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## MAKO MOVEMENT: SGA OUTLINES ITS VISION

By: **Alyssa DiMaria**  
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COURTESY OF S. MENDIGUTIA

The 2014-2015 SGA members were announced at the toga themed election party on April 9.

The Undergraduate Student Government Association's newly elected President Stacey Mendigutia, junior biology major, is ready to improve the NSU experience with her officers from the Mako Movement party.

The new SGA was announced on April 9 after 377 undergraduate students voted. The elected officers will take office May 1.

Mendigutia hopes to accomplish Mako Movement's five initiatives: enhance the collegiate atmosphere, improve the quality of life for students at NSU, streamline organization funding, support and assist student organizations, synchronize campus resources to improve accessibility and convenience and, ultimately, become one NSU, in accordance with NSU's 2020 Vision.

### Dive into one NSU

The four initiatives created by the new SGA members lead up to the final goal: to become one, united NSU.

"It may sound cliché saying 'become one NSU,' but that's our main focus," said

Mendigutia. "The other four goals are just ways of how we are going to make this main focus happen."

### Enhance the collegiate atmosphere

Mendigutia hopes to enhance the collegiate atmosphere and have NSU students "raging with school spirit" by plastering the NSU logo all over the university and its surroundings. The party plans to promote and advocate for school spirit in every way possible.

"Utilizing #SHARKNATION with the new influx of students is the perfect avenue to take to improve school spirit," Mendigutia said.

### Improve the quality of life for students

Mendigutia and her team believe that school spirit is lacking and that strengthening the collegiate atmosphere and community involvement by incorporating more NSU traditions will increase Shark pride.

One way the party hopes to accomplish

this goal is by enhancing the food quality on campus through already established relations with Chartwells personnel.

"We plan to really use the feedback provided at the annual Town Hall meetings," Mendigutia said. "We also hope to eliminate the stigma that 'NSU is more a business than a college' by making it feel more welcoming and comfortable to both residential and commuter students alike."

### Streamline organization funding, assistance and support for student organizations

SGA currently has made strides to help organizations receive funding, and the Mako Movement wants to continue these efforts, said Mendigutia. The new SGA executive board plans to show their financial support and commitment to student organizations.

"The Lego Party created the event 'Fund Times' to inform student organizations of their eligibility for budget hearings and how to create and present a bill," Mendigutia said. "We would like to continue this and instill a process where we continue to help the student organizations gain access to the necessary funds."

### Synchronize campus resources to further accessibility and convenience

The Mako Movement feels that NSU provides its students with many opportunities that are underutilized because they are not well known.

Mendigutia said, "We want to make students aware of the resources made available to them on campus and add resources if deemed fit by the students and senators."

Congratulations to the newly elected Undergraduate SGA members!

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## NSU BRINGS GRADUATION TO CAMPUS

By: **Li Cohen**  
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NSU President George Hanbury announced on April 15 that all commencement ceremonies will be held at the Arena at the Don Taft University Center instead of the BB&T Center, as it was in previous years.

The decision was made after legislation was presented to Hanbury by PAN-SGA requesting the change. Lauren Boudreau, second-year student in the College of Osteopathic Medicine, said that Pan-SGA created the legislation in response to feedback from students. PAN-SGA is comprised of the presidents and vice presidents of the 19 student governments on NSU's campus. It has worked on this legislation for the past five years and voted unanimously to make the change this past summer.

Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of the College of Undergraduate Studies Brad Williams said what NSU heard from students is that they want to graduate on their campus



Commencement was previously held at the BB&T Center in Sunrise, but after receiving student feedback, NSU changed the location to its own arena.

and not in a hockey arena. He said that the new location will allow commencement to be more intimate and that it will remain in this location every year.

"The first official ceremony students had at NSU was convocation in the University Center Arena, and this will be where they spend their last official academic ceremony," Williams said. "There's something to me that's special about that kind of tradition."

Boudreau is the incoming president of



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the College of Osteopathic Medicine's Student Government Association and a member of PAN-SGA.

"I'm very excited about the change," she said. "I've done my entire collegiate education at NSU and was unable to participate in graduation from undergrad. I'm looking forward to celebrating my eight years on campus by walking across the stage at NSU."

In an email he sent out April 15, Hanbury said students will not need tickets for their

guests. The arena holds approximately 4,000 people, along with 500 graduates. If more than 4,000 guests attend, overflow areas will be created to accommodate guests.

Overflow areas will have live viewing screens and will be located at the Flight Deck Pub, the Performing and Visual Arts Theatre and the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center.

Doors will open one hour before the ceremony. Although there are no tickets, seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend commencement can view it live on NSU's website.

Originally, between six and eight tickets were to be issued to each graduating student, depending on which ceremony he or she will graduate from and the size of the graduating class.

For questions or concerns about commencement, visit [nova.edu/commencement](http://nova.edu/commencement) or call the Registrar's Office at 954-262-7255.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Current is proud to announce that it is a finalist for best non-daily newspaper in its region — including the states of Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida — in the Mark of Excellence Awards from the Society of Professional Journalists, which honors the best in college journalism.

We also want to congratulate Opinions Editor Nicole Cocuy and Copy Editor Jazmyn Brown who earned the following Mark of Excellence honors for general column writing.

Nicole Cocuy was a finalist for the articles “Spicy, subservient and stupid: Latina stereotypes in the media” and “Treat yourself, don’t cheat yourself” and a winner for the article “Fort Lauderdale’s war against poverty.”

Jazmyn Brown was a finalist for her articles “All bummed out,” “Teach, for crying out loud!” and “Wouldn’t have changed a thing.”

## NEWS ANCHOR

Stay up to date with current events.

### Aaron Hernandez found guilty

Former New England Patriot Aaron Hernandez was found guilty of first degree murder and unlawful possession of a firearm on April 15. He was sentenced to life in prison without parole for the June 2013 death of Odin Lloyd, who was last seen with Hernandez and Hernandez’s associates.

### Colombian rebels break truce

On April 15, ten Colombian soldiers were killed and 17 more injured by left-wing FARC rebels. The rebels used explosives and firearms to attack the soldiers, while representatives from both sides were having peace talks in Cuba. A ceasefire was declared in December 2014. FARC is the largest rebel group in Colombia, and, since 1964, its aim is to bring about a Marxist regime.

### Cuba removed from terrorism list

On April 14, President Barack Obama stated that Cuba will be removed from the list of state sponsors of terrorism. The decision was made following a State Department review of the situation and their conclusion that Cuba has refrained from supporting international terrorism over the last six months. Cuba was originally added to the list in 1982 when the White House determined that they were “promoting armed revolution by organizations that use terrorism.”

### The last wild northern white rhinos

The world’s last known male northern white rhino, known by the name Sudan, is under protection in Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Kenya. Sudan, along with

two female northern white rhinos, is under 24-hour protection by armed guards. Experts are attempting to mate Sudan with the females so the species can continue. Because of the rhinos’ ages, they may not be able to mate naturally, so experts are looking at other methods of conception, such as in vitro fertilization.

### U.S. runs out of investor visas

The U.S. government announced on April 15 that the Chinese will no longer be able to take part in the EB-5 immigrant investor program for the rest of the fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30. EB-5 provides green cards to foreigners who invest at least \$500,000 and create at least 10 jobs in the U.S. Because of the influx of Chinese investors, the government has run out of visas under this program. The program maxes at 10,000 visas, and that quota was reached early on in the fiscal year. As of April 15, there are 13,000 pending applications for the program and approval time is expected to take two to three years.

### Xenophobia spreads across South Africa

South Africa, which is home to an estimated 5 million immigrants from Somalia, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and Malawi, has fallen victim to anti-immigrant violence as a result of xenophobia, or extreme dislike toward people from other countries. The violence originally started in Durban, but has spread to the city of Johannesburg. South African citizens participate in the attacks because of the rising rate of unemployment, which is currently 25 percent, and they believe it is because of the influx of immigrants. Zulu king Goodwill Zwelithini instigated the latest wave of violence after stating that immigrants should “pack their bags and go.”

## EDITOR’S NOTE

Hey Sharks!

The circle of life has turned again, and it’s time for The Current’s last issue of the year. Consider this our way of saying “See you later” until August when new issues will grace newsstands across campus again.

NSU had an eventful year from the announcement of three new colleges to the formation of a committee to battle sexual assault, not to mention the infamous Lil Wayne concert and the changes to the housing and meal plan rates. We’ve covered it all, and we hope to cover even more next year.

This was also a big year for The Current. We were named finalists for best non-daily newspaper in the Society of Professional Journalists’ Mark of Excellence Awards for college journalism. An article from our Opinions Editor Nicole Cocuy was a winner for general column writing and articles from both Cocuy and our Copy Editor Jazmyn Brown were finalists in the category.

For the staff, this is a special token of pride because it validates all the hard work that we’ve put into this paper. Sometimes, it wasn’t easy, but we kept our eyes on the prize: bringing you the highest quality paper we can. Beyond the validation of receiving recognition, we love hearing from our readers whether they be students, faculty or staff, and we’re thrilled to see NSU enjoy the fruits of many hours of reporting, interviewing and editing.

That’s why I encourage you to stay engaged and active with The Current. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram (@TheCurrentNSU for all three). Email us to let us know what’s happening on campus, comment on our articles online, and write letters to the editor. We want to be your number-one source for NSU news, and your input will help us be just that.

For now, the staff would like to wish you good luck on your finals and best wishes for wherever the next school year will take you. We’re honored to have been a part of your NSU experience.

Fins up,

*Keren*

# FLIGHT DECK MAKES CHANGES

By: **Li Cohen**

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NSU’s Flight Deck Pub, which was originally managed by the Office of Students Affairs, has transferred management to Chartwells and NSU’s Office of Business Services.

Chartwells Marketing Manager Amanda Goodwin said all parties involved decided it would be best for the Office of Business Services to take over since they work with Chartwells for all other NSU dining services.

“Business Services currently manages and oversees the dining services here on NSU’s campus,” she said. “It only made sense for the Flight Deck Pub to be added under the same umbrella.”

