University partners with Miami Children’s Hospital for on-campus ambulatory clinic

An inflamed appendix didn’t seem like much of an issue to Alicia Bencosme, freshman political science major, when she was 14-years-old.

“Miami Children’s Hospital was a five-minute drive from my house,” said Bencosme. “I’d be there in no time, so I knew I would be fine.”

With the proximity of a hospital being a crucial factor when faced with a medical emergency, living near a health center can be a blessing in times of need. Upholding a commitment to serving students, faculty and staff, the University has partnered with Miami Children’s Hospital to construct a state-of-the-art Ambulatory Care Center to better serve the community.

The Ambulatory Care Center is expected to be completed by November 2014 and will be located north of Parking Garage 5 between Eighth Street.

According to Provost and Executive Vice-President Douglas Warfoksk, Miami-Dade County granted $10 million to the University four years ago for the clinic.

“The idea was to make the Center available not just to students, faculty and staff, but also to the community,” Warfoksk said. “We felt that the strongest partnership would be with Miami Children’s Hospital.”

The Ambulatory Care Center will cover about 36,000-square-foot and will consist of two floors dedicated to providing patients with quality health care.

Harry Rhea, assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, played a pivotal role in the drafting of this all new program.

“There are only Ph.D.’s in criminal justice, so the United States is lacking in the specific type of Ph.D. that we’re going to offer,” said Rhea.

This new graduate program was approved by the Faculty Senate and will be the first of its kind in the nation; its launch is expected in either 2014 or 2015.

“I think that this degree puts you above the rest of people who just have a bachelor’s degree,” said Afia Amfo, a sophomore criminal justice major. “If you have a Ph.D., then you’ll have more opportunities and get better job offers.”

Currently, the highest international crime and justice degree that one can obtain in the nation is a master’s degree. Many individuals have to travel overseas to obtain such a degree, like Rhea who received his doctorate in international criminal law at the National University of Ireland.

This fact, according to Rhea, explains why the University and the nation are in need of such a program.

“A lot of people look at FIU and they’re like ‘Oh that school is nothing,’ and nobody cares about this school,” Amfo said. “But we now have something that nobody else has and we [will] have an advantage over other schools.”

Amfo said she is strongly considering pursuing this degree when the time arrives because of her deep interest in international affairs.

Students interested in obtaining this degree should expect the course content to cover topics such as national and homeland security, terrorism, comparative criminal justice systems, transnational crime, international criminal justice and human rights.

Nicole Hall, a junior criminal justice student, said although she is not 100 percent sure what she wants to do with her degree, she is interested in international crime and justice.

“I have a few things in mind, but international crime and justice sounds like a very interesting and promising field,” she said.

Hall predicts this program will create a large influx of students.

Individuals with master’s degrees in areas such as political science, international relations, sociology, criminal justice and law will be most familiar with the concepts covered in this Ph.D. program.

According to Rhea, the degree will require approximately 80 credit hours, with about 36 of them coming from a master’s degree.

“I feel like this program casts a positive light on the University and more people will be inclined to apply at FIU since we are the only one providing this particular program,” said Hall. “We look way more appealing.”

Local female entrepreneurs share their success stories

Felicia Hatcher is quick to tell her students to look past circumstances and get creative. The author of “How To Start A Business on a Ramen Noodle Budget” and founder of Feverish Ice Cream and Gourmet Pops is one of five panelists who will talk about entrepreneurship at the Eugenio Pino and Family Global Entrepreneurship Center’s panel discussion, “Women Entrepreneurs: Secrets to Their Success.”

The panel discussion, which will take place at the College of Business Complex on Nov. 19, will focus on the individual success stories of various female entrepreneurs. These women started and grew local businesses in South Florida and will share personal lessons they each learned throughout the process.

Hatcher participated in a female entrepreneurial panel discussion last spring, hosted by Career Services, and was asked by Pino Center to return and join four other successful female entrepreneurs.

“I’m not sure how people come up with the idea to start a business,” Hatcher said. “I was in the middle of a negotiation with a big investor about a partnership.”

Hatcher said, “Students can expect me to talk about how that experience has affected me.”

Karyne Bary, the Pino Center’s marketing and events manager, said the center plans to be a part of the “renaissance of entrepreneurs going on here in Miami.”

“A lot of students, since they’re going out into the market and they’re not finding jobs, are very interested in entrepreneurship and creating a job for themselves,” Bary said.

