Smoke ban plans move forward

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The Smoke and Tobacco Free regulation that prohibits the use of smoking and tobacco products on all University property was approved by the University Board of Trustees during its Academic Policy and Student Affairs committee meeting on Sept. 9.

In the effort to “create a smoke and tobacco-free campus as part of a healthy campus initiative”, Student Affairs Vice President Rosa Jones presented the proposed regulation to the board and laid out the current as well as future plans, that the Smoke-free Steering Committee has once they begin the implementation. If approved by the BOT during its Sept. 24 full board meeting, the ban would become effective on Jan. 1, 2011.

“As a community, FIU is dedicated to creating a healthier university,” said Jones in the presentation to the board. “Making our campus smoke and tobacco free will help us make a healthier university but it will also move to align ourselves with, first of all, a growing commitment we have for environmental sustainability. 1 [also] think it will also align us with the American Disabilities act because of secondary smoke.”

In her presentation, Jones urged the University employees to get pay raise

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Despite the recent strains on the University-wide budget, University employees will be receiving an increase in their salaries that is effective as of July 1, 2010. According to the Office of the President, the increase will be the greater of $2,000 or 2.5%, while also providing a 1% bonus pool in 2011-12 to “reward employee excellence.”

“In recognition of the outstanding efforts of our employees to attract and welcome exceptional students, conduct groundbreaking research, inspire creativity, and make outstanding contributions through engagement with our community, we are pleased to announce that eligible employees will receive an across-the-board salary increase this year,” said University President Mark Rosenberg and Provost and Executive Vice President Douglas Wartzok in a recent memorandum sent out to all faculty and staff.

After nearly two years of unchanging salaries, the University will award increases to all eligible out-of-unit employees who meet the required performance standards for their position and who were employed as of July 1, 2009.

An e-mail from Jaffus Hardrick, vice president for the Division of Human Resources, stated that the noted salary increase and retroactive payment will be reflected in the employees’ Sept. 24 pay check.

For in-unit faculty members, the salary terms are similar though the agreement has to be approved by the United Faculty of Florida and the Board of Trustees. Once approved, the in-unit faculty salary increases will be effective Aug. 17, 2010.

While budget reduction plans included multiple contingencies, it was not until recently that things came together to the point that the University could reasonably accommodate the increases this year.

According to the provost, the University wishes that they “could do more but we have to be cautious of future budget cuts.”
Pay increases included in previous budget plan

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directors of academic support services.

An in-unit faculty member is an employee who is not in a managerial or confidential position and is included in the United Faculty of Florida bargaining unit.

“Over these past years, the University has gone through and continues to go through tough economic times. We are appreciative of the hard work and dedication of our faculty and employees that make up this great university,” said Wartzok.

“Especially in these times, when we have downsized and consolidated operations while maintaining value to our students, we needed to provide some increase to retain our employees and recognize their efforts.”

Students rave about first ever West Africa program

Africa is probably the least developed continent on the face of the earth, but there are so many opportunities that will arrive in the next few decades. It is new and open to change and knowledge.

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Some concerns expressed over implementation of smoking ban

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board to support the measure, given the negative health and environmental effects associated with tobacco use. She stated that it is a regulation that will serve to “prevent tobacco appreciation, where college students are most likely to initiate smoking to increase cessation opportunities and to reduce exposure to second hand smoke among our faculty, staff and students.”

I was noted that students or University dollars were used as funding.

“Has there been some resistance? Yes there has. Has there been some support? Absolutely,” said Jones. “The reality is that it has been an educational process for students. Some of the individuals who have been originally opposed to this have been able to see that it is all about the environment of the university.”

With over 365 universities across the country going smoke-free, the implementation of the smoking ban has caught on in the state of Florida with the University of Central Florida going completely smoke-free in July 2010 as well as University of South Florida’s Health Science Center and University of Miami’s Medical Campus.

Like FIU, Florida Atlantic University is planning on placing regulations in 2011 while University of Central Florida is currently taking the issue into consideration.

Jones also added that institutions such as Baptist Hospital are now smoke-free.

Student Government Association at Modesto Maidique Campus President Helenia Ramirez, who was the only trustee member in the committee who voted in opposition, initiated discussion concerning the enforcement and communication to students about the ban.