Flight Deck Pub operations are continuing as normal. Shark Dining plans on partnering with vendors to host events for the beginning of the fall 2015 semester.

Before the change in management, 2014-2015 Undergraduate Student Government Association Minority Senator Collier Strenkert, senior biology and marine biology major, co-created legislation with fellow 2014-2015 Minority Senator Nikita Doshi, freshman biology major, to add more vegetarian

options at the Flight Deck.

The legislation explains that NSU houses many cultures and lifestyles and that the Flight Deck currently lacks vegetarian options. The options include french fries, veggie burgers, caesar salads and cobb salads. Strenkert planned on meeting with Goodwin to address the legislation, but the change in management delayed the meeting, as it was planned to occur as the new SGA was announced for 2015-2016.

Strenkert said adding more vegetarian options would help increase the diversity of students who frequent the Flight Deck Pub.

“Many people on campus are vegetarian, whether by choice or religious requirement,” he said. “Everyone should have multiple food options at an establishment such as the Flight Deck.”

Because of the change in management, changes will not be made immediately, but Strenkert said the legislation will remain in SGA’s records. The new SGA team can resume the legislation in the fall, and Goodwin said she would like to help pick up where Strenkert left off and address the changes.

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# NSU ANNOUNCES NEW COLLEGES AND RESTRUCTURING

By: **Li Cohen and Keren Moros**

NSU's Board of Trustees approved three new colleges to be put in place beginning July 1.

The additions include NSU's College of Allopathic Medicine, the College of Engineering and Computing and the Farquhar Honors College. All degree offerings will remain the same; they are just moving under different administrative umbrellas.

In addition, existing academic programs will be realigned with other colleges, creating new colleges including the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and the College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography.

NSU Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Ralph Rogers said, "The big driving goal is to better align graduate programs with undergraduate programs. There's a reason it's like that at most institutions — it works."

Based on what is done at other institutions, the Board of Trustees felt that the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences was too broad, and they wanted to separate the programs while maintaining the Farquhar name.

"When we really started looking at this, the concept of an overarching department of arts and sciences really didn't work," Rogers said.

For example, the bachelor's in marine biology program is within Farquhar, but the new structure will move this program to the new College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography. The bachelor degrees in psychology and behavioral neuroscience will move from the Farquhar College to the new College of Psychology, currently called the Center for Psychological Studies.

In addition, the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences will house programs from what is currently the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences including the Ph.D. programs in family therapy and conflict analysis and resolution and the master's degrees in college student affairs and family therapy. Bachelor degree programs in criminal justice and gerontology, currently in the Institute for the Study of Human Service, Health and Justice, will also move to this new college.

Associate Provost of Academic Quality, Assessment and Accreditation Meline Kevorkian said moving these programs is called vertical integration, which is better for students and faculty and is commonplace among universities.

"There will be more interaction between undergraduate and graduate students and undergraduate and graduate faculty and a lot

more opportunities for students to get involved in graduate-level activities while still in undergrad," Kevorkian said. "So it's really a plus for students."

Kevorkian said NSU has vertical integration in some colleges but not others. For example, the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship already includes bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees. Now, all of NSU will have a similar structure.

**"The big driving goal is to better align graduate programs with undergraduate programs.**

**There's a reason it's like that at most institutions — it works." -**

The College of Allopathic Medicine will offer a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) program made to complement the College of Osteopathic Medicine and NSU's other health professions programs. The creation of the program makes NSU the only university in the southeastern United States, and the first in Florida, to have both an osteopathic medical school and an allopathic medical school.

The College of Engineering and Computing combines the Ph.D. and master's degree programs, which were formerly within the Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences, with the bachelor's degree programs in computer science, engineering and information sciences from the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Undergraduate Farquhar Honors College will house students in multiple disciplines who are in the honors program for meeting high academic standards. Students who complete Honors College programs will receive acknowledgements on their diplomas and transcripts.

Rogers said the addition of colleges will not affect the current curriculum for undergraduate programs. Faculty members will teach the same courses, and students will participate in the same courses — they may just be under a different college.

The program reorganization and college additions are modeled after other universities who have proved to be successful with their colleges and programs.

Rogers said that most universities have undergraduate programs that match with graduate programs, and he believes NSU using this layout will contribute to a better experience for students and give departments a better sense of unity.

In the past, students have had problems taking multidisciplinary courses. Rogers said, for example, a student in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences would not be permitted to take an online business class.

To figure out what the new colleges would be, the Board of Trustees matched undergraduate and graduate interdisciplinary programs, determined natural breaks in curriculum, such as science, honors and technology, and looked at program sizes, in regards to the quantity of courses, faculty, students and credit hours.

Rogers said many believe, including him, that the interaction across multidisciplinary and administrative lines has been an issue on campus that has stood in the way of NSU operations and students' experiences.

"The question is how we use our administrative structure to ensure that students get the best experience possible, to get the best education possible, so they can focus mostly on the educational experience they came here for and not have to deal with other worries," Rogers said. "That's what we're supposed to do as an institution."

Farquhar College Dean Don Rosenblum said that with these changes, NSU is looking to strengthen its reputation and advance the goals of President George Hanbury's Vision 2020 by looking at ways to effectively structure academic programs so that undergraduate and graduate programs are closely associated.

"The larger reorganization helps to administratively align all of the diverse undergraduate programs more closely with the various graduate and professional schools, creating opportunities for undergraduate students to continue to work with the outstanding faculty," Rosenblum said.

Rosenblum said this will create opportunities for undergraduate students to continue working with undergraduate faculty as well as graduate and professional students. In addition, students will not notice any major changes apart from the increased opportunities.

For a full list of the restructuring, visit [nova.edu/massmail/presdesk/NSURealignmentofAcademicPrograms.pdf](http://nova.edu/massmail/presdesk/NSURealignmentofAcademicPrograms.pdf).

## NEWS BRIEFS

### New emergency room to open

This spring, Westside Regional Medical Center will open an emergency room on NSU's main campus in Davie. The 12,700-square-foot facility will provide the surrounding community with access to board-certified doctors and diagnostic equipment and offer a full range of emergency care services for children and adults. Located at 3476 South University Drive, the facility will house 16 private treatment rooms and include a trauma room, a laboratory, a pharmacy, imaging equipment and digital X-ray units. For more information, contact the university at 800-541-6682.

### Free yoga seminar

The Art of Living will host a free yoga seminar in Room 200 of the Rosenthal Student Center from 6 to 7 p.m. on April 22. The seminar, called "Seeing Beyond Stress," will be hosted by Rajesh Jagasia, who has taught yoga for 13 years. Attendees will learn techniques to reduce stress, improve self-esteem and more.

### Money Smart Week

The Alvin Sherman Library will host Money Smart Week presentations on April 21, 22 and 23 from 2 to 3 p.m. that will teach attendees how to save money. The workshop is free and open to the public. To register for an event or for more information, call the library at 954-262-5477.

### Yoga tea party

Join Fitwell and Phi Sigma Sigma for yoga and tea on April 22 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Alvin Sherman Library Quad. For more information, contact [lv350@nova.edu](mailto:lv350@nova.edu).

### Opportunity to be the 2015 Convocation student speaker

All students are eligible to compete for the opportunity to be the student speaker at NSU's Convocation ceremony on August 21. Students must create a video, no longer than two minutes, answering the question, "Why NSU?" Students are encouraged to be creative and not to worry about the filming quality. The film quality of the video will not have any impact on the judging, unless the submission has audio or video errors. Students can upload the video to YouTube or Vimeo and submit the link in the contest form on OrgSync at [orgsync.com/48996/forms/140833](http://orgsync.com/48996/forms/140833). All submissions are due by April 24 at 5 p.m. For more information, contact the Office of Orientation and Commuter Involvement at [orientation@nova.edu](mailto:orientation@nova.edu).

### Greeks to battle at Stroll-Off

NSU's Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority will host its spring philanthropy event, the Fifth Annual Stroll-Off, in honor of Autism Awareness Month on April 24 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Don Taft University Center Spine. The Stroll-Off is a dance competition between teams from NSU's sororities and fraternities that will raise money for the Autism Society of Broward County. All students are invited and the event is free. For more information, contact Phi Sig philanthropy chair, Allison Siegel at [as2607@nova.edu](mailto:as2607@nova.edu).

### Oceanographic Center SGA to host 5K Charity Run/Walk

NSU's Oceanographic Center's SGA will host the third annual Motion for the Ocean 5K Walk/Run on April 26 at 7 a.m. at NSU's Oceanographic Center, located within John U. Lloyd State Park in Hollywood (8000 N. Ocean Drive). The cost is \$15 for early registration and \$20 the day of the event. All proceeds will be donated to AMIkids, a nationally recognized non-profit organization that works with at-risk youth, giving them an opportunity to transform into responsible young adults. To sign up, visit <http://bit.ly/1CdGumw>. For more information, call 954-262-3624 or email [motionforocean@mail.ocean.nova.edu](mailto:motionforocean@mail.ocean.nova.edu).

## COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

### Undergraduate:

Traditional Day Students at the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, Abraham S. Fischler School of Education, H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship and Institute for the Study of Human Service, Health and Justice----May 8 at 10 a.m.

On- and Off-Campus Career Students, College of Health Care Sciences and College of Nursing--May 8 at 4 p.m.

### Graduate:

Shepard Broad Law Center—May 7 at 1 p.m.

College of Dental Medicine and College of Osteopathic Medicine—May 15 at 10 a.m.

College of Health Care Sciences Physical Therapy Program, College of Medical Sciences, College of Optometry and College of Pharmacy--May 15 at 4 p.m.

MBA and MIBA Students at the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship--June 5 at 10 a.m.

Master's Candidates at the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences, H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship, and Oceanographic Center---June 5 at 4 p.m.

Center for Psychological Studies, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Institute for the Study of Human Service, Health and Justice—June 12 at 10 a.m.

Abraham S. Fischler School of Education—June 12 at 4 p.m.

College of Health Care Sciences (except Physical Therapy) and College of Nursing—August 21 at 2:30 p.m.

# SHARK SIGHTINGS



The sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha at SEA Thursday.



