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Center faces dire renovation needs

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Ceiling tiles are falling and the air conditioning system doesn’t work properly. Students have to stand in labs because of a lack of chairs. The elevator is too slow and the bathrooms are in dire need of renovations. FIU’s Engineering Center has its share of student complaints.

“I was really embarrassed when the MIT recruiter for the summer program came over and the classroom that I obtained for her had duct tape,” said Janet Reyes, Student Government Association senator for the College of Engineering and Computing and a senior mechanical engineering major.

“The sides were held up by duct tape, the chairs were horrendous, there weren’t enough of them and they were all mismatched.”

Although renovations have been done in the past year or so, students say that some of the conditions have been so bad for so long that there is still much to do.

“I think that the recent renovations are great and rather helpful, but compared to everything that has been done in Modesto Maidique campus, I’d have to say that they are insignificant,” said Jose Cobian, a civil engineering senior.

“They (renovations) are the first I’ve seen in the past three years that I’ve been here.”

The building itself wasn’t built by the school, but purchased from a medical company, and when that occurred the place was completely bare. It is located about two miles from main campus, yet with traffic it takes about 15 to 20 minutes to go back and forth (without parking time).

There is a CATS shuttle bus that is free for students, and thanks to the last SGA engineering senator, William-Jose Velez, the schedule has improved. However, in its peak hours the shuttle gets so packed that students have to stand up during the ride.

In the long list of student complaints, the lack of campus life and events particularly bothers students. Campus Life didn’t know until this past year that the center is a part of Modesto Maidique campus.

Reyes says that in her two years at the school, she has never seen SGA representatives, or never seen SGA representatives.

Student attains exclusive fellowship

NICOLAS SARAVIA
Staff Writer

Making up to $30,000 for a master’s degree and two internships in the United States Foreign Service, Senior Raphael Garcia is the first FIU student selected for the competitive Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship.

After submitting his application, Garcia was selected as one of the 40 finalists. The program flew him to the nation’s capital to be interviewed by a panel involved with Foreign Service. After that consultation, Garcia was accepted as one of the 20 finalists — making FIU one of fifteen national universities with a Rangel Fellow.

“I’m extremely honored to have been chosen as a 2011 Rangel Graduate Fellow. I found out about the program through Professor Hilari Martínez. The program seeks to attract outstanding young people from diverse backgrounds to careers in the Foreign Service and as a Latino FIU student, Professor Martínez thought I would be perfect for the program,” said Garcia.

The Rangel Graduate Fellowship is characterized by its competitiveness, because of the opportunity to work in one of the country’s most exclusive careers.

“It was a very competitive process but the entire Rangel staff made us feel right at home,” said Garcia.

Aside from attending graduate school this summer, Garcia will work as an intern at the House Foreign Relations Committee and next summer at a US embassy abroad.

Martínez, associate dean of undergraduate education and diplomat in residence, is looking to create a center to provide coaching for students, like Garcia, interested in having a career in the world of international affairs.

“I am determined to use my experience with global opportunities to convince FIU students that just as we can win the Little Caesar Pizza Bowl, we can coach our academic athlete students to win nationally competitive awards that pay for our students’ graduate education, provide global internships, and launch global careers,” said Martínez.

“Professor Martínez has overcome many obstacles in order to create and nurture a system to assist worthy students to win these national awards, we can play a vital role and ensure that FIU remains Worlds Ahead.”

Athletics fee increase considered

JORGE VALENZ
Editor in Chief

With tuition increases on the horizon, students gathered in the Graham Center’s Ballroom to discuss a five percent increase of a fee that provides Athletics with over 70 percent of its funding, about $16.2 million.

Some of the topics on the minds of the roughly 25 students in attendance, most of whom were from the Student Government Association and the Black Student Union, were how this fee increase would affect students dealing with a rising tuition costs and access to Athletic facilities like the FIU Stadium and the US Century Bank Arena.

Currently, students pay $14.51 per credit hour with an additional $10 fee that is added per student, according to a committee report read by the chair, Bill Beesting, associate dean for undergraduate education.

“The University currently ranks fourth in the state in terms of Athletic fees according to a 2010 report of system-wide fees conducted by the University analyzing fees based on a 15 credit limit,” Florida Atlantic University comes in...
The state some of the classrooms are in is very discouraging and I honestly don’t think we won’t for their love of engineering, a lot more students would be dropping out,” Cobian said.

