Prostate cancer has one of the highest death rates in the United States. According to the American Cancer Society one in seven men are diagnosed with prostate cancer.

University researchers are on a mission to find a way to battle the deadly disease.

“Mortality rates for the castrated mortality system are very high,” said Yuk-Ching Tse Dinh, director at the Bimolecular Science Institute at the University and professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. She added that there was a real need for this kind of treatment that can be offered to patients in need of it.

Tse Dinh, biochemist Yuan Liu and cell biologist Irina Agoulnik, from the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, are working a scientific method to corrupt and terminate the cancer cells that cause prostate cancer.

“The research is a new approach to finding a noble therapy to treat prostate cancer,” Dinh said.

The research is focused on castration resistant prostate cancer meaning men who are castrated will benefit from the treatment.

According to Dinh, the team is working on developing an essay system which will allow them to determine which chemicals are the ones that can stop the cancer cell from growing.

“We can identify chemical entities that will be effective in preventing the cancer from repairing the action of the anti-cancer drugs,” Dinh said.

In other terms, a human’s DNA is the best place to experiment.

The teams of scientists have come up with strategies that are yet to be tested, but they seem optimistic.

One of the [most] important strategies is to intentionally introduce the DNA damage in a massive amount,” Liu said. “That way, we kill [the cancer cells] by damaging their DNA so severely that they cannot survive.”

However, the cancer cells can build a stronger resistance to prevent their destruction.

“They won’t stand still, they will fight back,” Liu said.

Besides being a researcher, Liu is also a professor teaching biochemistry at FIU. She’s an expert in DNA damage repair.

“I’m responsible for creating and developing a method to measure the ability of a cancer cell and how to repair the DNA damage,” she said.

Some of the procedures after developing a method for prostate cancer are to test out the method into cells.

“Once we develop a method, we’re going to test it with a prostate cancer cell,” Liu said. “Tse Dinh’s group will be in charge of screening the new drugs and Agoulnik will photo test the new drugs.”

Alexander Agoulnik is a professor in the Department of Human and Molecular Genetics at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine.

The examination process will begin with cells and will continue with animal testing. If all goes well, they hope to incorporate patient clinical trials.

According to Dinh, this treatment can also benefit other types of cancers such as “glioblastoma” which is a type of brain tumor.

“We think it will work for glioblastoma because that’s also a case where there’s not a lot of effective treatments,” she said.

Liu believes that it can benefit breast cancer, colon cancer and leukemia as well.

Nevertheless, the highly developed research is not well known around the universities grounds. This judging from the fact that students around campus were not aware that this research was going on.

Despite this, students were surprised after finding out.

“It’s great to know they’re doing that research,” said Stefany Barzaga, a junior majoring in nutrition. “It’s important to find treatment or a prevention for future men getting prostate cancer.”

Another student, Jouliana Belizaire, a junior majoring in health care administration, said that she feels the same way as Barzaga.

“If I feel excited about this,” she said. “It won’t be easy to find a cure or treatment but it will be a great discovery if they get to find the treatment.”

The research received a $50,000 grant from The Community Foundation of Broward.

“It has supported us,” Liu said. “That way, we can put effort from different groups of research societies that have students that would like to participate.”

The research is still at an early stage and can take up to two years to complete.

Until clinical trials bring accurate results, the research will come to a stop or continue for another approach.

University awaits appointment of new director of the Wolfsonian

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Members of the University community await the appointment of the next director of the Wolfsonian-Florida International University, a museum located in Miami Beach.

The previous director, Cathy Leff, stepped down in January of last year, following a 17-year term with the museum, according to previous reporting from Student Media.

The search for the next director is led by the Office of the Provost, with the ultimate decision of who becomes the next director going into the hands of University Provost Kenneth G. Furton.

