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University talks domestic violence

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Domestic violence is most common among women between the ages of 18 to 24, with 43 percent of dating college women experiencing abusive behavior from their partners, according to the NCADV.

Domestic violence can take shape as physical, sexual, emotional or psychological abuse with the goal to maintain power or control over a partner.

In October of this year, there were two separate incidents on campus relating to domestic disputes.

In a parking lot at MMC, a female student said that a male student was upset to see her and he punched her driver’s side window. She said that she was afraid of him, according to a report by the University’s police department.

A second incident, which took place Wednesday, Oct. 7, involved a married couple who live separately. The estranged husband entered the female’s workplace, persuading her not to be in a romantic relationship with him again.

The estranged husband has an active injunction order of domestic violence against him from July of this year, according to a police report.

When issues like this take place at the University, the cases can be handled by the Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution Department, which is responsible for adjudicating all infractions for the Student Code of Conduct, according to Kristen Kawczynski.

“We do have dating and domestic violence cases, and we handle them if they are student related. All students are referred to the FIU Victim Empowerment Program for services and support,” said Kawczynski, Student Conduct Conflict Resolution Director.

If a victim does not want to cooperate out of fear or doubt, the department can go forth handling these certain situations, but many factors go into making that decision, according to Kawczynski.

Kawczynski also said the department creates a proactive program for faculty, staff and students.

There are University policies and procedures when it comes to intervening on issues relating to relationship violence, sexual offenses and stalking, according to the Counseling and Psychological Services website.

These procedures include informing students of reporting obligations, confidentiality; ensuring safety and informing victims of their rights to report incidents to the police.

For the protection of a university’s community, Title IX is a federal civil right that prohibits against sex discrimination in education, which includes sexual harassment or violence.

The University commits to this law by connecting students with on-campus resources.

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FIU library hosts black freedom lecture

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According to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, one in six black men had been incarcerated as of 2001. If current trends continue, one in three black males born today can expect to spend time in prison during their lifetime.

To talk about the black community in South Florida and its struggle for racial equality, FIU Libraries will host a lecture by Chanelle Rose, author of “The Struggle for Black Freedom in Miami.”

“It’s crucial that students are aware of the factors that affect colored people in our community,” said Vickie Toranzo, FIU libraries operations instructor.

Rose is associate professor and co-coordinator of the Africana Studies program at Rowan University. An FIU alumna, Rose talks about the social and political history of civil rights movement in Miami. According to Rose, the city had a racially progressive national reputation that masked widespread inequality.

She says that white civic elites were historically interested in progressing their tourist economy by avoiding a social unrest that characterized other cities in the New South during the civil rights movement. They were less concerned about changing the city’s institutions of systematic racial oppression, according to Rose.

Rose also says that the black community continues to face systematic issues, like foreclosures, police brutality and disproportionate incarceration rates. African Americans are incarcerated nearly six times the rate of white people, according to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

African Americans represent 26 percent of juvenile arrests, 44 percent of youth who are judicially waived to criminal court and 58 percent of the youth admitted to state prisons, according to the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice.

According to Toranzo, the lecture will be the first of its kind hosted by FIU Libraries.

“We encourage everyone to come out and learn about, ‘The Struggle for Black Freedom in Miami,’” Toranzo said.

The event will take place Monday, Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. at the Green Library Room 220 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus. It is free and open to the public.

To register in advance, students can go to the Facebook page of Government Resources and Information Department at FIU Libraries.
Muslims worry anti-Islam rhetoric will make targets

Muslims and civil rights advocates are growing increasingly alarmed by the tone of the anti-Muslim speech that has emerged since the Paris massacre, saying it is much sharper and less nuanced than in years past, including the tense aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. Republican presidential candidates, governors, municipal officials, local authorities, talk-radio hosts and religious figures increasingly are targeting Islam as a whole _ a development Muslims say leaves them vulnerable to discrimination and retaliatory assaults.

5 die in deadly day of attacks in Israel, West Bank

A total of 17 Israelis have been killed since the wave of violence started Oct. 1, and more than 80 Palestinians have been killed.

