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A CINEMATIC ANALYSIS OF HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2

As someone in a single film class many fancy me an expert on all things movies which is why I had no choice but to attend Denison Film society's screening of High School Musical 2. I invited my roommate however he declined to study for his midterms which is how I knew this movie was for cool kids only. After showing up 20 minutes late and watching it exactly once I feel prepared to give a definitive review of this moving picture show.

Synopsis: Set in (a pre breaking bad) Albuquerque NM during an extreme economic dystopia where every kid must master improvisational choreography and learn how to sing pitch perfect just to make ends meet. Main character Zachary Efron begins the film by generously securing a summer job for all his high school buds (something they are unable to secure themselves due to the aforementioned economic crisis). The kids pull themselves up by their bootstraps like real Americans and begin working at a high class resort. Cue the film's antagonist spoiled rich girl Sharpie Marker who attempts to induct Zachary to her upper class family because the two are (and I directly quote the dialogue) "naturally skin tone compatible". Zachary's relationships and loyalty to his class are tested as Sharpie begins dangling sports scholarships, nice dinners and even pink golf balls in Zachary's face. Oh and there's a talent show too.

Audience reaction: The six girls in the theatre were having a real great time. They knew all the words.

Critic score: 6 Zac Efron "YOLO" hand tattoos out of 10 Zac Efron "YOLO" hand tattoos!













Despite a misleading title (there is no high school), High School Musical 2 is the exact campy Disney channel movie you expect but it is definitely worth a watch just for Efron's hilariously angsty musical number "Bet on it". Set on a golf field complete with Efron dressed in an all black outfit, throwing fistfulls of sand and a lot of stupid looking running. Perfect summer movie to kick off the fall season.

> -Carter Seipel, Freshmen Writer

ELLA'S FLORIDA ADVENTURES

I went to Florida over Fall Break. Yes, I know, it's silly. Think of it as a... scientific observation trip. While I was there, I kept a list of the things I noticed, and I thought I would share. Do with this information what you will.

THE FORT MYERS AIRPORT

□ There is so much of that Lifeguard merchandise. Everywhere. It's a blast back to 2010. You know, the red shirts with the white plus sign on them? Those ones.

EVERYWHERE.

□ The whole airport is decorated like the bathrooms you would find in an upper-middle class, white mother's home. Random shells, beige and white tile, the wood and rope signs that say "Life's a Beach", and anchors galore. I was scared.

 \Box Literally every man is wearing flip flops. I did not see a single pair of tennis shoes while I was there. Put your toes AWAY.

 \Box Leaving the airport, there were probably 40 minivans to every 7 sedans. Chrystlers, Toyotas, Kias. You name it, they were there.

GENERAL ECOLOGY

So many palm trees. An uncomfortable amount of palm trees. Why are there so many palm trees?
I did not see a single alligator while I was there. To say I am disappointed is an understatement.
"Florida chickens" are apparently a thing? As if chickens couldn't get any worse.
If the word moist was a state, it would be Florida. Climatically and aesthetically.

Other than the bare and exposed toes, the humidity, and the frightening general population of Florida, I had a wonderful time. I got to spend my time with my family, which is always valued. I conclude this segment with a sincere thank you to all of my professors who took this break as an opportunity to assign unholy amounts of studying and homework. Without you all, I would have enjoyed my time far too much, and I can not wait to see what you have in store for Thanksgiving.