“Students have continually voiced their concerns to me in regards to going smoke-free. After attending several forums and surveys posing the question as to whether you support a smoke-free campus, I truly have to say that a lot of students aren’t fully on board,” said Ramirez to the board. “The fact of the matter is that students haven’t really had the choice as to whether they should enforce this. I don’t believe that the students are satisfied with what would be the sanctions of this process.”

She continued to question the timeline that the regulation was moving on and how the policy is to be mandated amongst the students.

“I was really big on the fact that the implementation process hasn’t been thoroughly presented to us to the point that I don’t feel like I can vote on anything,” Ramirez told Student Media.

Social enforcement, as stated by the committee in the past, is the main method that the committee plans on using.

They are also hoping to distribute business cards for non-smokers to give out to those who they feel are not following the ban.

The cards are to have the regulations on one side and resources for smokers to seek help.

Trustee Michael Adler expressed concern over the execution of the smoking regulations, stating that the initiative was not going to be an easy one to implement.

“If this process is going to start relatively soon, I think we all should know that it is not a realistic goal in terms of the application. As chairman, I was confronted with ‘why are all of these cigarette huts [here] after we have gone smoke-free,’” said Adler. “It creates a credibility issue and it also creates a pragmatic issue as to whether we’re better off having dispensers for used cigarettes rather than having them scattered around.”

Overall, the committee has claimed to base their standing on a research conducted by the American College Health Association.

In a survey conducted in 2006, the organization interviewed 179 students on their general health and behaviors, such as eating habits, exercise patterns and sexual activity.

One of the sections focused on alcohol and tobacco use.

It stated that 67.9% of the surveyed students had never smoked a cigarette, while around 30.7% range from having used a cigarette but not within the last 30 days to having used one all 30 days of the month.

In 2007, FIU created a Healthy University Task Force to advise the University on how to address health related issues through University Health Services.

A year later, the topic of smoking came up and a steering committee was created to come up with the proper initiatives to address the use of tobacco on campus.

Dr. Richard Botelho led the committee in a campaign to eradicate smoking, which started with gaining the approval of the University Operations Committee, Executive Committee and University President Mark Rosenberg.

The committee hosted an open student forum during the middle of the 2010 spring semester to gain feedback from the community, but none followed since they instead began offering several educational sessions in which students and faculty can learn more about the prohibition and how to deal with it.

More recently, Botelho is not employed by the University due to the inability to renew his contract with the University. Mariela Gabaaroni, assistant director of UHS Wellness Center, is now heading the committee.

“When you look at the research, you see that there is nothing good that comes from tobacco,” said Gabaaroni, “and it not only affects the person who is smoking but everyone around them.”

Currently, the committee has been providing tobacco dependence groups through UHS, including consultation certified counselors and reduced cost nicotine replacement therapies are available for students, faculty and staff.

According to Jones, the University also partnered with community groups that are assisting the program, such as the Miami-Dade Health Department, the Florida Department of health, South Florida Health Association, the American Cancer Society and the Miami Area Health Education Center.

“I am not a smoker; I have never smoked a day in my life, but I think that this is where my role as president has to come in, and say that I need to put my personal opinions aside,” said Ramirez. “It wouldn’t be right for me to vote on something like this without seeing the full implementation in place, visiting it to the entire student body, and hosting forums.”

A Florida preacher said early Friday that his Quran burning plan is still canceled and that he will travel to New York to meet with the imam who plans to open an Islamic Center near the former World Trade Center.

At a press conference outside his church, Rev. Terry Jones said he will travel to New York according to The Wall Street Journal to meet on Saturday with Feisal Abdul Raif, the imam in charge of plans for the New York Islamic Center.

Mr. Jones said he wasn’t sure the imam even knew he was coming.

Mr. Jones said the Quran burning scheduled for Saturday night is obviously off.

With new CEO, Burger King gets set for a Brazilian makeover

Burger King has recently announced that Brazil’s Bernardo Hees, 40, is headed to Miami to launch a new campaign in the global fast-food wars as their new CEO according to The Herald.

Like most major U.S. companies, Burger King must look abroad for growth as American consumers cut back on Whoppers and other indulgences during hard economic times.

As the current CEO of Brazilian railroad giant America Latina Logistica, the Brazilian-backed hedge fund that owns a stake in the railroad and last week signed a deal to buy Miami-based Burger King Holdings for $4 billion.