Paris attacks show the good and bad of high-tech revolution

The Paris attackers used an online gaming chat function to discuss their plans. To stay in touch, they used a social media app designed to protect Russian citizens from the prying eyes of their secret police. And, later, after they’d killed 130 and wounded another 351, the remaining inactive for long periods of time is

According to Diaz-Bergouignan, sitting down for too long is linked to health risks

Sitting down for long periods of time is linked with circulation problems and tendencies for varicose veins, among other issues, according to the University’s Student Health Center.

A balance between sitting and standing is imperative to lower risks of blood clots from remaining inactive for too long, said Lourdes Bergouignan, an executive manager in the University’s Student Health Center.

According to Diaz-Bergouignan, getting up at least once an hour, or merely stretching your legs, helps keep the blood flowing correctly.

“Something as simple as crossing your legs can stop the blood from getting to your heart and your head at the right pace,” said Bergouignan.

“Predispositions in health conditions play a major role in how negatively someone can be affected, being overweight or having a family history of blood disorders can cause more prone to these issues.”

The implications mean there are real threats that have a significant impact. “We are more aware of this now. It was a good idea to have a big smile on their face,” Velez said.

Everyone should be happy and the holidays.

The toys are for children between the ages of two and 12 years old, according to Velez. Toys can be generic or gender neutral, like books. Velez said the drive is not limited to students. Therefore, anyone interested can participate in the drive.

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Often, emotional abuse is the first type of abuse to happen and is very difficult to spot. A lot of students don’t realize what they’re really dealing with, according to Santoli.

“Some red flags of emotional abuse would be extreme jealousy, constantly checking someone’s social media, ignoring your partner’s feelings and neglect. Also, criticizing them in public, isolating them, telling them they can’t see certain people or dress a certain way to dress a certain way that they aren’t comfortable with,” said Santoli.

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Linguistic insecurity affects University students

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Every language has a standard form, which is the prestige form of a language and is considered correct; there is also a language that is perceived to be a display of linguistic insecurity. Some students on campus expressed their experiences with linguistic insecurity; sometimes even in multiple languages.

Linguistic insecurity is the root of multilingual societies. According to the 2000 census, 74 percent of Miami residents are multilingual. Some students on campus expressed their experiences of linguistic insecurity; sometimes even in multiple languages. Linguistic insecurity is a situational anxiety and self-consciousness felt when using one’s own language.

To a response to the University of Missouri’s perceived apathy towards racial tensions on its campus, Mizuu’s sophomore defensive back, Anthony Smith, tweeted, “The athletes of color on the University of Missouri football team truly believe injustice anywhere is a threat to Justice Everywhere.”

The use of social media, the Mizuu football team stood in solidarity with the university’s black students by refusing to participate in any football related activities until President Tim Wolfe resigns or is removed due to his negligence toward marginalized students’ experience.

The tweet included a picture of 30 players joined in arm and showing solidarity with the hashtag “ConcernedStudent1950.”

According to sociologists, the root of multilingual societies is the acquisition of the language. For example, let’s say that the native tongue is American English may accommodate itself to please the listener and correct their dialect to the speaker’s sense of language. This lack of immediacy is particularly of trying to unify many different cultures in the case of Arabic. Because of this, those who feel alienated from the prestigious form, unlike Arabic has dialects that are mutually yet another platform where they can express their thoughts on events they perceive to be a display of linguistic insecurity. They can express their thoughts on events they perceive to be a display of linguistic insecurity. They can express their thoughts on events they perceive to be a display of linguistic insecurity. They can express their thoughts on events they perceive to be a display of linguistic insecurity. They can express their thoughts on events they perceive to be a display of linguistic insecurity.