Among the members of the Search and Screen Committee are Sandra Gonzalez-Letry, the chair of the committee and senior vice president for External Relations, Michele Oka Doner, an advisory board member emerita, Regina Bailey, associate director of museum operations for the Wolfsonian, and Aurora Morcillo, a professor in the Department of History, according to the Office of the Provost’s website.

On Tuesday, March 31, the top three candidates for the position visited the University to explain their qualifications for the position and share their vision.

The three candidates that were up for evaluation were William R. Valerio, Min Jung Kim and Timothy Rodgers.

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The director must also handle the fundraising initiatives of the museum,
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Why FIU should be angry about sexual assault

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If someone asked you to look back over the past year and pick out something you were proud of achieving, what would you say? Making a 3.5 GPA? Completing a marathon? Re-establishing some family relationships? Even just starting something new? One thing that I don’t think you should make the list is having good eyebrows, smooth skin or manicured nails. They’re great things to have don’t get me wrong, but is that really that thing that defines who you are?

Miami is a city where image is possibly more important than anywhere else. Spring break ready? Summer ready? In a place where females probably spend more time in a bikini on South Beach or in a tight skirt at one of its adjacent clubs, the pressure to have a perfect body is almost insuppressable.

If you’re not comparing yourself to your friends, you’re being forced to compare yourself to the impossibly flawless line of models being paraded through the television, music videos and magazines to name just a few.

“For anybody whose once-normal, everyday life was suddenly shattered by an act of sexual violence, the trauma, the terror can shadow you long after one horrible attack, long after you don’t know where to go or how to turn it. It’s there where you’re forced to sit in the same class or stay in the same dorm with the person who raped you when; people are more suspicious of what you were wearing or what you were drinking, as if it’s your fault, not the fault of the person who assaulted you.”

Political Science and Women and Gender Studies student Laura Hernandez, shared her opinion.

“It’s On Us is a great initiative and I’m glad that the school took it on. However, I think the administration needs to take it seriously. It’s as if the campaign is an end all be all for sexual assault on campus but it’s not. There is much underreporting because of how people joke about rape on campus. It makes women lose confidence in the administration and police. The language they used is normalizing violence and how we should not avoid being raped rather than actually teaching men to not rape.”

“It’s about the way we discuss sexual violence in everyday language like hearing "Bro, I just raped that test!" from a friend after an exam. It is a horrible attack. It lingers when you don’t regard it as an act of sexual violence, the trauma, the terror can shadow you long after one horrible attack, long after you don’t know where to go or how to turn it.

The efforts that have been made towards sexual assault awareness is a positive approach, but we have to do more. At the launch of the It’s On Us campaign, President Barack Obama spoke of the issue.

“If you’re not comparing yourself to your friends, you’re being forced to compare yourself to the impossibly flawless line of models being paraded through the television, music videos and magazines to name just a few. How far is a relationship going to last? Are you loyal? Be confident about that. How far is your interest of the people at the table. Don’t you have any more work to do. But make those people at the table notice you, not just your face. I’m betting you have a lot more to offer than that. The more people achieve things of actual significance, the more society will be forced to recognize those people. We need more role models who get to where they are because of determination, hard work, kindness and humility rather than role models who get to where they are because of some implants and plastic surgery.

“I’ll leave you with one more thought to think about. If the whole world was blind, how many people would you impress?”
Kendrick Lamar reaches into the African American experience with third album 'To Pimp A Butterfly'

The poor and disenfranchised are institutionalized by prison, racism, classism and the rich. And the powerful are institutionalized by fear, dogma and the almighty dollar.

Kendrick Lamar's third studio album, "To Pimp A Butterfly," might appear incomplete. The album is far from a trendy, reserved or an easy listen. Lamar, branding both his African and Compton roots, delivers an album on his terms. Lamar departs from his contemporaries and reaches back to old-school boom-bap beats and jazz-infused instrumentation.