In the Panther Pit, where students eat, hang out and study, a raised area that used to have a ping-pong table has been carpeted and walls have been repainted by space management. The furniture was purchased by SGA.

In the rest of the Panther Pit, which occupies most of the space, the furniture hasn’t been changed since 1999.

Jacomino is aware of the problems regarding the lack of new furniture.

“A lot of it is historical,” said Adriana Marques, associate director of budget and personnel at the Engineering Center. “And from that money we have to distribute to salaries, adjunct professors, operating expenses and new faculty.”

The renovations that have been done so far are not a mix of sources like SGA, College of Engineering and space management.

“The director of academic space management, Gloria Jacomino, is in charge of the renovations for academic spaces, which include general-purpose classrooms, study areas, the down-stairs lobby and the library.

So far, they have renovated the downstairs lobby of the building, the classrooms on the right side of the first floor and they created three group study rooms. The last was an effort to give the students some quiet study space.

However, new renovations are on hold now. Jacomino says that the focus will be on classrooms at the Charles E. Perry building in the main campus.

Although math classrooms at the Engineering Center are not in bad shape. Some have overhead projectors and the furniture is not in poor condition. “The amount of money that each college gets from the university depends on the base budget of the previous year.”

According to Paz, these base budgets haven’t changed in more than 10 years.

“The amount of money that each college gets from the university is almost like a base budget,” said Pablo Garcia, assistant director of student government.

“None of the classrooms here have any funding right now. That might be something that the students can tackle the next time around,” Jacomino said.

Reyes said that they are thinking about a plan to change the furniture with the new SGA budget.

They also hope to get more books for the library, which students don’t really consider a library because it’s the size of a bathroom and the books are not updated.

“I do wish we had more options for our students,” said Pablo Garcia, assistant director of student government.

“Don’t see it as much of a problem. They don’t see it as much of a problem,” Cobian said. “We are hoping to continue the renovations next year.”

“Students are still complaining because they feel they have done a lot with the recent renovations.

However, future renovation plans might not be affected by the recent renovations because “most of the classrooms are not updated,” Cobian said.

Naranjo said that she is surprised students are still complaining because “they feel they have done a lot with the recent renovations.”

Fee increase would give FIU highest athletics fee in state

Engineering Center classrooms not likely to be fixed soon
**SPORTS**

**PETE GARCIA**

**New contract calls for raised expectations in expanded role**

With the extension that was signed by Pete Garcia on April 1 to stay at FIU, a few things have changed and there are rising expectations.

There was no doubt that Garcia would receive a raise for the work he has done for the FIU athletic program as the Athletic Director. Along with the raise in the new contract comes the new title of Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment, which puts Garcia in charge of events like the CONCACAF Gold Cup matches being held at FIU stadium and director of the South Beach Wine and Food Festival.

Given the contract that Garcia is to receive, the university might be making it a bit too easy for Garcia to earn his salary. Actually, the salary is fine, but I have a problem with all of the attainable bonuses that Garcia can earn over the next five years.

Let’s put it this way, if Garcia cannot achieve some of the bonuses that are in his contract, he will be considered a failure. Garcia can receive a 10 percent bonus if the average football attendance for the season is over 16,000 people.

Last season, the average attendance for a football game was 16,545 people. Basically what the university is saying is “Hey, don’t worry about improving too much. You’re doing great.” With all of these bonus opportunities, the school should be expecting more out of Garcia.

Since Garcia’s arrival at FIU in 2006, he has helped build a football program that went from being winless in 2006 to a team that won a share of the Sun Belt Conference championship and got a win in their first bowl game in school history at the Little Caesar’s Pizza Bowl.

Much of that success came from finding a strong, tough head coach in Mario Cristobal, who has recruited enough talent to help the Golden Panthers compete year in and year out. Garcia hired coach Turtle Thompson, who in turn managed the FIU baseball team to win the Sun Belt Conference championship in 2010.

Garcia deserves credit for helping the Athletics program become respectable on the field. Garcia deserves credit for helping the Athletics program become respectable on the field.

What has happened off the field is an entirely different scenario. The handling of certain events that have transpired during Garcia’s tenure has put a negative light on the school. With the good that has come with Garcia’s arrival in 2006, there has also been some bad things along with it. Whether it be the handling of Garrett Wittels’ ongoing investigation or not allowing the stadium to be used for Relay for Life, there are reasons for Garcia to truly earn his contract.