Huge Calif. gas blast, fire kill at least 4

Fire crews flooded the ruins of burning homes with water early Friday after a massive explosion sent flames roaring through a neighborhood near San Francisco, killing at least four people and destroying more than 50 houses, according to MSNBC.

The death toll fluctuated as authorities began assessing the damage early Friday.

California Lieutenant Governor Abel Maldonado said at a morning press conference that four had died, but State Sen. Leland Yee said the California Emergency Management Agency told him six perished in the disaster.

Maldonado said area hospitals had taken in 52 patients as a result of the blast and ensuing fires, three with critical burns.

Compiled by Alexandra Camejo
FOOTBALL: RUTGERS 19, FIU 14

The Golden Panthers were one quarter away from defeating a BCS school for the first time in the school’s history. FIU (0-1) committed five turnovers as the Golden Panthers fell short 19-14 to the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers in their home opener. All of the Golden Panthers’ five turnovers came in the first six possessions of the game.

“There were so many ingredients that are there for a win but too many ingredients that were there for a loss. It comes down to those mistakes. It comes down to those penalties and it comes down to those turnovers. We made them and Rutgers didn’t and that’s why Rutgers won the football game,” said FIU Head Coach Mario Cristobal.

Despite Carroll’s ups and downs, Wayne Younger did take part on a few snaps in the third quarter and fourth quarter for FIU, but it may have seemed as if Younger disrupted the offensive rhythm. Younger completed five out of 10 passes for only 38 yards. He also scrambled six times out of the pocket for 15 yards.

Younger came in for a total of three drives, including a couple of crucial series late in the fourth quarter. Carroll didn’t see much playing time after connecting with Jeremiah Harden for a touchdown to give the Golden Panthers the lead. “Both of those guys knew exactly what the plan was. They’re going to both play throughout the course of the game and they’re going to play out to what we see is going to make us most effective,” said Cristobal.

According to Cristobal, he has not seen the separation between the quarterback backs that he would like to see to make a decision. Both Carroll and Younger were not available for comment following the game.

Center Brad Serini is not worried about who he snaps the ball to at all. He is more concerned on adjusting to both quarterbacks.

“Emotionally, I’m fine with it. It’s my job to adjust. It’s not my job to worry about what quarterbacks are back in the game, my job is to worry about my block form,” said Serini.

Geoff Collins’ new defense under new coordinator Geoff Collins forced Rutgers to commit three turnovers in the second half, highlighted by an interception by Anthony Gaitor with seven minutes remaining and giving the trailing Panthers great field position in Rutgers territory.

They came out with a swagger not seen at FIU Stadium in a long time, shutting down the Rutgers offense completely. The running game was snuffed and the passing game was virtually nonexistent for the Scarlet Knights, who struggled during the opening minutes of the game, quickly recovered and showed why they helped lead Mississippi State to a bowl game in 2007. He comman- deered a 96 yard touchdown drive, giving the Golden Panthers marched to the end zone. He floated a beautiful pass to Jere- miaH Harden in the third quarter for a touchdown to swing the momentum back on FIU’s side.

Everything seemed to be going right for the Golden Panthers.

But then a change was made.

It may have been a change that cost FIU the only advantage that really matters in the end: the final score.

THE QUESTION

The big question of the night occurred when Wesley Carroll, who began to look like the All-SEC Freshman quarterback that he was in 2007, was taken out of the game promptly after giving the Golden Panthers that 14-13 lead halfway through the third quarter.

“We’re just trying to

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A MISSED OPPORTUNITY

Decision to pull Carroll was wrong

Rodriguez leads Golden Panthers to overtime win

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Another overtime win for the Golden Panthers (2-1). Clutch wins have been the theme winning in the second time with a golden goal over time 2-1 versus the Wisconsin Badgers.

The overtime goal came late in the 110th minute from the local freshmen Nicolas Rodriguez with an assist by veteran Diego Tamburus. “You know it was my first goal here at FIU, I’m sure there will be plenty more. The pass came in at the right time from Diego he was in the top corner of the box, gave me a perfect through ball and the only thing left to do was finish off the play and get the home win,” said Nicolas Rodriguez after scoring the golden goal to end the game.

Those weren’t the only goals scored that night early in the 1st minute German international Michael Mühseler was fouled by Wisconsin’s goalkeeper Ryan Vint inside the box.

A yellow card was given to the keeper and a penalty kick awarded to Michael Mühseler. The penalty was taken and it was a perfectly placed shot in the bottom corner.