The album, at times, is nostalgic, ultimately ending in a conversation between Lamar and his martyred friend, Amaru Shakur. The two men indulge in a conversation about race, politics, and the longevity of black people. Lamar explores throughout the album the sounds of a alcohol flowing into his veins, a perspective of capitalist America, the lowest and highest levels of society, and provide a feeling of empowerment.

Lamar returns home— to Africa, the motherland, to Compton or back to the woman) who is behind prison cell returns home. Lamar uses this premise to integrate into slave society. As a result the family cut their electric power has been around since 1883. Goldin used a software to create a hypothetical image of the solar power here at the University.

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How society erases the bisexual identity

When a person identifies as bisexual a lot of people assume there is an element of choice, or of self-deception. The bisexual will be seen as someone who hasn’t “made up their mind yet” or is “confused” about their orientation—this seems to stem from the human proclivity towards binaries, to be able to easily compartmentalize and define people. A lot of people view bisexuality as the antecedent to homosexuality, which undermines the “in,n, gay, later fallacy.”

Bisexual erasure is the tendency towards dismissing, ignoring or falsifying bisexuality; an extreme example of erasure would be the denial of the existence of bisexuality. This biphobic sentiment is also present within the LGBTQ community, a community that advocates for acceptance and tolerance. And there are many gay and lesbian individuals who will refuse to date a bisexual.

On the dating website OkCupid there is an option to only view profiles of gay individuals, which allows a person to exclude the profiles of bisexuals. The media is also guilty of bisexual erasure. In 2014, the New York Times ran an article that questioned the legitimacy of bisexuality, asking whether it even exist. Slate’s Dear Prudence advice column advised a bisexual woman to refrain from coming out. The Gay and Lesbian Task Force has erased bisexual people from its own name, and published “Bye, Bye, Bi, Hello Queen,” which dismissed bisexuality. However, due to complaints it has recently changed to the National LGBTQ Task Force.

According to scholar Kenji Yoshino there are three main motivations for bisexual erasure. The first is sexual orientation stabilization. Orientation is simplified and dichotomized. Second, bisexuality threatens the importance that is placed on gender—it shifts sexual attraction away from gender. Third, the maintenance of monogamy; bisexuals are perceived to be less monogamous and “greedy.” This argument presupposes that all bisexuals are dissolvable mates and have incorrigible sexual appetites.

Erasure is also treated differently among men and women. A man that identifies as bisexual will often be treated as a gay man who isn’t fully out of the closet; while a bisexual woman will be told her acts of intimacy with other women are “just a phase.” Language also reflects the trend of erasure. If a bisexual person is in a relationship with a person of the opposite sex they are said to be in heterosexual relationship, if a bisexual is in a relationship with a person of the same sex they are said to be in a homosexual relationship. And while these terms have certain level of accuracy, these definitions undermine a person’s sexuality, and ignore the complexity of sexual orientation. You can be in a homosexual relationship and not identify as homosexual. An op-ed in the Advocate discussed the discrimination bisexuals face.

“This discrimination is pervasive on the face of marriage statutes, which define marriage in terms of sex; moreover, sex discrimination is the most acute form of discrimination suffered by bisexuals because they are denied marriage rights only when they have fallen in love with someone whom their state views as the wrong person.”

One solution to the problem of erasure is using the Kinsey scale to define sexual orientation. Whenever I am asked about my sexual preferences, I say one of the numbers on the spectrum, and it has differed at different periods in my life.

The benefit of using the Kinsey scale is that it shows the gradations of sexuality while avoiding binaries. It forces people to view sexuality on a continuum, rather than discrete identities. “Males do not represent two discrete populations, heterosexual and homosexual. The world is not to be divided into sheep and goats. It is a fundamental of taxonomy that nature rarely deals with discrete categories...” The living world is a continuum in every and every one of its aspects,” wrote Alfred Kinsey.

The scale recognizes and allows for change, a person who fell at a three out of six on the Kinsey scale can move to a four or to a two easily because there isn’t a change in label. They don’t have to start referring to themselves with a different epithet—there’s no stigma of going from bisexual to gay, or the other way around.

