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GET HYPED FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

By: **Li Cohen**

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In preparation for NSU's annual Relay for Life, NSU's Relay for Life committee will host Paint the Campus Purple Week from March 30 to April 3 to spread cancer awareness.

Reya Hossain, junior psychology major, came up with the idea for Relay Week to get more people interested in attending Relay for Life and to help raise donations and awareness for the American Cancer Society. Last year, Relay for Life at NSU raised more than \$33,000 and the committee is hoping to raise more than \$35,000 this year.

Hossain said that last year's event had a good turnout but was lacking support.

"It's not just about raising money," she said. "It's about raising cancer awareness and bringing unity among students, faculty and student organizations with the passion of celebrating those who fought cancer and remembering our loved ones who have passed away."

"We really want to show our support for the American Cancer Society," said Relay for Life Event Leader Alix Tucci, senior business administration and finance major. "It's made a huge impact in a lot of people's lives."

Paint the Campus Purple Week includes Relay Spirit Day on April 1 for people to wear

purple and take polaroid pictures with Relay for Life-themed props from noon to 1 p.m. in the Don Taft University Center, a bake sale in the UC Pit on April 2, and a water balloon fight on the Alvin Sherman Library Quad between 3 and 5 p.m. on April 3.

Relay for Life is an overnight community fundraising walk for the American Cancer Society. Teams of people and vendors camp out around a designated area and members of each team take turns walking around the area throughout the night in honor or memory of loved ones who suffered from cancer.

The relay begins during the day to increase the excitement through the community and to symbolize an individual's life before they get cancer. The setting sun represents a patient's cancer diagnosis. As the night continues and it becomes darker and cooler outside, participants begin to feel tired and may want to take a break from walking, which represents how cancer patients feel during treatment. Relay participants continue to walk through the night to demonstrate they won't give up, just as cancer patients do not give up. Relay ends in the morning to symbolize the end of treatment and hope.

Relay for Life will be held around the

Gold Circle Lake for 12 hours beginning April 11 at 6 p.m. Much of the event is the same as last year's with performances and events throughout the night.

The key events during Relay include the Survivors Lap for cancer survivors to celebrate their victories, the Luminaria Ceremony for participants to honor or remember loved ones who have had cancer, and the Fight Back Ceremony to symbolize the emotional commitment made in the fight against cancer.

72 cents out of every dollar received goes to cancer research and programs in the American Cancer Society. The society provides free programs for cancer patients, including, the Hope Lodge, which provides accommodations to cancer patients who travel for treatment, Road to Recovery, which provides transportation to and from treatment appointments, Look Good...Feel Better, which teaches women beauty techniques to improve self-image during chemotherapy and radiation treatments, and Reach to Recovery, which matches breast cancer survivors with recently diagnosed patients.

Tucci has participated in Relay for Life since she was in eighth grade and the main reason she relays is in honor of her grandmother,

who passed away from lung cancer a few years ago.

"Cancer is one of those things that you look at and think that it just shouldn't be in the world," Tucci said. "I'm not a medical student and I can't help people with their illnesses, but at least I can help through donations and give money to the people who can do research."

PAINT THE CAMPUS PURPLE WEEK

RELAY SPIRIT DAY
April 1, noon to 1 p.m. at the Don Taft University Center

BAKE SALE
April 2 at the UC Pit

WATER BALLOON FIGHT
April 3 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Alvin Sherman Library Quad

FLORIDA ANTI-TRANSGENDER BATHROOM BILL MOVES A STEP CLOSER TO PASSING

By: **Alyssa DiMaria**

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A proposed bill in Florida would make it illegal for a person to enter a public facility designated as single-sex if the person was not born a biological member of that sex. The measure would apply to bathrooms, dressing rooms, fitting rooms, locker rooms, showers or wherever there is a "reasonable expectation of privacy."

If a person born male enters a women's bathroom, for example, that person could be charged with a misdemeanor and fined up to \$1,000 or sentenced to one year in prison.

Professor of humanities in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Kathleen Waites, whose academic focus is gender studies, said this bill, if passed, would violate individuals' privacy in the worst and most intimate way, and it's discriminatory.

"The passage of such a bill would simply provide further evidence of the regressive nature of the Republican-controlled Florida legislature and make us a laughingstock; it's just absurd," she said.

The Single-Sex Public

Facilities Act, filed by Florida House of Representatives member Frank Artiles of Miami, would target Florida's transgender community, which won legal protection from discrimination from a Miami-Dade Human Rights Ordinance that passed last December.

Artiles told the Miami Herald his number one concern is the public's safety because the ordinance creates a loophole for criminals, sexual deviants and sexual predators to walk into a shower, a woman's locker room under the cover of law.

"A man such as myself can walk into the bathroom at LA Fitness while women are taking showers, changing and simply walk in there. Someone can say, 'What are you doing there?' Under the ordinance, I don't have to respond. It's subjective. If I feel like a woman that day, I can be allowed to be in that locker room. I don't know about you, but I find that disturbing," said Artiles.

Waites said the bill sets a dangerous precedent by marking people as different and then penalizes them for it and is just another way to disallow people rights.

"Shouldn't the legislature be working on real problems rather than manufactured ones? Going to the bathroom should not be a crime, whether or not your gender coheres with your biological sex. Moreover, who is going to make that determination? The bathroom police? It's just silly," she said.

Allison Brimmer, assistant professor of humanities in the Farquhar College, whose academic focus is cultural studies said, "The fact that this type of legislation is even being considered is truly outrageous."

"This movement to criminalize the transgender community is fear based. This issue doesn't even exist, except for those who fear change," Brimmer said. "When people aren't familiar with something, they often move to a place of rejection, rather than acceptance; I think this is the case with those supporting this legislation."

Brimmer said, "A law like this can only take away rights and damage everyday activities and interactions between people."

President of NSU's Social Awareness Student-Action (SASA) Julia Yacoub, freshman biology major, said gender should not be



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A Florida bill that would make it illegal for transgender people to use bathrooms meant for the sex other than what they were assigned at birth is one step closer to becoming a law.

the quality that defines a person's worth or capabilities; this is one of SASA's core values.

"Just the idea of bathrooms being so closely monitored for who may walk in and out of a restroom is ridiculous. Are they going to start making similar laws in which a person is discriminated against for entering a public facility?" she said.

Yacoub said this bill will harm human rights and that individuals shouldn't be discriminated against.

"Laws should be put in to place to protect all citizens and not to be used to carry out discrimination against an individual that just so happens to identify differently than what society may be used to," she said.

Yacoub said, during a class she took at NSU, they studied gender by viewing it on a spectrum, and she learned that using the terms "gender" and "sex" interchangeably is incorrect.

"We are born and assigned a sex and then sent out into the

world. Therefore, biological sex and gender are different; gender is not inherently nor solely connected to one's physical anatomy," Yacoub said. "A person's gender identity and expression is a person's private understanding or sense of their own gender. Who are we to tell them any differently?"

A second Florida house committee voted in favor of the bill on March 17, which would result in arrests for transgender people who use the "wrong" bathroom. Now that the bill has passed through the government operations subcommittee, it is to be voted on by the house judiciary committee later this year.

"I advise transgender students who are upset about this issue, as with any issue in the transgender and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community, to make their voice heard by those that government," Waites said.

JAIL AND BAIL

By: Alyssa DiMaria
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Cozy Corners will host its first annual fundraising event Jail and Bail on April 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Don Taft University Center spine.

Cozy Corners Fundraising Chair Alissa Svedberg, sophomore marine biology major, said the money raised will assist Cozy Corners in redecorating the bedroom of a child who has suffered from a long-term illness and has spent an extended period of time at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital.

"We love to see the joy on the children's faces when we reveal their new room. Any pain or suffering that they have gone through in the past becomes a memory, and their new room acts as a new beginning to their life," she said.

The fundraiser event will consist of "jailing" volunteers at the UC and asking friends, strangers and passersby to donate money toward "bailing" the individual out of jail.

Svedberg said anyone is able

to volunteer and contribute to the cause and event.

For each volunteer who signs up for a shift in the jail, there will be two donation jars, a "bail out" jar and a "keep in" jar. Passersby can donate to either jar. However, the "bail out" jar needs to reach a set amount to "release" someone from the jail.

Donations will also be collected throughout the event.

"This warm and unexpected homecoming celebration will truly make a difference in the child and the family's lives," Svedberg said. "We hope to bring to light the fortitude and resilience of children hit with the hardest news."

For more information about the event and volunteering, contact Svedberg at as2674@nova.edu.