Students danced to country music at SEA Thursday during FinFest.



Freshman biology majors Nadia Siddiqi and Erin O'Keefe enjoyed playing laser tag outside the UC.



Students getting ready for the Public Policy Training Seminar

COURTESY OF J. LYONS



NSU's RecPlex gives students their green shots during Wellness Wednesday.

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Chris Hart a senior and criminal justice major took this while working for the aquatics department.

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NSU goes blue for World Autism Awareness Day.

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President Hanbury and Guy Harvey at the renaming of the Guy Harvey Oceanographic Center.

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# FROM THIS YEAR



COURTESY OF A. DIMARIA  
Alec Mayo, freshman biology major, and Dom Craci, sophomore exercise and sports science major compete at the Strongman Competition to raise awareness for brain cancer.



COURTESY OF A. KAPLAN  
Sisters of Zeta Phi Beta during their Founder's Day lunch.



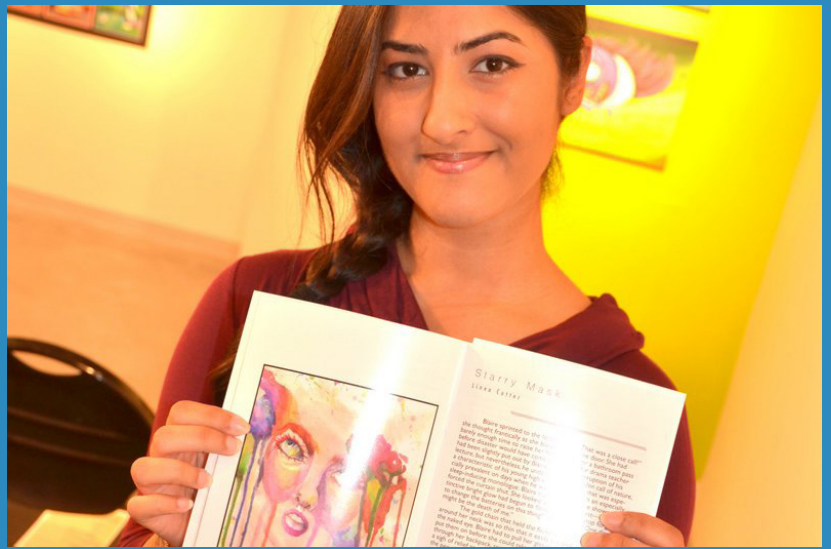
COURTESY OF K. MOROS  
The softball team and some of The Current staff showing shark pride when NBC-6 visited NSU.



TAKEN BY E. HERBERT  
Maasti celebrates after winning NSU's Got Talent.



COURTESY OF K. MOROS  
Some of the brothers from Fiji at SEA Thursday.



COURTESY OF F. RAJKUMAR  
Zara Khan, junior biology major, shows off her work of art in Dlgressions, the student literary magazine.



COURTESY OF FACEBOOK.COM/NOVASOUTHEASTERN  
S.E.A. Board poses for a picture after winning their STUEY Award for Undergraduate Organization of the Year.



COURTESY OF FACEBOOK.COM/NOVASOUTHEASTERN  
Razor and President Hanbury pose for a picture with the Homecoming King and Queen.

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# END THE SEMESTER WITH A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

By: **Alyssa DiMaria**  
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NSU's Christian student organization, Ablaze, will host its fourth annual Worship Under the Stars, an event that'll combine food and music with social and volunteer activities on April 25 at 7 p.m. at the Alvin Sherman Library Quad.

The group's faculty adviser, Joshua Loomis, assistant professor in Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences' Division of Math, Science, and Technology, said the event aims to help students of all religious beliefs come together and relax before exams, while enjoying inspiring music with a Christian slant.

"Even though this is a Christian-based event, there are no sermons, conversions, praying or revivals — simply nice music, good company and a great time," said Loomis.

Although attendance is free for students, faculty and staff, guest attendance is \$3. The money raised will go toward Operation Christmas Child, an evangelical Christian humanitarian organization that provides aid to people in physical need as a key part of Christian missionary work.

"Ablaze has been involved with Operation Christmas Child for a few years now, and we are excited to partner with them to continue to bring joy and the love of Jesus to children around the world," said Ablaze's public relations officer, Amy Anfinrud, freshman biology major.

NSU student groups will table at the event to encourage attendees to stop by to sign up for



Students celebrate their religion at a previous Worship Under the Stars, hosted by Ablaze.

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volunteer work or to simply learn about their opportunities and goals.

He added that the music will be not only gospel music but also but also rap, folk, and rock a capella.

"We chose to bring different types of music to the event to attract everyone," he said. "It should be interesting to hear all the different varieties."

Anfinrud said the event is an amazing opportunity for the student body to enjoy each other's company.

"As a Christian on a college campus, I understand how tough it is to connect with other Christians," she said. "This event will be

a fantastic learning experience for students who want to know more about our faith and what we believe."

Loomis stressed that, although this event is geared toward Christianity, people of all religious faiths and beliefs are welcome and encouraged to attend.

"The word 'Jesus' will be thrown around, and I want people to know that Worship Under the Stars is a religious event. But, at the same time, they should also know that this event is about more than just religion, music and free food. It's about giving back to the community, and everyone can partake of that," he said.

Anfinrud said attendees can expect to

experience a night that will highlight their year at NSU.

"This night will be full of inspirational speakers, great entertainment, free food, beautiful music and a forecast of stars in the sky," she said. "Expect to meet new people, make lasting friends and learn a little more about our amazing God."

Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs. Food will be provided by Padrino's, Pizza Loft, Menchie's, Chipotle and more.

For more information, contact Anfinrud at aa1880@nova.edu.

## CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY THE NSU WAY

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Join NSU as it plants another tree for Arbor Day.

NSU will celebrate Arbor Day with a tree planting ceremony, music and free food. The free community event, hosted by Green Sharks and Residential Life, will take place on April 22 at 4 p.m. next to the pagoda between The Commons and Leo Goodwin Residence Halls.

Green Sharks and the Office of Residential Life and Housing are partnering with Tree Campus USA and the Arbor Day Foundation to plant an exotic Floridian tree. According to the Arbor Day Foundation, the net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to 10 room-sized air conditioners operating 20 hours a day.

Green Sharks Public Relations Chair Cassilly Lobaugh, sophomore environmental studies major, said attendees will enjoy themselves while discussing the importance of celebrating Earth and the ways NSU can become a greener campus.

"This event is an important get-together where we will gather, share ideas and plant a beautiful tree that signifies this amazing day," she said.

Last year, for the first time, NSU was accepted to Tree Campus USA, an association that recognizes and helps universities around the country establish and sustain a healthy campus.

To achieve this recognition, NSU had to meet five core standards for sustainable campus forestry. The standards include the establishment of a tree advisory committee, development of a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and the sponsorship of student service-learning projects.

Grounds Supervisor at NSU's Facilities Management Jeffrey Heard said NSU is proud to be a part of this organization and is making the campus a greener and cleaner place.

"There were a lot of requirements NSU had to meet to be a part of this organization, and it's exciting we were able to accomplish this goal," he said.

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# 3-D PRINTER AT HPD LIBRARY TO HELP LOCAL SURGEONS

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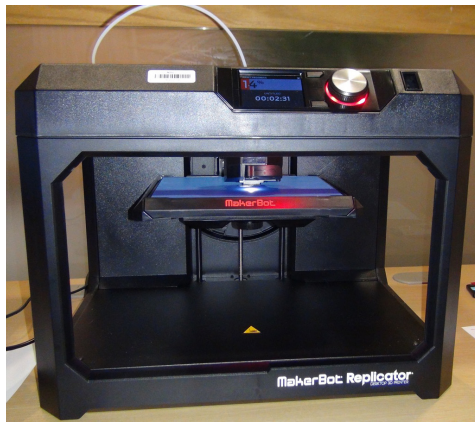
NSU's Health Professions Division Library has secured a 3-D printer after several HPD programs expressed interest in the technology for research.

HPD librarians are working with faculty members from various colleges to develop research projects and other educational opportunities in areas such as prosthetics, audiology and dental medicine, for students to use the 3-D printer.

HPD's Emerging Technologies Librarian John Reynolds said HPD's upcoming projects will include the creation of brain stem models for neuroanatomical students, oversized tooth preparations for a dental education effectiveness study, a research project by occupational therapy students on the use of low-cost prosthetics and customizable implanted drug delivery devices.

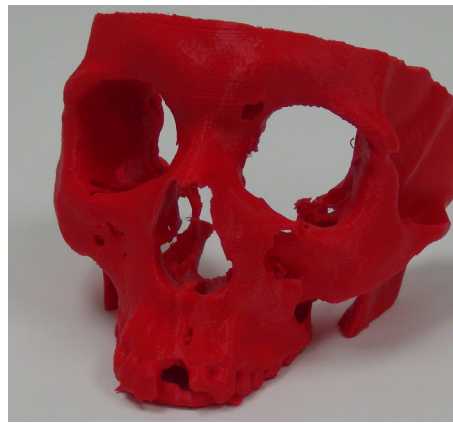
3-D printing, the process of making three-dimensional solid objects from a digital file, is quickly becoming widespread in a variety of fields, especially healthcare. HPD students need exposure and access to the new technology so they'll be ready to use it after they graduate, said Reynolds.

"Today's NSU HPD students will be seeing and using 3-D printers in hospitals, dental offices, occupational therapy practices, optometry centers and elsewhere after they graduate,"



HPD library's new 3-D printer.

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A replica skull made for facial reconstruction surgery created by students and faculty.

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Reynolds said. "3-D printing technology is currently being used to plan surgeries and create custom implants, medical devices and human body parts."

Jared Gibby, second year graduate student in the College of Dental Medicine, said the 3-D printer allows students to have access to cutting edge technology, providing them with opportunities to turn medical imaging into three-dimensional models.

"Having access to this type of technology encourages students to develop creative learning and enhances students' educational experience while at NSU," he said.

The 3-D printer will assist Gibby and NSU's postdoctoral residents in the oral and maxillofacial surgery program in creating models for surgeons that serve as a reference during facial reconstruction surgery at the Broward Health Medical Center Trauma Center.