The scale recognizes shifts in sexual preference throughout a person’s life. Since it avoids labels it does not limit or attempt to define an individual. Not everyone will feel comfortable using the Kinsey scale, there will be situations that require definitions, and people who feel their sexual identity is fixed and not fluid, therefore there needs to be more inclusion and discussion of bisexuality, especially from LGBTQ organizations. Everyone has to start treating bisexuality with the same legitimacy as the other orientations in order to erase erasure. Pride Guide will take a deeper look into the LGBTQ community at FIU and produce a column that will consists of keen analysis within the daily lives of LGBTQ students and faculty. Make sure to read more and fiusm.com.
C-USA scoring champ reflects on collegiate career

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For senior guard Dennis Mavin, leading all Conference USA players in scoring wasn’t the goal - it just came with the territory of being a leader.

The Gainesville native entered the 2014-2015 men’s basketball season with high expectations to score often enough to replace players like Tymell Murphy, but the pace he set ended up becoming a C-USA best mark of 17.2 points per game.

“[Being a leader] is something that me and Head Coach Anthony Evans talked about at the beginning of the season. My role was going to be bigger this year and I embraced that,” Mavin said.

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“I know I only had time to get one or two more dribbles. I just wanted to have the ball in my hands because I knew I could get it to half court. It was a crazy shot - I can’t really put it into words,” Mavin said.

Coach Evans hardly seemed surprised that Mavin was awarded the Conference USA scoring title. “It’s been an amazing year. I’m grateful for all of the achievements I accomplished in a short amount of time. I appreciate all of the coaches that worked with me and definitely [Head Coach] Evans, who trusted me enough to lead the team,” he said.

New leadership coming to the Lime Court

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FIU did something on Wednesday, March 8 that they had not done in 35 years - hired a women’s basketball head coach. Former University of Maryland Assistant Coach, Marlin Chinn will be the program’s sixth basketball head coach, who replaces Tino Orlandi for his first tenure as a head coach.

Despite this lack of head coaching experience, his résumé shows no signs of a lack of talent.

In his six year career with Maryland, Chinn helped lead the Terrapins to a 34-3 record last year and a compiled record of 157-74.

In this time, Maryland also notched a Big Ten Championship Title, a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament and a Final Four appearance.

There, Maryland fell to the toughest of opponents in the University of Connecticut, who eventually went on to win their third consecutive National Championship.

Prior to his stint with Maryland, Coach Chinn was sought out by Mount St. Mary’s and Seton Hall. where he served as an assistant coach for both organizations. He spent a combined 11 seasons.

At Mount St. Mary’s, Chinn helped lead the Mountaineers to two Northeast Conference regular season championships and was instrumental in the recruitment of five NEC All-Rookie Team selections, including the 2005 NEC Rookie of the Year. Chinn continued this winning pattern and top-notch recruiting techniques in his next assistant coaching job at Seton Hall.

In four seasons with Seton Hall, he displayed his abilities as a top assistant coach, and further showcased his talents as a recruiter.

Chinn recruited a pair of Big East All-Rookie Team selections, and recruited and coached two Big East All-Conference performers.

Overall he helped achieve a nationally ranked top-30 recruiting class in his second year with the program.

Now he joins an FIU program which focuses on the rebuilding process after a tumultuous season.

Although the Panthers hardly encountered any wins this season, the school got a glimpse of the rising talent surrounding the team.

“It’s an exciting time to be here at FIU,” Chinn said. “Just to see the potential here and growth that is waiting to explode. I think South Florida and the surrounding areas are huge as far as rich in recruiting. It’s a hot bed for talent here in Florida, and we are going to attack it and be very aggressive with it. I’m looking forward to it. I’m very excited.”

There is no doubt that the Panther community will have something to look forward to in the upcoming seasons of women’s basketball from a talent perspective.