Bary was approached by Elise Rodriguez, associate director of Career Management Services, to compile a list of women professionals in the community to speak to students and aspiring entrepreneurs.

Lourdes Balezogi, the founder and president of Chispa Marketing, said when she shares her stories, the women in the room will gasp. “When they hear the things that happened in my life, the things I missed out on and all the mistakes I made,” said Balezogi.
Health officials are rushing to vaccinate millions of children from Egypt to Turkey, fearing a polio outbreak in Syria could spread as tens of thousands of refugees flee the civil war. The officials want to reach all children under 5 years old in seven vulnerable places: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, the Palestinian West Bank and Gaza Strip, Turkey and Syria, about 22 million in all. The $30 million campaign by the U.N. and Arab officials wants to reach all children under 5 years old in seven vulnerable places: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, the Palestinian West Bank and Gaza Strip, Turkey and Syria, about 22 million in all. The $30 million campaign by the U.N. and Arab officials want to inoculate even those who already may have been vaccinated against the highly contagious virus that can paralyze or kill. “There is no choice: everybody has to be vaccinated,” said Soha Boustani of the U.N.’s children’s agency, UNICEF. “There is no choice: everybody has to be vaccinated,” said Soha Boustani of the U.N.’s children’s agency, UNICEF. “The biggest inspiration is in sharing their individual stories,” Bury said. “Many people who are over 50 and are from Miami [and] are of Cuban decent live in El Vedado,” Duany said. “It was a very important middle class, upper middle class, neighborhood.” In creating El Vedado, architects broke away from the “cookie cutter development.” Builders sited the area so the streets channeled nice breezes, keeping the buildings from overheating. In partnering with the School of Architecture and the Arts, Duany said the Cuban Research Institute not only wants to educate people, but also wants to connect students and faculty from different disciplines. Concepcion’s book presentation will be followed by a panel discussion about El Vedado.

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Hazing is never a part of the culture

JENNA KEFAUVER
Staff Writer

If I hear “hazing is a part of the culture” one more time, I’m going to scream. It’s not; it’s really not. Hazing should never ever just “be” a part of an organization. Organizations, Greek or otherwise, don’t value their ability to haze the new members of their organization. At least most don’t. There are outliers. Hazing is never a part of the culture when power hungry narcissists with an emotional Napoleon complex decide that their organization is so important and amazing that initiatives have to pass some egregious “test” to gain membership.

To those who do that, here’s a reality check: you’re not awesome. Your organization might be, but then they let you in and gave you some position of power and then allowed you to run that organization into the ground. Hazing ruins organizations. No organization, sport, Greek, what-have-you, is worth putting your dignity and self-respect on the shelf. And it’s definitely not worth bodily harm or even death.

I can’t speak for fraternities; I’m not male nor am I in a co-ed fraternity, but I get sad and disgusted when I hear about sororities hazing their new members. The point of joining a sorority is to find a sisterhood, a second family and to gain a new unconditional support system. Initiated women in sororities are supposed to show you that you’re special and amazing, just as you are.

The point of recruiting is to find women who share the values of your organization, to help them become an even more amazing version of themselves—but who are strong, beautiful women all on their own. So why would it be your mission to break them, to break their spirit, to hurt them physically or emotionally? That just doesn’t make sense to me. I can’t imagine wanting to be a part of something so much that I’d allow that to happen to me. Again, I can’t speak for others, because thankfully, I was never put in that situation. I can honestly and proudly say that I’ve never felt anything less than loved and beautiful as my time as a sorority member, as I should, because I am beautiful, strong and independent. It should never be anyone’s goal to make anyone feel any different. Eleanor Roosevelt articulated it better than I can: “No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.”

Until we stand up against hazing, we will always have people who say, “Hazing is just a part of the culture.” But I’m standing up against it. Hazing has no place in a chapter room or a locker room. And if it has a place in yours, maybe you need to rethink how you’re doing things. -jenna.kefauver@fiusm.com

NEVER GO VEGAN

LAUREN BANA
Staff Writer

Every Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., FIU hosts the Organic Fresh Market at the MMC campus.

People will flock to the tables at the market in hopes of attaining some healthy nourishment, and this market gives you that option to eat healthier alternatives to the foods provided on campus.

FIU does not have a lot of organic choices, and this market is there for exactly that. According to their website, “students partnered with GlobeMed have raised over half a million dollars to support GlobeMed’s mission-driven public health projects worldwide, improving the lives of people living in poverty.” The market is not only benefiting the health of FIU students and faculty, but it is also helping the world’s poverty with the money being earned.