This project will also help surgeons plan corrective surgery for a patient with an aggressive jaw tumor and educate patients about their condition to help them make better decisions about their treatment, said Reynolds.

Gibby said the project allows surgeons to have access to medical grade models at a fraction of the cost of commercial models —

\$10 compared to \$5,000 per model.

"This allows doctors to provide a higher level of care to patients, especially patients from low-income families," he said.

Reynolds said the occupational therapy master's students will be working on a project called "Enable the Future."

"The project will match up children who need prostheses with people who can make and fit them," he said. "The OT students will be using prostheses made on the library's printer next fall."

The HPD library has already utilized the 3-D printer by creating prototype prosthetic hands for children with birth defects or who have undergone amputation, human skull models created from CT scans for use in maxillofacial reconstruction surgery and patient treatment planning and human inner ear models for future classroom use in audiology.

Reynolds said having a 3-D printer in a central, visible location, like the library, as opposed to a lab, lets more students and faculty see and learn about the technology, even if they do not use it directly.

Interested students or faculty can contact Reynolds at jreynolds@nova.edu.

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# Diary of... a military brat

By: **Katherine Lewis**

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“Where are you from?”

A simple question, easily answered. However, for me, this question opens up an entire conversation. After many years of explaining my story, I have noticed that the conversation can go two ways. If I’m making small talk with someone whom I’ll very likely never see again, my answer is California. But, if the conversation is more meaningful, my answer is England. This second answer brings with it an onslaught of questions: “So where’s your accent?” and “Why are you in school in Florida?” Here is my story.

When I was 5-years-old, my family moved from California to England. My father was an active-duty officer in the United States Air Force, and he had just received orders to relocate to an airbase in East Anglia, a region of England. My parents, who had both lived in England before, were uninterested in living on the base, so we rented and, eventually bought, a home in a little town called Clare.

Nestled in the quaint English countryside, Clare was like something out of a Jane Austen novel. Cottages, pubs, a village bakery and a butcher shop; it was an entirely different world than the one I find myself in today. In Clare, I attended the local primary school for four years, and I acquired an accent.

My mother started working for the Department of Defense schools, which are located on Air Force bases for the children of the military personnel. So, when it came time for me to begin middle school, my mother decided to put me in one of the department’s schools. After this, my accent faded gradually, but, because I was around other American kids who also relocated to the base, I went from being the “American girl” in Clare to the “British girl” overnight. I had close British friends and close American friends, and this often made me feel as if I were living two lives.

We stayed in England for 14 years, and I was lucky enough to travel all over Europe during this time. But, being a so-called “military brat” does have its drawbacks. Even though we didn’t move around as much as expected, especially after my dad retired from the Air Force, all of my friends tended to move every two or three years. I was the constant. I saw a lot of people come and go. I said a lot of goodbyes. I was lucky, however, to have a few very close British friends whom I actually plan to visit this



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Lewis, although currently studying at NSU, has lived in many different countries and experienced different cultures because of her father’s position in the Air Force.

summer, after being away from them for four years.

I left England to come to NSU in 2011. It was my first time living in the U.S., and it all felt so foreign. It was pretty daunting crossing an ocean to start a new life, especially when my family stayed behind on “the other side of the pond.”

Whenever people talked about being homesick I felt a certain pang of resentment; their families were usually just a drive away, while mine were across an entire ocean. But, I quickly grew out of this, as I began meeting others who also had families living thousands of miles away from them. Looking back, I realize that the distance really allowed me to grow independently and figure out who I was.

After living that awkward double life

throughout my adolescence, a fresh start in a new place gave me the opportunity to take experiences from both lives and use them shape myself into the person I want to be. I think that knowing so many people from so different cultures made me a much more compassionate and open-minded person. I also believe it may have sparked my interest in both psychology and sociology.

Of course, I constantly miss my parents and older sister, who now live in northern Japan, and I still get jealous when I see people hanging out with their siblings or shopping with their moms on the weekends. Yet, I am so grateful for the incredible opportunities that being a military brat has brought me. I have already seen most of the world before my 21st birthday. Not many college seniors can say that.



## Career Corner

### Career guide to summer planning

By: **Emilio Lorenzo**

You are probably getting to that point where you are thinking about your summer and wrapping up the semester. You probably don’t want to think about your career goals as you plan out your summer and get a break from the academic grind, but summer is actually a key point in your collegiate journey to reach goals upon graduation.

During the fall and spring semester, it may have been difficult to find sufficient time to engage in certain initiatives that will help you long-term, including but not limited to obtaining an internship or networking with professionals in your field. However, during the summer, you have plenty of time and freedom from a heavy academic workload, making it an opportune moment to take advantage. So, if you plan on taking the MCAT at some point in the next year, maybe using the summer to study and get ready for the test would be an ideal strategy.

You are probably wondering, “Well, how do I get a head start on my summer and make the most of it?” It all starts with developing a strategic plan early on. If you would like to use your summer to obtain an internship working in management, then you do not want to wait till the first day of summer to see what options are available. Internship planning should be done least a month or two before the actual internship begin. Summer internships provide an avenue to develop skills needed in the field while gaining hands-on experiences and networking with professionals.

Internships are not the only way to use your summer time wisely. Another great strategy is to conduct informational interviews. An informational interview is a strategic way of gaining valuable information about a certain

profession while networking with employers.

If you are interested in gaining experiences within your field or, for that matter, shadowing a professional like a doctor, then an informational interview will be an ideal way to reach out to them and gain information while also building a network for yourself. The informational interview involves asking the employer a variety of questions to get a glimpse into the position, showcase your knowledge in the field thus far and talk about what you can offer the employer, including your passion for the industry.

At the conclusion of the informational interview, express your appreciation for the time the professional took out of his or her busy day to meet with you. Then, ask if you may leave your professional documents, so that the employer may contact you if any type of opportunity becomes available. Even if a position isn’t open during the time of your interview, or you’re not ready to begin your career, that may change someday. Leaving your resume, cover letter and/or contact information opens the door to future possibilities — especially since you’ve already networked with that company.

Let’s imagine that you are a freshman, but your hometown is New York, and every summer you visit and also have plans to move back full-time once you graduate. Informational interviews can be used as your way to build a network for yourself in New York when you visit. So, if you are not ready for an internship this summer, but you would like to plan out to obtain one for the following year in New York, then use informational interviews as a strategic tool for your success and as an avenue to build a foundation of potential contacts.

A good strategy is to do various

informational interviews with companies and professionals in your desired field to plant the seed for the future. Just imagine; you would no longer be another number or resume because you had opportunities to get to know these professionals before being an actual applicant. You can also take steps to keep in touch by sharing articles of interest throughout the year and connecting with the individuals using LinkedIn. That way, when you apply, you are no longer seen as just another applicant, as they know the individual behind the resume.

In addition, you can use the summer to get involved in your community or do something exciting like studying abroad. Getting involved in your community allows you to develop key, transferable skills like relationship building and communication, and, if you are interested in a field like healthcare, it showcases your passion to provide service to others. Studying abroad can help you expand your perspective on the outside world, as studying or working in another country can make you a better thinker — more flexible, creative and complex — if you’re willing to adapt and learn from other cultures. Studying abroad can make you more marketable for future opportunities because it helps you become well-rounded and better communicator.

Overall, the summer offers a lot of opportunities to gain experience, get involved in the community or with organizations and, perhaps, gain a greater understanding of the outside world while helping you on your journey to reach your career goals upon graduation. The key is to make a strategic plan for yourself and start early to ensure that your summer is not only memorable but also individually impactful.

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# Wellness Bite

“Unplug from electronics before bed. Give yourself time to unwind from the day for better sleep. Read a book magazine or journal or mediate.”  
— Valerie Valenti, yoga teacher

## CHEW ON THIS: EXPLORING NSU'S DINING SUSTAINABILITY

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Shark Dining is making efforts to help NSU become a more sustainable campus.

Think about what happens to the scraps of food left on a person's plate in the campus dining halls. The chicken wing bones, cupcake wrappers, untouched macaroni, pizza crust, plastic straws and the Styrofoam cup that comes with a JuiceBlendz smoothie.

Considering how much food a student consumes, perhaps only a small percentage of it remains on the plate as it's thrown into the garbage cans, out of sight. That small percentage, however, can equate to 22 million pounds of food per year, according to the national Food Recovery Network.

Chartwells, NSU's food service, and Shark Dining are working extensively to reduce food waste by implementing a proprietary waste-reduction program in our units, said Chartwells Marketing Manager Amanda Goodwin.

Trim Trax is a food waste-reduction program that cuts operating costs and reduces our carbon footprint in landfills. It's designed to be used by staff to increase operational efficiency and create awareness about the environmental impact of food waste.

The program tracks and measures food waste costs, focusing on the following categories: production waste (food thrown out prior to cooking/service, such as vegetable peels), overproduction (unusable food that has gone through production and must be disposed of) and unused/out-of-date inventory (expired, spoiled or overcooked).

Shark Dining is also looking to implement biodegradable alternatives in the upcoming months.

“There will be various water refresh stations throughout the Don Taft University Center to allow students to stop by at any time with their water bottle to fill up while running to class or grab some infused water with their lunch or dinner,” Goodwin said. “Also, for the fall semester, we are going to implement a reusable tumbler program across campus to cut down on paper waste from our cups.”

As for the leftover cooked food, Shark Dining has set up a direct pickup system with Broward Partnership.

Goodwin said Broward Partnership has a tremendous impact on NSU's sustainability efforts.

In the past, Shark Dining has partnered with NSU's Alpha Phi Omega and Food Recovery Network for a food donation program. However, the organizations decided not to continue the partnership due to issues with transportation. Goodwin said Chartwells has decided to move forward with Broward Partnership alone.

Despite Shark Dining's efforts to become a more sustainable campus, Kristen Page, sophomore marine biology major and treasurer of NSU's new Student Sustainability Club, Green Sharks, said NSU is not a sustainable campus.

