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International relations alum receives fellowship

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An FIU international relations alum was selected to as one of the recipients for the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship, which includes $90,000 to pursue a master’s program, two internships, and three years of work in the United States Foreign Service. “I am extremely humbled by the opportunity to join a community of Rangel Fellows that are currently serving all over the world,” said Abdel Perera, who became the third FIU student to be selected for the program. Perera was among 20 candidates selected out of more than 200 applicants nation-wide for the Rangel graduate program, which this year had two FIU students in the finals. According to Perera, he was meet with candidates from Harvard, Georgetown and American University. Though he said he felt prepared because of his training with the University’s Center for Excellence in Writing.

The fellowship is a program that seeks to attract and prepare qualified individuals for careers in the Foreign Service in which they can “help formulate, represent and implement U.S. foreign policy.” “The Rangel Fellowship was a highly competitive opportunity for me.”

Students, faculty come together for annual Law Week

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From March 27 through March 29, the law school was abuzz as the Student Bar Association brought together students and faculty for Law Week. “Law Week is on the Student Bar Association’s agenda from day one,” said Robert Scavone Jr., president of the SBA. “There are three objectives to Law week; building camaraderie among the students, creating events where the students and faculty can have fun together and creating time throughout the day where students can take a break from studying to have some fun.” In preparation for the annual Barrister’s Ball, which was held March 31, the Student Bar Association and affiliate groups at the law school hosted a number of events for law students to enjoy. “Traditionally, the entire SBA Board chips in to make sure Law Week is a success,” Scavone said. “This year was no different; however, we also teamed up with the Hispanic Law Students Association this year.”

Students were invited on March 27 to the large courtroom to listen to guest speaker Robert Coppel, director of training and professionalism for the Public Defender’s Office. “Inspirational People in Criminal Law” featured Coppel speaking about his experiences as a felony trial and training attorney. All students who had an interest in criminal law were invited to attend the event. The following evening,

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Victory

With voter turnout up 44 percent of the student population, Laura Farinas and Alex Castro clinched the win for president and vice president of Student Government Council at Modesto Maidique Campus. In Panther Square, the results of Biscayne Bay Campus’ uncontested presidential elections announced Pablo Haspel and Oluwatobi Adeloye the winners.

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Check out Monday’s issue for coverage of the Students for Justice in Palestine lecture featuring Leila Farsakh, professor of political science at the University of Massachusetts.
Florida Sen. Marco Rubio says Republican Mitt Romney will win the White House, but not with Rubio on the ticket.

Rubio was asked about his prospects during an appearance Wednesday in Palm Beach Gardens. He said: “I’m not going to be the vice president.”

Romney announced Rubio on the ticket.

The tea party favorite also was asked about a suggestion by former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush that Rubio is the clear choice to be Romney’s running mate. Rubio responded by returning the favor and saying he thinks the former governor would be a great vice president.

Students angry over pricey courses pepper-sprayed

Campus police pepper-sprayed as many as 30 demonstrators after Santa Monica College students angrily over a plan to offer high-priced courses tried to push their way into a trustees meeting, authorities said.

Raw video posted on the Internet Tuesday evening showed students chanting “Let us in, let us in” and “No cuts, no fees, education should be free.”

Students were angry because only a handful were allowed into the meeting room, and when their request to move the meeting to a larger venue was denied, they began to enter the room, said David Steinman, an environmental advocate who is running for Congress as a Green Party candidate.

Two officers were apparently backed up against a wall, and began using force to keep the students out of the room.

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**BASEBALL**

Panthers blank Rattlers to take opening game of two-game set

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**FIU 13, FAMU 0**

Whenever a baseball team records 10 hits in a game, it is considered a successful night on offense. Yet FIU aims for more. “Our goal for hitting is to at least get 13 hits [per game],” said Jabari Henry last week.

On April 2, the Panthers (15-13) hit the number 13 in a category, which is a very conservative place. So coming here to Miami, I was a bit close-minded and Miami has really opened my mind up,” Seredni said. “I love how everyone is accepted here. I really love Miami’s culture and the opened mindedness and I’m going to take some of that back with me when I go back home.” Former Utah tennis player Johnson has aspirations of becoming a tennis coach after concluding her collegiate career.

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According to Johnson, she developed some of the most memorable moments and relationships with her teammates at FIU and will remain to linger in her memory.

“Winning the conference tournament last year was a memorable and great experience,” Johnson said. “Everyday practice and the jokes [the teammates] make with one another and all the inside things I really enjoyed.”

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**TENNIS**

Two seniors hope to make final match memorable

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Friday, April 6, will be the final time Lisa Johnson and Christine Seredni suit up for a home match. Panther fans can say goodbye to the team’s seniors as they play host to Fresno State.