There is no point in arguing whether the contract Garcia received was good or bad, or if it was a way to keep him from going elsewhere to take another available Athletic Director position. All we know is that Garcia now has the chance to significantly improve the athletics program and draw quality events to the university, along with establishing a strong and respectable reputation for the program.

What we, as a student body, should be concerned with is what Garcia will do for the athletics program and for the university as a whole. The football team needs to continue their growth in becoming a true powerhouse in the SBC. Basketball must get out of their funk and build itself to a respectable squad. Baseball must continue to aleave behind any scars and prove that their 2010 championship was no fluke.

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**FIU ends road trip, prepare for WKU**

**MALCOLM SHIELDS**

**Staff Writer**

After losing two tough games in a row in the conference play last weekend against Louisiana-Monroe, the Golden Panthers returned home for the first time in nearly two weeks to face Western Kentucky on April 16 and 17.

**PAST MEETINGS**

Last season, the Golden Panthers swept Western Kentucky on the road at Bowling Green. In the three game series, the Golden Panthers outscored the Hilltoppers by a 23-3 margin. But in last season’s series against Western Kentucky last season on the road.

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For the Golden Panthers, Jessy Alfonso went 6-for-10 with four RBI and 17 RBIs last season. She pitched eight innings while surrendering one run on three hits and struck out nine batters in the win.

**MISSING OPPORTUNITIES**

The Golden Panthers went 2-4 on their last conference road trip against Louisiana and Louisiana-Monroe. There were two games in the six-game road trip in which the Golden Panthers did not take advantage of chances to win the game.

After splitting the first two games against No. 19 Louisiana, the Golden Panthers had the opportunity to win the last game of the three game series on April 7. With the Ragin’ Cajuns only up a run entering the fifth inning, the Golden Panthers pitching and defense faltered as the second and deciding run scored on a bases loaded walk. That run was the difference in a 2-1 Ragin’ Cajuns win.

In easily the toughest lost of the season, the Golden Panthers held a 7-3 lead entering the seventh inning against Louisiana-Monroe on April 9. The Golden Panthers allowed the Warhawks to score five runs on three hits in the inning to lose the game 8-7.

FIU is tied for third in the conference with Louisiana-Monroe with a 9-6 record. The Warhawks hold the tie-breaker based on the series win against FIU.

**SCOUTING WKU**

The Hilltoppers enter the weekend series with a 3-9 conference record. Western Kentucky also has a current three game losing streak in conference play. The Hilltoppers have five batters with a .300 or better batting average.

Brie Rajas (right) hit two home runs and knocked in seven runs in a series against Western Kentucky last season on the road.

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**SPORTS RECAP**

**Lineman transfers to FIU from midwest**

**JOEL DELGADET M**

**Sports Director**

The Golden Panthers needed to add some pieces to the offensive line after some key losses to that unit at the end of last season.

The team picked up a big piece in lineman Shae Smith, who will head to FIU as a transfer from Nebraska-Omaha, a Division II football program which the school has opted to drop in order to help its other programs make the jump to Division I.

After Brad Serini and Cedric Mack graduated, the Golden Panthers have expressed a need to bulk up on the line, which was instrumental in helping the team establish a solid running game during the 2010 season.

Smith will come to FIU as a redshirt junior and will be eligible to play this fall. He is expected to compete for one of the two vacancies left behind by Serini and Mack.
**FLORIDA PANTHERS**

**Florida Panthers enter offseason looking for a new coach**

AP WIRE

Two days after the Florida Panthers completed an NHL-record 10th consecutive season out of the playoffs, general manager Dale Tallon was talking about his team winning the Stanley Cup.

Tallon’s rebuilding plan remains in full swing, even though the Panthers just finished last in the Eastern Conference for the first time in franchise history.

The Panthers will enter the 2011 NHL draft with 10 picks and they also will have tons of cap room in the summer to use in free agency after unloading several veterans during the season. All that’s missing is a new coach to lead the way. Tallon, who fired Pete DeBoer on Sunday, plans on taking his time before making a decision.

“We’re going to do extensive research,” Tallon said Monday. “We’re going to put together a list of top candidates and then we’re going to take our time and do it right. We have time and we will get the right guy.”

Tallon called DeBoer a good coach and a good guy, but said he was looking for someone “more like me.”

“Pete has his way and I have my way,” Tallon said. “He’s a good coach. He’ll get another job. He worked his butt off and did everything you could ask from him. I don’t have any complaints, I just felt it’s necessary for us to go in a different direction.”