“Although NSU has a couple noticeable ‘green’ alternatives on campus, such as the condiment pumps in the UC instead of individual packets, and the campus-wide recycling program, it's not enough,” she said. “However, I think we are headed in the right direction.”

Page said she believes Shark Dining's plans will help, but she would like to see bigger changes.

“We waste so much plastic and Styrofoam every day on utensils, plates and cups that are thrown away after each use. We are a huge step behind numerous other college campuses that wash their dishes and utensils every day for meals,” she said.

Page said students can help by recycling their used products such as water bottles and paper.

“Tons of recyclables are put in the garbage bins every day, oftentimes when there is a recycling bin next to it or nearby. Students could also have a recycling bin in their rooms instead of mixing it with their trash,” she said. “It's an easy and healthy habit to get into.”

Students concerned with the bigger picture of sustainability on campus should start calling for action, Page said.

“We can make a difference if we speak up and ask for more eco-friendly alternatives. The Green Sharks aim to be one of the teams on campus that will help accomplish making NSU a sustainable campus,” she said.

For more information about NSU's dining sustainability, visit [dineoncampus.com/nova](http://dineoncampus.com/nova).

## A POEM OF NSU

By: **Faren Rajkumar**  
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April is National Poetry Month and the perfect opportunity to turn everyday thoughts into a simple piece of prose to share with everyone. We asked NSU students to express their thoughts in this “running poem”; each student added a few words or a sentence to the ever-growing poem until finally, these random words came together.

**Sometimes**

(Faren Rajkumar, junior English major)

**I think about**

(Curtisha DeMarco, sophomore behavioral neuroscience major)

**what would life bring**

(Ashle' Georges, senior biology major)

**What I can learn and what I can teach**

(Ashley Nichols, sophomore business administration major)

**As I've walked through life, I've realized**

(Morgan Musgrove, sophomore behavioral neuroscience major)

**that opportunities present themselves in**

**many different forms**

(Linea Cutter, senior political science major)

**and it is dependent upon you which path  
you take**

(Brianna Walker, sophomore communications major)

**but is there ever really a bad one?**

(Ashley Freeman, junior International Studies Major)

**life is**

**full of opportunities**

**that may be disguised as failures,**

(Eliany Gonzalez, freshman pre-nursing major)

**just pick one,**

**Or take your time and learn from others,**

(Ruth Jocelyn, sophomore Psychology major)

and learn from your mistakes. (Claudia Marquez, freshman Biology major)

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# Coach's Corner: Marquise Kiffin

By: Randa Djabri

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Most people think that being a coach means being a boss, when it's really a position of servitude in which coaches strive to enhance their athletes' experience each day. This is what coaching for almost 13 years has been like for Marquise Kiffin, assistant coach of the men's basketball team.

He started his undergraduate studies at NSU in 1998, when the school was nothing more than a few buildings and a lot of grass.

Kiffin came to NSU from St. Thomas Aquinas High School, where he was named the basketball team's Most Valuable Player during his senior year.

"I've been here since Moses parted the Red Sea," he said.

Kiffin started at NSU as a basketball player while pursuing his degree in elementary education. During his successful four-year playing career at NSU, Kiffin averaged 7.6 points, 3.2 rebounds and 1 steal per game. A durable player, Kiffin appeared in 98 games during his NSU career.

Through his senior year, Kiffin lived the hoop dream of playing overseas, but

unfortunately ended up tearing his knee and breaking his ribs that year.

"I would've had a few opportunities, but that happened, and I didn't have a great year," said Kiffin. "But, my coach at the time asked me if I wanted to become part of the coaching staff and be the assistant coach, and I agreed."

Being in that situation, playing basketball wasn't a realistic option for Kiffin. He settled with a coaching position that also allowed him to pay for grad school and get his master's degree in business administration.

The biggest challenge for Kiffin was separating the athlete in him from the coach in-the-making.

"I found myself coaching a group of guys that I just finished playing with," said Kiffin. "As I grew, I started to see the difference and that I had to restrict my relationship with them to being their responsible coach who tried to put them in the best situation."

Limiting this relationship to the basketball court further helped Kiffin strengthen his relationship with the players.

"The biggest thing I learned from coaching is how to be a leader of men and watch their personalities grow," said Kiffin.

Although Kiffin chose his career path as an



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Marquise Kiffin is the assistant men's baseball coach and an elementary school teacher.

elementary school teacher, he still makes time to coach. He continues to coach because coaching has allowed him to see the players grow into guys he can be proud of.

"I owe this all to my wife because she's able to cope with my work hours, and she doesn't get to see me as often. She supports me so that I continue leading these people to, hopefully, become something greater than myself," he said. "It's not only a great opportunity, but also a blessing."

For Kiffin, there's nothing more satisfying than knowing that he had a role in the athletes' change for the better. Mutual respect and effort are two factors that maintain his relationship with his athletes.

"They see how hard I work every day to improve their experience and how much I care about them and their efforts," said Kiffin.

Kiffin describes his relationship with the players as that of a parent and his children.

"As children, we know that our parents love us but we're unable to fully grasp the amount of love they have for us until we ourselves are parents," he said. "I think it's the same with the players."

When it comes to motivation, Kiffin has a different approach to keeping his players going.

"You can't motivate people the same way because they're all different," said Kiffin. "I need to yell at some of them and kick them in the butt to get them going, and others are motivated in a completely different way."

Kiffin's key to providing this motivation is providing them with a healthy environment that has all the components of success.

For Kiffin, coaching is a way of life; it's not a job or a hobby.

"I can tell you one this for sure," he said. "If I won the lottery today, I'd still come here tomorrow."

## RISE OF A BOXING CHAMPION

By: Randa Djabri

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Last weekend, junior marketing major and boxing champion Lance Singleton and two of his teammates, Brandon Jean and Will Champagne, participated in the United States Intercollegiate Boxing Association's (USIBA) National Championships in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Singleton won the tournament of the 152 pound weight group by the judges' unanimous decision.

Singleton and his teammates are members of NSU's Boxing Club, which was founded in fall 2012 and has 11 active members. The club was founded by Maeva Paolini, a former student who graduated two years ago.

Singleton wasn't initially planning on competing in the tournament until three weeks before the competition late February. Although

school and work took up his free time, about three weeks before the tournament, Singleton changed his mind and decided to take a chance and compete.

"Honestly, the experience is great. A lot of people get nervous when it comes to fighting, but I actually don't find it that nerve-wracking," said Singleton. "It's a thrilling experience pushing yourself to the limit in the ring with everyone watching you and cheering you on."

This wasn't Singleton's first time competing in the tournament, however. He has participated in the event six times and placed second last year.

Preparing for the event meant a lot of running. Singleton and his fellow boxing club members practiced extensively to get their bodies accustomed to the vigorous action in the ring.

"Cardio was key in preparing for the event," he said.

Dieting was also another big factor in preparations. Since these boxing matches are

categorized according to the weight of the contestants, each person has to maintain their weight range to maintain eligibility to fight for their weight class.

"In my case, I often found myself having to cut weight to reach the weight class I fit in," said Singleton.

Equally as important as practicing and dieting, having a clear mind and remaining calm, despite the heavy amounts of stress this sport brings, is crucial.

"If you go in the ring hot-headed, you'll most likely end up overexerting your body with wasted punches and actions," said Singleton. "If you stay calm, you can think and react to punches faster."

Using this strategy allows contestants to reserve the body's energy for more necessary actions.

"Personally, my mind is cleared when I'm fighting, and all I hear is music playing in my head while my body reacts to the opponent almost subconsciously," he added.

Singleton's motivation comes from "Dragon Ball Z" and other anime shows he grew up watching. He constantly reminds himself that

he needs to train as hard as the characters do.

"When I'm in that mind-state, I feel unstoppable," said Singleton. "My training partners are also big motivators because they push me to keep going whenever I'm hitting a low point."

Maintaining confidence throughout the match can also be a challenge, but Singleton found a way to get around that and simplified it for himself.

"I just think to myself, 'He's human and I'm human,' so there's not much he can do to me that I can't do to him. I just have to make sure I do it better," said Singleton.

The fact that boxing is an individual sport doesn't pressure Singleton at all. Rather, he finds enjoyment in the sport because all of the achievements he makes are because of his individual efforts and no one else's.

"If I win a fight, it's because I solely conquered the other person with my own strength which is an awesome feeling to have," said Singleton.

Not knowing who the opponent is makes Singleton prepare even more for prospective fights. He is often exposed to boxers with different body types and fighting styles to diversify his experiences and prepare to face any opponent he might encounter.

To take this achievement to the next level, Singleton plans to continue competing in more boxing matches and winning the belt again next year. As for the club, he hopes his achievement leads to the recognition of not only the club members, but also college boxing as a whole so others can find their passion in it.

"I even had the idea of competing in the national Golden Gloves tournament, but that's just a dream for now," said Singleton.

Singleton's future with boxing won't end when he graduates from NSU, but he doesn't want to become a professional boxer. Instead, Singleton hopes to utilize his prospective marketing degree and start his own brand of fighting gear and his own gym.

"I'd love to sponsor fighters and give others the chance to chase their goals to become 'Ultimate fighters,'" said Singleton. "Having the boxing club grow and flourish will be sort of a benchmark to show that I can achieve my future goal, and it'll be great for me and my teammates to get the recognition for all of our hard work."



## SPORTS SHORTS

### Men's and Women's Track and Field

The men's and women's track and field teams finished second at the 2015 Peach Belt Conference Championship after a strong final session on Saturday.



### Baseball

The baseball team fell to the Palm Beach Atlantic University Sailfish in the Battle of the Fish: Part IV last Tuesday night, by a score of 3-2.



### Men and Women's Golf

The men's and women's golf teams finished up at the 2015 SSC Championships with the men placing second and the women only two strokes behind the fourth finalists, after the conclusion of the third and final round at the Red Tail Golf Club.



# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK:

*Teft Hill*

By: Randa Djabri

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For Teft Hill, sophomore business administration major, the life-changing aspect of baseball is not the game itself but rather his teammates.

Four months after Hill was born in Colorado, he was diagnosed with a rare liver cancer. After going through an eight-hour surgery and more than a year of chemotherapy, Hill became cancer free.

