University talks domestic violence

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Eliana Martinez said she witnessed her roommate abused by her boyfriend. Martinez, a junior health service administration major, said she tried addressing the issue, but her roommate was too scared to seek help.

“We knew he didn’t treat her well, but once that happened and we all talked to her, that scared her off a bit,” said Martinez. “You feel overwhelmed, but once she started accepting it, it got better.”

When it comes to consequences from dating or domestic violence, Yulisa Vega, Women’s Center program assistant at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, said she wants women to know that they don’t have to face their “demons” all by themselves.

“You’re not helpless, and it’s very hard to talk about. Stigma is very hard to break and I definitely understand people have a hard time coming forward. You’re not alone. We care, and we’ll be your support group,” said Vega. “You’re strong no matter what. You’re a survivor.”

Dating and domestic violence is a common issue on college campuses that affect both male and female students. Nationally, one in three women and one in four men will experience some form of physical violence by a partner within their lifetime, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kawczynski also said the department creates reactive programming for faculty, staff and students.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The government has issued guidance for colleges to prevent and address physical abuse, sexual abuse, or threats of physical violence to ensure a safe campus environment.

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FIU library hosts black freedom lecture

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

According to Miami-Dade County’s daily jail population statistics for Thursday, Nov. 19, 2,614 black people were arrested compared to 2,497 white people, the majority being non-Hispanic.

Rose will talk about her book and provide specific explanation about the topic. There will be a question and answer session after the lecture and refreshments will be provided.

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Mansa hold up sign: ‘Don’t vote for racists’

An hour and a half into the telecast, the Latin Grammy Awards was moving at a good clip.

Then Mexican rockers Mana took the stage and sang the immigrant anthem “Somos Mas Americanos” (“We are more American”), for which they were joined by norteno legends Los Tigres del Norte. At the end of their rousing performance, the two groups hoisted a sign that read, “Latinos unidos no voten por los racistas” _ “Latinos united, don’t vote for racists” _ injecting a dose of politics into a show that had been enjoyable, if generally devoid of hot topics.

Muslims worry anti-Islam rhetoric will make targets

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

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

Palestinian attackers on Thursday killed five people, including an American citizen and a Palestinian motorist, in one of the deadliest days in a surge of violence that has swept Israel and the Palestinian territories for weeks. Two of the dead were killed in Tel Aviv, breaking a relative lull in attacks inside Israel. The other three died in the West Bank.

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

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

The Paris attackers used an online gaming chat function to discuss their plans. To stay in touch, they used a social media app designed to protect Russian citizens from the prying eyes of their secret police. And, later, after they’d killed 130 and wounded another 531, the remaining members of a terror cell that was on the verge of launching yet another attack in Paris was found and arrested or killed early Wednesday when the GPS functions on their phones and rental cars gave away the group’s locations and travel histories.

Dating and domestic abuse

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One of which is the Victim Empowerment Program. The program provides free and confidential assistance to individuals who have been threatened or experienced actual physical abuse. It also helps the person to recover from physical abuse, according to the program’s website.

Justin Santoli

is a peer educator for the Victim Empowerment Program. His role is to educate fellow peers on topics like unhealthy relationships and sexual violence, depression or stress.

“We go into classrooms or offices and we request that you -- usually Greek life, athletics or some place else -- and we do presentations on a variety of topics: primarily sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking but also time and stress management and health issues,” said Santoli.

Often times, emotional abuse is the first type of abuse to happen, it’s very difficult to spot. A lot of students don’t realize what they’re dealing with. They aren’t comfortable with,” said Santoli.

The library is located across the Wellness and Recreation Center in the College of Law Rafael Diaz-Balart Hall. Open hours include Monday to Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 11 p.m.

As a Catholic association, CALSA tries to help as many Catholic students as possible, according to Marlon Velez, secretary of CALSA. “Our goal is to get more involvement in the Catholic community,” said Velez.

“CALSA is a student organization that provides law students networking opportunities with Catholic professionals in the legal field. The organization encourages dialogue on legal issues in the context of the Catholic faith. It also emphasizes the existence of Catholic law students and faculty at the College of Law. According to Velez, the toy drive helps people to appreciate the holidays with their participation.

“If I feel great, I know we are helping the families in those charities find something good in the holidays and we are putting a big smile on their face,” Velez said.