Vegan alternatives at Organic Fresh Market

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Every Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., FIU hosts the Organic Fresh Market at the MMC campus.

They serve a vast array of fruits, vegetables, and both vegan and vegetarian treats. People will flock to the tables at the market in hopes of attaining some healthy nourishment, and this market gives you that option to eat healthier alternatives to the foods provided on campus.

I mean, really? Metal detectors? We don’t need more lines making us late to class. And this is applicable in all schools, not just FIU.

I conclude with a quote from one of our founding fathers, Benjamin Franklin: “Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.”

-Bryan Moreira, senior, political science major

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Issues for domestic workers shown to students

**Movie events held at Labor Center highlighted stories of immigrant domestic workers and the problems they face**

**RHYS WILLIAMS**

If you haven’t seen at least one of the many Marvel films out, then you must be living under a rock. Picking up directly where Avengers left off, Thor and his now prisoner step brother Loki fight together against a common foe traveling to Asgard, Earth, and then outer space. As usual, and, although breaking cities has become a Marvel tradition, the action is rarely irrelevant to the films fun factor. Those looking for a date-movie treat will find satisfaction and excitement in this thrill filled comic book movie.

Before seeing the premiere I had the pleasure of sitting down with Jaimie Alexander, who plays Thor’s heroic partner Sif. During our very brief conversation, she refused to give any insight on her comic book background as well as some projects she’d like to do in the future.

Energetic and very lovely, Jaimie Alexander made her way to the interview roundtable after a quick photo shoot instantly sparking up a conversation about her warrior outfit. She explained how thankful she is for the gym.

When she’s ready for questions, I ask her if she was into comic books before being cast as Sif. “Yes definitely...not Thor” she laughs, “I was always into X-Men...” later stating that her favorite character from the series is Jubilee.

Curious about toned physique, we talked a little about her training to become the kick-ass Sif, which included weight lifting, Pilates, yoga, healthy eating and an insane trainer. “I actually ended up working with a girl...Chloe Bruce, who’s a World Champion Martial Artist from London,” she says.

As for those interested in her future projects, Jaimie did mention her interest in obtaining roles as Wonder Woman, and has spoken to J.J. Abrams about the upcoming Star Wars film. I guess we’ll have to wait and see.

In charge of the event, Cynthia Hernandez, who works at the Labor Center as a Senior Research Associate, Instructor and Director of Internship Programs, gave some basic information as to what the topic was focusing on.

“The Labor Center here is the only one in the state of Florida,” Hernandez said. “We are having this event to highlight what domestic workers do for us not only here in South Florida but also around the country and to understand their importance in our lives.”

She also spoke on the stereotype of domestic workers.

“When someone hears about domestic workers they think of secluded, low-paid women and that is currently exactly what they are,” Hernandez said. “They barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely barely 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An offseason in Miami may consist of beach days, clubbing... and fishing! That's how junior pitcher Ty Sullivan has been spending his offseason before reporting back to practice this year. This isn't the first time that Sullivan has picked up a rod and reel, in fact his story begins back when he was just a kid when he was taught by a unlikely source.

"Well most people would say they were taught by their mom or dad, but the crazy thing is both my parents are from South Carolina. In fact my dad never got into fishing or hunting, I just don't think he had the patience for it," Sullivan said. "So it was me and three of my friends that really started to teach each other how to fish. We were like 10 or 12 years old and we would go out to the pond on our golf course and just teach each other." Sullivan remembered just how difficult and frustrating it was when he first started back at the golf course.

"I remember we would tie little square knots trying to catch fish and we would lose a fish every time and I would get so angry," Sullivan said. "My best friend [Seth] and his grandfather are really into fishing and a learned a lot from him. For like the last 10 years now its just us just teaching each other something new from watching TV or reading about it or learning on our own from experience." Sullivan added, "But I was so careful not add any of secrets spots when asked about his favorite fishing locations.

"Oh come on now you know I got to be careful about that," Sullivan said. "However, I love Flamingo here its just unbelievable it was just absolutely beautiful. The water is just like glass over the flats for miles and well you're out there and just kill it with the fish. We caught so many Snooks and Redfish we did very well." However, Florida isn't the only place that holds a special place in Sullivan's heart when it comes to fishing spots.