“It’s not about positive or negative, it’s just have a different approach. I have a different style, a different winning mentality,” Tallon said prior NHL head-coaching experience wasn’t a requirement for Tallon’s new coach. But he did rule out promoting assistant coach Gerd Murphy, who played for the Panthers the only time they won a playoff series — in 1996. Florida made its only Stanley Cup final that year, losing to Colorado, and hasn’t been in the playoffs only three times.

Murphy just finished his first season as an assistant with the Panthers working with the team’s defensemen and penalty-killing units. “I think he did a very solid job for us,” Tallon said, “but I think that Gord is perfect in the position he’s in right now.”

DeBoer, fired after three seasons with Florida, said he’s eager to move on. “I want to get back in coaching in this league as quickly as possible,” he said. “I think I can be successful. When you go through something like this, you want to show people that you made a mistake.”

DeBoer might be a candidate for the vacant Ottawa job. DeBoer interviewed to become head coach of the Senators three years ago before accepting the job with the Panthers.

“I’m attracted to any job in the NHL,” DeBoer said. “I want to work again. ‘Open for business,’ I guess, is the sign.”

DeBoer coached the Panthers to a 30-40-12 record last season, including a 4-11-5 mark after the trading deadline. The roster moves led to Florida finishing the season with nine players who spent time in the minors.

“If we have a different start and we win some more hockey games, it doesn’t go that way,” said Panthers center Stephen Weiss, who has been around for nine of the playoffless seasons and is the longest-tenured player on the team. “When you’re not winning, you’ve got to make changes. That’s just the way it goes. That’s the nature of the beast. I don’t think that’s some-thing Dale wanted to do, but when you don’t win you’ve got to make changes and he certainly did that.”

“The good thing is it freed up a lot of space to do some stuff in the summer. We’ll see what happens. Hopefully, we can build something and be a lot better next year than we were this year.”

The Panthers were eight points out of the last playoff spot at the trading deadline, but they never seriously contended at any point in the season. Florida never had more than a three-game winning streak and did not climb higher than 10th in the Eastern Conference standings.

Although dealing away veterans Bryan McCabe, Dennis Wideman, Bryan Allen, Cory Stillman, Radek Dvorak and Chris Higgins at or around the trading deadline all but eliminated any long-shot hope of making a playoff run, it freed up cap space and provided additional draft picks.

It was all part of the master plan. “It’s a process,” Tallon said. “Obviously the last 20 games were difficult for all of us. We all went through a tough time. It was painful to do what we had to do, but necessary to get us moving forward in the right direction. We had to subtract before we can add. But now I feel we’re ready to go in the right direction and move forward.”

Tallon, who took over at age 42 last May after helping build a Stanley Cup winner in Chicago, has a big offseason in store. The Panthers have only nine players under contract for next season, and own the draft picks to continue stockpiling the organization with young talent.

“Who would not want to be here in this position?” Tallon said.

“We’re going to turn this around, we’re going to have a great future. We’ve got a good core of young people and we’ve got some flexi-bility moving forward in the free agent market. We’ve got a great draft coming up with 10 picks.”

“Can you not be excited? We’ve got a great practice facility, a beautiful rink, great weather. This has got to be a destination. We want to make this a destination because we want to win a Stanley Cup.”

Baseball, softball teams climbing in RPI rankings

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**MEN’S SOCCER**

Members of the men’s soccer team were recognized by Confer-ence USA for their efforts in the classroom.

Michael Muesner and Carlo Schmid were given the Commiss-ioner’s Academic Medal for having a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher over the past year. In addition, 14 other Golden Panthers were Commissioner’s Honor Roll recipients, given to athletes who had a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Tulsa led the conference with 57 academic medal winners while Memphis and East Caro-lina followed with 56 and 48 recipients, respectively.

Men’s soccer is the only FIU athletic program that partici-pates in C-USA.

**SOTBALL**

In the latest NCAA RPI rank-ings, the Golden Panthers have been making ground in the overall rankings.

FIU is ranked No. 61 in the country, which is second in the Sun Belt Conference behind Louisiana.

The Golden Panthers dropped two of three against the Ragin’ Cajuns, who are ranked No. 34 in the latest rankings.

South Alabama is not too far behind FIU in the rankings with a No. 63 ranking while FAU came in at No. 72.

**BASEBALL**

RPI rankings were also released for college baseball, and the Golden Panthers are also second in the Sun Belt, coming at No. 42 in the nation.