Most athletes are identical to the released statement. “If one scrolls down the replies of the aforementioned tweet, they would find various perspectives on this situation. When athletes share their opinions on social issues, some people believe that the athletes’ push not to give up on their fight for social justice. Consequently, the nation needed it the most. They support in a time when people perceived the accent to be a display of linguistic insecurity. They can express their thoughts on events they perceive to be a display of linguistic insecurity. They can express their thoughts on events they perceive to be a display of linguistic insecurity. They can express their thoughts on events they perceive to be a display of linguistic insecurity. They can express their thoughts on events they perceive to be a display of linguistic insecurity.

The majority of the feed-back ranges from “don’t comment on your team’s tie,” to the football team, to the team’s tie, “you know, that sucks, but ESPN shouldn’t be talking about it” with some proficiency sprinkled throughout. Yes, it’s quite absurd to even imagine someone thinking athletes don’t have the say in the world they live in. Most athletes aren’t the average boneheaded “high-school jock.” Many athletes graduate from prestigious universities.

Therefore, people might think that the only thing that athletes hold are their physical capabilities. Are the people who make these comments objectifying these male athletes? This is not the first or last time celebrated athletes, not just football players, have taken a public stand on all sorts of topics. This shines a bright light on what athletes are capable of. It also shines a light on athletes’ leadership and potential to impact to young sports fans who aspire to be them some day.

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Sitting for long periods of time detrimental to health

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“Sitting all day makes your blood flow slower and your muscles burn less fat, but they also should be able to sit at intervals, too.”

The school children are allowed to sit when they feel tired, maintaining an even balance.

However, though standing more at work and school, studies show that this can lead to more sitting once an individual gets home. Last month, a study done by the National Center for Biotechnical Information looked into the compensation effects of standing up all day at work.

Office workers who had previously been sitting for roughly 10 hours a day were given sit-stand desks and had their actions monitored for three months. Results showed that, while worker physical activity increased during work hours, it decreased at home. Workers were spending more time lounging at home than before.

“I stand up all day at work and by the time I get home, all I want to do is lay down and not get up again for the rest of the night,” said Valeria Cipolla, a senior creative writing major. “I thought I might get used to it.”

According to Bergouignan, people need to be consciously thinking about getting up and moving around every once in awhile.

“People who drive too long, military who are compressed in a certain space, individuals sitting on an airplane for prolonged periods of time are all subject to blood clots and posture issues,” she said. “But as long as you are an active, healthy person and you get up every hour and do something, it shouldn’t be an issue.”

**COMIC CON RETURNS**

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Nov. 19 marked the return of the third annual FIU Comic Con, courtesy of the Comics Club. The convention was held at the Wolfe University Center at the Biscayne Bay Campus and hosted a litany of vendors, artists and volunteers. Vendors showed off posters, prints, comics, art and commissioned works available for students to purchase. Students gathered around and took in the comic culture in the comfort of their own school.

Fernando Ottati, founder and advisor of the Comics Club commented on the success of this and previous years. He voiced his joy to have collaborations with volunteers, Korka Comics, local artists and Tate’s Comics. He expressed how he wanted comic convention culture to expose to those who have never had a chance to otherwise within their school. The Comics Club was first founded in 2013 and was voted most outstanding club two years running.

Volunteers in red FIU Comic Con shirts were the lifeblood of the convention, making sure that everything was running well from the morning till the end. They assisted with fundraising, decorations, getting water for vendors and taking fun polaroid pictures for everyone.

FIU Comic Con was also host to a cosplay contest. For those who don’t know, “cosplay” is short for costume play, as people dress up as their favorite characters from anime, cartoons, TV shows, movies or video games. The winner of the contest was awarded a free entry ticket to the Magic City Con courtesy of SuperCon. The convention also brought in students from Coulton Bay High School to come and enjoy the convention as well as enjoy the FIU campus.

The convention marked the last day of International Education Week to showcase superheroes and comics from all over the world. Here’s hoping that the next FIU Comic Con will be even better than this one!

Nicole Mucher, 28, a Kansas City Art Institute graduate, drawing on-the-spot portraits at her artist table, which also features her cosplay work as ZipperTan.