Five minutes later the Wisconsin Badgers placed a perfect through pass to the middle of the box to forward Nicholas Aaron in the 18th minute to make it a tie game.

“I think the only mistake made on the first goal is that he put himself in a position where the goalkeeper was able to foil him, and it’s a good thing he put away the PK,” said Coach Menga Eketebi.

We weren’t focused after that first goal and lost track of the game our defense fell asleep and we let an easy goal through. I tell our players time and time again that we need to keep applying pressure no matter how much were up and to always keep focused,” said Eketebi.

The Golden Panthers were out shot the first half 4 to 3 and quickly got their act together.

FIU shot out Wisconsin Badgers 6 to 3 in the second half and took nearly 65% of possession. After a grueling no-score half the Panthers looked for another clutch win in overtime.

“We got the goal at perfect timing. It was a great through ball from Tamburus. I always tell my players to play one-touch football and if necessary no more than two,” Eketebi said after Friday’s overtime win.

“The fewer the touches the faster the pace of the game and more you open holes in the oppositions formation and find easier ways to get the shot off. This time it was a first time cross and a first time finish. They got the job done,” Eketebi said.

Catch FIU next home game against Georgia State this Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at FIU Soccer Stadium before they go on a rodeo trip for 6 away games.

The team will play Jacksonville on their turf next Saturday on Sept. 17 following Sept. 12’s game against Georgia State.
Penalties plague offense

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the second half. Joe Cheeseborough recovered a fumble after a bad exchange from Rutgers’ quarterback Tom Savage from center Howard Barieri on the first play of the second half to give FIU its new life.

The turnovers kept coming as line- backer Gregory Hickman forced a fumble, recovered by another linebacker, Chris- topher Edwards. The fumble recovery marked Rutgers’ second turnover in less than 10 minutes in the beginning of the second half.

Rutgers wide receiver Mohamed Sanu did it all for the Scarlet Knights. He accumulated all of Rutgers’ touch- downs, running for one and throwing for one out of the wildcat formation. Besides the touchdown pass, Sanu rushed nine times for 45 yards and also caught four passes for 25 yards. Although both of his touchdowns came out of the wildcat formation, Cristobal felt that his defense played against the wildcat better than any team can.

“If you look at the overall performance by the defense and what they did against the wildcat, I think you would be hard-pressed to find anyone playing that better than we did,” said Cristobal.

“It was definitely a miscommunication through out the secondary and the line- backers... We just didn’t communicate,” said senior linebacker Toronto Smith.

Despite the quarterback shuffleing, mental mistakes and special team blun- ders also played a factor in disrupting the Golden Panther’s offense. FIU committed 14 penalties for a total 126 yards, 11 penalties more than Rutgers, including a stretch where they committed three consecutive penalties on three consecu- tive plays.

“It will be real hard to overcome that stuff unless we had superstars across the board. We’re not there yet. We can’t do that. We have to coach them better and we have to play them better,” said Cristobal.

Rutgers safety Joe Lefeged had one of his best games as a collegiate for Rutgers. His two blocked punts, two fumble recoveries and an interception helped the Scarlet Knights improve to 2-0. His turn- overs led both touchowns.

FIU will travel to College Station to take on Texas A&M on Sept. 18.

MIXED RESULTS

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FIU won the first two matches of the Hurricane Invitational vs. Befune Cookman and the University of San Francisco convincingly. But University of Miami managed to avenge two losses to FIU last season with a three-set victory over the Golden Panthers on Sept. 11. Check FIUSM.com for in depth game recap.

Freshman pitcher and outfielder Jordan Dias posted the win. He allowed just one hit and struck out three in four innings of work.

“I think we’re going to be playing well as a team,” said Dias. “The team is working well together and it’s only going to get better from here.”

Rutgers’ visit was less predictable.

“Rutgers is a really good team,” said middle infielder Daniel Gallardo. “They have a lot of speed and they can really hit the ball.”

The Scarlet Knights’ victory over the Golden Panthers was their first win against a BCS team since 2007. Rutgers’ victory over a BCS team, once again, so close yet so far.

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Rutgers’ turn- overs were pretty efficient, but there were times and sometimes we could hit the defense better than any player or one particular team.

Unfortunately for the Golden Panthers, the diffi- culty in moving the sticks proved to be costly.