Everyone should be happy during the holidays.”

The toys are for children between the ages of two and 12 years old, according to Velez. Toys can be generic or gender neutral, like Legos, train sets, dolls and other toys.

“People are very interested in the drive. Therefore, the more people interested can participate in the drive.

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

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

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

“Something as simple as crossing your legs can stop the blood from getting to your heart and your head at the right pace,” said Bergouignan. “Predispositions in health conditions play a major part in how negative someone can be affected, being overweight or having a family history of blood disorders can cause someone to be more prone to these issues.”

The implications mean that there are real threats to office workers who are chained to their desks for several hours a day, or even students in classrooms.

Sitting for too long linked to health risks

Abuelo Elementary School in San Rafael, California brought standing desks into the classroom to counteract these consequences. In an article from NBC News, teachers from the school saw a change in the students right away. Their attention spans were improved, and the students were more active and awake.

“I think these new desks are a good idea for health purposes,” said Helen Boada, senior biology major studying to become a physician’s assistant.
Athletes should be vocal on social issues

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The athletes of color on the University of Missouri football team truly believe ‘Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere.’

Anthony Sherrills, tweeted, “The athletes of color on the University of Missouri football team stood in solidarity with Justice Everywhere.”

Those that disproved this gesture were sending a very negative message in the year 2015. Almost a year ago, a few miles south of the University of Missouri, Rams’ Jared Bailey, Chris Givens and Tavon Austin stopped during pregame introductions at Ram’s stadium to display the “hands-up don’t shoot” gesture. They were sending a message to the people affected by the fatal shooting of Michael Brown by a Ferguson police officer that August.

Their coach also tweeted his approval of their actions by standing behind them. It didn’t take long for this picture to spread like wildfire. The Missouri Tigers, ranked fifth in the SEC East, is a well-established team in the world of college football. Consequently, the nation turned her eyes back to Mizzou and acknowledged the adversity they are facing.

A couple of days later, Tim Wolfe resigned. This was the first step towards change for the racial injustices that students of color are enduring while trying to receive an education in the year 2015.

In the midst of the situation, many praised these athletes for their support in a time when people needed it most. They praised them because, in a sense, it gave people the extra push that they needed to not give up on their fight for social justice.

However, these situations also received a lot of judgement from sports fans nationwide.

The St. Louis Police Officers Association condemned the Rams’ organization, as well as the NFL, for these players’ “brutal act.” This was expected, yet confusing since the SLPOA was urging everyone to protest peacefully.

Yes, it’s quite absurd to even imagine someone thinking athletes don’t have a say in the world they live in. Most athletes aren’t the average boneheaded “high-school jock.” Many athletes graduate from prestigious universities. Therefore, people imply that the only important athletes hold their physical capabilities. Are the people making these comments objectifying these male athletes?

This is not the first or last time celebrated athletes, not just football players, have taken a public stand on all social topics. This shines a bright light on what athletes are capable of. It also shines a light on athletes’ leadership and potential to impact to young sports fans who aspire to be them some day, as not all athletes behave exactly like them.

The trolls sitting behind screens, who pound their fingers senselessly explaining that athletes and athletes alike should shut up on their opinions of the world they should take a step back and observe the new generation coming forward.

This is the generation that still has a fresh chance to have a positive impact on the world. They have the chance to—at the very least—change it for the better somehow.

Fans should feel the same amount of pride when athletes break their silence on racism and injustice as they do when athletes score a touchdown hit a game-winning three-pointer.

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The American English may accommodate the prestige of a language and the plethora of lexicon that is born out of a specific community. Language is not perfect. We still do not have the language to communicate many things. If language itself has its limits, why do humans keep drawing boundaries? Language is clearly the most valuable human invention; arguably one of the most beautiful.

DIAGNOSIS

Linguistic insecurity is a situational anxiety and self-consciousness felt when using one’s own language. This anxiety, when the fuel of the anxiety is the acquisition of the second language. Linguistic insecurity deals with a language you can communicate in. For example, someone who has a non-native accent can become hyper-aware of it when interacting with someone speaking in a native accent. The non-native, while fluent, perceives the accent to be a display of ineptitude or even “ugliness,” creating a sense of self-imposed otherness.