Karl T. Baptiste, a senior English literature major, and Bruno Cantellano, a junior English major, speak with vendor William “Fu Shark” Muniz at the Comic Con Thursday, Nov. 19.

Nicole Mucher’s “chibi” portraits artwork on sale at her Comic Con table on Nov. 19, which were sold for $2 each.

Tate’s Comics provided several issues of comics like “Intrinsic” and “Magic Wind”, which students can take for free, at the FIU Comic Con.

FLU BFA graduate Wen-Ju Chien, 27, sells her quirky artwork under artist name “Wenjuice” at the FLU Comic-Con Thursday, Nov. 19.
The University chapter of the Order of Omega screened “The Hunting Ground,” a documentary film that illustrates the issue of sexual assault on college campuses.

“We thought this event would be something that would really benefit Greeks because it has been a topic of conversation on the national field for a while now, so we thought it would be best to network around it,” said Mary Corbin, the president of the Order of Omega and a sorority sister of Alpha Xi Delta.

The Order of Omega is an honor society for the top three percent of Greeks on campus. According to Corbin, its goal is to unify the Greek community and to help the Greek community excel in different areas academically, socially and professionally.

The event is part of Omega’s leadership development series, which is directed towards personal growth and the goal to provide the university community knowledge and resources on sexual assault, according to Corbin.

“One in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college and more than 90 percent of victims do not report the assault, according to the film. Rape is the most under-reported crime with 63 percent of sexual assaults not reported to police, according to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

The film followed with a discussion panel that included Shannon Fuentes, Director of the Victim Empowerment Program; Cathy Akens, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students; Tony Delgado, University Ombudsman and Associate Dean of Students; Kristen Kawczynski, Director of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution and Shirllynn McWhorter, the University’s Title IX coordinator.

For many on the panel, college campuses need to continue creating a dialogue and awareness of sexual assault and providing resources to help both survivors and their loved ones.

“Our responsibility is how we create the safest most comfortable environment where students feel like they understand what their options are, how to seek help and that they have confidence in those services they will be provided with,” said Cathy Akens. “What can we do because we are here at FIU that is not reflective of what we saw in the movie.”

Many times, victims are neglected and have no one in coming forward in reporting the crime and seek help, but Sharon Aaron said there is one important act to help break the silence on rape.

“The thing that is going to help survivors come forward is when we change the way we think that is a society,” said Aaron.

“It’s not just college campuses, it’s the way our culture socializes us by gender and also the way our judicial system and all the other systems that are involved respond to our culture,” she said.

“It’s a much larger issue than encouraging victims to come forward. I think the systems that exist now make it very, very hard. It’s a very arduous process to go through.”

Senior psychology major and victim empowerment program peer educator, Xiomara Fuentes, found the movie to be very moving and was taken aback by the university’s behavior.

“It was a really good movie and very touching. I cried watching it,” said Fuentes.

Fuentes thinks the film should be shown more often in classes but also recommended for the panel to create programs that can educate parents on this topic considering that it isn’t talked about within certain cultures.

“There’s a lot of ignorance and a lot of parents that I know don’t have an education and that limits them from learning a lot of things and opening their minds.

Schools should try to reach out to parents and have families more aware. It’s not just you, it’s everything that’s around you that affects you here,” Fuentes said.

Rodrigo Anjel Germain, Class of 2016, Major: Psychology

“When I was 7 I ran away from home, I just ran to the library. I hid by a bookshelf and there was this really big ripped up Spider-Man comic book, so I picked up thinking ‘What’s this all about?’ So I started reading, it was about 200 issues so I read through every single one and by the end of the night I had forgotten why I ran away from home in the first place.”

Latin music blows up in new HBO documentary

Latin music was the label for the burst of fame that enveloped Latin pop artists such as Ricky Martin, Shakira, Marc Anthony and Enrique Iglesias at the turn of the millennium. But the HBO documentary of the same name, doesn’t show a brief boom so much as a slow burn, the growth of Latin popular music in the United States over the last half-century. That story is paralleled with the history of Latinos as they have become this country’s largest minority, and their acceptance (or lack thereof) into mainstream U.S. culture.