Once Wayne Younger was placed in the back- field, things immedi- ately went downhill. The rhythm that Carroll had established began to falter. The confidence began to with- away. Penalties began to pile up as the offense began to revert to its past form.

Despite a number of chances for Younger to become the hero to lift the Golden Panthers to a victory over a BCS team, those chances quickly piled up as missed oppor- tunities until the clock ticked down to zero.

And all the while Carroll simply stood on the sidelines, watching, powerless as the game slipped away from the Golden Panthers.

It is time for FIU to commit to one quarter- back and say that is guy who will be under center on Saturdays.

The blame does not all fall on one particular player or one particular decision, however. The fact that the offensive line committed a number of penalties during the final stretch of the game was also a factor.

But Carroll, who made a number of costly mistakes, gave FIU the best opportunity to score. And taking him out of the game takes that threat away the offense.

The failure for the Golden Panthers to execute just one more time against Carroll’s exit cost the Golden Panthers its first win of the season and its first win over a BCS team. Once again, so close yet so far.

LOT OF QUESTION

There was little ques- tion about who should have won this game. On paper, the Golden Panthers showed that they were the better team Saturday night.

They dominated the lines, controlled the ball and did most of the things that are necessary to win.

There was only one thing missing: execution when it matters the most.

That was the differ- ence between this game being just another loss to a BCS team and a victory that electrifies a program for the rest of the season.

And after tonight’s game that failure to execute may be the last hurdle the Golden Panthers need to over- come in order to crack that glass ceiling.

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Football Season kicked off with a series of events celebrating the University.

Students rallied in front of the Pike house Thursday night to support the football team. They honored the college tradition of smashing a car decorated in the competition's colors.

Friday was the 45th birthday celebration of the University. SGA sponsored the event which included cake and free giveaways for students.

Before the season opener, a large flag was unfurled to commemorate the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Over 19,000 people came out to support the Panthers.
Panhellenic recruitment introduces women to sororities

JANETE CAREAGA Staff Writer

The year’s most long-anticipated week of readiness for FIU sorority women begins today: recruitment.

Panhellenic recruitment is Sept. 13 through Sept. 18. Women who registered for recruitment will be meeting their potential new sorority women who unaffiliated themselves temporarily from their organization and are trained to be unbiased guides for potential new members through the recruitment process.

Potential new members are assigned to a Rho Gamma, who will guide the women through the week and be available for information and advice.

“I think without recruitment guides, many of us would probably feel lost or unsure what to do throughout the process,” said senior Michelle, a 2010 Rho Gamma (Rho Gamma last names must be kept confidential for recruitment purposes).

“I felt the need to be that person to lean on for the next generation of sorority women to come,” she said.

The mingling begins Tuesday with “Sorority 101” night. Potential new members will attend several 25-minute parties, each hosted by a different sorority.

This night is casual and allows the interested women to speak with a few members from each organization one-on-one or in groups regarding general information about sorority life and each particular organization.

Potential new members will learn the basics about each sorority and get a feel for each one.

At the same time, the Panhellenic sorority women will be getting to know more about the women going through recruitment.

At the end of the night, the potential new members will rank all of the sororities in order of preference. This and the choices made by the sororities will determine which societies they will be attending on the second night.

The second night, “Philanthropy Night,” is another causal night where society members host a party to discuss their community service, fundraising efforts, and philanthropic causes.

This will also be the night that the potential new members are informed of the cost of each individual sorority.

“A lot of girls ask about that,” said Cristina, a 2010 Rho Gamma. “All the sororities have a payment plan and you can even get discounts and scholarships from them. It’s not as expensive as people think,” she said.

Thursday is a semi-formal night entitled “Sisterhood & Traditions.” The parties are longer because they are only meeting with three sororities and the conversations are more in-depth.

At this point, the potential new members are getting to know more about the bonds of sisterhood that tie each organization together.

On this night, the potential new members further narrow down their choices on their preferred sororities, leaving only two to visit the next day.

“Preference Night” is Friday night, where potential new members will attend only two sorority parties with cocktail attire requirements.

This night is more intimate, each organization sharing an open ritual that will provide a glimpse into the essence of their values, what they stand for as an organization, and the strength of the bond and secrets they share.

For some hopeful new members, the decision will be difficult and for others, clear and simple. For all of them, the next day will be the beginning of an experience like no other.

The outcome of the week will be revealed and welcomed Saturday on “Bid Day,” where the women receive a formal invitation, also known as a bid, from one organization to become one of their new members. They then choose to either accept or decline the bid.