Not only will there be a wave of fresh new talent to come but there will also be a pool of young talent returning next season.

Headlining the talent is the Conference USA Freshman of the Year, Kiandre’a Pound.

“This is so exciting,” said Pound. “He has come from such a successful program at Maryland. I think he is going to take this team to the next level. He’s been to the Final Four two years in a row, and he has worked with some top talent. He knows what it takes to get to the next level and he is going to take us there.”

Clearly, the general consensus is that everyone surrounding the FIU community, and it should be with all the potential that Coach Chinn can offer the team.
Panther swimmer does it all

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Among all the great things that the University swimming team has done this season, they aren’t limited to the pool. Coach Randy Horner is glad she did.

"We mentored 20 girls of her team look to repeat their historic 2014-15 season, they aren't limited to just in-the-pool accomplishments.\"}

Along with having a top 100 meter Freestyle time of 53.88 seconds, and a top 100 backstroke time of 59.72 seconds, she holds a 3.73 GPA in biology pre-vet.

Mayhew won the award for the C-U-SPIR of 2015 for her outstanding community service efforts, and good academic standing and participation in her her. She’s mentored 20 girls in the Embry Gifted Power program with activities ranging from various team-building exercises. She’s also volunteered for the Relay for Life and the Miami Marathon.

Looking forward, Mayhew and the rest of her team look to repeat their historic 2014-2015 season by winning FVU’s first ever C-U-SPIR Swimming Championship. The freshman chose FVU over Cornell University, Dartmouth College and Arizona State University. You’d imagine head swimming coach Randy Horner is glad she did.

The debate on paying student athletes continues

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The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) seems to always be under national scrutiny for their various rules and regulations against their student-athletes and even all of the organizations and players getting in trouble for receiving improper benefits, the question has been raised of whether or not collegiate athletes should be paid.

I personally go back-and-forth on the issue, and can never come to a complete decision. Both parties bring up great arguments, and while players certainly deserve to be compensated for all of the hard work and revenue they generate, one could also argue that the free education is an acceptable return.

Those who argue in favor of paying the players have gained a lot of steam as of late, as a growing push for the compensation of student-athletes has begun over the last few years. These people cite numerous facts to back up their claims, many of which are hard to argue against.

Advocates of paying the athletes make the sound point that the NCAA makes almost $1 billion a year in revenue, yet none of that goes back to the players. Athletic departments at universities across the country make profits from players and

The former Kansas State QB making NFL push after surgery

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Jake Waters cannot currently throw a football. Give him a Nerf toy and he will toss it around. Ask to see his throwing motion and he will oblige but will passing a full-size, regulation pigskin is off limits. The former "K State" quarterback is still on the mend. According to former quarterback and Kansas State teammate Joe Hubener, Waters has had surgery to repair a torn acondioclavicular joint four months ago, caused by two physical tackles during a victory at Oklahoma on Oct. 11. Since the procedure, Hubener said the rehabilitation process has been slow.

"Agnonizingly slow," Hubener said. "It's tough when you show up for your pro day and all you can do is weigh in.\" Waters says, "I am going twice a day to therapy, doing anything I can do to speed it up. I am hoping to throw in front of cameras later this month and get that video out to all the teams, but for now the only video on my Kansas State film.\" That is big for any player, but especially for a tough quarterback who was impressed by Waters.

"He's recovering shoulder injuries and knee injuries and he played through a lot of pain.\" Former Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said. Waters to have to fight through agony in order to start the Wildcats' final seven games. The first sign of the injury came on a long run at the start of the second half against Iowa State, but he stayed on the field in minor pain after brief medical attention. The next week, another football run that helped clinch the victory, he got hit again. This time, he felt major pain.\"
WUC and SGA partner up, revamping game room

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A hub for gamers and social gatherings, the Wolfe University Center Game Room is scheduled for a makeover.