Most of what’s shown in The Latin Explosion: A New America is the familiar story of South Floridians, and to Latinos across the country, (The 2009 PBS documentary Latin Music USA also covers much of the same ground.) Narrated by John Leguizamo, the HBO film starts with Desi Arnaz seducing 50’s America with Babalu and proceeds through the mambo craze, Puerto Ricans in West Side Story, Santana, Cheech Marin of ‘70s stoner comedy duo Cheech and Chong, the birth of salsa (with Celia Cruz as its godmother), Gloria and Emilio Estefan shaking middle America with Conga, Tejano star Selena, the boom of Ricky et al (whose music, along with that of most of his compatriots, was produced in Miami), on through bachata megastar Romeo Santos and Mr. Worldwide himself, Pitbull.

What’s new is the trendsetting prestige platform that HBO gives to this story, as the familiar campaign heats up and, along with it, the issues of immigration and Latinos’ potential political clout -- which Donald Trump has made more potent and divisive than ever.

“We have all kinds of issues of immigration and politics and the future,” says Tommy Mottola, the film’s executive producer. As the former head of Sony Music, whose Latin division was home to Martin, Shakira, Anthony, and many other Latin stars, Mottola was an architect of that musical boom.

“Latinos are really important right now -- people are paying attention. It’s very topical for a million reasons. I try to keep it entertaining by telling the story through music … in a way people would be able to digest it.”

The Latino experience as a topic in the media only during elections is in puzzling contrast to the picture the film paints of a population that is not only the largest minority in the United States but an increasingly inseparable part of pop culture. When Romeo Santos can sell out Yankee Stadium two nights in a row, teenage girls of all kinds swoon for Ariana Grande, Univision tops TV ratings in cities around the country and Pitbull is one of the biggest stars of the moment, why are Latinos still considered minority culture?

Frances Aparicio, director of Latina and Latino studies at Northwestern University in Chicago, says there is a disconnect in the way that the media seems to simultaneously focus on and disregard Latinos.

“There’s a big discussion about our numbers and the fact we’re all over and our population is growing,” Aparicio says. “At the same time there’s this lingering invisibility. The media still treats us as some exceptional case.”

Questions of acceptance, identity, what it means to be American -- and who gets to decide -- are woven throughout Latin Explosion. In the film, Rita Moreno, the first Latina to win an Oscar (for her portrayal of Anita in West Side Story), talks about being a Hollywood “house ethnic,” playing Native American, Arabian, and Siamese girls (there’s a clip of her as a demure beauty in The King and I), always with the same Puerto Rican accent. “I had no role models,” Moreno says. Instead, the fiercely proud character of Anita “became my role model.”

Moreno as Anita, in turn, inspired Jennifer Lopez to believe that she could become an artist.

In a phone interview, Moreno said that while Latinos’ vibrant music and talent as performers brought pride and a sense of acceptance, success as entertainers could also be a kind of trap.

“We danced, we sang, we bring some really rich material to the table … in that sense they love us,” Moreno said. “But when it comes to cultural things they know very little. I think it’s part of why we never got cast in movies and TV. We were only thought of as performers, not as people with separate identities. … We need support in having people reveal who we really are. We are not just singers and dancers. We are scientists, doctors, lawyers, techies, many many things. We represent a huge part of this world right now.”
Time affects athletes at different rates

ETHAN J. SKOUNICK

The Miami Herald

Father Time eventually undercuts powerlifters, even the most supreme of superstars, but it doesn’t affect each at exactly the same rate.

It was just four years and seven months ago, for instance, that two guys born in 1982 were virtual peers, each starting for the East All-Star team. And it was Amar'e Stoudemire, not Dwyane Wade, who played more minutes, squared more points in that contest.

The time since their separation has separated them, however, and while Wade may not be quite what he was then, no longer among the NBA cognoscenti, he remains one of the league’s most important players. He still ranks several rungs above Stoudemire, a man 10 months his junior and now, for the first time, his teammate on the Heat.

