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Zika Virus Stalks Pinellas County

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For the first time, Zika has officially invaded Pinellas County. Gov. Rick Scott announced on Tuesday that out of the 29 locally acquired mosquito-borne cases that have occurred in Florida, one case has now appeared here.

Zika infections have been on the rise in various counties around Florida. Miami-Dade County leads the state with a staggering 160 cases, most of those located in the Wynwood area. Broward County has the second highest rate of Zika with 96 cases. Pinellas County’s total number of Zika incidents is 13, which places it as ninth highest in the state.

While anyone is susceptible to the virus, pregnant women are among the most vulnerable. A pregnant woman who contracts Zika is at a much greater risk due to the possibility of the baby being born with microcephaly. Children born with microcephaly have underdeveloped brains and heads, which can lead to other neurological issues.

Dr. Juan Dumois is the director of pediatric infectious diseases at All Children’s Hospital. In an interview with The Crow’s Nest, Dumois outlined the risk for pregnant women.

“The biggest concern is, of course, for pregnant women and women looking to get pregnant,” said Dumois. “But this disease also affects people close to those women. The virus transmits through mosquito bites and sex, so the chance of spread is very local.”

Dumois recommended that pregnant women who suspect they have an infection should contact the Florida Department of Health, which offers free Zika testing. “Don’t procrastinate contacting them,” said Dumois. “Testing for Zika within the first week has the best chance of getting information on the infection and what risk there is for the fetus.”

He also suggested pregnant women keep constant contact with their obstetrician. There is no cure for the Zika virus, many of those infected do not show symptoms. Dumois said that the risk of infection is very low, but that students should not ignore precautions. Prevention revolves around avoiding mosquito bites.

Bug repellent recommended by the CDC is one of the easiest measures. Almost all repellents are safe for use, even for pregnant women, according to Dumois.

“The virus is not going to die out,” she said. “We consider everyone here fair game.”

Ralph’s Mob Revitalizes Rowdies Games

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Sixteen-year-old Alexander Watts was dressed in Tampa Bay Rowdies gear from head to toe. He’ll make the 75-minute drive to every home game this soccer season.

“I came to my first game in 2013 and I was interested 100 percent,” Watts said. He stood in the general admission section of AI Lang Stadium along with everyone else in Ralph’s Mob, a group of passionate Rowdies fans.

They are a sea of green and yellow, wearing scarves, hats, knee-high socks, flags, bandanas and jerseys to support their team. They have multiple chants that die-hard fans know from frequently attending games and these are an important part of the ritual.

Kelly Cooper has been going to the games for five years now, and she says it is too hard to choose her favorite of the chants. “We call it like we see it. I love all the chants – there’s just too many that we do,” she said. Cooper was not even slightly concerned about Saturday’s rainy weather putting a damper on the game. She had oral surgery the day before and even though she admits that she should have been at home resting, she still felt the need to show up and support her local team.

“We consider everyone here family,” she said. “My favorite part is the atmosphere and lifting the players’ spirits up from the bad ref calls.”

The president of Ralph’s Mob is Jason Bruzzichesi. His first Rowdies game was in the beginning, back when the Rowdies first started in 2010. Because of work, he had to move to Minnesota and then to Salt Lake City, but in both places, Bruzzichesi was a long-distance participant in Ralph’s Mob. He moved back to St. Petersburg a few years ago.

“I was never a big soccer fan,” said Bruzzichesi. “I was really a big Bucs fan. Then I had a friend take me to a Rowdies game, and it was like a light switch.”

In 2014, Bruzzichesi became president of the club and helped to turn Ralph’s Mob into more than just a fan group. It is now a nonprofit organization that partners with charitable organizations that partners with charitable organizations. The group held a book drive during one of the games earlier this month. Ralph’s Mob also works with the St. Petersburg community to host food drives, and they maintain business alliances with local restaurants.

Ian Burke, a junior who is studying marine biology at USF St. Petersburg, is also a member of the fan club. He proudly wore his season ticket around his neck. When the first goal was scored by Rowdies midfielder Joe Cole, Burke jumped up with the rest of the group to celebrate.

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Jamming Out: Professor Explores Music, Management

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Scene: A group of doctoral students, professors and backgrounds and nationalities are gathered in a large room. There is a distinct feeling of excitement, as if they are about to start a challenging task.

A professor introduces the students to a new project that involves analyzing the historical impact of music on management and leadership.

The students respond enthusiastically to the professor’s ideas, and they begin to discuss various strategies for conducting the research.

The atmosphere is lively and engaging, as the students share their thoughts and ideas. Their enthusiasm is infectious, and it is clear that they are passionate about their work.

Despite the challenges of conducting research in this area, the students are determined to make a meaningful contribution to the field of management.

At the end of the session, the professor summarizes the key points and encourages the students to continue their work.

The students disband, but their enthusiasm and passion for the project can be felt as they move to their next task.
The Buzz About Zika

By Ryan Callihan, Evy Guerra, Erin Murphy & Devin Rodriguez

The Zika virus is an international epidemic that has dominated news coverage for the past few months. Now, the virus has made its way into our backyards. Gov. Rick Scott announced on June 15, 2016 the first case of a locally transmitted infection in Pinellas County.

“It’s a scary thought that a virus that could really be life altering could be in your county and not just some disease you hear about in the news,” said Fath, a sophomore anthropology major at USF.