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

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

However, though standing more at work and school, studies show that this can lead to more sitting once an individual gets home.

Last month, a study done by the National Center for Biotechnical Information looked into the compensation effects of standing up all day at work. Office workers who had previously been sitting for roughly 10 hours a day were monitored for three months. Results showed that, while worker physical activity increased during work hours, it decreased at home. Workers were spending more time lounging at home than before.

“I stand up all day at work and by the time I get home, all I want to do is lay down and not get up again for the rest of the night,” said Valeria Cipolla, a senior design major who works as a hostess at a sushi restaurant.

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

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

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

Most of what’s shown in The Latin Explosion: A New America is the familiar story, as the familiar campaign heats up and, along with it, the issues of immigration and Latinos' potential political clout -- which Donald Trump has made more potent and divisive than ever.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“We danced, we sang, we bring some really rich material to the table ... in that sense they love us,” Moreno said. “But when it comes to cultural things they know very little. I think it’s part of why we never got cast in movies and TV. We were only thought of as performers, not as people with separate identities. ... We need support in having people reveal who we really are. We are not just singers and dancers. We are scientists, doctors, lawyers, techies, many many things. We represent a huge part of this world right now.”
Historic season ends as Panthers fall to Tulsa 3-2

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Jarvis Landry tough, driven and emotional.

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Jarvis Landry will never be accused of lacking confidence. So it was an obvious answer when Miami’s second-year receiver was asked if he expected to have so much success early in his career — so obvious that Dolphins Hall-of-Famer Dan Marino, who happened to walk by during the interview, answered the question for him.

“Yes!” Marino shouted. Landry quickly gave an equally emphatic “yes!”

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

“Who’s a kind of a guy is Landry?”

Tough, driven and emotional — so emotional that he usually boos the Dolphins but can also be a detriment.

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

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

“It’s very emotional,” Miami receiver Greg Jennings said. “He has to continue to play with that emotion but he has to channel it at times. No one wants him to go out there and not play with that emotion but we don’t want that emotion to hurt the team because he plays with such high intensity.”

Landry has turned into one of the NFL’s top slot receivers and one of the league’s most solid overall pass catchers.

Even in blowout losses, he usually does his part. But after a loss, he’s always one of the more emotional players in the locker room. It can come across so much that he’s visibly shaken.

“You never want to be crushed by a loss,” he said. “But as a winner, when you have winning in your heart as much as I do, you want to show it. It kind of takes a toll on you, especially when you lose a couple in a row.

It happens like a long time ago that Landry was considered a reach when the Dolphins selected him out of LSU in the second round of the 2014 NFL Draft. His 40-yard dash time and broad jump mark were the worst among receivers at the scouting combine, although he was dealing with a hamstring injury.

He still remembers how many people pegged him as a second-round pick heading in to the draft.

“Literally everybody,” he said.

The Dolphins traded down twice in the second round and took Landry with the No. 63 overall pick.

While the Landry selection was considered a reach by some, Dolphins receiver Matt Hazel — who worked out with Landry before the draft and was selected by Miami in the sixth round — said he expected Landry to go in the first round.

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

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

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

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

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

But he hasn’t forgotten the way he was viewed in the draft and he likely never will.

“You look at guys like Anquan Boldin, Larry Fitzgerald — I don’t think he ran a great time,” Landry said. “You look at the success they’ve had and speed was never the issue. It’s the consistency. It’s the catching radius. It’s the football IQ and he’s got these guys who are going to be Hall-of-Famers one day.”

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

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

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

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

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

Landry and Beckham were close friends at LSU.

The Giants are on a bye this week and Beckham is in his second year with the Giants, staying with Landry.

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

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

Landry is even having success on the ground. He’s been getting handoffs on plays and his 101 rushing yards this season.

Paul Warfield’s 115 rushing yards in 1971 are the most by a Dolphins receiver.

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

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

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

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

The two games, May 30 and 31 at Hiram Bithorn Stadium in the Puerto Rican capital of San Juan, will count as Marlins home games. MLB also announced that Roberto Clemente Day, usually celebrated in September, will be observed May 31.

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

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

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

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

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Students learn about venturing abroad

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Pamphlets and other information booklets about the Japan Exchange & Teaching Program were available at the Venture Abroad Fair held in Panther Square on Nov. 17.