So the expectations seem insane, already thinking about the world championships, but the way this team has dominated the State Championships, it sounds more plausible, it seems inevitable.

“Diaz’s Deal” offers commentary on the University’s club sports. For suggestions or commentary, email sports@fiu.edu.

Historic season ends as Panthers fall to Tulsa 3-2

Although Tulsa provided pressure on offense in the first half, FIU was the fourth team to score in that contest. FIU broke through when the Panthers won the ball at midfield in the 16th minute. A Pantera played the ball to Fellow, who beat a Tulsa defender to the ball and provided a perfect cross to the center of the box. Junior Luis Betancur was there and headed it into the right side of the net for a Panther goal. Although Tulsa would apply pressure on FIU’s defense, the Panthers outshot the Panthers 10-3 in the first half - FIU held strong and went into the second half up 1-0.

FIU might have been able to secure the victory if it wasn’t for a disastrous start to the second half. In the 52nd minute, Tulsa’s Quinninton Davidson put the game to bed by rebounding a shot into the bottom left corner of the goal, on a penalty kick to put the Hurricanes up 2-1. After a hard-fought 26 minutes of action, the game ended in a 2-2 draw with the final tally five minutes into overtime. Miguel Velasquez landed a strike behind Clapot on an assist from Zack Stavrou to down the Panthers 3-2.

The loss to Tulsa ended an impressive postseason run for the Panthers. Before they faced the Hurricanes, FIU defeated Old Dominion University, the University of Connecticut, and Marshall University in the Conference USA tournament to secure a bid in the national bracket. Thursday’s match also wraps up an overall successful year for the men. In head coach Scott Calabrese’s second year at the University, his Panthers achieved their best record and first NCAA appearance since 2004.

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Dolphins receiver Jarvis Landry tough, driven and emotional

ANDREW ABRAMS
The Palm Beach Post

Jarvis Landry will never be accused of lacking confidence.

So it was an obvious answer when Miami’s second-year receiver was asked if he expected to have so much success early in his career - so obvious that Dolphins Hall-of-Fame quarterback Dan Marino, who happened to walk by during the interview, answered the question for him.

“Yes!” Marino shouted.

Landry quickly gave an equally emphatic “yes!”

“Absolutely,” Landry said. “Just having the approach, the mindset, the confidence -- that’s all it’s about for me. Once you build that confidence around the guys in the building, it allows you to kind of play freely. It allows you to kind of be the guy that you are.”

“You never want to be accused of lacking confidence. It’s tough, driven and emotional -- so emotional that I usually boo the Dolphins but can also be a detriment.

In Sunday’s win in Philadelphia, Landry had a taunting penalty that backed the Dolphins up following a punt. They had a chance to take the lead on the drive but squandered the opportunity.

He had a similar penalty in the Dolphins’ loss to the New York Jets in London that cost him a $23,152 fine.

“Some of the things he did just catching the ball -- I ain’t never seen this,” Hazel said. “I really thought he was going in the first round. It was definitely a little shocking.”

Landry quickly silenced the doubters. He had 84 receptions as a rookie -- just six off the team record for catches in a season. He also had 738 receiving yards and five touchdowns despite starting the year as a reserve.

Through nine games this season, he has 59 receptions for 585 yards and three touchdowns.

His 59 receptions are ninth-best in the NFL; he’s on pace for 105, which would easily surpass O.J. McDuffie’s franchise record of 90 in a season.

He is also on pace for 1,340 yards, which would give him his first 1,000-yard season.

But he hasn’t forgotten the way he was viewed in the draft the year he was fasted ever, he will definitely have

“You look at guys like Anquan Boldin, Larry Fitzgerald -- I don’t think he ran a great time,” Landry said. “You look at the success they’ve had and speed was never the issue. It’s his consistency. It’s the catching radius. It’s the football IQ. He’s what it takes to be a Hall-of-Famer one day.