If they decline it, they have opted out of joining that organization and are free to go through recruitment again next year if they wish to do so.

If the bid is accepted, they continued to a tradition reveal and welcoming of the new members.

The cheering and chanting is loud as the new members jump off stage and into the arms of their new sisters.

The affiliation of each Rho Gamma and Pi Chi (the executive board members of the Panhellenic Council) is also revealed.

New commitments to scholarship, service, campus involvement, and a lifetime of sisterhood are things they can look forward to.

“Bid Day is just so much fun with all the suspense in wanting to know where everyone is ending up,” Michelle said.

PRESS START REVIEWS METROID - OTHER M

Plot hurts solid gameplay

Metroid: Other M is a game for Nintendo’s Wii with tough choices for me.

Not in the sense that it had me stumped for long, but in that it has a hard time trying to decide if it’s a Metroid game or not.

Beginning during the final moments of Super Nintendo’s Super Metroid, Samus Aran recounts her battle with the Tyrian Mother Brain as it killed a baby Metroid, a jellyfish-like alien, that saw Samus as its mother, trying to protect her.

Weeks later, Samus is still in a slump when she encounters her old unit from the Galactic Federation including her former commanding officer, Adam Malkovich.

Other M plays similarly to Super Metroid in its 2D platform jumping segments while incorporating a 3D plane into the mix.

Players also have the ability to quickly dodge attacks and even deliver devastating finishing blows to larger enemies, usually killing them instantly.

The game is also one of the largest narrative endeavours Nintendo has done with any of their major franchises, including full voice acting and a movie-like script guiding the game along even through the cutscenes.

That’s exactly where it hits a snag.

Because of how ingrained the gameplay is to the plot, the player has very little opportunity to break away from the story, meaning the whole journey is a straight line.

Rooms are purposely locked and weapons prevented from being used until the player triggers an event. This leads to a few awkward moments in the game.

Yes, Adam. Let me run through a lava infested lake taking damage from the heat, only to finally give me permission to use an item that stops that near the end of the level.

The story is also suffering from being too melodramatic or wordy at times. Samus often interrupts gameplay to monologue about why she would give thumbs downs at meetings or why Malkovich called her “Lady,” each bordering on long-winded and more grating with the mediocre voice talent.

The B-plot almost felt like I was playing Metal Gear Solid 4 again with how often or how long some cutscenes run.

Other annoyances come from “Where’s Wally?” sequences where the player is forced to find clues in a scene.

I literally spent five minutes looking for one in the grass behind Samus.

While the game sports an orchestra performed soundtrack, these tracks are reserved for big battles, normal areas using ambient noise to set an eerie atmosphere in the game’s various levels in the game.

Visually, Other M is a nice looking game as far as Wii titles go, though the stronger emphasis on 2D gameplay means it’s not as visually impressive as the Metroid Prime trilogy.

Other M is a departure from the series’ largely silent roots, offering a more narrative-driven experience than past games in the series.

While this story falls flat at times and will likely leave players cracking jokes instead of sympathizing with the characters, the gameplay is solid enough that the story could have been removed and the game would have not suffered.

The adventure is on the short side of the spectrum, a full run possible in about 15 hours at the most, leaving it open for additional quick plays.

With how tightly controlled the gameplay is to keep in line with the plot, the journey may not be as compelling a second time around.

SCORE: 71/100 – Worth a rental, though only major fans may enjoy the narrative.

Metroid: Other M was completed by the reviewer with a final time of 15 hours and 27 minutes with 100% item completion.

To solve the sudoku puzzle, every row, column and 3x3 box must contain the numbers 1-9 only once. Check your answers in Wednesday’s issue.

Puzzle Difficulty: Easy

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We use our clothing as a form of expression. Maybe you want to announce that you smoke pot by wearing a T-shirt with a marijuana leaf on it or that you enjoy the burning sensation felt from a shot of whisky by wearing a black hoodie with a Jack Daniel’s logo—like I do.

As bad as some of this outerwear may look, at least the individuals who sport this kind of attire know exactly what message they are sending, because nothing is worse than being viewed as Che Guevara’s murderous gauze on a red T-shirt, not knowing what he represents.

The problem isn’t wearing this man’s face. One of the perks of living in America is that we have freedom of speech. The problem is the ignorance of those who purchase Che paraphernalia and think that they support his ideas, when they definitely aren’t.

