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

ADRIAN SUAREZ-AVILA Staff Writer

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 Wartzok, 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,” Wartzok 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 medical care.

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Local female entrepreneurs share their success stories

JEFFREY PIERRE Contributing Writer

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 Rumen 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.

“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.

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Faculty Senate approves criminal justice Ph.D. program, first in the nation to offer it

SIMONE GARVEY-EWAN Staff Writer

The Department of Criminal Justice has a new Ph.D. program in the works – an international crime and justice track with a degree encompassing international criminal justice issues, such as international drug trafficking, terrorism and transnational crime.

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.

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**Cuban author uncovers link between Miami Architecture and Cuba**

Havana, in a lecture about her new book, “El Vedado: History of a Havana Neighborhood”. El Vedado was the first planned community in Cuba and is now a large neighborhood in Little Havana where a lot of cultural events take place, according to Duany. There were a lot of new ideas developed in the building of El Vedado and in the end there was “a little bit of everything,” said Alicia Juarrero, professor emerita of philosophy at Prince George’s Community College in Maryland. In her book, Otto shows how the city of El Vedado came to be. According to the book, the building of El Vedado began in the 19th century and overtime became the center of the city, claiming a title Havana used to hold. According to Duany, the book idea came from her doctoral dissertation. After many years of waiting, Otto teamed with Juarrero and made the book a reality. Juarrero said the compilation of the book was a “labor of love.” Duany said Otto not only writes of the history of Havana, but also places a heavy focus on the “very interesting, very different architectural styles.” According to Juarrero, the book was first written in Spanish, but was recently translated to English in order to reach a larger audience. “Many people who are from Miami [and] are of Cuban decent lived to see 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 facing each other.

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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Douglas Wartzok
Provost and Executive Vice President
FIU

“Future campus ambulatory care center on pulse of convenience”

The Care Center will be the first pediatric ambulatory surgery center in Miami-Dade County. “Right now, all pediatric ambulatory surgeries are done inside Miami Children’s Hospital, so if people need to have surgery on an outpatient basis, then they can do it here at the University,” said Valverde. Students were relieved that said Valverde. The Care Center will also be noticed immediately as an extension of Miami Children’s Hospital’s current operations for the next 20 years as part of a lease agreement. The Care Center will also have three procedure rooms where outpatient procedures pertaining to pain management will be conducted. Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine students will do rounds in the Care Center with physicians. We hope to eventually make the Care Center available to students for their residency requirements,” said Valverde.

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However, those who don’t receive insurance will still have the option of paying out-of-pocket for treatment. “The biggest change that will be noticed immediately will be the opportunity for a lot more referral-based specialty care,” said Wartzok. “People will have a greater ability to have access to specialty care on-campus, as opposed to going to another provider in the community.”

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“pogs. ‘I don’t regret any of it because I believable that it has gotten me to where I am today.’”

The panel of women will also include Misha Kuryla-Gomez, the founder of Misha’s Cupcakes; Johanna Salazar, a “media disruptor and social entrepreneur,” and Monique Hammack-Simmonds, chief marketing officer of Tortuga Rum Cakes.

Each panel member will have time to not only talk about their personal experience as successful women leaders in their respective industry, but also to answer specific questions from students and faculty attending.

“All of their questions, from the smallest and littlest things, will be answered. And from a very diverse perspective,” Bury said. “Being that they’re all women, they’ve all had to deal with breaking through the glass ceiling of the corporate world. They each bring in that whole perspective.” According to Bury, the center plans to host another panel discussion next spring geared toward entrepreneurs in the tech-nology industry. “The biggest inspiration is in learning about their individual stories,” Bury said.

**WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS: SECRETS TO THEIR SUCCESS**

**EVENT INFO**

When: Nov 19, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Where: College of Business Complex, Room 232
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 a part of every 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 once you have that position of power, you won’t do anything better with it. You just 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.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

RE: SCHOOL SECURITY

In reference to the article in the November 8th Beacon, it is honestly one of the scariest and most atrocious pieces I have ever seen on a newspaper—it’s so wonder no one takes the Beacon seriously.

The writer, Krysty Lopez, comes across as a complete socialist, and completely fails to consider the feasibility of any of the undertakings she recommends, since they would all be exorbitantly expensive.

She paints a picture of a school looking like something out of a police-state movie.

I mean, really? Metal detectors? We waste enough time parking? 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

NEVER GO VEGAN

VEGAN ALTERNATIVES AT ORGANIC FRESH MARKET

LAUREN BANA
Staff Writer

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 acquiring healthy, organic fare, and simultaneously treating themselves to a delicious treat!