“I’m not saying I’m a Hall-of-Famer, but that’s where I pray my potential leads me. When I look at the draft now there’s that guy that people kind of slept on and he comes in and does amazing things, but that’s fast enough, so they say.”

Landry still might not have burning speed but he’s quick and elusive and seems to make all the plays.

Last week, he made a wild touchdown catch after he was defended. It was hailed as a lucky play but Landry said it was anything but that.

“We have those scenarios in practice, distraction drills,” he said. “Coaches tip balls. We prepare for it. It wasn’t luck.”

He continues to closely follow the career of Odell Beckham Jr., the New York Giants receiver who also makes improbable catches.

“Beckham and Landry were close friends at LSU. The Giants are on a bye this week and Beckham is in Miami, staying with Landry.

“I don’t look at anybody else,” Landry said when asked if he checks Beckham’s stats.

“As competitive as me and him are, we feed each other. His success pushes my success, my success pushes his success.”

Landry is even having success on the ground. He’s been getting handoffs on reverses and has 40 carrying yards this season. Paul Warfield’s 115 rushing yards in 1971 are the most by a Dolphins receiver.

“I’d rather him pitch it to me and get the receiving yards,” Landry said with a laugh. “But at the same time it’s just another way that (offensive coordinator Bill) Connolly has designed me to get the ball in my hands quick and just let me be a runner and make plays that way.

While Landry isn’t the least bit surprised at his early career success, he does feel that his game is continuing to grow -- especially his chemistry with quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick.

“For me the game has slowed down a lot,” he said. “And as much as I understood the offense last year, I have a better understanding. Last year it was a growing thing with me and Ryan. This year it’s ‘I trust you to be here, you can make that catch if I put it in.’

The Pirates and Miami Marlins will play two games in Puerto Rico in 2016. Major League Baseball announced Thursday, bringing MLB back to the commonwealth for the first time since 2010.

The two games, May 30 and 31 at Hiram Bithorn Stadium in the Puerto Rican capital of San Juan, will count as Marlins home games.

MLB also announced that Roberto Clemente Day, usually celebrated in September, will be observed May 31.

“Roberto Clemente embodied what it means to be a Pittsburgh Pirate, a player of great determination, grit and skill on the field who also embraced the more weighty obligation to make a difference in the lives of others off the field,” Pirates president Frank Coenelly said in a statement. “We very much look forward to bringing 2015 Roberto Clemente Award winner Andrew McCutchen and the rest of the 2016 Pirates to Roberto’s homeland to continue to build on the excitement surrounding the passion in baseball fans in Puerto Rico.

The Pirates have not played in Puerto Rico since 2004, when they played a four-game series against the Montreal Expos.

Clemente played 18 seasons for the Pirates and won the MVP award in 1966. He died in a plane crash in 1972 while taking supplies to Nicaragua after an earthquake. Clemente was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1973.

Also announced Thursday, the Pirates’ first game of the 2016 regular season against the St. Louis Cardinals was moved up one day to April 3. The time change accommodates an ESPN broadcast schedule that will show all 10 teams that made the 2015 playoffs April 3 and April 4. The Pirates and Cardinals play at 1:05 p.m. at PNC Park, making it the first game of the 2016 season.

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The Pirates will kick off 2016 MLB season
Students learn about venturing abroad

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Students learn about international education opportunities at the International Student and Scholar Affairs’ own annual “Venture Abroad” fair. This year, the event, which took place on Tuesday, Nov. 17 in Panther Square, was right in the middle of the International Education Week.

“The Venture Abroad fair is about raising awareness among students about global cultures and global learning as well as to show the international options available to them which gives students an idea about what is out there so that they can venture abroad,” said Andre Dawson, the main coordinator of International Student and Scholar Affairs at the FIU-BBC office.

“This event is wholly funded by the Student Government Association and coordinated by the ISSS.”