“My family called me and it really freaked me out,” said Fath. “It placed the outbreak in perspective.”

Fath is an expecting mother. Attending her family’s annual vacation in South Florida, she may have a tiny town called Wynwood to thank. According to a GBI by the Tampa Bay Times, most of the local cases have stemmed from people getting bitten by mosquitoes infected by the Zika virus in Wynwood, Florida.

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The CDC recommends wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants, get rid of standing water that may attract mosquitoes, and use an Environmental Protection Agency-approved repellent. Mosquitoes only breed between one-quarter and one-half of an inch of water to breed. To prevent a mosquito infestation, make sure to clear out any containers of water.

Still, there are new movements and campaigns that are fighting the Zika virus. The university division hopes to make instrumental advances towards a vaccine.

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**CAMPUSES IMPROVE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE**

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There’s nothing worse than being stuck in your dorm with nothing to do but study. College is about more than just studying, it’s about experience. For most students, that experience comes from getting active on campus.

According to National Survey of Student Engagement, getting involved on campus has tremendous benefits for students. NSSE studies have shown that these students have significantly higher grades than those who don’t participate in student organizations.

Student life and engagement is one of the key components that influences the culture and traditions of USF St. Petersburg. Student, staff and faculty pride themselves on the wide range of clubs and organizations offered on our campus. USFSP is home to over 100 clubs and organizations of varying interests such as event planning, leadership, diversity and inclusion, journalism, sports and the environment.

For those students who have an interest but can’t find a club or organization dedicated to their passion, it’s easy to start one. Five students and one advisor are required for those who would like to create a club on campus.

But you don’t need to create a club to be involved on campus. Check out our list of the most active clubs below.

**Harborside Activities Board (HAB)**

“Going to a HAB event is a great way to meet new people and have a lot of fun.” – Makenzie Barrows, President of Harborside Activities Board.

Harborside Activities Board is a student-run organization that plans social events to enhance student life on campus. The organization is known for bringing musicians and comedians on campus along with its established events such as Screen on the Greens, Casino Night, its haunted house and do it yourself events.

HAB is also the organization that implements two of USFSP’s most established traditions – Homecoming in the fall and USFSP Week in the spring. These are two weeks meant to celebrate Bull pride and remind students of all that our campus has to offer.

**Student Green Energy Fund**

Student Green Energy Fund is a campaign that began in 2007. The club’s main focus is to promote clean energy, renewable energy technology, and lower greenhouse gas emission. SGEF is funded by the student’s fee which is $1 per credit hour. With those funds, the members decide what projects to fund, and current projects include bot-tle refill stations around campus, recycling bins and net zero treadmills for the fitness center. Aside from creating and implementing projects to make USFSP an eco-friendly campus, it hosts events to get other clubs involved in its causes such as the butterfly garden clean-up.

**Campus Recreation**

Campus Recreation is more than just a fitness center and the waterfront. It is home to our Intramural Sports and Sports Club. Intramurals are weekly competitions in which students come in teams, or as individuals, to participate in different sports on the outside courts and field. Some common IMs are football, soccer and basketball.

Sport Clubs are similar to IMs, except instead of competing against your fellow Bulls, you compete against other schools. An example of a Sports Club is the South Florida All Stars, a USFSP dance team that recently competed in Next Star dance competitions.

**Office of Leadership and Student Organizations**

“LSO is an on-campus organization that helps students enjoy their time at USFSP… We facilitate an atmosphere for leadership development by always challenging students to try new things.” – Rachel Clementson, Student Assistant for the Office of Leadership and Student Organizations.

The Office of Leadership & Student Organizations is home to over 100 clubs and organizations. LSO’s main purpose is to facilitate student organizations and provide leadership and service opportunities for students, staff and faculty. When LSO isn’t assisting other organizations, it is planning its own events such as TEDx and Dance Marathon.

They host a series of leadership events meant to enhance students’ understanding of the concept and to provide opportunities to gain new leadership skills in a fun and competitive environment such as Emerging Leaders and DANCE Leadership Series. For those interested in giving back to the community, LSO has an annual trip, un-BULL-ievable. This is a weekend service project where students pick a social issue and complete it in a nearby state.

Office of Multicultural Affairs

“OMA provides students with a sense of diversity and inclusion on campus. We shed light on prominent issues and celebrate differences in America. OMA is a safe place for underrepresented populations on campus.” – Taylor Singleton.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs’ mission is to uphold and celebrate the heritage of underrepresented students and create an appreciation for different cultural backgrounds. In an effort to promote inclusion and diversity, they host events and workshops that educate students about different topics including microaggressions and social identities.

One special program that OMA sponsors in collaboration with the Wellness Center is Safe Zone Ally Training. Safe Zone helps teach students how to be supportive of the LGBTQ community.

OMA is an umbrella organization that includes other diversity clubs such as PRIDE, Women’s Empowerment Club, Latin American Student Association and more. Two major programs that are under OMA include the Spectrum Mentor Program and Multicultural Activities Council, which are two large organizations that acknowledge the presence of underrepresented students on campus.

CULTURAL EXPRESSION: Stars in Motion is an annual dance showcase hosted by the South Florida All Stars, USFSP dance team. The event is put on by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, who helps encourage diversity.