After a time of students and staff advocating for new gaming systems and a more casual outlook to the room, the Wolfe University Center and the Student Government Association agreed to revamp the area.

According to Jay-C Felix, student government president at the Biscayne Bay Campus, new additions to the game room located in WUC 222 include a pool table and a third television screen. There will also be new furniture such as bean bag chairs and new gaming systems like the Xbox One, the PlayStation 4 and the Nintendo Wii U.

Currently, there are two high definition televisions, a Xbox 360 Kinect and a Nintendo Wii. There is also a variety of video games and board games, four checkers tables and a ping pong table.

According to Felix, the game room closes this summer for renovations and is expected to reopen during the University’s Fall Week of Welcome.

“There’s a huge population of students that use the game room and they’re in there like day and night,” Felix said. “Here are students who use the game room to its fullest capacity. It’s a center for communion so we want to make it as comfortable and as inviting as possible,” she said.

Scott Jones, director of the WUC, said an estimated price for the renovation is between $50,000 to $80,000. Less than half will be used for furniture while the rest of the funds will go to the gaming systems and the table games.

There will be no changes to the carpet floor nor the lighting of the room.

“There were two years ago, the game room was the front burner of the conversation. [Now,] we want to do something for the better, especially with the文化建设,” said Louisy.

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide among men has been four times higher than among women the past years. In 2013, men had a suicide rate of 20.2 compared to a rate of 5.5 for women. However, it does not specify if it is due to their emotional restraint.

Bethuel Pierre, a junior engineering major, says they are interested in small tournament and forward to small tournament games like ping pong and chess competitions.

“There’s never never an interesting moment. [I] get into pretty heated chess fights,” Escarmont said. “[The room] gives students a place to just hang out and blow off some steam from all the studying.”

Women’s Center to host forum on gender roles

As its final event of the semester, the Women’s Center at the Biscayne Bay Campus will host “Lunch, Learn and Lean-In,” a forum on the changing dynamics of gender roles in society.

The event will include a two-hour roundtable that will discuss recent topics both men and women can relate to, according to Meredith Morgan, coordinator of the Women’s Center at the BBC.

These topics include issues such as male disempowerment within male and female relationships and the switching of gender roles.

“I want to display an event that we all can relate to,” Morgan said. “A panel will also talk about the overall direction of the third-wave feminism which persists on changes in stereotypes and media portrayals.

“What feminism is trying to do is that they’re trying to talk everyone out of these boxes that society has placed us in,” said Morgan.

Morgan also said that to build healthy relationships between both genders shouldn’t feel less important than women in society. She said boys are taught at a young age to avoid display of affection and emotion to upring a masculine image.

“Men are not supposed to express emotion, or they’ll be labeled weak,” she said. In effect, results have altered the number of men suicide and prison rates.

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Bethuel Pierre, a junior economics major, feels that men are being threatened in today’s society.

“Since there are more opportunities for a woman, the role for the male race has also decreased. We see that in most of today’s careers that used to be mainly dominated by men,” Pierre said.

“The male should be dominate, the breadwinner and the provider for a household and also any relationship they’re engaged in,” said Pierre.

Despite Pierre’s concerns, he believes the world has changed for the better, especially with the possibility of the country’s first female president.

This spring, the Center has hosted other events such as the “Women Who Lead” conference at both the BBC and the Modesto A. Maidique Campus. Shannon Miller, an Olympic medalist, spoke about leadership as the keynote speaker of the event.

Phalinaus Louisy, a senior English major, said she enjoyed participating at the conference and she looks forward to the Center’s final forum.

“I try to attend every event that Meredith puts on for the campus. The Lunch, Learn and Lean-In events are very informative, creative and it gives not only women, but also men, a route to take with every opportunity,” Louisy said.

Morgan believes that the progression of both male and female genders is all based on creating a society where everyone is comfortable with being themselves.

The event will take place Tuesday, April 14 at the Wolfe University Center room 155 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. It is free of charge and lunch is included.