NEWS UPDATE

In Issue 25, The Current published the article, "NSU cited for safety violations." Since publication, it has been confirmed that NSU representatives met with officials from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for an informal conference. NSU was granted a 30-day extension to put interim procedures into place to cover the ongoing maintenance of the cadavers in the anatomy lab. The \$50,000 fine was also reduced by 20 percent. The ongoing construction and renovations of the lab include validated engineering and administrative controls, medical surveillance, training and transparency between students, faculty and administration regarding OSHA's concerns.



Issue 25 Corrections

In Shark Speak for Issue 25, we misspelled the name of student Angela Vu.

The story "NSU to host 16th Annual Student Life Achievement Awards," incorrectly stated that the awards are hosted by the Student Leadership and Civic Engagement. The awards are hosted by Special Events and Projects in the Office of Student Activities.

The Current apologizes for these errors.

NEWS ANCHOR

Stay up to date with current events.

Nile dispute comes to an end

Leaders from Egypt, Ethiopia and Sudan signed a deal on March 23 in Khartoum, Sudan that ended a long dispute over sharing the Nile River and construction of Africa's largest hydroelectric dam.

Saudi Arabia shifts military

Saudi Arabia is moving heavy military equipment, including artillery, to areas near its border with Yemen, U.S. officials said, raising the risk that the Middle East's top oil power will be drawn into the worsening Yemeni conflict. The buildup follows a southward advance by Iranian-backed Houthi Shiite militants as they move closer to the new southern base of U.S.-supported President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi.

Third American among victims of France plane crash

Search and recovery efforts resumed in the French Alps last week after a budget German airliner crashed into the mountains. Of those on board, 16 were students at a small-town German high school. The U.S. State Department said three Americans have been identified as victims of the plane crash in France that killed 150 people.

Ford cars slow when they see speed-limit signs

Ford's new car S-Max, to be sold in Europe, will be able to read road signs and adjust its speed accordingly. The speed-limiting tech can be activated via the steering wheel and briefly overridden by pressing firmly on the accelerator. The car company hopes the technology will help drivers avoid fines and reduce the number of speed-related accidents.

Bodies found in Detroit freezer

The bodies of two siblings, a boy, 11, and a girl, 14, were found frozen in a plastic bag last week in a deep freezer in a Detroit home, officials said. Their mother was taken into custody as a suspect. Officials said the bodies appeared to be frozen for "some time." A bailiff found the bodies while serving an eviction notice at the townhouse.

Indiana governor to declare disaster for county hit by HIV outbreak

Indiana Governor Mike Pence said he will declare a public health disaster on April 1 in a small southern Indiana county that has seen a drastic increase in HIV cases tied to intravenous prescription drug abuse since December. Scott County has had 72 confirmed HIV cases and seven preliminary ones. Officials fear potentially up to 100 cases could be identified.

South Miami passes another resolution to split Florida into two

This past October, the city commission of South Miami made national headlines by passing a resolution calling for Florida to be split into two separate states. The idea, which went viral, wasn't taken seriously, but the commission decided to try again at its latest meeting and passed another state-splitting resolution 3-2. The resolution claims that North Florida is holding South Florida back from properly dealing with climate change and sea-level rise on a state level. The new state would be mostly contiguous with the South Florida Water Management District. Brevard, Orange, Polk, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties would be the northernmost counties, and 24 counties total would be included. Together, they represent 39 percent of Florida's total landmass and 67 percent of the total population.

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FINS UP: FIN FEST IS HERE

By: **Alyssa DiMaria**
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From April 6 to 11, The Office of Student Activities' Student Events and Activities Board (SEA Board) will host its third annual Fin Fest for students to prepare for finals and wrap up the academic year.

SEA Board Vice President of Traditions Sasha Pimentel, senior communication studies major, said it is important for NSU to carry on the tradition of Fin Fest.

"We are consistently trying to make Fin Fest comparable to other universities' Spring Flings," she said. "By continuing to host Fin Fest each year and experimenting with new activities that students enjoy, we will accomplish this goal."

SEA Board Programming Assistant, Erica

"Fin Fest is an event for individuals who share a common love for NSU."

– Erica Rayter

Rayter, junior accounting major, said students should attend Fin Fest activities because it is a way to celebrate NSU's shark pride.

"NSU aims for its students to feel

welcomed and appreciated, and, by hosting Fin Fest, it will enhance community spirit and shark pride — it's an event for individuals who share a common love for NSU," she said.

Pimentel said she wants students to come out and show their spirit the same way they do during Homecoming Week.

"Students should make an effort to attend the Fin Fest activities because it will add to the overall collegiate experience that everyone craves here," she said.

Fin Fest will include food, giveaways and entertainment.

For more information, email sea-board@nova.edu or call 954-262-7223.

NEWS BRIEFS

Hospital and emergency room update

Brandon Hensler, interim executive director of University Relations, said NSU's Westside Regional Medical Center Emergency Room is scheduled to open in May. There is no set date for the hospital opening. An administrative hearing on the matter will be held around June.

Safety memorandum issued

President George Hanbury released a memorandum stating the importance of safety at NSU last week. Hanbury notified members of the NSU community that if they are in an NSU building and the fire alarm sounds, it is critical that they treat it seriously. Hanbury said, "While it may seem like an inconvenience at the time, all fire alarms — real or tests — must be taken seriously. It is vital that we all do our part to stay safe and to help our coworkers and students stay safe as well."

American Red Cross certification classes at NSU

NSU Aquatics is offering American Red Cross Certified courses in CPR and lifeguard courses throughout March, April and May. Sign up at the RecPlex service desk. For more information, please contact Daniel Kifle at dkifle@nova.edu or call 954-262-6804. To see the schedule of classes offered, visit sharkfins.nova.edu/?p=27144.

To lift or not to lift

The Office of Campus Recreation will host a fundamental weight lifting technique workshop on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in RecPlex multipurpose Room 1 beginning April 1. The workshop will be led by a certified personal trainer and will last four weeks. Spots are limited and cost \$65 for all sessions. For more information, contact Marcela Sandigo at 954-262-7018 or email wellness@nova.edu.

Student speakers wanted for graduation

The undergraduate student commencement speaker auditions will take place on April 8 from 4-6 p.m. in the Mailman Auditorium. All NSU employees are welcome to watch the auditions and will vote on the student speakers for each of the two undergraduate graduate ceremonies. If interested, students must contact Assistant Director for Student Communication and Support, Frank Majnerich, at (954) 262-5144 or majneric@nova.edu in order to participate in the auditions. The Undergraduate Graduation Ceremonies will be held on May 8.

Faculty Lecture Series to conclude for the semester

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Lecture Series will conclude for the semester with a collaborative presentation by four faculty members in the college's Division of Humanities. The event will take place on April 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Alvin Sherman Library Cotilla Gallery. The lecture will consist of information about the writing tactics faculty members use to construct their professional identities through teaching, research and service. For more information, visit sharkfins.nova.edu/?p=28764.

Students Invited to audition for performing arts grant

The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences will hold auditions for the talent-based James and Nan Farquhar Performing Arts Grant on April 11 from noon to 5 p.m. in the Don Taft University Center Performance Theatre. The grant is available to new and continuing eligible students pursuing a bachelor's degree in art, arts administration, dance, music or theatre. An audition and portfolio is required. To learn more and to submit the grant application, visit fcas.nova.edu/academics/tuition/scholarships. For more information about the upcoming audition, contact Bill Adams, associate professor and Coordinator of Performing Arts, at 954-262-8025.

April 6

SGA Debate Noon to 1 p.m.

Don Taft University Center, Pit

Personalized Flip Flops Noon to 3 p.m.

Don Taft University Center, Pit

NCAA Watch Party 7:30 p.m.

NSU Flight Deck Pub

April 8

April 8

Laser Tag 4 to 8 p.m.

Grass area in front of the Don Taft University Center

April 9

SEA Thursday, Line Dancing Noon to 1 p.m.

NSU Shark Fountain

SGA Election Party 8 p.m.

NSU Flight Deck Pub Patio

April 7

Cinema Tuesday 8 p.m.

The Commons, Room 123

NSU Flight Deck Pub

April 10

Lambda Theta Alpha Party Walk 8 p.m.

NSU Flight Deck Pub Patio
 SGA Election Party 8 p.m.

April 11 to 12

Relay for Life 6 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Wellness Bite

“Find something you enjoy doing and stick to it but also keep an open mind for new activities.” — Cristina Gonzalez, spinning instructor

Sustainability Tip of the Week

By: **Leela Mansukhani**

Is that reusable bag too heavy?