The only Sun Belt team with a higher RPI ranking is Troy, which currently sits at No. 24.

**SOFTBALL**

**FIU vs. WKU (OH)**

- Time: 04:00 p.m.
- When: 04/16/11
- Where: Softball Complex

**FIU vs. WKU**

- Time: 12:00 p.m.
- When: 04/17/11
- Where: Softball Complex

**WKU pitching staff a formidable test for FIU**

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average. Karavin Dew leads the team with a 3.47 average and a .573 slugging percentage. Amanda Thomas and Kelsie Mattox lead the Hilltoppers with six home runs each. Mattox and Thomas are first and second on the team in RBIs with 25 and 22, respectively.

In the pitching circle, Sulaski and Wagner lead the Hilltoppers pitching staff. Sulaski is 9-7 with a 2.22 ERA and Wagner has a 10-10 record with a 3.73 ERA. Both pitchers have pitched over 100 innings a piece and opposing batters are hitting under .250 against both Wagner and Sulaski.

This season, the pitching staff is rounded out by Nathanson and freshman Brittanie Albright.

**Garcia needs to bring positive image to FIU**

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was not a fluke. Money needs to be generated to have athletics fuel themselves.

Most of all, Garcia needs to bring a certain prestige to the name of FIU. Garcia is loaded with many things to do over the next five years at FIU and he will have full support from the university staff. I hope that the students can back him up as well.
Like the saying goes, all good things must come to an end. As the countdown toward summer begins, the Theater Department’s production of William Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night” ensured the season would go out with a bang. “Twelfth Night” premiered on Apr. 7 in the Black Box Theater of the Herbert and Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center.

The show, directed by Wayne E. Robinson, Jr. was designed entirely by students and featured original music by BFA performance majors Mariette Gallor, Nathalie Nodarse and Jordan Sasaki.

The atmosphere inside the Black Box Theater was very intimate. The large, beige, architectural structure on the stage provided a stark contrast to the thick curtains surrounding the room. The play opened with Gallor, Nodarse and Sasaki singing an acoustic, eerie song as noises from a harsh storm echoed in the distance. “We get no second chance in this life,” they repeated. The actors, accompanied only by a guitar, harmonized beautifully, setting the mood for the rest of the performance.

Almost immediately, the audience meets Viola, later to be known as Cesario, a shipwreck survivor who believed she had lost her brother to the sea. Sarai Heria-Brazofuerte who delivered a standout performance, played one of the chief protagonists, Viola. Heria-Brazofuerte had found a connection with the role, giving it her all with a great enthusiasm that engaged viewers.

Daniel Nieves played the lovesick Duke of Illyria, Orsino. Sporting a leather jacket and Ray Ban aviators, he took the stage channeling “Happy Days’” The Fonz. Andrea Bovino acted as the object of his unrequited affection, Countess Olivia. Nieves brought comedy to the setting with his quirky facial expressions and Bovino shone in her monologue about falling in love with the disguised Viola.

Two other standout performances of the night belonged to Nathalie

Michael Mena and Andrea Bovino play Sir Toby and Olivia respectively in the final production of the spring. Michael Mena and Andrea Bovino play Sir Toby and Olivia respectively in the final production of the spring.
Amazon takes the lead in cloud computing market

Amazon is a technology company whether it wants to admit it or not, it just so happens that it leads in the cloud computing market.

While others companies like Apple and Google are making big moves in cloud computing and getting a lot of fame for it, Amazon is making even bigger plays right under the noses of the big players and in some cases the media.

Recently, the company introduced an extremely innovative service called Cloud Player, allowing customers to upload their own music to Amazon’s servers and stream the songs to their Android devices. Surya of The Beacon.

Cloud Player and its Dropbox-like counter-part Cloud Drive are basically the same thing. A user gets 5 GB of free storage online where they can put whatever they want. If you end up buying an album from Amazon Music, you’ll get bumped up to 20 GB of storage.

Apple, Google, and a slew of other competitors have flirted with this premise for a long time but have been hesitant because of the possible legal problems that could arise with the Recording Industry Association of America.

Amazon did something awesome: they told the RIAA that they didn’t need the licenses to put user’s songs in the cloud and they basically demanded to see them.

This is a move for the cloud, and if this trend picks up and companies begin moving toward providing cloud-based storage services for mobile devices we will see the affects on the hardware side as well.