When the student, who was wearing Che’s face on a black T-shirt, was asked what the meaning behind the man with the lice infested beard was, he said to me, “He fought for what he believed in.” When asked to elaborate on his statement, he said one word, “Dictatorship.”

Interestingly enough, this “freedom fighter” is part of the reason why Cuba has no freedom and citizens of the dystopian country are forced to steal, result to prostitution and end up being breaded rag dolls for dinner—yes, breaded rags.

During the Cuban Revolution, Mr. Guevara, and his team of rats found success in overthrowing the Batista government. Che Guevara not only fought what he believed, but was mercilessly murdered for it.

Those who worked for Batista or even supported him were executed without any type of trial, and Christians were imprisoned simply because they believed in something that he didn’t. Innocent lives, including the lives of children, were brutally taken, and on his hands they lay their blood.

The photograph of Che’s iconic stare, taken by Alberto Korda, may very well be one of the most produced pictures in the world. In this picture, he is smoking a cigarette, printed on coffee mugs, buttons, suits, posters and so much more. Ironically, he was clearly against capitalism, and a true supporter would never dream of purchasing his face.

He also believed in a classless society, which may be appealing to some. In which case, Cuba, where Che’s classless idealisms are very much alive and running.

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We can feel like “home sweet home”. Che Guevara, at least in his black skin, has truly had his bliss. This has nothing to do with his talent like Jay-Z, believe that he is the perfect person to idolize, when Che would have despised their very music and indulgence...whups.

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‘Quick and dirty’ shrubs survey

BECCA GRIESEMER  
Staff Writer

Plans to possibly remove the shrubs that spell “FIU,” on the hill along the walkway from ACI to the library, have sparked a debate among the Biscayne Bay Campus community. A recent survey administered by Julissa Castellanos, director of operations for the Office of the Vice Provost at BBC, asked, “Do you agree with the removal of the FIU shrub as part of the landscape renovation project?”

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Castellanos also mentioned that a “quick and dirty survey” was conducted, and the results came in slightly more in favor of keeping the shrubs. She believes Facilities Management will heed the surveys results, and integrate the shrubs. Out of 86 staff, faculty, students, and others who participated in the survey, 55 percent of respondents said the shrubs should remain at its current location. 31 percent of respondents said the shrubs should be removed and 4 percent of respondents said the shrubs should be moved to another location.

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Contributing Writer

The June 4 New York Times opinion page covered a recent Gallup Poll that had been overshadowed in the news in the wake of the Gulf Oil Crisis. According to the article, “the percentage of ‘gay and lesbian relations’ as morally acceptable has now crossed the 50 percent mark.”

This week’s Tuesday Times Roundtable title “Gay, Whatever Dude.” will cover the recent article posted in the Times for the third installment at Biscayne Bay Campus, after debuting the first week of the fall semester.

Once an exclusive event for the Modesto Maidique Campus, the discussion has now made its way to BBC, where each week a series of guest moderators along with students voice their opinions and outlooks about current event topics taken from Op-Ed pieces of the Times. They will engage in an open roundtable style of discussion at no cost and with a free lunch included.

According to the article, the sudden increase in acceptance may be due to more men identifying themselves as gay, bi-sexual, or even “mostly straight,” making discrimination more difficult among heterosexuals. There are also more openly gay celebrities and athletes in the media today, reflecting a more gay and lesbian friendly attitude.

Other points in the poll include a percentage of those for gay men serving in the military, and how inclined individuals would be to the plights of the LGBT community if they knew someone who was openly gay or a lesbian.

Associate Director of Campus Life Vicky Owens said she is interested in facilitating a discussion among students and hearing their opinions, particularly of the younger generations, and will be probing ideas in the discussion such as: Miami’s take on the national trend, whether or not it’s in keeping, and who exactly had the Gallup Poll surveyed, to come up with their results. The rest is up in the air as students input their two cents and the discussion snowballs into a firestorm rife with opinion and debate.

“The roundtable would seem like some- thing interesting to do during my break,” said Adriana Gamboa, a senior journalism major. Maria Rodriguez, a senior journalism major, said she would be interested in returning to future meetings depending on how the first one goes.

Students can attend TTR on Sept. 14, in WUC 159 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Refreshments and a light lunch will be served to those in attendance. So be sure to be show up, grab a bite, and participate.

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