As one of the many Americans who are trying to be good citizens, my family purchased a few reusable grocery bags to reduce our use of plastic and paper bags when we go to the grocery store. Then, something strange started happening. Baggers at the stores started overloading our reusable bags, to the point where we could barely lift them even with two arms. They would fill the bags to their maximum capacity for fear of wasting any usable space, even if we requested not to make the bags too heavy. The reason this happened is that most reusable bags are larger than the standard plastic bag. If you've ever experienced this, there are two easy solutions. One is to kindly ask the bagger to let you bag your groceries. This way you can distribute the weight so that the bags aren't too heavy. The other solution is to collect plastic grocery bags and reuse them instead of reusable bags on your next shopping trip.



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Diary of... a CrossFit novice

By: **Maheen Dhanani**

Maheen Dhanani is *The Current's* distribution manager and is a sophomore biology major and mathematics minor. She is also the secretary for the Pre-Medical Society and hopes to attend audiology school after completing her undergraduate degree. She enjoys swimming, painting, Indian cinema and, of course, CrossFit.

It all started with months and months of working out at my regular gym and seeing little to no results. I was following a free, online workout plan and eating right, so I really didn't know where I was going wrong. I had heard of CrossFit before, but when a friend of mine didn't recommend it because it was too hard, I was — ironically — motivated to try to it.

Before signing up, I did what a curious newbie to any activity does. Look at my Google search history, and you'll find "CrossFit myths," "Is CrossFit for everyone?" "CrossFit injuries"

and, most importantly, "Has anyone died from CrossFit?"

I found a few negative articles online that I later discovered were actually against what CrossFit stands for. These articles state that CrossFit doesn't really pay attention to your form, it doesn't give you any breaks, and it's simply too hardcore. But, on the other hand, I also found brilliant success stories from many people, and these did nothing but inspire me to try the program and judge it for myself.

To make sure I didn't chicken out at any point, I signed up for a three-month program. I knew that this way, I wasn't going to let my carefully collected pocket money go to waste. It was located only a few minutes from school, and I could easily go before or after classes.

Jan. 15, exactly two months and one day ago (trust me, you will start to count days once you join CrossFit), I attempted my first WOD,



COURTESY OF M. DHANANI
Maheen Dhanani recently found an unexpected passion for a new form of exercise: CrossFit.

the CrossFit acronym for "Workout of the Day." I did easier variations of most of the exercises I wasn't familiar with, and with the help of a

trainer, I made it through alive.

As of now, I've been doing CrossFit for about two months, and this is all I have to say: it doesn't get any easier, but you just learn to like it more. When people say CrossFit is hard, they're not lying! There is a valid reason the Internet is flooded with so many CrossFit memes that make it look like a terrifying activity. But, trying CrossFit is a you-won't-understand-the-taste-of-a-mango-until-you-taste-it-yourself kind of situation. The exhaustion after running a 5K and the soreness after a tough workout are especially worth it when you see more muscle on yourself in such a short time. These are nothing but catalytic feelings that make me want to push myself further.

In just two months, I was able to lift half my body weight and even deadlift a bit more than that amount. I've attempted and done many workouts that I never even thought I could, and I'm looking forward to mastering even more of them. Walking while doing a hand stand? I am still not able to do it, but I won't say that I can't. I now have the drive to say that one day, I will.

In this short time, I have seen myself grow; isn't positive change what we all look for? I can only imagine where it will take me in another six months, let alone a year. Commitment is the only thing that you have to put in. Determination comes from within, as I've learned from my CrossFit program.

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

By: **Michelle Gould**

I've been physically disabled since 2004, and a student at NSU for almost as long. When I registered as student, I found that there was no handbook of services for disabled students and no orientation specifically for us. But after some digging, I discovered which resources are available to me, the most important one being the Office of Student Disability Services.

Headed by Director Arlene Giczowski and Administrative Coordinator II Heidi Jameson, the office serves over 100 undergraduate and 100 graduate students, and it's the student's responsibility to contact the office to receive accommodations. There is a legal reason for this, Jameson said.

"Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, we're required to individualize everyone's accommodations, so we can't say what an individual's accommodations will be until they've been evaluated," she said. "We tailor it to each student's specific needs."

NSU also doesn't host specific orientation for students with disabilities because the university does not discriminate.

"We don't know who they are if they don't tell us," said Jameson. "The university doesn't know unless you disclose it, and we are bound not to disclose it to anyone else."

There are a variety of disabilities, and students with physical disabilities are a minority on campus, according to Jameson. She finds that individuals with physical disabilities are usually the best-informed, as they often cope with their disabilities for years and learn self-sufficiency. Here are nine resources that physically disabled NSU students should know about:

NSU structural accommodations

The word "handicapped" was phased out in favor of the less offensive term, "accessible." Campus provisions currently exceed the required number of accessible parking spaces, and automatic doors and ramps address physical challenges at the entrances to all of NSU's buildings. There is accessible housing in every residence hall, and all but one hall have elevators. Accessible rooms also include roll-in showers, shower bars and lower counters.

"If we don't have something a student needs, we'll install it," said Jameson. "Even students who require a personal care attendant or nurse can still live on campus."

The office arranges permission for attendants to be allowed in residence halls, but it does not provide attendants.

Disabled parking permits

Students and guests with disabled parking permits may access special parking spaces in any NSU lot. Those with disability hang tags are also allowed to park in any spot, disabled or not, on the first floor of the library garage without receiving a parking ticket.

The Shark Shuttle

The iShark app for smartphones is a must for students with disabilities. Available on iPhones and Android devices, the app tells where to catch the next Shark Shuttle, where it's headed and how long it will take to reach its next stop. Students with disabilities can request alternate stops, and all drivers are trained to use the wheelchair lifts. The shuttle runs from 7

a.m. to midnight and transports students around campus, to Publix, and the Westfield Broward Mall.

Service dogs

In addition to those with visual and hearing impairments, Jameson said that service dogs are helpful to those with mobility challenges. These trained dogs can pull wheelchairs, retrieve objects, pick things up off the floor and even pull items from a backpack. Service dogs are permitted anywhere on NSU's campus, including the food court and Shark Shuttles.

Requests for assistance

Students can request assistance from the Office of Disability Services, the Department of Public Safety and the library staff.

Jameson said the office can arrange for a graduate assistant or staff member to help a student carry books, among other tasks. "If you have a problem, no matter what it is, even if it's not disability-related, we can refer you to someone on campus who can assist you."

For example, if a student has trouble carrying multiple heavy books that are required for class, the office can arrange that the student purchase a loose-leaf version or photocopy and carry one chapter at a time. While the office receives numerous requests for transportation equipment, it does not provide wheelchairs, walkers or golf carts.

Reporting barriers to accessibility

Giczowski and Jameson tour the campus regularly, looking for situations that could

present problems for students, such as a blocked ramp or an untagged vehicle parked in a disabled spot.

"If you notice a barrier to accessibility, call us, and let us know," said Jameson. "Take a picture with your phone and email it to us."

Commencement

"This year, graduation will be held in our arena, and accessible seating will be for one wheelchair and one guest — others will be seated separately," Jameson said.

Reservations are not accepted, so Jameson suggests students and guests plan to arrive early. If it rains, she recommends wheelchair covers.

The Disabilities Expo

Every October, Broward 211 presents The Disabilities Expo, hosted by NSU. Educating the community about resources and services, the Expo features vendors, speakers, art displays and sales by artists with disabilities and a wheelchair basketball tournament. For more information, visit their website at disabilitiesexpo.com.

The office's Facebook page

These days, everyone has a Facebook page, and the office is no exception. On their website, students can find encouragement, academic success strategies and articles on coping with situations faced by students with disabilities. Visit at facebook.com/nsudisability.

The office can be reached Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 954-262-7185 or disabilityservices@nova.edu.

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ON THE BENCH

When Joey Casselberry should've thrown like a girl but struck out

Commentary by: **Randa Djabri**

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How can you hate on Mo'ne Davis? Especially when you are a college baseball player.

Last week, the Disney Channel announced that it would be making a movie called "Throw Like Mo," based on Davis' remarkable story. This is awesome because Davis is awesome. However, some people don't agree. It's perfectly OK for you not to agree, but maybe you shouldn't post an offensive tweet about it when you're a baseball player for Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. If it shows anything about the person, it shows lack of sportsmanship.

Joey Casselberry tweeted, "Disney is making a movie about Mo'ne Davis? WHAT A JOKE. That slut got rocked by Nevada."

Unfortunately for Casselberry, a former junior first baseman, the freedom of speech clause that gave him the right to tweet didn't save him from the consequences. He was dismissed

from the team soon after, as the university wasted no time reaching a decision on his status.

Although Casselberry's Twitter account has since been deleted, the damage has already been done. It's difficult to understand the ignorance that not only formed such a thought, but also rationalized it as being acceptable and entertaining. The decision to then share it with the world only adds to the foolishness.