Suppose Motorola wants to build a new Android device. Instead of packing the phone with Flash storage in upwards of 32 GB, they only have to install enough space to locally store apps and the operating system itself, say 8 GB.

This would lead to cheaper phones as manufacturers can spend less on storage.

Another interesting move by the company is the ad-subsidized Kindle book reader. For $114, you can own a full-fledged Kindle that is basically ad-supported, meaning that ads will pop up as you are using them.

Though I think that $14 is still too steep for an ad-supported ebook reader, I do have to say that this is a definite step in the right direction.

This year, we see Amazon taking one step forward in making a watershed move for the company, a $99 Kindle. At this price point it enters the realm of an impulse buy, and that is going to make it stand out against the iPads and the Xooms of the world.

Ultimately, what Amazon is doing is diversifying its offerings and it’s doing so in a very stealthy and successful way.

While Google, Apple and Facebook are slugging it out in public while Amazon is making and huge moves in the cloud. It makes sense; they have the resources and the ability to do it.

What’s next, Amazon? Search? Social Media? A mobile phone?

Field of Tech! is a weekly column on all things technology.

Cast gets big laughs in play

‘Hobo’ delivers just what it promises

This is a film without shame: violent, morally reprehensible, utterly objectionable and yet admirable in its compellent watchability.

My favorite part of Hobo With A Shotgun is when the Hobo (Ranger Hauer) pulls a shotgun down from a boxcar who can use a twelve-gauge shotgun with ease must have an inter臌nal view of his store? Second, where a hobo riding across America in a

Hauer’s character, though called a fool, was quite the opposite and provided continuous, wither smart, quick-witted characters.

A hobo with a shotgun (he’s a vigilante, not a robber, he pays for his bullets) is exposed. Then you tie a noose made of bird wire around his head, attach a weighted end to a car and have the car accelerate quickly. He tries to escape. Then you throw the weight of the car at him, and see if he even notices it to a car and have the car accelerate quickly.

Yeah. That’s the film’s first five minutes in a nutshell.

Meanwhile, all the Hobo wants to do is save up enough money to buy a lawnmower and start his own business. Exact price: $49.99.

The Hobo, spurned on by the plight of the town and by a budding friendship with Abby (Molly Dunsworth), a local prostitute with a good heart, is sent on a crash course with the inevitable. Somehow, someway, the violence escalates to indescribable heights with inventive fervor.

There are times where the film almost feels as if it wants to fall into social commentary. A collapsing, almost dystopic American society led by a gang lord that is saved by a potential NRA poster child.

But there’s no reason to expect more from this film than the sheer glee and entertainment that comes from breaking the boundaries of social acceptance.

What it comes down to is whether you understand and enjoy the charm in the ridiculous, over-the-top violence of the grindhouse cinema movement from the 1960s and 1970s.

If you don’t understand the fun in a good, old-fashioned gore fest, you probably shouldn’t be watching this movie.

Hobo With A Shotgun is American grindhouse cinema, and if you understand and enjoy the charm in the ridiculous, over-the-top violence of the grindhouse cinema movement from the 1960s and 1970s, it’s worth watching.

‘Hobo’ delivers just what it promises.
**Public transportation lacks efficiency**

**GISELE RODRIGUEZ**
Staff Writer

The rising cost of oil and its impact on our gas prices highlights our city’s desperate need for an alternative. With the University hosting a majority of students, the need for reliable and affordable alternatives for getting to school needs to be addressed.

However, despite the schools in the county have direct routes on the established public transportation system—example, the University of Miami has a dedicated stop off the Metrorail—the only public option to get to the University is an often circuitous, unreliable bus route.

When gas prices started tipping the $3 mark for a full tank, I looked into an alternative for driving my car to school. I already take the shuttle to the Biscayne Bay Campus twice a week, so I knew I liked the whole bus thing and the fact that I can work while someone else drives. Unfortunately, Miami-Dade County does not seem to want to cooperate with me in my quest.

As a college student, I have the option of acquiring a monthly EASY card for the reduced price of $50. This seems like a good idea, as I would be saving around $30 assuming I fill up my car twice a month. The problem arises when I try to find a bus route that will take me to surgery with any kind of alacrity. In order to get to school in the morning, it would be a two hour trip. This is, of course, assuming that there is no traffic and the buses all arrive on time, if they arrive at all.

My caloric year, I had a friend in my first class who would leave her house at 5:30 a.m. in order to get to our 8 a.m. class. She missed a test once because the bus she needed never arrived.