"I lived a healthy life after that," said Hill.

Hill grew up playing soccer and skiing in the mountains of Colorado until he moved to Florida at the age of 12.

"When we moved down here, I started playing baseball, and I knew that's what I wanted to do," said Hill.

Not only was he more passionate about baseball but he also realized that he was more talented in baseball than soccer.

Hill played baseball for four years and golf for two at Cypress Lake High School. His batting average was over .375 in his sophomore, junior and senior years, with 54 stolen bases.

He went on to attend Georgia Southern where he was red-shirted for the baseball team. Although he didn't play during the games, the coach allowed him to travel with the team when they had games. He was known for his energy and enthusiasm that pumped up the whole team.

"I remember when we went to Appalachian State, and it was snowing; everyone was feeling down, and I got the team fired up," said Hill. "I think that if I wasn't there, they wouldn't have won that game."

After two years of playing for the sharks' baseball team, Hill was honored as a cancer survivor by getting the first pitch of the home

game against Florida Tech on April 10.

"I just wanted to tell guys out there to never let anything stop you, and just keep pursuing life, keep going forward, and never look back," said Hill.

I got the chance to sit down with Hill and ask him some questions.

## What do you like about baseball?

"I like everything about the game, from the guys I get to hang out with to the way the game is played."

## Is anyone in your family into sports?

"My dad played football when he was in college. He played for a small Division III school in Indiana, and they won the championship a couple of times."

## Have you had a coach who influenced you?

"My high school coach influenced me a lot. He knew my background and knew my story. He sat down with me when all the scouts were trying to recruit me to college and told me to make the right decision and go wherever I thought I'd be happy."

## Who's the most influential person in your life?

"My dad because he's a big leader in my eyes. He is a dedicated person, and he knows how to treat others fairly. He just taught me a lot."

## What has been your most memorable moment playing baseball?

"I'd have to say when I moved down here and became part of a little league team, and we made it to the championships. Even though we lost, it's still memorable going to



Hill is a sophomore member of the baseball team and a sophomore business administration major.

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the championship at that age."

## Will you continue to play baseball after college?

"I definitely will. I have two more years of eligibility to play, and I plan on playing after that and seeing where it takes me."

## What's your ideal career?

"Hopefully, I'll have my own company one day and expand it internationally and travel a lot."

## Do you have any rituals before you get on the field?

"My cancer, even though I was too young to remember all of it, changed the way I live my life. The only ritual I have is to enjoy life as it is, have fun and give it the best I can."

## How did baseball change your life?

"It kept me active and out of trouble."

## How do you describe yourself as an athlete?

"I'm wild, crazy and energetic. I'm a positive guy; I never think about the negatives."

## How do you celebrate winning?

"After we look up at the scoreboard and see that we won, we have to remember that there's another game the next day and that we have to do just as good. We do get a little wild in the locker rooms after the game, but we get right back to work, so we don't get over-satisfied."

## How do you deal with losing?

"I hate losing, but it gives us time to think about it. It doesn't impact us that much because we play four to five games a week; it's not like football where you play one game a week, and you have to think about that loss. You can't get down on yourself too much."

## What do you feel motivates you

## the most?

"Just living life motivates me. Every day is a privilege. I motivate myself to keep going because most people don't realize that they're fortunate enough just to be able to live their lives. We always have to remember that there are people out there who are less fortunate."

## What do you like to do when you're not in school or on the baseball field?

"I like to go to the beach, fish a lot and hang out with my friends and family. If I'm in the mountains, I go hunting. I also like spearfishing. I just like being outdoors; I hate videogames and TV."

## If a movie were to be made about your life, who would you want to play your role?

"I don't think anyone would be able to play it, but I would probably play my own role, or it would have to be one of my buddies who know me well."



## ON THE BENCH:

Sarah Thomson is here to make calls not history

Commentary by: Randa Djabri

@RNDrandal

If there is one thing more difficult than going into the NFL as a player, it's going in as a referee. What about going in as a female referee? It was impossible until the beginning of this month. This has been a step in the right direction for the NFL.

Sarah Thomas, 42-year-old, happily married mother of three, made NFL history when she became the NFL's first full-time female referee.

The news is not only controversial because of Thomas' gender, but also because she's a mother and is already a full-time pharmaceutical sales representative.

In the job that entails wearing a black and white striped uniform and honestly announcing penalties and illegal hits and blocks, gender

shouldn't be a determinant of someone's capability to perform the job well.

While Thomas's intention is not to break any gender barriers, the NFL's decision is still being questioned by many.

Since the NFL had a year full of domestic violence cases against women, it's speculated that the historic hiring decision was a response to the "bad" year. However, Dean Blandino, the league's head of officiating, denied that it had anything to do with that. "Sarah's been on our radar since 2007, so it wasn't an overnight sensation," he said.

Whether the decision was a response to the bad year or not, the NFL made a good call this time because Thomas seems like she is a good fit for the job because her main qualifier was her

experience.

The former basketball player's path to refereeing began with curiosity, and, as she learned more about football, she began to pursue officiating — she's been making history ever since.

In 2009, Thomas became the first woman to referee a college bowl game at the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl. In 2011, she became the first woman to referee in a Big Ten stadium. In 2013, she joined the NFL's officiating program, refereeing Saints' games as required for the course.

Being female will in no way interfere with the way Thomas performs her job, and, if it does, I'm sure the NFL wouldn't be lenient with the consequences just because she's female.

The reason why people are doubting Thomas' ability to perform the job is because women weren't given the opportunity to prove themselves capable of performing such jobs. This job will definitely present new challenges for Thomas, but who's to say she'd fail when she — and other women — haven't had their chance? Who knows, maybe more women will start watching football now that they feel included.

For now, we'll sit back and watch Thomas, with her tucked blond ponytail, perform her job, and then we can formulate opinions on whether or not she was worth the historic hire.

Perhaps more female positions will be in store for the NFL. Your move now MLB and NHL.

# J. COLE AND KENDRICK LAMAR: RAP'S NEW MESSAGE

By: **Destinee A. Hughes**

With titles like “No Role Modelz,” “Mortal Man” and “The Blacker the Berry,” it’s clear J. Cole and Kendrick Lamar have much more to talk about than the typical drugs, women and money message that pervades most rap songs.

Cole tends to rap more about his personal experience and gives listeners a sense of comfort in knowing they are not alone in their everyday struggles, while Lamar’s music reveals the world’s true colors by describing the negative situations we face today. However, the one trait each of possess is the ability to convey an elevating message without degrading women, flaunting money and encouraging drug abuse.

North Carolina native J. Cole effortlessly shows his southern charm in his expressive lyrics in his latest album “Forest Hill Drive.” This 13-track album reminds us of what the original meaning of rap — a personal life story wrapped up in meaningful syllogisms and eloquently written rhymes. Cole’s album follows his previously released albums “Born Sinner” and “Cole Word: The Sideline Story.”

Both albums had popular hits such as “Can’t Get Enough” and “Crooked Smile.” It was obvious from the start that Cole is influenced by the more conscious side of rapping, as opposed to other rappers who simply string together basic rhymes to make quick radio sensations.

Unlike many artists who feature popular artists on their album to ensure higher sales, Cole makes sure he steers clear of this trend by focusing on his personal life, giving it a more



Kendrick Lamar and J.Cole are taking over the rap game.

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authentic, autobiographic feel. He relies on his swift storytelling ability and relaxed voice to appeal to his listeners.

His songs range from the awkward experience of everyone’s first time in “Wet Dreamz” to the sad reality of this generation’s lack of female role models, which happens to be the theme of one of my favorite songs on the album: “No Role Modelz.” In this song, he describes how women today lack depth and are overly concerned with looks and materialistic possessions, rather than the priceless attribute of a beautiful mind. The classic Sade Adu, the late Aaliyah Haughton, the original Aunt Vivian from “Fresh Prince of Bel Air” and the ageless

Nia Long are among the women he mentions in the song as a reminder of what a woman with substance looks like. This song is comforting in despite the media’s efforts to make women’s physical beauty more important than their intelligence — brains trump beauty any day.

“Forest Hill Drive” is the epitome of the perfect album to “vibe” too. This album can be played throughout the day, as it goes through a melody of soft subtle beats with encouraging words to strong, rhythmic sounds that inspire achievement. It’s definitely an album you want to listen to if you’re in the mood for relatable lyrics and beats that take you on an emotional rollercoaster of life’s inevitable ups and downs.

Kendrick Lamar’s third album “To Pimp a Butterfly” is another must-listen. This album includes 16 controversial songs with an empowering, revolutionary feel. He uses these tracks to show his position on racially motivated crimes, justice and money; he raps about money not in the way most rappers flaunt it but in a way that makes listeners consider the power and oppression behind those green, dead presidents. But, the main issue presented by the album is the trend of unjustified hate crimes around the nation.

The most obvious display of this feeling is in his song “The Blacker the Berry,” in which he professes his adoration of being African-American despite society’s negative views. With lyrics like, “I mean it’s evident that I’m irrelevant to society / that’s what you’re telling me / that penitentiary would only hire me,” Lamar easily taps into the deep feelings of many African-American males today.

Within 16 tracks, “To Pimp a Butterfly” manages to awaken the lost consciousness and spirituality we had back when groups like A Tribe Called Quest and Public Enemy existed.

It seems like it’s the third time’s the charm with these two talented artists. Their third albums sets an example for their competition, though Cole and Lamar vary greatly in their rapping style and topics of interest. Cole and Lamar just might be the rappers we’ve been waiting for to bring raw political lyrics back to hip-hop.

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# LE CUBE SESSIONS: DARK, HAUNTING AND POETIC

By: Jazmyn Brown



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Craig's dropped a surprise album, "Le Cube Sessions," offering yet another taste of his raw talent.

"Musical frisson" is the term for those rapturous chills you get from listening to an album like Jonny Craig's "Le Cube Sessions." The Canadian-American singer dropped the surprise album on March 24, and it features five original songs and their corresponding remixes. Each song, with its own dark personality, is a soul-based masterpiece sent from Craig's heart straight to yours.