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**FIRE AND BLOOD**

Christine Seredni (above) will play in their final match at FIU on April 6.
FIU set to clash with worst hitting team in Sun Belt

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After the Panthers lost their first conference series and were outhit by Troy on April 1, FIU (16-16, 4-3 SBC) will take on the worst hitting team in the Sun Belt. The Panthers will now take on Louisiana-Monroe in a three-game set, which begins on April 6 with a doubleheader at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The Warhawks are coming off a big offensive output as they defeated Nicholls State 7-4 on March 29. The win leaves ULM (16-13, 3-6 SBC) in seventh place in the conference, six games behind conference leader Louisiana-Lafayette.

The Warhawks’ biggest offensive asset is without question their speed. Despite being the worst hitting team in the conference, six games back in the Sun Belt, ULM carries three base stealers in the lineup with 17 stolen bases so far in 2012. Those 17 stolen bases have also placed Navarrete as the leader in stolen bases in the conference and also ranks her 31st in the country. In comparison, FIU’s stolen base leader is Beth Peller with seven.

The FIU defense has also seen some improvement with the addition of Senior Designated Hitter Mike Martinez, who came into the game hitting .356, finished the game hitting 2-2 with two RBI’s.

"Coming out against a good team in Florida A&M, you try to do what you can with the pitches that you get, and I got a couple pitches that I got for base hits and luckily there was people on base," said Martinez.

With the win, the Panthers (16-13, 4-3 SBC) have won three straight and sweep FAMU for the season.

"There are four things that can happen in a baseball game," said head coach Turtle Thomas. "You can play poorly and win, you can play poorly and lose, you can play good and you lose and you can play good and you win." And that was exactly what happened for the Warhawks, in a 3-2 loss that the Panthers handed them back on Jan. 27 in Athens, Ga.

Senior Lisa Johnson led the pack as the Panthers suspended the Warhawks with a 3.98 ERA. Routzon who is 3-8 on the year with a 3.35 ERA, and ULM with Stephanie Routzon who is 3-8 with a 3.98 ERA.

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DEATH RACE

Alumnus to attempt “world’s toughest race”

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When reading a description of the Spartan Death Race, one may question whether similarly brutal physical tasks, such as hiking a mountain or memorizing a Bible verse and then repeating it through dangerous woods, or memorizing rocks for hours, building a fire, sprinting wood for hours, carrying heavy "Death Racers" can expect are chopping capitalizing on fan’s loyalty to make a quick cash in and make a quick buck. Because of this, it's not hard to go into a movie like “American Reunion” with a cynical mindset.

Jorge MenDez
COLUMNIST

This film does have a few things going in its favor: it's the third “American Pie” movie to bring back the original cast since “American Wedding.” Additionally, it is written by John Hurwitz—the same writer of the original “American Pie” and it is filled with a ton of fan service, which is sure to make any long-time aficionados of the series happy.

Reunion picks up a few years after “American Wedding” and follows the return of the class of 1999 to their hometown for their 15-year high school reunion. After catching up, the group decides—to make something out of their weekend. However, their level of success can be argued.

All of the original characters that you love and hate are back: Jim, Stifler’s mom, Michelle and even MILF guy #2.

Having the original cast back gives the film a feeling of authenticity; these guys really do seem like a group of lifelong friends who have reunited after years of being apart.

Concerning the film’s plot, it’s nothing new and, in a way, it seems formulaic: Jim has the awkward conversation with his dad, Stifler pulls off some ridiculous pranks and just about everyone in the movie has some sort of relationship problem—Jim’s being especially hilarious.

With that being said, these returning gags do not fail; they are sure to make even the most serious of audience members put their guard down and let out a chuckle or four. The plot suffers from the occasional sappy scene, which feels forced and unnatural when coming from a group of people like the class of 1999.

As in other “American Pie” movies, the actors' performances are nothing to write home about. They range from acceptable to cringe-worthy.

Jason Biggs, acting the role of the film’s leading man, Jim, does the usual okay job. Still, if there was an award for best portrayal of someone getting caught with their pants down, Biggs would win it hands down.

Eugene Levy steals the show as Jim’s newly widowed father. He was comical in the other installations, but I am tempted to say he is more the usual okay job. Still, if there was an award for best portrayal of someone getting caught with their pants down, Biggs would win it hands down.

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Overall, the film as a whole does not hold a fine job of bringing the franchise back to its roots by appealing to both the old die-hard fans as well as the new generation of troublemakers.

If you watch the movie with an open mind and ignore the cheesy moments, you just might be pleasantly surprised. I give “American Reunion” three pies out of five.

Jorge MenDez is a guest Columnist for Reel to Reel.

The entire cast of the original “American Pie” is back for a new instalment.