With the deteriorating condition of our environment and the rapidly rising cost of oil and gas, no one is arguing against the fact that we need some sort of change in our transportation. Miami-Dade County is so spread out, however, that it is physically impossible to walk everywhere you need to go. Biking is a dangerous option with the severe lack of bike routes. It is too late to change the layout of the county, but it is certainly worth trying to alleviate the omnipresent traffic and prevalence of awful public transportation.

**It is too late to change the layout of the county, but it is certainly not too late to try to alleviate the... prevalence of awful public transportation**

**PAOLO RAMOS**
Staff Writer

Though the University and, by extension, society as a whole has shown considerable effort in furthering eco-friendly ideals and habits, there is undeniable misconception about the true potential of “going green.”

It is extremely difficult to live a life without utilizing anything that can be damaging to the environment. Though many methods are effective, but in order to maximize the potential of green alternatives, careful analysis must always be taken, even with methods that may seem to be environmentally sound.

Transportation is an area in a student's day that is usually seen as black and white when it comes to going green. Cars that rely on fossil fuels make up the majority of vehicles that students use to commute to and from school and because the majority of students at the University are commuters, there is a large amount of cars within and outside of the school. It is now common knowledge that fossil fuels have directly contributed to global warming, and as a result there has been a movement towards developing environmentally sound energy sources.

Many of the most wide-spread alternatives is ethanol based fuel. Most gas stations now boast their use of ethanol in the gas they provide. However a study shown MSNBC proves the cons of ethanol fuel greatly outweigh its benefits. Primarily made from corn, ethanol fuel production has caused corn prices to rise, and runoff from production has caused dead zones in the Gulf of Mexico. Moreover, ethanol fuel has proven to be less efficient than fossil fuels, making a shift in dependence sensible.

Another area that is considerably murky in the green movement is the recycling of electronic products. In a society where turnover for technology is on the rise, under the belly of this process is rarely seen. At the University alone, students are constantly acquiring new cell phones, computers, and countess of other products. The disposal of old products through regular garbage disposal has environmentally damaging effects, such as high greenhouse emissions. The University must fill the cup of the University and must always be taken, even with methods that may seem environmentally sound. With that being said, the University must fill the cup of the University and must always be taken, even with methods that may seem environmentally sound.

The Metrorail, an important part of our public transport, is hamstrung by its tiny, one-way routes and nascence buses are being brought in all the time, unable to provide the kind of shift in awareness transportation that we are used to achieving with our cars.

Since 2007, there have been repeated attempts to open an “East-West Corridor” in the Metrorail system that would connect the University to the rest of the county. Unfortunately, there is no project deadline for this supposed expansion. Direct bus routes from all over the county to the University are slim and usually take a few hours to arrive, rather than the more direct, slightly quicker car journey.

The county really needs to consider allocating more money to improving our public transportation and alternative transportation options. A quick fix for bikers would be completing the “rail-to-trail” project where old, unused railroad tracks are converted into bike paths. As well, the Metrorail really needs to be updated and made useful. Buses are headed in the right direction, but the expansion of routes and the bus fleet is slow to handle the growing need.

If we want to move to a more eco-friendly and less expensive transportation system, Miami-Dade Transit needs to step up and provide us with options until then, it seems we will be stuck in a gas-drenched limbo that is bad for the environment, bad for our health and bad for our wallets.

**Enrollment plan a step backward**

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The level of prestige of any educational institution is determined by how many people it rejects. With that being said, the University may need to reconsider their future enrollment plans. The University boasts proudly of its diversity, educational standard and ethos, however. An important thing to note is University President Mark B. Rosenberg’s plan to significantly increase enrollment by 20,000 over the next ten years, according to the Sun Sentinel.

We need not enroll the “entire world” to help us achieve this goal of being a “Worlds ahead” This idea of significantly increasing enrollment will hurt us more than it helps us. If the University takes on too many students beyond what its resources and facilities can cater to and accommodate, we are doing more harm than good.

Truthfully, this enrollment plan is all about the money. Although the University must make a significant amount of money to thrive, we must remember that if this becomes the primary focus, that is when the problem arises. If the leaders of the University begin to view every student as an additional $4000 in the bank every semester, and they wait intently on Fall term to roll around so that they can increase both enrollment and tuition, we have a problem.