The 29-year-old artist has been the lead vocalist for the bands Dance Gavin Dance, Emarosa, Ghost Runner on Third and westerHALTS and is currently lead singer for the band Slaves. He also dedicates much of his time to solo work, which includes "Le Cube Sessions," his second full solo album, his debut album, "A Dream Is a Question You Don't Know How to Answer" (2009), a live album, a studio EP, "Find What You Love and Let It Kill You" (2013), and a special edition album of the same name.

Craig's latest album is a continuation of his collaborative

compilation album with Kyle Lucas and Captain Midnite, "The Blueprint for Going in Circles," released in January. "Le Cube Sessions" contains some repeated lyrics from the January album, and Craig even borrows some verses from his Emarosa days. Nonetheless, his deep and powerful music is worth listening to a second time.

"Le Cube Sessions" is a crazy-good album, especially if you're caught up in a tide of feels. The overall vibe is chilling and relatable — everyone has felt that soul-crushing blackness of heartbreak that Craig transforms into a poignant collection of verse accompanied by ethereal instrumentals; it's poetry set to motion.

Craig's flexible sound alternates between rhythm and blues to soul to alternative rock — all within the same album. "Le Cube Sessions" features The Weeknd-esque songs like "California Winters" and "Crossing the Ocean," each a combination of haunting melodies and hypnotizing vocals. The opening song, "Swallow You Whole, While I Fade to Black," characterizes the album as anguished yet gripping, the drums and electric guitar complementing the somber vocals and tone of the song. "Stand" is a blend of soul and rock, producing a unique sound reminiscent of Rufus Wainwright's "Hallelujah," but with a slightly uplifting tone that sets it apart from the other songs of the album. Craig returns to solemnity in "Resist, Rebel," pairing the poetic theme of holding back with the compelling echo of a piano.

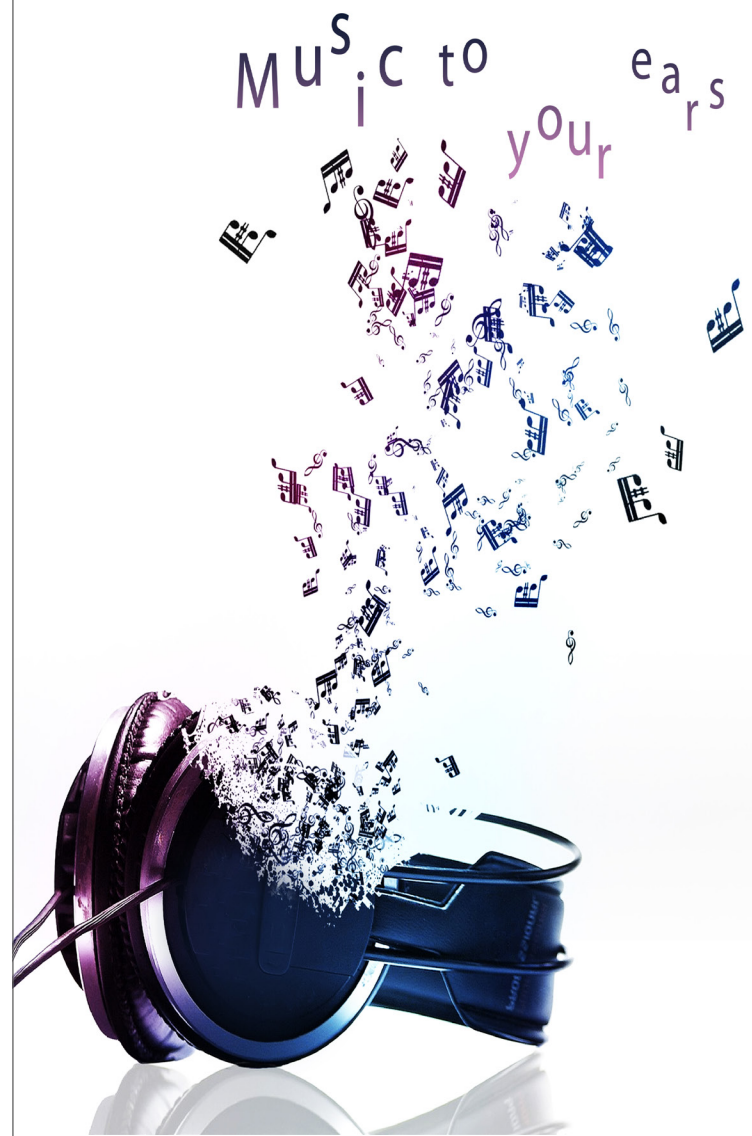
Each song has a remixed counterpart, and each remix offers a more upbeat and trance-like twist to Craig's already enthralling and unique vocals. "Resist, Rebel (E-on Remix)" is distinctive in its fusion of Craig's

vocals and solitary notes of the piano with a hip-hop beat that leaves a lasting impression. "Crossing the Ocean (The Z Rokk "Do the Damn Thing Remix")" is made over into an indie-pop ballad expressing an undying love.

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Craig pours his soul out through his angelic vocals, giving each song a deeper, visceral meaning, lyrics aside. His unadulterated, tangible emotion gives the songs a sucker-punch, his obvious pain reverberating with your own. Craig has cited Motown as an inspiration for his music, and it's obvious in his melding of his soulful vibrato with lyrics from a sore heart. Not only is the influence of soul evident in Craig's style, a gospel sway is also seen in Christian motifs throughout the album, notably in the lyrics of "Swallow You Whole, While I Fade to Black" and "California Winters."

"Le Cube Sessions" epitomizes intensely emotional lyrics about forgetting a great love, running from one's self, experiencing loss and finding and keeping love. The album is equal parts melancholic and euphoric, hitting that tender and achy spot in your heart, striking a chord with abandoned lovers and rejects alike.



# DA-DA: THE CONTEMPORARY DANCE

By: Destinee A. Hughes

NSU Associate Professor Augusto Soledade, founder of Brazzdance Dance Company, presented his new work "Da-Da: A Contemporary Dance" in April in the Gleason Room at the Fillmore Miami Beach.

Soledade teaches several dance classes at NSU including World Dance, Modern Dance I and II and Contemporary Dance Techniques. He is also involved in NSU dance productions such as Dance Works for which he choreographed the Afro-Brazilian dance "Divine Hunter," performed in January. While Soledade continues to motivate NSU students to become experienced dancers, he also channels his eclectic dancing abilities in his Brazzdance Dance Company.

With an artistic inspiration stemming from his childhood in Brazil and adult life in Miami, he often uses Afro-Brazilian moves to help him choreograph monumental pieces. In his Da-Da performance, his inspirations come to fruition through eloquent movements and idealistic choreography.

"Da-Da" began with a nearly 20-minute performance titled "Diaries of an Outlaw 2004." The piece is

inspired by the life of the legendary outlaw Maria Bonita and how the lives of outlaws deal with the limits and pressures of an adverse environment. The dancers in this piece did an amazing job of relaying the idea of an outlaw through their emotional movements, earth-tone ensembles and demanding movements.

The second piece titled "Da-Da 2014" was hands down my favorite piece of the night. In this piece the audience was able to see the different personalities of the dancers and even get a chance to engage with them. As the piece began, the dancers came out in a jovial mood and proceeded to greet each other with unique handshakes. As they finished greeting each other, they moved toward the audience and began to speak and create cool handshakes with them. Luckily I was one of these individuals and was absolutely enamored with how friendly and pleasant the dancers were. Engaging the audience brought a special element to the performance and made the dancers seem much more welcoming.

Though all the dancers were mesmerizing to watch, the dancer who caught my attention the most

was Roderick Calloway. Throughout the show, Calloway danced with nothing but passion, completely engulfed in his movements and his hard work and exceptional dance ability definitely showed through his physical appearance. While Calloway was dancing, he sweat profusely, with every leap and turn Calloway's sweat would sprinkle off of his face. Though most people may find this peculiarity a bit squeamish, I found it absolutely intriguing. I didn't see just sweat when Calloway was dancing; I saw passion, and adoration for what he did. He was working his body so hard to deliver an outstanding performance to the point where his sweat was literally leaving a trail behind him.

Soledade's Brazzdance Company is an exceptionally outstanding company equipped with dancers of limitless talent, and a choreographer with vividly creative ideas. It was refreshing to see so many of the movements that students learn in a typical class with Soledade at NSU performed by a professional dance company. Brazzdance has definitely left an impression on me and Soledade has exciting performances planned for us in May.



Dancer Roderick Calloway displaying his amazing ability.

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## Upcoming Brazzdance Dance Company performances

May 9, 8 p.m. – Brazilian Press Awards, Amatur Theater – Broward Performing Theater

May 22, 6 p.m. – Capturing Brazzdance Photo Exhibit Amadlozi Gallery at African Heritage Cultural Arts Center

May 22 and 23, 8 p.m. – "Oduns" at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center

# COMMENCEMENT IS TOO BIG FOR OUR CAMPUS

By: **Nicole Cocuy**  
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It's Commencement Day. Cloaked in a navy gown, you slightly adjust the placement of your cap and tassel and proudly arrange your pins and medals, symbols of your hard work and dedication, as you line up to walk on stage. This is a day of celebration; you had countless sleepless nights, emotional breakdowns and thoughts of dropping out, but you pushed through every hurdle and made it to the finish line. The best part? Your family and friends traveled all the way to Davie to witness your tremendous achievement.

You hear your name, awkwardly hobble across the stage and eagerly reach toward the first hand you need to shake, anticipating the proud, overzealous cheers of your loved ones. But, instead, as you claim your pseudo-diploma and search the audience, you don't hear the familiar whistles and shouts of your loved ones. Because so many people showed up to commencement, they were unable to secure seats in the arena and were forced to stay in the overflow section.

For the first time ever, commencement will be held on campus, but the arena is significantly smaller than last year's venue, the BB&T Center. Until recently, the plan to accommodate for the

shortage of seats was to offer each graduating student a limited number of tickets. Fortunately, for students like myself with large, proud, eager families, President George Hanbury listened to our concerns and understood our desire to share that special moment with all of our friends, family and loved ones. However, his solution, to get rid of tickets altogether and offer admission to commencement on a first-come, first-served basis, is a recipe for disaster.