"Back home I got two spots I like to salt water fish there a couple of honey holes by Fort De Soto Beach up in Tampa. It's a place with just beautiful water that crystal clear and you can see fish from 150 feet away," Sullivan said. "I also love to bass fish and well and couple of other guys on the team are from the same area as well. So we would just go fishing from neighborhood to neighborhood in an afternoon and fish like in nine different ponds." Sullivan and his friends take their fishing exploits to be funny stories that go along with the classic "it was this big" story and "you should have seen it" tale. Sullivan is no stranger to having funny moments when out on his outdoors adventures.

"This season we where going down to Flamingo and I was with some friends and we were fishing out on the flats it was getting later in the day so one of my friends decides to invent this game with a flip flop," Sullivan said. "So he drops it in the water and instead of reaching over like a normal person he reaches for the push pole that almost looks like a triangle at the end. He would then push the tip pole and try to scoop the dip cup on out of the water, throw it up in the air and try to catch it.

However the game for Sullivan and his friends didn't just end there, it was at that time one of Sullivan's friends decides to add a new twist to the game.

At one point the car fell into the water and drifted into he flat, so without telling us my friend starts up the engine and kicks it to full speed," Sullivan said. "Then we went in a circle for like 15 minutes trying to catch this dip cup leaving outside of the boat. The best part about it was that there was like a line of eight or 10 guys kayaking that paddled over towards us just watching us drive in a circle." Not everything has been fun and games for Sullivan, whenever you head out into the wilderness you run into the possibility of facing dangers.

"There was one time in Tampa when I was kayak fishing with one of my buddies from high school and we had been on the flats all day doing well when we ran into a bunch of bait fish," Sullivan said. "We were just cruising down the water and drifted into he flat, so without telling us my friend was out on the flats it was getting late and we would head out to Flamingo and I was with my three friends and I out 12 pound bass," Sullivan said. "It was me and my three friends and I ran out of worms so I was like ok I got nothing left so I pulled out this 12 inch trigger worm and cast it out. Then this behemoth hooks up to it and after a long fight I finally able to bring it to the bank."

For Sullivan spending time outdoors is just another way of relaxing and preparing his body for the upcoming baseball season. While other Miami college kids head down to south beach and clubs like Mansion or Space, Sullivan is happy with a rod in his hands and friends by his side.

Panther pitcher Ty Sullivan enjoys his offseason by spending his time outdoors. One example is when he caught a red fish (left) and one of his most memorable catches, a 12 pound Bass (bottom).
Matchup of single win teams as season winds down

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Staff Writer

The season reached its end and the FIU men’s soccer team (6-10-1 in Conference-USA play), like they did last year, found them- selves on the outside looking in of the C-USA tournament. FIU finished eighth in their conference and were four points shy of a clinching a tournament berth.

Coming off FIU’s best season since the 2005 campaign (8-3-3), the Panthers had lofty expectations, especially due to the successful offseason recruiting Head Coach Ken Arena had. This year recruiting class was listed by TopDrawerSoccer.com as one of five classes in the country with tremendous potential. The recruits include junior transfer from the University of South Florida Roberto Alterio. Alterio led the FIU offense in scoring this season with seven goals. The Panthers ranked 45th in the nation in total goals with 27.

On the game end, freshman defender Marvin Hezel proved to be an integral piece to this young Panther squad. Hezel played all 17 games and logged in the most minutes of any player on the team (1492). Hezel, a 6-foot-3 defender was also able to use his great size to help the FIU offense. Hezel was used often in corner kicks, his length allowed him to head in three goals on the season. The three goals placed him in a tie for third on the team.

“Trevor Alterio led the team in scoring, but Marvin Hezel was just as big of an impact player,” Head Coach Ken Arena said. “He head butted in three goals this season and was a huge asset for our team.”

Senior midfielder Gonzalo Frenichillo (above) and the FIU men’s soccer team finished off the 2013 season with a losing record, however, Head Coach Ken Arena is happy with the progress that was made.

RHYS WILLIAMS  
Staff Writer

El Paso, Texas will have a pair of 1-8 teams facing off tomorrow when the Miners host the Panthers. The University of Texas at El Paso football program, led by Head Coach Sean Kugler, are 0-5 in Conference USA play this season, as well as being one of the most recent victims to Heisman winner Johnny “Football” Manziel in the 57-7 loss that the Miners took.

The Panthers will face the Miners for the first time ever but there are two coaches on the Panthers staff who have worked in the UTEP organization very recently.

Defensive line coach Andre Patterson and linebackers coach Tom Williams both worked on the sidelines for the Miners in the 2012 season. Both coaches were unavailable for comment on their former team.