“American Reunion” not a complete pie to the face

It’s easy to see that Hollywood is addicted to sequels and remakes capitalizing on fan’s loyalty and often on their sense of nostalgia to cash in and make a quick buck. Because of this, it’s not hard to go into a movie like “American Reunion” with a cynical mindset.

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How to avoid being a jerk: A bartender’s guide

As I said, surely the bartender is more of an expert on drinks than you are, so avoid making them look like they are the idiot.

1. Quality:

Bartenders have no problem remaking a drink. They want you to be happy not only because they are good people but also because they want you to continue drinking and spend more money, duh.

However, try to be polite about it and assume that if the bartender cannot understand what you want, it’s probably because you are mispronouncing “Pama” and saying “Puma.”

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2. Tipping:

I get it. You think people should have to work for their tips. You think your tip should be based on service, demeanor, quality and maybe even likeability.

Here is the thing: the vast majority of people in the service industry make a sub-minimum wage because it is expected that their hourly wage will be supplemented with tips.

Furthermore, when you don’t tip because the service was slower than you wanted it to be or because the food or drink was lacking, you are penalizing the server or bartender for variables they have very little control over.

Lastly, let me tell you how the restaurant business works.

Servers and bartenders tip out a percentage of their sales—not tips—to support staff members, such as bussers and barbacks.

When you don’t tip properly, you are often actually taking money from the server or bartender. Don’t do this—it sucks.

If you are tempted to do this, imagine each time that you’ve spent too much time on facebook, twitter or textsfromlastnight.

3. Yelling:

Don’t ever yell at the checkout clerk or salesperson, no matter what. I cannot emphasize this enough. The same goes when you eat out at a restaurant.

If you wouldn’t call your lawyer or accountant a “moron” to their face, don’t even think about calling any of the servers, bartenders or salespeople a “moron.” They really do not care if you don’t come back to shop, drink or eat there again. Plus, everyone in the establishment will silently be thinking you’re a douche.

4. Ordering:

Fancy nicknames for drinks are lame and make the bartender feel bad for not knowing what it is. Don’t make the bartender feel bad. You don’t want a “Cape Codder,” you actually just want a vodka cranberry.

5. Coupons:

Assume that outside of the customer-employee dynamic, the employee is probably way cooler and smarter than you. In other words, don’t assume that because there was a snafu with your Jäger-bomb or a skirt on sale that the person serving or helping you is intellectually inferior to you.

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What Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would say about Trayvon

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If Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had not been gunned down 44 years ago, I wonder what kind of courageous and poetic wisdom he would have imparted upon us in regard to the senseless murder of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin. When it comes to race, America is experiencing an identity crisis. We live in an America where we have a Black president, a man whom, perhaps only 30 years ago, could have easily been mistaken for Trayvon.

But we also live in an America where we have paranoid racists convinced that “walking while black = WWB,” is a dangerous endeavour and a crime punishable by death.

We live in an America where numerous athletic teams, students, mothers, etc. have marched in hoodies to show solidarity with Trayvon and his family.

But we also live in an America, where men in proverbial white hoods recently terrorized Skittles and iced tea togethers at a Kilo Klux Klan rally at the Arkansas headquarters of The Knights Party - the only two things Trayvon was armed with the night he was murdered.

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Zimmerman stood his ground, he says; now we have to stand ours.

Modern job search forfeits online privacy

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The illusion of online privacy and security is shattering before our eyes. The struggle to remain incognito to our professional peers has become exceedingly difficult due to a new trend in the job market.

Employers, in the process of hiring, have ventured into what many consider to be the ultimate taboo: the surrendered of online social media passwords. In a still-fragile economy, this new prerequisite will undoubtedly cause even more grief to applicants in a fiercely competitive job market.

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Certainly, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would have cried with us over the loss of Trayvon.

Certainly, he would have encouraged not a violent response, but a steadfast resistance to accepting this death.

Certainly, he would have smiled a bittersweet smile or his eyes would have filled up with tears, maybe both, when the President of the United States publicly said, “If I had a son, he would look like Trayvon.”

But more than anything, I think Dr. King Jr. would have wanted us not to hate George Zimmerman, the man who pursued and killed Trayvon – that’s too easy. It is too easy to hate a monster.

It is difficult, and forces a reevaluation of ideals, to instead hate the system of racial inequality that murder and hatred like this are predicated on.

Dr. King Jr. would have wanted justice for Trayvon and his family, no doubt, but he would also want, as he is famously known to have said, to “not stop there.”

He would not want us to stop with Zimmerman being arrested and investigated for murder.

He would not want us to stop until we’ve addressed the systemic roots of racism.

He would not want us to stop until we have addressed the recent study that more African American males are in jail than there were African American men enslaved in 1850.