Most of us write our tweets a couple of times and think twice before hitting "tweet," considering how others might see them. If you think about it this way and break down the process, the complexity that begins with formulating the thought and ends in hitting "tweet" doesn't allow us to sympathize with Casselberry.

But Davis' response to the unquestionably offensive tweet only proved that she is the most mature 13-year-old girl alive. Davis,

with the support of her coach, not only forgave Casselberry for the insult but also reached out to the president of Bloomsburg University and asked him to reconsider the dismissal of the baseball player who called her a "bad name" on Twitter.

The university responded by saying that Casselberry violated the athletic department's social media policy and, possibly, the school's code of conduct. While Bloomsburg respects Davis' opinion and praised her for her maturity about the situation, the school refused to reinstate the baseball player, saying, "Right now, we're standing firm."

For his part, as the team's second-leading hitter at the time of his dismissal, Casselberry apologized for the tweet and said he's a huge Davis fan. Although he apologized for what he said, he knew exactly what he said and was only sorry that he got caught.

Let's hope it's something Casselberry can learn from and maybe even use to help improve himself. We all need a wake-up call at some point in our lives, and perhaps this is Casselberry's wake-up call.

Playing for a sports team is a privilege, not a right. Athletes are representatives of their team on and off the field. Now that he no longer represents the team, Casselberry can feel free to tweet whatever he wants — if he dares to make a new Twitter account, that is.

Attacking a child says a lot about Casselberry's character. I'm glad he deleted his twitter account because it just shows that he can't take responsibility for his words. The tweet and the account might be deleted, but for sure, this will follow him for years and years to come.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: Blake Woodrow

By: **Randa Djabri**

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To Blake Woodrow, freshman psychology major, the advantage of being a student-athlete is being able to transfer valuable lessons from swimming to school.

Woodrow, a Fort Myers native, has been swimming for 12 years and was a top 10 swimmer in the nation during his childhood as a member of various swimming clubs, which also allowed him to travel.

Woodrow swam at Fort Myers High School from 2010 to 2014, and he also swam for the Gulf Coast swim team. His talent came naturally, but he soon came to realize that hard work and practice are needed to maintain his success.

"I started off pretty natural, and I didn't have to work too hard to be good at it. I got too comfortable with that feeling though, and I thought that natural talent would just carry me through the rest of the way," Woodrow said. "That's why I went from being great to not being so great. After this year, I kind of relearned that I must work hard to maintain my talent, and I learned that all the hard work was worth it in the end."

Woodrow's chance to get back into swimming came as he searched for a school that would allow him to swim competitively again.

"I came here to NSU, and I can say that I've had a better year than what I thought I would," he said.

I got the chance to sit down with Woodrow and ask a couple of questions to get to know him better.

Did you play any other sports growing up?

"I tried baseball and a few other sports, but once I tried swimming, I just knew it had to be it. I never took other sports seriously."

Will you continue to swim after college?

"If you asked me that question

a year ago, I would've probably said no. Now, I definitely plan to continue swimming. It's a great way to stay in shape. When I joined the team at NSU, I realized that it's something that I want to do for the rest of my life."

What aspect of swimming attracted you to the sport?

"It's the fact that each individual swims for himself, but at the same time it's a team sport. It provides me with a whole different sense of 'team' because we're all working towards the same goal but in a different way."

What has been your most memorable moment swimming?

"This year, pretty much everything was a memorable moment for me once we got into the championship season. At one of the meets, I went really fast, and the coaches were afraid that I would wear out, but I ended up doing great. My whole team was there and very happy for me. That was definitely one of the best top three memories."

How did the period when you weren't actively swimming affect you?

"That period did discourage me a bit. I never really took a break at that time, but I kind of started slowing down, so when I took a month and a half off, everyone thought I would just quit. It was hard to get through that. It was definitely nice sleeping in the morning, but I told myself that I need to get uncomfortable."

How did you decide to start swimming again?

"I made all my decisions by myself. I knew that whatever I wanted was final. But, I guess the most encouraging thing is the fact that my mom will back me up with whatever decision I made. She always comes to our meets. Even

if I told my mom that I want to quit swimming, she would've been behind me on that 100 percent."

Who's the most influential person in your life?

"My mom. She taught me a lot of things. When you go from being good in your life to being behind the curtain and not having a lot of attention, you have a lot to learn. You have to learn to be humble and realize that that can happen to you any time in your life. My club coaches and my mom were most supportive. It's just about the comfort of knowing that someone was there for you."

When's the time you felt most proud of yourself?

"Again, I would say this year. It was my comeback, I guess. My swims at nationals and my swims at conference made me feel proud. I broke a team record, which was really the icing on the cake because I wasn't expecting it. Although it was seventh place, I'll take anything I can. It's an accomplishment. I've never been that proud, because I felt like I put in the work for it, and it paid off."

Do you have any special rituals before jumping in the pool?

"I just warm up, and I get nervous, but I know that getting in the water will calm me down. I splash myself with water so I can know what the water feels like. It's a mental game before the race. I just face it as it is."

How do you celebrate winning?

"The thing with distance swimming is that, once you finish the event, you see your time and, as happy as you want to be and as high as you want to jump, you're just drained. It takes time to absorb all this."

Do you think practicing is harder



Woodrow is a freshman psychology major and a member of the swimming team. COURTESY OF M.CALLAHAN

if you're not swimming well?

"Yes. I used to wake up and just decide not to go to practice, and that, obviously, wasn't a good attitude that would get me anywhere. So, coming into NSU, you can't miss practices at all, and that teaches me commitment. The very first practice I had here, I was late, so I had to do stairs, and that was pretty embarrassing, but it taught me that I need to get my head in line."

How do you balance between school and swimming?

"This semester, we had to miss a week for conferences and a week for nationals. It's hard catching up. It's helpful to having the proper balance of being able to work effectively between school and swimming and also being able to have fun."

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

"I would go to the Himalayas because it's breathtaking. Growing up in Florida, I've had enough of the beach, so it's not a destination

for me. I would definitely go somewhere that has something we're deprived of in Florida."

Who's your favorite swimmer?

"Fran Crippen. He was an open water swimmer for the U.S. team. He swam in Dubai, and due to the intense heat and people not properly monitoring his race, he died. To the whole swimming world, that was mind-blowing. It was unfortunate for me because I actually met him a few weeks before that incident. He came with other Olympians to an open water event, and he had given me my medal — because I got first place — in front of all those people. He gave me my medal, and we took pictures. I cherish that medal. It's probably the best medal that I got."

When you're not in the water or doing school work, how do you spend your time?

"I play the guitar. I taught myself guitar during the summer of my sophomore year in high school. I brought two guitars with me. I hang out with my friends and do what they're doing, but when I'm alone I just play the guitar."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ADVANCES TO ELITE EIGHT

By: Randa Djabri
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For the third time in school history and the third time in a row, NSU's women's basketball team advanced to the Elite Eight in the NCAA Division II National Championship tournament.

They faced the West Region Champions, the California University of Pennsylvania Vulcans, on March 24 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where they forced overtime for the second time in three years. The Sharks ultimately fell to California University of Pennsylvania in the Elite Eight national quarter final round, 84-79. Prior to that, the Sharks won the South Region Championship on March 16, beating Union University, 67-62.

"It is a great blessing and honor playing in the Elite Eight again. Not many people can say they won three regional championships back-to-back," said Jasmine Wilkins, a senior on the team.

The Sharks were on track this season as they only had seven losses out of 33 games. This season-ending loss only adds to the pride of the women's basketball team. This also marked the end of the distinguished Shark careers of Danielle Robinson and Jasmine Wilkins. The two seniors combined had 37 points and 15 rebounds in the ending match.

"It was another game for the team; that's how we think going into all games," said Wilkins, who had 17 points and eight rebounds in the season ending game.

The Sharks outshot the Vulcans 43.1 to 41.7 percent and outrebounded them 52 to 42. But, the Vulcans had the advantage at the free throw line, making it a five-point win for them.

"It was very unfortunate that we lost, but I would not trade my teammates or coaches for anything," added Wilkins. "This team has taught me a lot and allowed me to build some great friendships."

Robinson said that now she can sit back and reflect.

"It is truly a privilege to be able to say that I was a part of a team that went to the Elite Eight three years in a row, when many have not," added Robinson, who had 20 points, making both of her 3-point attempts, along with seven boards and four assists.

With hard-working coaches and players and support from the NSU community, the opportunities for the women's basketball team are endless.

ambition disrupt that freedom and create a power struggle because they produce original

thoughts, they want their opinions respected, they want to share household responsibilities, and they have too much self-respect to constantly feed their husbands' sensitive egos. Thus, strong and independent women are usually labeled as undateable, selfish, crazy, emotional monsters because they express their opinions and expect to be treated as an equal human being.