My experiences with the market have been incredibly inviting, and it has become an even more exciting event since I became a vegan.

I always anticipate discovering what new kinds of vegan foods they have prepared. In my visits, I have purchased vegan pumpkin bread and a delectable vegan cupcake.

Both treats were exquisite, and, in my opinion, quite fairly priced.

Since I became a vegan, I have had a bit of difficult time with eating in public places. I will usually have to bring a packed lunch for myself, and a couple of snacks.

The market has certainly made it much easier to enjoy fresh snacks on campus that haven’t been melting and sweating in my book bag for a few hours.

I have also had several vegetarian and non-vegetarian friends who have indulged in what the market has to offer; and they have all responded positively.

Not only has the farmer’s market been an extremely helpful tool for vegans and vegetarians, but it has also become a great way for non-vegetarians/vegans to dabble in a different dietary lifestyle.

The people running the market are representatives earning money for clubs like GlobeMed.

According to their website, “students partnered with GlobeMed have raised over half a million dollars to support FIU students and faculty, but it is also helping the world’s poverty with the money being earned.”

GlobeMed representative and treasurer, Danielle Taylor, junior biology major, stated that the farmer’s market gives you an opportunity to try healthier alternatives even if you are not a vegan or vegetarian.

I truly believe that people need to incorporate more organic foods in their diets, excluding weight loss as a factor. It is important for us as human beings to make sure we are not ingesting dangerous pesticides and preservatives, and the fresh market is there for exactly that.

GlobeMed president, Camila Uzcategui, junior biophysics major, understands that “FIU does not have a lot of organic choices, and this market gives you that option to eat healthier.”

With the aid of the farmer’s market, FIU students and faculty can experience healthier alternatives to the foods provided on campus.

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Issues for domestic workers shown to students

Movie events held at Labor Center highlight difficulties of immigrant domestic workers and the problems they face

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That little grey building in between SIFA, the Law School and the Rec Center at FIU, the Labor Center, is not always as barren as it looks. Last week on Friday the documentary “Maid for a boyfriend. Her search for Thor and many other realms in this fun sequel. “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.

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“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.

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Lights shining on Shade early in 2013 season

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Staff Writer

This season, sophomore guard Taylor Shade played in more minutes in one game than she did all of last season.

Shade played 35 minutes in 10 games last year, while this season she has played 30-in-one game in the season opener against Florida Gulf Coast. With more playing time coming more expectations of Shade from her coach Cindy Russo.

“Coming into this year, coach [Russo] wanted me to be a major scorer to help Jerica [Coley] a lot because we knew coming into Conference USA we were going to do a lot of double and triple teaming of her,” Shade said.

Before this season, Russo pushed Shade to prepare to be a double-figure scorer to meet the expectations that Russo placed on her. "I think she's definitely pushed me from day one; she knows what I'm capable of, sometimes I may not see it but she pushes me to that limit and I'm pretty sure all of my teammates push me to that limit as well because they know what I can give," Shade said.

After a freshman season filled with playing time and scoring points the entire season, Shade scored 18 points against Florida Gulf Coast on Nov. 8 and was one of few bright spots for FIU in the contest. "I had no complaints about her against a team like that, I thought she played pretty good," Russo said.

The Boynton Beach native showed her ability to make the jump shot and to create dribble penetration. Shade also brings energy on the defensive side of the ball, and even though Shade recorded only one steal against the Eagles; in her high school years Shade made her mark on the defensive side.

As a standout at Boynton Beach Community High School, Shade was a three-time MVP and led the Tigers to a district title in the 2011-2012 season. Shade averaged 3.0 steals a game, 18.0 points per game. Shade also has the school's only triple double in a game where she tallied 26 points, 12 assists and 10 steals. Shade was also a nominee for the 2012 McDonnell's All-American Game.

Shade wanted to be close to home and to her family, which was a big reason she made the decision to come to FIU in addition to wanting to play for Russo.

“Major factor was Coach Russo's legacy, and since I'm from Palm Beach County it was a good thing for me to have my parents come down to watch me play," Shade said. An FIU team that is playing with many players that lack experience on the collegiate level including Shade, the Panthers are hoping that Shade can become another player to step up and be able to create off the dribble, which is something that the Panthers need to help take some of the load off of senior All-American guard Jerica Coley. It might be even more critical to get production from Shade with the return of senior center Marita Davy dova still uncertain.