The focus in any educational institution should be on the students and their individual development. A student should not be viewed as a dollar sign, but rather as a future productive member of society who has something to offer the world, because they were inspired, rather than overcharged or left outside in the cold because they could not get a seat in a class. We, as a University, will begin to experience a dilemma when we focus on quantity, rather than quality.

The University should ensure that its students remain happy and satisfied in order to guarantee its success in upcoming years. If you want to go to register for my classes, I hope that I attain a seat and get the opportunity to learn. Next time I look for parking, I sincerely hope I find a spot, so that I may be on time for my classes.

Just as I am excited to be here and receive my education from this place, it would give me great confidence and happiness to know that those who are in command of this university think about me as a person, rather than a dollar sign. So please, I sincerely believe that we must fill the cup of the University and bring about satisfaction and success. However, I also hope that it will not spill over and ultimately waste.
Event used recyclables to promote green

**URUGUAY**

Senate passes amnesty end for junta crimes

A closely divided senate has passed legislation to overturn an amnesty for human rights crimes by the military during Uruguay’s 1973-85 dictatorship, moving to override voters who upheld the law twice.

**JAMAICA**

Panel to review pot decriminalization

Top government officials will review recommendations to decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal and religious use in Jamaica, which is the Caribbean’s largest pot exporter to the U.S.

**ARGENTINA**

US denies visa to German investigative journalist

A journalism group in Argentina tried Tuesday to intervene on behalf of one of its members who was permanently denied a U.S. visa after traveling to Washington to do research at the National Archives.

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**FOODGASM**

Add squid to your salad; thank me later

**Cristina Miralles**

Staff Writer

“Going green” is a contagious trend currently sweeping the nation and the University in a big way.

Students at Biscayne Bay Campus have made changes and held events around campus in order to go green. They have placed recycling bins around campus and made changes in the cafeteria that would benefit the faculty and students. The Student Alumni Association decided to host a “Go Green” event in order to enhance these changes.

The event was held on Tuesday, April 12 at Panther Square and had a good turnout. This was the first time the event occurred, but SAA hopes to make it an annual tradition for the students.

“As we are trying to go Worlds Ahead, we hope to involve our students in going closer to a more eco-friendly university,” said Zahra Arbabi Askhi, student ambassador president of SAA.

“Going green” is “a phrase referring to an individual action that a person can consciously take to curb harmful effects on the environment through consumer habits, behavior, and lifestyle,” according to go greenerhinks.com.

Going green, which requires a lot of initiative from everyone, is saving water and energy, using less gas, eating right and trying not to use plastic bottles.

Recycling is the main way in which to use less plastic bottles and the University isn’t slouching in this area either.

The Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus passed a resolution on Feb. 7 for the “Panther Pickup Recycling Campaign.” This resolution was made to add new recycling bins and move around the older ones to higher circulation areas.

In an article published on Feb. 14, 2011, Camilo Hernandez, a biomedical engineering student at Biscayne Bay Campus, wrote, “I don’t like to see things go to waste. I care about reducing, reusing, and recycling.”

“Every effort to raise awareness in enjoyable ways makes people more green conscience. So I think this does help,” said Farah Yamini, a junior philosophy major. “However, I would like to see more facts and figures about the benefits of being green conscience.”

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**HOW TO MAKE A SQUID SALAD**

1. Take 2 pounds of cleaned squid.
2. 1/2 cup of red wine vinegar
3. 1/2 cup of olive oil
4. 2 diced large tomatoes
5. 1/2 cup of kosher salt
6. 1/2 tablespoon of cracked pepper
7. 3 lemons
8. 2 diced large tomatoes
9. 1 diced red onion
10. 1/2 cup coarsely chopped Italian parsley

Put the squid in plastic container and add the garlic, red pepper flakes, half of the vinegar, a few tablespoons of the oil, the lemon juice, salt and pepper. Cover the mixture and let it marinate for about 20 minutes. In a separate bowl mix the remaining oil, vinegar, and lemon juice for the dressing.

After about 10 minutes start preheating your grill to around 450 degrees Fahrenheit. Open the lid, quickly place the squid on the grates, and close it. Discard the marinade. Wait about 40 seconds then flip the squid over. After another 40 seconds take the squid off of the grill. It should not look translucent on the outside and hopefully will have some grill marks. Transfer the squid to a cutting board and slice each tube into two or three large rings.

Put the tomatoes, onion, squid, and parsley in a dish, pour the dressing over the top, toss to combine, and serve.

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