Today, gender roles are too arbitrary to match up with the traditional, misogynistic conventions that relationships were founded on. The most common conflicts in modern dating, ultimately, boil down to a battle between men who still want to be coddled and women who want nothing more than to be treated equally and respectfully. Maybe, if men finally stopped trying to fulfill their outdated, patriarchal fantasies and chose to be respectful, responsible, mature human beings who value female autonomy and personhood, millennial dating would be just a little less messed up.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Women's Tennis

The undefeated women's tennis team has reached number four in the ITA National Rankings for the month of March.



Softball

The softball team took a pair of wins from the Albany State Gold Rams at the AD Griffin Sports Complex. NSU took a victory of 5-0 for the first game, and a 4-1 victory for the second game.



Baseball

Robert Baroniell has been named the NCBWA South Region Pitcher of the Week for his performance against Florida Southern on Mar. 20th.



Men's Soccer

The men's soccer standout Emilio Blanco was selected to represent the Sunshine State Conference at the 2015 NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum in Orlando, Florida April 9-12.



WHY “HOME” IS A BIG DEAL

By: **Destinee A. Hughes**

From “Shrek” to “Madagascar” and “How to Train a Dragon,” DreamWorks Productions has brought us classic movies that always seem to bring the family together.

This past week, DreamWorks released its new animated movie “Home,” starring Jim Parsons, Jennifer Lopez, Steve Martin and Rihanna. “Home” is based on the book “The True Meaning of Smekday” about a young girl named Tip who is searching for her mother, as well as the rest of the human race, after a group of aliens called the Boov invade Earth to hide from their archenemies. She befriends a klutzy alien named Oh, and the dynamic duo set out on a quest to save the world and themselves.

While this plot may seem similar to others, but what’s different about this movie is the main character: Tip is the first black protagonist in a DreamWorks movie, and it’s a big deal. She has brown skin, green eyes and a head full of curls —exactly what other animated icons don’t have and the physical attributes that some young girls can connect with.

Because the world is evolving into a universal melting pot, full of mixed races and blended families, it’s important that production companies such as DreamWorks, Paramount, Disney and others mirror the images of the people around them. Having



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Representations matters.

a black main character in the movie assures the younger generation that heroes don’t necessarily have one particular look; they come in all shapes, colors, sizes and genders. The young girls who favor these heroes are now more inclined to grow up with a greater sense of purpose and confidence compared to girls whose favorite characters don’t look like them.

The last black protagonist in an animated film was Princess Tiana from Disney’s 2009 film “The Princess and the Frog.” While this movie was praised for introducing the first black princess, it received some backlash because, throughout the majority of the movie, Tiana was seen

as a frog.

What’s so great about “Home” is that Tip has very similar traits to island gal Rihanna. She mirrors her sassiness, confidence and even comes from the same country as the award-winning singer: Barbados. Rihanna said in an interview, “We wanted girls to just feel strong and brave and empowered and beautiful and like they can do anything. And they can take charge of their life or their situation no matter what,” and that’s exactly what this movie exemplifies. Representation matters, and “Home” definitely shows that.

THE RULING EMPIRE

By: **Destinee A. Hughes**

If “High School Musical” had a dope, gangster older cousin, who occasionally dabbled in cold-blooded street crime, and was run by a pride of ruthless lions, then “Empire” would certainly be it.

The notorious rebel couple from “Hustle and Flow,” Taraji P. Henson and Terrence Howard, are back at it again, but this time in a regal yet urban way. Lucious (Howard), Cookie (Henson) and their three sons all make up the clan that is bringing us entertainment excellence Wednesday nights at 8 p.m.

Empire shows the ins and outs of the drama that comes with running a record label and how one dysfunctional family handles it. Terrence Howard plays the rap mogul Lucious Lyon in this Fox series. He has three talented sons Andre, Jamal and Hakeem, who contribute greatly to help Lucious’ reigning Empire Entertainment.

Season one opens up a Pandora’s Box of pandemonium. In 12 episodes, co-creator Lee Daniels managed to fit in a multitude of jaw-dropping moments. Cookie Lyon, played by Henson, is released from prison after 17 isolated years of taking the blame for an illegal scandal for her ex-husband Lucious. After she’s released, she has one goal only: to get half of what is rightfully hers: Empire. However, this goal isn’t easily fulfilled. She’s got a lot of manipulating to do when it comes to her three sons, ex-husband and his new wife Anika Calhoun, played by

Grace Gealey.

In the first episode, Lucious is fatally diagnosed with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis). Because of his sickness, he begins to groom one of his three sons to become the head of Empire. While this good-natured idea seemed pleasing at the time, the three brothers eventually begin competing with each other, secretly planning each other’s demise to secure their position as CEO. Cookie and Anika are also going head-to-head, competing for their high positions at Empire, as well as Lucious’ love and affection. But the drama doesn’t stop there; this love triangle eventually becomes a square.

Though this pride of Lyons may have the disposable income many people seek, what makes them no different from others is the family drama that infiltrates their business. This show manages to cover an array of controversial topics including politics, race, infidelity, homosexuality, incest, mental illnesses and much more. “Empire” is full of mind-boggling moments that will leave you speechless after each episode.

“Empire” also brings a much needed rawness to Fox. It’s fresh, unfiltered, real-life episodes are brought together by a talented cast of seasoned and upcoming actors and singers. The characters allow you to identify with them through their ups and downs throughout the season; it’s easy to build a relationship with this family. This show truly is for

everyone, and its ratings prove it.

Since its January debut, the show’s number of viewers has risen each week, according to theurbandaily.com. It has beat out popular shows like “Scandal,” “The Walking Dead” and “How to Get Away with Murder” for viewers 18-49. The season finale alone had an estimated 16.7 million viewers. This has been one of the greatest first seasons for a show since Shonda Rhimes’ “Grey’s Anatomy.” It’s a musically-inclined “Glee” meets “Scandal,” and even has its own soundtrack, which is available for purchase on iTunes and Amazon and can be streamed on Pandora and Spotify.

Plus, social networks are buzzing each Wednesday night about the drama that has unfolded in this royal family.

“Empire” has reminded viewers of the emotional rollercoaster a well-written TV series can bring. For a while, we’ve been consumed by the false reality of the typical reality TV shows and have been guilty of making insignificant people famous. Fortunately, “Empire” is worth talking about, and its popularity definitely reflects that. If you’re looking for a raw, scandalous show that features an unpredictable storyline with a revolving door of A-list celebrity appearances and an incredibly talented cast, then “Empire” is undeniably for you.

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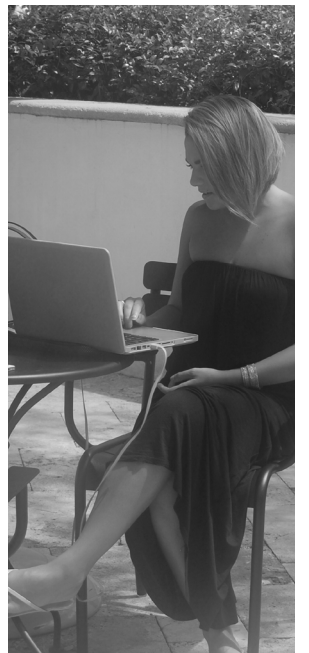
Major: Speech-language

pathology

Year: Junior

What inspired your outfit?

“I was going for something loose and casual, and it’s Friday, so I wanted to be comfortable.”



Name: Sabrina Charles

Major: Biology

Year: Senior

What inspired your outfit?

“I decided to wear a maxi skirt because it’s really pretty outside.”



Name: Alonzo Williams

Major: Dance

Year: Sophomore

What inspired your outfit?

“Life. I was in a rush.”



BARTON G.: A WHIMSICAL TWIST TO CLASSIC AMERICAN DISHES

By: **Nicole Cocuy**
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If you were repeatedly told not to play with your food as a child, Barton G. The Restaurant just might be the perfect place for you.

Just a few blocks away from Lincoln Road, Barton G. seems like your average high-end Miami hotspot. The bar area is jam-packed with fashionable 20-something-year-olds mingling, laughing, engaging in small talk and clinking wine glasses as they wait for their tables. The décor is just as hip and trendy as its guests: unique, spherical lamps that resemble dandelions dangle from the ceiling, garlands of fresh flowers in test tubes create a make-shift wall between the bar and the restaurant, and curtains of red, shimmery scales cover the walls.

We were seated in the outdoor garden, which is just as bold and ornate as the interior, with wild, dense, jungle-like foliage and all-white furniture. It was much quieter and more tranquil outdoors than it was indoors, which made our meal that much more enjoyable.