The Miners will go into the game led by freshman quarterback Mack Leftwich, who will be making his second start at the collegiate level tomorrow. Leftwich had 14 completions on 20 attempts for 128 yards and a touchdown with only a single interception by freshman quarterback Mack Leftwich, who will be making his second start at the collegiate level tomorrow. Leftwich had 14 completions on 20 attempts for 128 yards and a touchdown with only a single interception.

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For the Panthers, quarterback Jake Medlock (above) has been given another chance by the coaching staff to start the game.

“Jake Medlock (above) has been given another chance by the coaching staff to start the game,” Head Coach Ron Turner said. “We have enough film to work off of them and I know that he’s excited about it.”

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“It has not affected our preparation a bit,” Arena said. “Neither of them are on a short leash or anything like that and every decision we make is based on performance. They need to go out there and show that they can do their job.”

“The Panthers’ defense will face a running back who is in the top 50 in the nation for rushing yards and second in both total yards and average yards per game for freshmen in Aaron Jones. Jones averages just over 90 yards a game and has 811 yards on the season. Comparing that to FIU, the Panthers only have a total of 682 yards on the season between seven running backs - Lamarq Caldwell and Silas Spearman III are the leaders on the team - while the Miners have 1663 yards on the season between nine running backs.

UTEP is currently at the bottom of C-USA West Division and FIU is second to last in the East Division above only the Golden Eagles of Southern Mississippi University.

The game will take place at the Sun Bowl and will kick off at 8 p.m. eastern time.

Men’s soccer ends season with 6-10-1 record

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Staff Writer

The season reached its end and the FIU men’s soccer team (6-10-1 in Conference-USA play), like they did last year, found themselves on the outside looking in of the C-USA tournament. FIU finished eighth in their conference and were four points shy of a clinching a tournament berth.

Coming off FIU’s best season since the 2005 campaign (8-3-3), the Panthers had lofty expectations, especially due to the successful offseason recruiting Head Coach Ken Arena had. This year recruiting class was listed by TopDrawerSoccer.com as one of five classes in the country with tremendous potential. The recruits include junior transfer from the University of South Florida Roberto Alterio. Alterio led the FIU offense in scoring this season with seven goals. The Panthers ranked 45th in the nation in total goals with 27.

On the game end, freshman defender Marvin Hezel proved to be an integral piece to this young Panther squad. Hezel played all 17 games and logged in the most minutes of any player on the team (1492). Hezel, a 6-foot-3 defender was also able to use his great size to help the FIU offense. Hezel was used often in corner kicks, his length allowed him to head in three goals on the season. The three goals placed him in a tie for third on the team.

“Hezel spoke on his scoring,” Arena said. “In Germany I scored headers so I really hope I could go on like this.”

The Panthers season was a frustrating and disappointing season. At no point in the season did FIU have a winning record; the Panthers floated around .500 until falling to tough competition at the end of the season.

FIU began the season on a scoring rampage. In FIU’s first nine games they scored a total of 18 goals. However, the Panthers would then begin an eight game stretch of C-USA play. During said stretch, FIU only was able to score nine goals and was shutout in five of their last six games.

The Panthers were the complete opposite on the defensive side of the ball. FIU began the first eight games of the season playing horrid defense. Through those eight games FIU was one of the worst defenses in the nation allowing 17 goals in nine games. Yet, when they entered the most grueling stretch of the season FIU was able to put it together on defense. During the remaining eight games FIU allowed 10 goals, including two shutouts. The offense and defense were rarely on the same page for FIU. Although there would be games where it would all click at the same time, such as in the games against Marshall FIU won (4-0) and Kentucky (4-1). Unfortu- nately, those games were few and far between. After the Marshall win, team co-captain junior forward Quentin Albrecht spoke on the season.

“We played well against many teams, I think we played well the whole season but finally we got lucky too,” Albrecht said.

It should be noted that this season could have very easily gone a much different way. Seven of FIU’s 10 losses came by one goal or less. In many games for FIU they would dominate the ball but simply could not get the ball to go in the goal. The Panthers outshot opponents in those seven losses (106-54). If a couple of balls go in then we would be looking at a completely different season.

“We are much better than we were last year,” Arena said. “And we are much better than we were at the beginning of the year. We have lost some very close games and I would say at half of the close games we have had the better of the play. This team is going to fight to the end this year were all confident and believe that any given game could be like the Marshall game. So we just got to stick to it, put our head down, and work hard.”