Zimmerman stood his ground, he says; now we have to stand ours.
With the City of North Miami being in opposition to the construction of a second entry point to the Biscayne Bay Campus, commuters weigh in on the daily bottleneck.

Three schools. One roadway. Big problem all around

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Screaming kids, impatient students, and the occasional napper behind the wheel are just a few of the sights as drivers attempt to leave the Biscayne Bay Campus during school zone hours.

Northeast 151st Street in North Miami is lined with a university, two relatively new schools, and only one way to enter and exit for parents, students, and staff.

“It is absolutely ridiculous,” said Janice Graham, a parent of a 10-year-old at David Lawrence Jr. K-8 Educational Center, a school just several hundred feet between BBC and Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior School.

The location of the three schools and their proximity to the wetlands poses a unique problem, according to Lawrence Principal Bernard Osborn.

“It is so terrible and so crowded,” said Gloria Uquillas, a mother at Lawrence. “It takes a lot of time to go home.”

The surrounding habitat restricts building, and although plans for the schools were discussed prior to their construction, it doesn’t look like there is much hope for making another exit.

“There were not many options,” Osborn said.

The dilemma of building another entrance raised concerns from environmentalists who believe that construction would endanger the mangrove habitat. Others, however, worried that an emergency evacuation would become an emergency in its own right due to the number of people in the three schools.

An effort to extend N.E. 135th Street as a second entrance was shut down by the North Miami City Council last fall.

When all three institutions release at the same time, drivers and their passengers are forced to sit through the slowly moving convoy of vehicles.

Parents also complain about the design of the medians and the University’s speeding drivers.

Alex Evorden, a senior at Alonzo Mourning who takes the city bus home with his twin brother, said school buses severely restrict traffic. Rather than being held back by the situation, he walks to a city bus stop down the road and across a busy intersection to avoid waiting on a bus in traffic.

“It takes 15 minutes just to get to the traffic light at the end of the street on a bus,” said Evorden. “I walk faster than the bus. I always beat it.”

Drivers from Alonzo Mourning, the closest school to Biscayne Boulevard, hold up drivers from the University, who in turn make it difficult for David Lawrence Jr. parents to even exit their own parking lot.

Graham compared the delay to movie theater lines.

“People can’t get in because people can’t get out,” said Uquillas.

Senior Jared Piniero of Alonzo Mourning said that even though his school has the shortest wait time of all three, the situation is still aggravating.

“I don’t know why there is only one way out for so many people,” he said.

Osborn has spoken with several parents and has also complained to the county, although nothing further has been discussed. He said that the school considers it a “daily challenge.”

Chauffeurs of the Golden Panther, the shuttle commuting from ModestoMadique Campus and BBC, must also deal with the crowded lines during school zone hours after 1 p.m.

“The only problem I have is the kids from the elementary schools are not using the crosswalks. GPF chauffeur William Anderson said. “They cut diagonally through traffic instead of using the crosswalks and it adds to the traffic. There needs to be an officer or a school monitor there.”

The traffic congestion has caused David Lawrence Jr. and Alonzo Mourning to use their own faculty and staff to control the congestion.

Osborn and other staff at Lawrence sometimes step outside of their offices and direct traffic. They stop traffic from FIU and enable their school’s parents to enter onto the main road.

Sally Alyano, principal of Alonzo Mourning High, has the school police officer and school security to assist at the end of the day.

Unfortunately, Osborn said, parents do not follow common courtesy rules and that he has called the police to intervene on a few occasions.

“We ask [the parents] to practice the core values of patience and understanding,” he said.

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State agency sets up shop on entry way to campus

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Just footsteps away from the pristine waters of Biscayne Bay and Biscayne Bay Campus is a building considered to be one of the most important forms of environmental protection: the law enforcement division helps to enforce rules and regulations on both a state and federal level. The office for law enforcement contains investigators, enforcement officers are often first to arrive at a scene, because they have the necessary equipment and means to reach often inaccessible locations.

“We also respond to most incidents where someone is lost and in need of help. As a law enforcement agency, we are at the ready to respond to any and all distress calls 24 hours a day seven days a week,” Pino said.

The FWC also works alongside other local, state, and federal agencies for specialized training and projects which include the trans-planting and growing of coral, assisting in the vast Everglades restoration effort, and managing seasonal events such as lobster season and turtle hatching season.

Chuck Collins, director for the South Region stresses the importance of protecting the “unique and diverse environments” which are unique to Florida.

Collins’ students volunteer with Florida environmental agencies and groups, and there are other careers not limited to science and biology majors. Students can internships with the commission.

As in the case of the increase in raccoon popula-
tions due to human feeding, Collins stresses the need to educate the public about the environment, specifically not feeding wildlife which creates nuisance animals.

“There is always a consequence to our actions and those need to be thought through,” Collins said.