Granted, this is not my usual scene — I'm much more of an "underrated, quiet, casual, little hole-in-the-wall" kind of girl — and the thick crowds certainly made me feel a little bit out of my element. The fact that my reservation was at 10:30 p.m. — the earliest reservation available — and I was tired after a long evening exploring local art galleries certainly didn't help. However, I was curious to see what the hype was all about, and it was an excuse to get all dressed up on a Friday night.

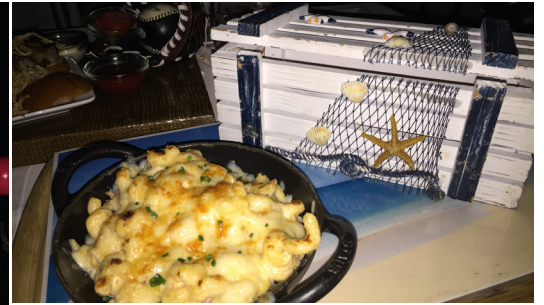
To my surprise, the environment and clientele were not the only extravagant things at Barton G.: each menu item came served on a whimsical and unique themed dish. Customers picked pieces of a pink, fluffy cotton candy wig

off the head of a silver, plastic bust. Homemade lobster pop tarts popped out of a retro, 1950s-esque mint green toaster. An irresistibly cheesy mac and cheese was delivered on a giant mousetrap as a plate, protecting the classic favorite from any unwanted forks.

Our appetizer, popcorn shrimp, served inside a vintage movie theater popcorn popper, took the word "popcorn" literally. The lightly-breaded, savory bites of shrimp came with a sweet chili sauce on the side, creating a delicious blend of sweet, salty and just a hint of zesty with each taste. Even after we finished the shrimp, our appetizer was not over: the popcorn popper was filled with a sea of warm, buttery popcorn, contributing to the theme.

Easily my favorite dish at Barton G., the lobster mac and cheese was just as rich and succulent as it sounds. The fresh, soft, delicate bits of lobster baked into the cheese made the dish even creamier — a feat I didn't think was possible. The entrée had a beach-themed presentation: the placemat was an image of a sandy coastline, creating the illusion that my entrée, along with a seashell-decorated lobster trap, just washed up on the beach — but not in a gross way. The best part? My lobster trap had a cute little rubber lobster inside. Whoever is in charge of decorating the dishes at Barton G. certainly pays attention to detail.

Dessert is always the best part of every meal, and, at Barton G., they certainly make sure their dessert leaves a lasting impression. Our funnel cake was not just a funnel cake: it was a whole carnival experience. The funnel cake glittered with decorative sparklers. With just a flick of a switch, the bold, bright background, covered in



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Left: As if popcorn shrimp wasn't cute enough as is, Barton G. served this bite-sized treat in a retro popcorn popper. So punny. Top Right: My creamy lobster mac and cheese came with a little surprise: a red rubber lobster was hiding inside of the decorative lobster trap. Bottom Right: Barton G. turned our simple dessert into a carnival game, emphasizing the "fun" in "funnel cake."

stripes and primary colors, transformed into a carnival game. Bright lights twinkled across the board, and a catchy little tune filled the air as the blinking scoreboard challenged us to pick up a toy gun and shoot as many moving cardboard ducks as possible. The funnel cake itself was massive: it was easily enough to feed a family of 10 and was certainly too much for my party of two.

Barton G. is the perfect place to celebrate special occasions, big birthdays and important accomplishments. It's also ideal for couples who are looking to wow their significant other on a romantic date. Keep in mind that meals at Barton G. are not cheap: the funnel cake dessert

itself, a snack you can find at any local fair for about \$5, was \$34, and every other dish was just as pricy.

Also, just like any crowded restaurant, Barton G. is certainly not a place to go to on an empty stomach because the wait times are extremely long. We waited for our table for an hour — yes, a whole hour, even with a reservation. We were not seated until 11:30 p.m. But, regardless of the inconvenience, a meal at Barton G. is definitely worth the wait.

SOCIAL MEDIA: PROS AND CONS

By: **Destinee A. Hughes**

Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and Vine — four seemingly small apps that easily have the potential to run our lives. While social media sites continue to become more popular with age, the question of whether social media is beneficial or detrimental for today's technology savvy youth is still up for debate.

Apps like Instagram allow people to simply post pictures with the option to "like" or comment on the picture. Twitter enables users to speak their mind in less than 140 characters, Vine speaks to people's hilariously creative side, and good ol' Facebook is still hanging around connecting all the aunts and uncles who've slyly taken it over.

While the description of these sites seems fairly meek, a lot more is involved than meets the eye. Because almost everyone has at least one social media account, the idea of talking to people from all walks of life has become easily conceivable. Back in the pre-social media days, celebrities were looked at as divine-like individuals who were only seen on TV or in magazines, and we only mingled with them in our imaginations. Now with social media, opportunities to meet, greet and even date celebrities are becoming a common thing.

Networking and marketing is a huge advantage social media gives individuals. A simple post of a picture could easily grant you a one-way ticket to stardom. Many models, musicians, fitness fanatics and more can attest to the wonderful glory social media has brought them. Just ask @BundleofBrittany, a fitness guru whose taut body and good looks has gained her more than 725,000 followers, one of them being San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick. Rumors have been floating around stating that the two are a couple, which may or

may not be true; but, what we all can effortlessly see is that without social media, the two would have probably never met.

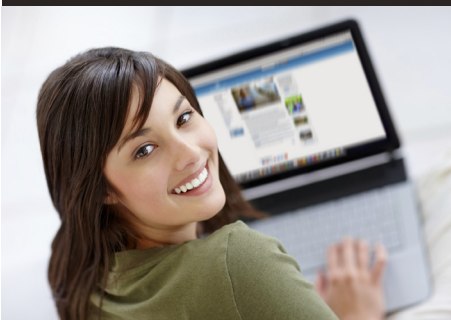
While social media certainly has its networking advantages, it can also be a double-edged sword. Though some companies use social media to enhance their company branding, others use social media to eradicate the people who are defiling the brand name. Mike Bacsik, former MLB baseball player, was fired from his job at "The Ticket" radio show when he angrily tweeted "Congrats to all the dirty Mexicans in San Antonio" after the Mavericks lost in the 2010 playoffs. Even a 10th grade math teacher was fired from her job after posting racy photos online of herself smoking marijuana and commenting on how "hot" her students were.

Companies hire investigators to search for mishaps just like these to ensure they're hiring people who best represent their brand. Many people tend to underestimate the power of a simple Google search. The pictures, tweets and videos posted that represent your personal life may not always align with the professional life you seek.

With that said, always be mindful of the pictures and tweets you post despite your target audience. Realize that more people are peering into your life than you think, and always remember to post pictures that reflect yourself in a positive manner, whatever your extracurricular activities may be. Although you may think your social media account is a private expression of yourself to your closest friends, it's really a public appearance to the world. Social media is a gift and a curse: it can create a prosperous future for you, but it can also have a tarnish your image for good. You decide how you're viewed.

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THE PATRIARCHY IS NOT DEAD

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The traditional 1950s-esque patriarchal relationship in which a woman's only allowed ambition was to be the perfect wife — a silent, submissive, beautiful shell of a person who waits on her husband hand and foot — is long gone. Or, is it?

When we analyze how far romantic relationships have come since the mid-20th century, it's easy to assume that the patriarchy is dead. Women are free to, like men, do whatever makes them happy, even if that means straying away from the 1950s sitcom image of the perfect, cookie-cutter housewife. Even as a mother, it is now socially acceptable for women to pursue their professional passions and have their own financial independence. However, a patriarchal mentality creeps back into modern-day dating when a woman's ambition, success and independence are treated as weaknesses, not strengths.

Dating as a millennial has a bad rep, and there's an endless list of reasons that explain why. One common explanation, passionately touted by anti-feminists, blames all of today's relationship woes on the prevalence of strong,

independent women. In a sense, this sexist theory is correct, but only because their confidence, goals and independence are too progressive for men who are still attached to historically misogynistic conventions of traditional relationships.

According to a Housekeeping Monthly article titled "The Good Wife's Guide," published just 60 years ago, women were valued almost exclusively on their passivity, selflessness and appearance. Traditional marriages were not relationships based on love or mutual respect; they were a form of servitude based on the man's wants, needs and desires and the woman's ability to fulfill those needs. Women were expected to devote all of their energy into making their husbands' lives easier and more pleasant by planning their meals a day in advance, getting all dressed up for their arrival and even offering to take their shoes off for them once they are all settled in after their long day at work. Women were expected to keep their mouths shut in times of disagreement and, regardless of the circumstance, never question their husband's actions or judgment. Most importantly, women

were expected to respect their husbands as "the master of the house" and "know their place."