“It’s a great resource that students will have if they come and stop by and there will be a lot of things available for students at the event,” said Dawson. These “things” included T-Shirt giveaways, which were designed by Fernando Ortiz, a Campus Life and Comics Club Advisor and the Graphic Artist for the FIU Comics Club, “Taco Tuesdays” where students could obtain tacos provided by Lime and signatures from the booths and “Tai Chi and Chai Tea” which provided a Chai Tea instructor who made tea to give to students.

Food and entertainment were provided for students during the event, although it was a bit confusing for some to redeem tacos. “I hope that next year, someone would tell you that you need signatures for each stamp on the passport food voucher,” expressed Rebecca Joseph, a biological sciences junior.

“The event was really informative because they had information about global learning, which is required for all students, housing information and the international student exchange program,” said Joseph. “I liked the diversity of it, it had so many elements in it and it focused on study abroad opportunities and since summer is coming up, preparation for that would have to be now.”

Similarly, another student, Lacero Alsina, a senior in psychology, unaware that the event was taking place until he stumbled upon it in Panther Square said, “I liked how the event provided information about how college life would be in addition to its Venture Abroad opportunities.”

“We need to start broadening our education and our understanding of what’s going on because one area of the world is affecting other parts of the world,” said Harry Mellow, the Graduate Assistant for ISSS who helped coordinate vendors.

“The fair is called venture abroad because we want students to not only think about FIU, but think about going places outside of FIU. My biggest regret as an undergrad is not venturing abroad,” said Mellow.

One of the booths at the event, the Japan Exchange & Teaching Program, talked about “educational opportunities to study in Japan and cultural events that we have in the state of Florida,” said Lauren Sorensen, the Cultural and Educational Affairs assistant and the Cultural Attaché at the consulate general of Japan in Miami.

BBC hosts race to win Thanksgiving turkey

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The Wellness and Recreation Center is teaming with the Healthy Living Clinic to bring the annual Turkey Trot to the Biscayne Bay Campus for its 28th consecutive year.

The event features a two-mile walk and a three-mile run with separate divisions for men and women in both the runner and walker competitions. The first five participants from each division who finish the course will be awarded with a Thanksgiving turkey.

“This is our opportunity to have our students come out for something that’s not only recreational but also for a good cause,” said Jonathan Torrey, Recreation Specialist at the Biscayne Bay Wellness Center. “There are underprivileged students on this campus who can’t afford to feed themselves, so this event is sort of our way to give them a helping hand,” said Torrey, coordinator of the Turkey Trot.

Students and faculty who participate in the event will be required to bring one canned meat, vegetable and fruit donation. All donations collected from the event are contributed to the FIU food pantry, which provides food to less fortunate students who do not have the funds to feed themselves.

“It’s a pretty cool way for the University to raise food for Thanksgiving,” said Stephanie Guzman, a senior broadcast media major. “A marathon can really get people excited and willing to participate for a cause.”

Beginning at Panther Plaza, the course will take participants past the Hospitality Management Building to the walkway that runs alongside the Biscayne Bay. Walkers will double back once they reach the entrance of FIU’s nature preserve, also known as Arch Creek Environmental Preserve, to the finish line, which will be at Panther Plaza.

Runners are to continue until the end of the nature preserve and will double back to the finish line, also at Panther Plaza.

“People like to go to events where they could get active,” said Javier Diaz, a junior marine biology major.

“I personally think marathons are effective because you have people doing something for a good cause and at the same time they’re doing something they love, such as running,” said Diaz. In addition to the physical component of the event, vendors such as L.A. Nutrition and Navo will be at the event, but Torrey insists that it will be a more rewarding experience for participants to give rather than receive.

“Our need for collecting food donations really ties in with the Thanksgiving holiday so we [the Wellness Center and the Healthy Living Clinic] have gotten together to have something to end our Thanksgiving holiday here at the University,” said Torrey.

“But it will also be a chance for students as well as the rest of the FIU community to give,” he said.

The Turkey Trot will be held Wednesday, Nov. 25 at BBC’s Panther Plaza. Walkers will start at 3 p.m. and runners at 4 p.m. For more information, students can visit active.com and use the key words: FIU Turkey Trot.