“It could be huge, it was a nice find about people pulling out 10 and 12 pound bass," Russo 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 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 Russo Shade 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, Russo is happy with a rod in his hands and friends by his side.

-Shane was asked of the possibility of her and Coley becoming a dynamic backcourt duo.

“I could say a dynamic duo but it’s mostly just a team thing, everybody is going to score and everybody is going to contribute so we will just see how the season goes," Shade said.

If numbers like the ones Shade put up against Florida Gulf Coast continue, that possibility could turn into a reality.

-Shane was asked about his favorite sport and the memories that come to mind.

"That would be huge for another person to step up and score some points, especially if Marita isn't playing, and Taylor [against FGCU] made a lot of the open shots that our guards are going to get based on how defenses are going to play us, that will be great" Coley said.

"That will make her [Coley's] game so much easier," Shade said.

-Zach Bensch

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).

FRANCISCO RIVERO
Sports Director

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 his parents to fish. The crazy thing is both they were taught by their mom when he was just a kid when he was taught by a unlikely source.

“Well most people would say they were taught by there 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 just and 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 brother Scott and his grandfather are really into fishing and a learned a lot from him."

"All of a sudden I was a careful not give away his secrets spots when asked about his favorite fishing locations."

"Okay 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... Beautiful."

"This season we where going down to Flamingo and I was with some friends and where fishing out on the flats it was getting late in the day so one of my friends decides to invent this game with a dip fishing," Sullivan said. "So he drop's 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 take the push pole and try to scoop the dip can 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 can fell into the water and drifted into his 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 can leaning 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, when ever you head out into the wilder ness 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 run into a bunch of bait fish," Sullivan said. "We where just cruising down the water and drifted into the flat, we would get so angry,

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"What most people would say they were taught by there 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 just and 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 brother Scott and his grandfather are really into fishing and a learned a lot from him."

"All of a sudden I was a careful not give away his secrets spots when asked about his favorite fishing locations."

"Okay 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... Beautiful."

"This season we where going down to Flamingo and I was with some friends and where fishing out on the flats it was getting late in the day so one of my friends decides to invent this game with a dip fishing," Sullivan said. "So he drop's 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 take the push pole and try to scoop the dip can 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 can fell into the water and drifted into his 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 can leaning outside of the boat."

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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 in the Miners’ 41-7 loss to the University of North Texas last week.

“We have enough film to work off of them and we have to go out and game plan on what we have seen and the tendencies that they have,” Head Coach Ron Turner said. “It has not affected our preparation a bit,” graduate linebacker Markell Russell said. “He seems like a great athlete, number 16 is the key on who we, as a defense, need to stop.”

For the Panthers, quarterback Jake Medlock will get the start after sitting behind E.J. Hilliard in losses to both East Carolina and Southern Mississippi University.

“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.

Jake Medlock (above) has been given another chance by the coaching staff to start for the Panthers at quarterback after a 48-0 loss to Middle Tennessee State University when E.J. Hilliard was the starter.

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

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The season reached its end and the FIU men’s soccer team (6-10-1) (2-6-1 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 tour- nament berth.

Coming off FIU’s best season since the 2005 campaign (8-8-3), the Panthers had lofty expect-ations, especially due to the successful offseason recruiting Head Coach Ken Arena had. This years 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 this season 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 6-0,6-3 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 place him in a tie for third on the team.

“I was the first time ever that a coach had really bench me but it was a learning expe-rience,” Hezel said. “It helped me mature, I was dealing with stuff and it helped me to get through it.”

“E.J. [Hilliard] had a chance and just made too many mistakes and didn’t play well enough so we have to make a change,” Turner said. “It is the same reasons we did not give the chance to go in there was with Jake. We are going to keep going and looking until we can find someone out there who can go out and execute the offense.”

Turner also went into speaking on how he addresses his quarterbacks when he alerts them of his decision.

“I tell both of them that this is where we are and it can change each week.” Turner 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 - Lamary Caldwell- well 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.

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Matchup of single win teams as season winds down

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Senior midfielder Gonzalo Franchello (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.

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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.

“It is crucial to spread 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.”

“Learning something new about the natural world helps foster a deeper appreciation for it, and ultimately leads to better conservation efforts,” Salazar said. “It is crucial to gain more knowledge about the life histories and behaviors of bats so we can develop better conservation models.”

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 your neighborhood.”

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

“The Secret Life of Bats”

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

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