Of course, women have deviated significantly from strict gender roles over the decades. What hasn't changed, regardless of how accepting our society is of professional women and working mothers, is the idea of the perfect wife. While financial stability, determination and strong leadership skills are admirable and practical traits, it's commonly considered unattractive for women to possess these traits, especially for power-hungry, self-involved men. This is because a traditional patriarchal relationship is so much more desirable and convenient for a man than a relationship based on mutual respect. Frankly, who wouldn't want a partner who waits on their beck and call, doesn't talk back, lets them make all of the decisions and takes care of all of the chores for them so all they have to do is focus on their job? That is ultimate freedom. Women with ambition disrupt that freedom and create a power struggle because they produce original thoughts, they want their opinions respected, they want to share household responsibilities,

and they have too much self-respect to constantly feed their husbands' sensitive egos. Thus, strong and independent women are usually labeled as undateable, selfish, crazy, emotional monsters because they express their opinions and expect to be treated as an equal human being.

Today, gender roles are too arbitrary to match up with the traditional, misogynistic conventions that relationships were founded on. The most common conflicts in modern dating, ultimately, boil down to a battle between men who still want to be coddled and women who want nothing more than to be treated equally and respectfully. Maybe, if men finally stopped trying to fulfill their outdated, patriarchal fantasies and chose to be respectful, responsible, mature human beings who value female autonomy and personhood, millennial dating would be just a little less messed up.



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\$55 PLUS TAX AND HUMILIATION

By: **Jazmyn Brown**

It's so hard for women to get contraceptives when men can walk in to any supermarket or drug store and pick up condoms — without feeling guilty or ashamed — or find a place where they are given out for free, such as a school clinic. Any male at NSU can go to Outtakes and buy condoms, but if a female needs an emergency contraceptive or a pregnancy test, she has to go to an off-campus location to get it. Society is conditioned to make it easier for men because it's OK for them to have sex.

Men are expected to have large sexual appetites and many partners, but when a woman has sex, it's a problem. If she decides to get on birth control to prevent pregnancy or for a medical reason, she's a whore who has a lot of sex and needs it so she doesn't have to worry about getting pregnant.

To make the argument that women can buy condoms or pick them up where they're offered for free is to take the decision to use protection out of her hands because, ultimately, it's up to the male to use them. In stark contrast to the availability of condoms, hormonal contraceptives like birth control require a doctor's visit and a prescription. Some are free, provided you have the right type of insurance, but don't expect any handouts.

Plan B One-Step is a pill that a woman can take after having unprotected sex or in an emergency to prevent pregnancy. It contains the same hormone found in birth control pills, levonorgestrel, which can prevent pregnancy if taken within 72 hours of sex. It will not end a pregnancy; it only prevents conception.

In some stores, such as Walgreens, you have to ask the pharmacists for Plan B because they keep it with the prescriptions (even though you don't need a prescription to get it), and, in

others, like Walmart, it is available right next to the condoms and lube. But, just because it's next to the condoms doesn't make it as easy to buy. It costs about \$55, plus tax and humiliation.

The price is relatively low in comparison to the hundreds of thousands of dollars parents spend over the course of 18 years and beyond; however, pricing something that a woman takes in an emergency at \$40 to \$60 is simply punishment. It's not fair that women have to go through hell and back financially to prevent an unwanted pregnancy, while men really have nothing to worry about. Women are stigmatized for their sexuality, while men are praised for "scoring."

The social expectation that men sleep with as many women as possible is irreversibly ingrained in history and tradition, but it ignores that men have to be sleeping with someone, and that someone is a female, who also has rights. Men are able to walk away scotch free from something a woman has to deal with for basically the rest of her life, and, yet, when she is the one who doesn't want to or can't deal with it, there's a consequence.

On the plus side, anyone can purchase Plan B without showing identification. In 2009, anyone 17 or older could purchase it over the counter, while those who were below 17 needed a prescription. In April 2013, the over-the-counter minimum age was lowered to 15, and, in June 2013, all restrictions were dropped.

If a woman has sex, and she's scared of getting pregnant, she has to pay a steep price for her "mistake." But, the punishment goes beyond money to a social level; just having to buy it is embarrassing, never mind the cost. There's a social pressure that forces a woman to hide what she's done and her attempts to rectify it. She's ostracized for it because, even though we live in an age and country where it's not uncommon

for a woman take on traditionally masculine traits like independence, aggressiveness and competitiveness, if she decides to be sexual in any way, she's labeled promiscuous. And, when she musters enough of her dignity to go to the store and buy the morning after pill, it's still with a head hung low and nervous glances to make sure no one knows of her shame. It's a sexist, misogynistic idea that a woman can't shamelessly make decisions regarding her own body, whether it's deciding to have sex or take the emergency pill.

People say, "Well, she shouldn't be having sex, and she shouldn't have gotten herself pregnant." What an ignorant statement. As far as I know, a woman can't "get" herself pregnant; pregnancy requires sperm, which, last I checked, comes from men. It takes two to tango, and placing the blame on the female is like blaming only one of two criminals for a crime they both committed.

Yes, if a woman consented to having sex, she should be held responsible for whatever happens after. But, doesn't she control her own body? She is responsible for her own decisions, and that includes sleeping with someone and taking certain measures to prevent a pregnancy that she isn't ready for.

Life happens. Things happen that are outside your control. A woman shouldn't have to worry that she's pregnant, and, on top of that, deal with the social condemnation and monetary punishment that comes with the morning after pill — or any type of contraception or pregnancy test. A woman does not deserve to be punished for expressing her sexuality, when its men who appreciate it and then condemn it to the point where it becomes socially unacceptable.

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For the first time, commencement ceremonies will be on campus at the Don Taft University Center. Previously, commencement ceremonies were held at the BB&T Center. Would you prefer to graduate on campus or at the BB&T Center? Why?



"I'm indifferent because many schools have ticket limits for graduation ceremonies, and law school graduations are typically small anyway."

Dan Ieraci,
law student

"It doesn't matter to me where I graduate. I just want to graduate."

Cody Fuchs,
sophomore accounting major



"I like the BB&T Center better because it makes the graduation feel more special than it would at an arena that we see every day."

Xavier Williams,
sophomore communication studies major

"I'd prefer BB&T because, even though it's a longer drive, graduation is a special event, and hosting graduation at BB&T makes it seem nicer and more special. The longer drive is definitely worth it."

Sara Rodriguez,
junior chemistry major



"I prefer BB&T because graduation is a momentous event in my life, and, because we are having it on campus, only six tickets are allowed. It was a little disappointing to hear that we are not going to have it at BB&T for that reason, and my family is disappointed as well. It is what it is, but I'm not too enthusiastic about the situation."

Chanice Allen,
senior biology major



"I like it at the BB&T Center because it gives graduates the opportunity to bring more people to the ceremony."

Lacei Sams,
sophomore business administration major



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Student Research Assistant- (HPD187)

Job ID: 5436

Hours: 20 hrs./week

Rate: \$10/hour

Conduct research related to cell and molecular biology and experiments related to them. Follow all safety instructions, help clean lab & experiment tools. Follow instructions to use microscope.

Student Assistant/Clerical-(HPD408)

Job ID: 4891

Hours: 15 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week

Rate: \$8.50/hour

Filing, maintaining inventory of pharmaceuticals and alerting supervisor when it is time to replenish. Other duties as assigned.

Contact Lens Technician-(HPD34)

Job ID: 5440

Hours: 5 hrs./week

Rate: \$10/hour

Responsible for the key administrative activities of the contact lens service, including the triage of patients who call the contact lens services or present without appointments, the distribution to students or patients with appointments and procurement of insurance authorization for procedures and materials. The primary patient issues involve ordering and contact lens ordering or pick-up and instruction on contact lens insertion, removal and daily care.

1. Request and retrieve the patient schedule prior to the onset of patient care.

2. Pick up fee tickets as patients present for appointments and highlight their names on the daily appointment schedule.

3. Answer the telephone in the contact lens lab and address the issue accordingly, or document the patient information on the telephone log form and handle at a later time that day.

4. Retrieve messages received in either the contact lens lab or preceptor room via Audix and address the issue accordingly or document the patient information on the telephone log form and handle at a later time that day.

