Annual Mammography Art Initiative with Frost Museum of Medicine to host a 24-hour Art Show and Auction.

For more info, contact Frost Museum of Medicine at info@miamifrost.edu or nbrozo001@fiu.edu or jmaci009@fiu.edu. Whether it is a friend, a sister, a daughter, a wife, a mother, a woman’s life can be saved.

*Statistics retrieved from www.cdc.gov*

A look inside the male modeling industry with David James

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, looking at me and says, ‘This is your life? This is what you do?’”

The tragic gasoline-fight scene just occurred and Derek Zoolander is trying over being his main model monomimizes in the blaze.

“Yeah, 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 mannequin, you know”

In 1992, James entered the world of modeling, in part to have an opportunity to exhibit their work.

“I wanted to travel and I wanted the flexibility of lifestyle.”

James booked several and walked the runway for Erima, Tommy Hilfiger, Ralph Lauren, and on 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 expect.

“(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 booked a Sunset Acres Hotel Home commercial that will run for the next two years in North and South America. But looking at that big job doesn’t happen everyday.

“People think you make so much money as a model, and yeah, if you are working, than you make money, but no one ever factors in all of those hours that you are on castings that are built down to an average of 50.02 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 Laveda 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. There is a sweet spot for men in their 30s and 40s. Statistical breakthroughs of casting requests 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.

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Good Vibrations

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

at 15, beginning his sophomore year at Boston College.

“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.

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?”

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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 Panthers are shooting 94% on the season. They are placed just under Villa Nova University and above Marist College No. 103.

Head Coach Scott Calabrese said he hopes his team will continue their winning ways when they travel to Boca Raton.

“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 Villa Nova University and above Marist College No. 103.

Head Coach Scott Calabrese and his team will look to improve their chances at a perfect conference record.

Before falling to Charlotte, the Panthers may be able to find that spark in the back of the net to put [the game] away a little bit earlier. They’ve gotta be prepared,” said Chestnutt. “They’re gonna be ready. For [FAU], it’s a huge game. For us, it’s another game, another conference match to University of Alabama at Birmingham, Middle Tennessee University).

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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 against them, ruining their chances at a perfect conference record.

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 goals thus far 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 game against the Gamecocks is set for a 7:30 p.m. start.

Captain Leads the Charge

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Before falling to Charlotte, the Panthers 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.
Rugby beats the Knights and target Owls

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The FIU men’s rugby team has started its season off stronger than ever as they shut-down the defending champs, University of Central Florida Oct. 4.

“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,” Gilbert said.

“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,”

“Upon making a difference overseas this time next year, the team will also face Florida Atlantic 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 champion-ship in Nov. The Panthers will take on FAU on Oct. 4.

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“I would enjoy doing and I was right, I’m having a great time.”

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 to 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.

Forewards’ 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 ball carrier, 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.

Cross country looking to best their best

David Drucker  Contributing Writer

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.

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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.

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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.
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LIVING BY THE BOOK

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

Lauren Peterson, a freshmen 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.

“People come here and want to give back,” Peterson said.

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

Bendy Caliste, 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.

SOG-BCBC 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 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.

Karen 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.

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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 in 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.

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

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