All in all the season is not what most hoped for; however, there were signs of encouragement for FIU’s future. With one more year under the belt of these young talented players, the Panthers should be a much-improved team next year.
Zoo FIU to get batty in upcoming lecture

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Perhaps watching too many movies and television shows about vampires and bats has developed our panic reaction to these little creatures; for that reason, we have created a misconception about the lives of bats and the importance of these mammals in the social environment.

The School of Environment, Arts and Society will host The Secret Lives of Bats at Zoo Miami on Nov. 22—a lecture by Kirsten Bohn, research assistant professor at FIU. The event will cover bat vocalizations which they use to navigate and communicate.

Bohn said she wants to address the public’s misperception about bats, discuss the species’ vocalizations and the way they navigate and communicate, and raise awareness about the endangered species—specifically the endangered Florida Bonneted Bat that lives only in South Florida.

“In fact, the Florida Bonneted Bats are thought to be one of the rarest mammals in the United States and the largest known population is right here in Miami,” Bohn said.

Bohn’s research focuses on the social behavior and vocal communication of these creatures.

“They use sonar systems to navigate which are better than any radar humans have ever built,” Bohn said. “Bats have sophisticated vocalizations, including species that sing like birds and have complex societies.”

Elaine Pritzker, SEAS coordinator, said the Zoo FIU series gives the community the opportunity to hear from both University researchers and zoo staff.

According to Pritzker, the collaboration in the organization of this event comes from the SEAS student interns helping with the planning and promotion.

“We hope to engage the community in a discussion about an often misunderstood species and the importance of preserving our native Florida Bonneted Bat population,” Pritzker said.

Israel Salazar, a graduate biology major, said he has been volunteering with Bohn for the past two years, exploring the existence of regional vocal dialects in Florida populations of the Mexican free-tailed bat.

“Anyone that is at all interested in nature and the animal world should attend these events,” said Salazar. “They provide exposure to a wide range of interesting topics, as well as keeping you updated on the discoveries being made in your own community.”

Salazar said bats could be a great mammalian model for the study on the evolution of vocal communication and may help us gain a better understanding of our own vocal system.

The presentation will be accompanied by live demonstration using sound equipment like ultrasonic microphones so that the audience can see and hear the magnificent way bats communicate and interact among each other.

“I’ve recorded songs all over Texas and in Mexico and have found that all songs are hierarchically structured with specific syllables used in phrases that are then combined to form songs,” Bohn said.

The event will also focus on bat species that are in danger of extinction, and hopes to raise awareness.

“I think it is crucial tospread the word about bats since the Florida Bonneted Bat was just listed by the United States as an Endangered Species last month,” Bohn said. “Bats are cool, bats are not dangerous, and bats need your help to prevent [their] extinction.”

According to the Bat Conservation International, the Florida Bonneted Bat is considered critically endangered. It is facing the risk of extinction because of continued loss and degradation of their roosting and foraging habitat due to human activities and climate change.

According to Bohn, bats are beneficial to the environment, eating up to 500 insects an hour; insects such as mosquitoes. “They’re great animals to have in our neighborhood.”

Salazar confirms that bats are very beneficial because they help control agricultural pests, as well as insect-transmitted diseases.

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This week in events

Friday, Nov. 15

FIU WORLD CUP
WHEN: 11 a.m.
WHERE: FIU Soccer Field
TUESDAY, NOV. 19

PANTHER POWER PEP RALLY
WHEN: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
WHERE: WUC Ballrooms

To have your event featured, email us at calendar@fiusm.com

Work not done, Obama climate adviser moves on

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AP Writer

The architect of President Barack Obama’s climate-change plan, Zichal, left the White House last week after five years promoting as the administration moves to boost renewable energy such as wind and solar power.

Zichal, 37, said she has not decided on her next job but said it will involve clean energy, a field she has spent the past five years promoting as the administration moves to boost renewable energy such as wind and solar power. Obama also has increased fuel-efficiency standards and moved to tighten limits on mercury and other toxic pollution from power plants.

“Do I walk out thinking that it was a mistake?” Zichal said in an interview.

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Zichal’s deputy, Dan Uehle, replaced her.

Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., said Zichal’s departure comes as the Environmental Protection Agency moves ahead with the linchpin of the president’s climate plan: emissions limits for new and existing power plants to curb greenhouse gases blamed for global warming.

BAY BEAUTY

William Anderson, professor for the environmental department of marine science, spent Saturday morning with his son at SCCA’s Day on the Bay event to clean up and maintain the beauty of the Biscayne Bay Campus.

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