5. Create lens order via Optik:
a) Confirm that CL Rx is current (not expired)

b) If CL Rx current: create order, have attending faculty or on call doctor save the order, secure the deposit from patient and print/file CL order tray. If dispensing from stock, document on form "dispensed from stock", scan item into Optik and obtain full payment from patient upon dispensing

c) If CL Rx expired: check history to confirm that the last CL fitting performed about one year prior to expiration date. If so, notify patient that "annual CL appointment" is necessary prior to ordering. If a more recent fitting was completed and no CL Rx created or approved, retrieve record and present to attending faculty or on call doctor for consultation

6. Respond to in-person inquiries from patients, including requests for contact lens ordering or dispensing.

7. Obtain insurance authorization and complete an insurance worksheet for a covered procedure and/or lens order.

8. Instruct patients on how to insert, remove and care for lenses and related supplies. Have patients sign Patient information sheet after completion by student doctor.

9. Escort patients to cashier desk to pay for services rendered, deposits or balances on contact lens orders and schedule return visits.

10. Clean and put away diagnostic lenses/soft lenses; clean and organize diagnostic GP lenses.

Student Assistant-(827)

Job ID: 5028

Hours: 20 hrs./week

Rate: \$9/hour

Assist with the operation of Student Poster Printing Services. Job functions include but are not limited to processing print request sent via email, online and/or in person; keeping log files for printing requests. Answer phone and email. Other duties as assigned.

Student Assistant-(1105)

Job ID: 5435

Hours: 20 hrs./week

Rate: \$8.50/hour

Review student accounts, review reports send out letters and imaging documents.

Fry Cook/Prep-(JLD320)

Job ID: 5438

Hours: 10 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week

Rate: \$9/hour to \$10/hour

Frying, mostly seafood such as fish, shrimp, scallops, oysters, clams, etc. Preparing ingredients for chowders and other dishes, grilling.

Cashier-(JLD319)

Job ID: 5439

Hours: 20.5 hrs./week to 30 hrs./week

Rate: \$9/hour

Taking orders over the counter and by phone and inputting them into a POS system. Expediting and preparing orders for the customer. Some prep and cleaning in the kitchen.

Senior Student Assistant-(042)

Job ID: 4993

Hours: 20 hrs./week to 25 hrs./week

Rate: \$9/hour

Assisting the Dean's office with various clerical duties including typing, word processing, copying, filing, etc. Answer phones, take accurate messages, route calls, respond courteously and professionally to routine inquiries. Assist with special projects. Other duties as assigned.

Administrative Student Assistant- (HPD196)

Job ID: 5009

Hours: 15 hrs./week

Rate: \$9/hour

Data entry, design promotional materials. Write articles for newsletters. Act as student ambassadors in IDEP strategy sessions. Assist in generating training materials.

Associate Assistant-(1104)

Job ID: 5433

Hours: 20 hrs./week

Rate: \$10/hour

Oversee student workers, create

weekly/monthly schedules, schedule appointments for Director of Athletics in the absence of his assistant, train new employees on an as-needed basis for reception area and organize and oversee student worker personnel files.

Graduate Student Assistant-(086)-(SCH)

Job ID: 4519

Hours: 15 hrs./week to 25 hrs./week

Rate: \$11/hour

Assist department with various on-going projects within the department.

Graduate Student Support Services Agent- (1047)

Job ID: 4974

Hours: 20 hrs./week

Rate: \$14/hour

Assist Strategic Support Services Specialists by routing technical support calls to appropriate departments in OIIT. Provide end-user support including triage troubleshooting, problem/incident recording, problem escalation and incident/resolution tracking. Courteously obtain and convey concise problem information for cross-functional units via E-Mail, phone and ticketing systems. Utilize superior customer service skills. Perform other duties and work on special projects as assigned to meet the service objectives of the department.

Student Assistant-(561)

Job ID: 5431

Hours: 20 hrs./week

Rate: \$8.50/hour

Assist the team with marketing, event planning and research. Support the administrative needs of the office. Work with students and employers aiding the employment database process.

Student Assistant-(073)

Job ID: 4512

Hours: 20 hrs./week

Rate: \$8.75/hour

Answer phones, organize front desk. General office operations. Be on time and open office at 8:30 a.m. when needed. Answer, respond and take messages via phone or in person. Update sports publicity in accordance to the Marketing Manager. Report supply or inventory orders to the Graduate Assistant. Complete other duties as assigned.

Math/ Science Tutor-(67)

Job ID: 4509

Hours: 12 hrs./week

Rate: \$8.75/hour

Work with students in one-on-one tutoring session both live and online. Discuss learning, test-taking and study strategies while assisting with course work assignments and questions. Maintain familiarity with all courses that you are responsible for tutoring by reviewing textbooks, software/videos and solutions manuals.

Group Exercise Instructor-(550)

Job ID: 4608

Hours: 5 hrs./week to 10 hrs./week

Rate: \$14/hour

Create and lead safe and challenging group exercise classes.

Administrative Student Assistant/ Proctor-(732)

Job ID: 4692

Hours: 5 hrs./week

Rate: \$10/hour

Responsible for administering the Child Care Exams at exam site. Set up room for testing, admit persons to testing site, verify person, test and date, maintain security of exams, validate inventory prior to and after the exam. Ensure that the room is prepared and materials are distributed and returned; maintain integrity of the tests. Schedule may be for every other weekend.

Facility Supervisor-(785)

Job ID: 4721

Hours: 10 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week

Rate: \$10/hour

Manage recreational facilities in conjunction with and in lieu of a professional staff member. Supervise other student staff through training, supervision and evaluation. Open and close the facility, attend to injured patrons, supervise all behavioral control incidents, prepare shift reports, supervise all facility reservations, setups and breakdowns.

Graduate Assistant/ Writer of Stewardship and Donor Communications-(872)

Job ID: 4769

Hours: 20 hrs./week

Rate: \$10/hour

Write and prepare all gift acknowledgments and receipts of major gifts. Revise all communications as specified by supervisors, the Vice President or the President. Input of gift and pledge acknowledgment data. Assist in the development of pledge reminders, gift acknowledgment receipts and letters. Produce labels, correspondence and reports as requested. Set up and maintain appropriate files. Other administrative duties as assigned.

Senior Student Assistant/ Marketing Assistant-(878)

Job ID: 4772

Hours: 20 hrs./week

Rate: \$9/hour

Support marketing efforts including: press releases, visual displays, targeted mailings, market research and other projects as needed. Support development efforts including: special events (RSVP management, auction support, etc.).

Head Lifeguard-(1007)

Job ID: 4847

Hours: 10 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week

Rate: \$12.50/hour

Primary Duties:

- Effectively communicate with staff lifeguards and monitors their actions
- Assist with the delegation of maintenance and clean up duties
- Assist professional aquatic staff with the planning and setting up of all events and training sessions
- Responsible for making sure all opening and closing procedures are performed for assigned shift
- Act as the primary contact for all facility and programming inquires in the absence of a professional aquatic staff personal

• Report to Aquatics Director and/or Coordinator any incidents, rescues, problems or equipment in need of repair

Additional Duties:

• All Head Lifeguards will uphold the same work standards and skills as those of a staff lifeguard in addition to the aforementioned responsibilities/duties

• Teach American Red Cross certification courses: Lifeguarding, First Aid/CPR/AED, CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers, Bloodborne Pathogens and Administering Oxygen (must hold current Lifeguard Instructor certification)

Graduate Assistant-Audiology Clinic-(HPD105)

Job ID: 4936

Hours: 10 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week

Rate: \$11/hour

Schedule appointments, enter patient info to database system, order products, make follow-up phone calls and appointments, troubleshoot hearing instrument problems for walk-in patients, mine data, research discovery, professional writing, program marketing and presentations.

Career Ambassador/Lead CA-(1058)

Job ID: 4999

Hours: 10 hrs./week

Rate: \$9/hour

Outgoing, energetic undergraduate student that markets the office from a peer-to-peer relationship. Inform students about resources and events offered by the Career Development Office.

Career Ambassador-(1055)

Job ID: 4998

Hours: 6 hrs./week

Rate: \$8.50/hour

Outgoing, energetic undergraduate student that markets the office from a peer-to-peer relationship. Inform students about resources and events offered by the Career Development Office.

Water Safety Instructor (Swim Instructor)-(866)

Job ID: 4767

Hours: 10 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week

Rate: \$11/hour

This position is responsible for the planning and teaching of group and private swim lessons.

- Be familiar with American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program/levels and other Red Cross water safety courses and know how to teach and apply course material
- Communicate effectively and efficiently participant progress, cancellations and/or rescheduling
- Complete records and reports in a timely manner and return them to Coordinator of Aquatic Program's and Services
- Perform miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned by supervisor
- Maintaining certifications
- Assisting Coordinator of Aquatic Program's and Services with special demonstrations/events
- Helping with the promoting of swim lessons and other programs
- Attend scheduled staff meetings and in-service trainings