Even when there are assigned tickets, and there is more than enough space for everyone, there's something about commencements that makes attendees testy. Everyone shoves, cuts, blocks and argues to get as close as possible to the doors hours before the ceremony even begins. The second the doors open, friends and family members of all ages stampede through the entrance, pushing, complaining and bickering with each other, in hopes of getting the best possible view of the stage and enough seats so the entire party can sit together. Throw in the added pressure of no guaranteed seating and the possibility of being sent to the overflow section, and we have created a real life version of "The Hunger Games."

Unfortunately, while I love our beautiful campus, there is not enough room to host commencement on campus and still let graduates invite all their loved ones. While, yes, there will be designated areas where guests who did not fit in the arena will still be able to watch commencement, no one wants to be that student whose own mother couldn't even be in the same room as her child when he or she finally crosses the stage. No one wants their aging grandmother, who flew in from out of state just to see her grandchild graduate, struggle through angry crowds, only to be forced to watch graduation from a screen. Graduation just doesn't feel right if your dad isn't there to take pixelated, blurry pictures or shaky videos of every second you're on stage, immediately sending his shots of the moment to everyone on his contacts list.

Forcing commencement to be on campus is way too complicated, and the only way to appease everyone is by hosting commencement at the BB&T again. I understand that students whose families have never seen the campus, online students and students from other NSU campuses prefer commencement in our arena because it's the perfect opportunity to sightsee

around campus. I understand that there are students who want to say one last farewell to the place where they spent the past four years studying, learning and growing. However, commencement on campus is far too unpractical, and the BB&T Center is just a quick 15-minute drive away.

Commencement is a big deal, and students want to share that moment with as many people as possible. Unfortunately, there is no on-campus venue large enough to host guests without ticket limitations. While I do hope that this year's commencement ceremonies run smoothly without any complications, I pity those attendees who will be forced to watch commencement from the overflow section and the graduating friend or family members of those attendees who excitedly search for their guests in the crowd, only to be faced with a room full of strangers.

# HUMANS, THE ONLY SELFISH PREDATORS

By: **Jazmyn Brown**

Kill or be killed. That's the type of world we live in, and, unfortunately, 150 to 200 plant, insect, bird and mammal species go extinct every day, according to the UN Environment Programme. We are experiencing Earth's sixth mass extinction.

Extinctions are caused by many factors, among them global warming, a human cause, and natural or "background" extinctions that would happen even without people around. Even though these are a sad reality, there's not much we can really do to stop them right this second; however, hunting and poaching, especially of exotic and noninvasive species, are the direct result of human indifference to the murder of innocent life forms.

Humans are the most destructive force on the planet, ahead of natural disasters, and are the ultimate predators. Just ask the West African Black Rhinoceros, the Caribbean Monk Seal and the Javan Tiger. Oh, wait. You can't. They're extinct.

Humans like to call themselves the most intelligent and advanced species, yet they take pleasure in senseless killing for the sake of their selfish pride. The latest instance that's been plastered all over the news is Rebecca Francis' selfie with a dead giraffe. Yes, a dead giraffe.

Although giraffes are not threatened by extinction, according to the Giraffe Conservation Foundation, their population is estimated to be less than 80,000, across all subspecies, and is steadily declining. The Rothschild's giraffe and West African giraffe subspecies are listed as endangered.

In the photo, Francis is smiling next to the giraffe's dead body. It has raised the attention of several prominent individuals, among them Ricky Gervais, who tweeted, "What must've happened to you in your life to make you want to kill a beautiful animal & then lie next to it smiling?" Indeed, what must've happened to make people like Francis OK with hunting innocent animals?

I don't have to endorse PETA to know that



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 Francis smiles next to the dead bull giraffe. She has also hunted brown bears, Stone's sheep, moose, hogs, buffalo and lions, among other animals.

hunting is not OK, that abusing animals and killing them for no logical reason is not OK. We can't condemn the Japanese for killing whales and dolphins (watch the documentary "The Cove" and the Animal Planet series "Whale Wars") while condoning people who kill animals and have the indecency to take photos with their dead bodies.

If something is in the way, the human tendency is to eradicate it. If we view something as beneath us, how we treat it isn't important. We treat animals like they are our playthings that are there for us to do whatever we wish with them, regardless of the wrongness of killing out of pleasure. Killing, even of animals, is still killing, and the Earth's biodiversity is hurting because of it.

At least when animals kill other animals, it's so they can eat or protect themselves and/or their young. When we're not killing to appease our appetite for burgers, steaks and wings, not to mention bacon, ribs and fish fillets, hunting and poaching do not belong on our to-do list.

If the animal poses a threat, then, yes, if you must kill them, by all means do so. But, your humanity does not include the right to take non-human lives into your own hands without

a rational justification. Yes, we get it; you are a superior human belonging to the master race. There is no need to demonstrate that you're dominant over nature by killing animals just to stroke your own ego.

And, if we're so superior to animals, where's our higher moral reasoning? Where's the little angels on our shoulders that should tell us, "Hey, that animal didn't do anything to you! You're not a hunter-gatherer who must hunt to survive! Let it live." Because, yes, along with the power to kill, you also have the power to let live.

To make matters worse, hunting contradicts conservation efforts, rendering them pointless. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, champion of endangered species, committed to conservation of habits and resources, issued sport-hunting permits for the critically endangered black rhino for the purpose of letting wealthy Americans bring their trophies home in exchange for about \$550,000 for "wildlife conservation, anti-poaching efforts, and community development programs in Namibia." Because the 5,000 rhinos in Namibia are regulated, and their population is deemed sustainable, it's perfectly fine to hunt them. Seems pretty hypocritical and inconsistent.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has followed suit with a unanimous vote to proceed with a black bear hunt in October. According to FWC biologists, there are between 2,500 and 3,000 Florida black bears. But, it's OK to let hunters kill 275 of them because they are a nuisance, and their population needs to be curbed. We take over their habitat, and they get into our garbage, so killing them is the perfect solution. It isn't.

On a brighter note, the Indiana senate shot down a bill, H.B. 1453, that would have legalized inhumane captive hunting of deer, elk and other members of the deer family. It would have legalized privately owned facilities that would stock up on the animals and allow hunters to pay to shoot and bring home guaranteed prizes. We could all learn a thing or two from the Indiana Senate.

All of this makes it kind of difficult to sympathize with people when nature finds ways to repay them for their selfishness. A hunter named Ian Gibson was recently trampled by the elephant he was stalking and preparing to kill in Africa. A man shot at an armadillo, and the bullet ended up hitting his mother-in-law. And, a deer, shot in the leg by a Wisconsin bow hunter, leaped after the hunter, head-butting his leg and sending him to the hospital. Talk about irony and poetic justice.

Instead of taking on this attitude that, because we're human and above animals, we can do whatever we want with them, which includes killing them by the thousands, we should become their protectors and guardians. They can't speak, so we should be their voices. There is enough death in the world without this massacring of species that puts us in a period of mass extinction greater than what the dinosaurs saw.

Realistically, we're the animals. We're the haughty, self-serving, immoral species that has turned to hunting as a means of pleasure and a pastime instead of survival and subsistence. When we're the only ones left on the planet, I guess we'll learn then.

# MAKING US SMARTER

By: **Keren Moros**

In a video on YouTube titled “Look Up,” filmmaker Gary Turk encourages viewers to “look up” from their phones so they don’t miss what life has to offer.

In spoken word poetry, Turk talks about how lonely we are together, how he can’t stand the sound of a quiet train where no one is talking to each other. “We’re a generation of idiots, smartphones and dumb people,” he claims. Eventually, he tells the story about someone — an everyman who could easily be the viewer — who misses out on meeting his soul mate and having an amazing life because he was too busy looking at his phone.

I have news for you. All of the above purported fears are being blown way out of proportion. Technology is not ruining us, and we’re going to be fine.

Nearly 50 million views and thousands of agreeing comments prove how dramatic we’ve become about the supposed scourge of social media and technology. Social media is making us lonely. Textspeak is ruining our spelling, grammar and language as a whole. Being on our phones all the time is stopping us from experiencing the wonderful outdoors and interacting with others. I could go on, but you’ve heard the rest.

First off, we’re not dumber. We have more information than ever before at our fingertips. We keep in contact with our friends in more creative and interactive ways. Our communication has become streamlined, so our in-person conversations become more meaningful and enriched with the knowledge of what we’ve texted, snapchatted and tweeted each other.

And, even when we’re not learning on our phones, our minds are constantly working. We’ve all spent hours playing Angry Birds and Candy Crush, but this is no different from playing hours of Nintendo and Gameboy when

we were younger. And, just because we play games on our phones, it doesn’t mean we’re gradually becoming stupider. For every game, there’s an education app that people can use to improve their brains, work out, get enough sleep, etc. Technology is making it easier to track our brains and health, and we’re the better for it.

Yes, sales of newspapers and books have decreased, but we still have bestsellers and controversial magazine covers. We haven’t stopped consuming the traditional media that made us smart in the first place. We can read online magazines and e-books, and newspaper articles are enhanced by multimedia content online.

Technology is a tool. It can be used for good or evil or morally neutral activities. For the majority of us, it’s good. My cousin is learning Japanese with a learning app on his phone. My extended family can always keep in touch with each other with WhatsApp. My sister has made friends around the world through Twitter. My friends and I send each other pins on Pinterest. I listen to NPR, read ebooks and find out what’s on TV tonight. Anytime I have a question, chances are high that Google can instantly answer it. And it’s all on our phones.

We are talking and communicating now more than ever before, and this isn’t overwhelming us. On the contrary, it’s helping us grow as people. After all, there’s no excuse for being misinformed when you have the world’s information at your grasp. It’s almost like magic. Yes, some people may be a little too distracted by their phones, but that doesn’t mean that phones are ruining us. Life is getting better, and, since we don’t have to worry about artificial intelligence becoming sentient, let’s enjoy it.



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## Shark Speak: What is the most important lesson you learned this year at NSU?



“The importance of communicating with people from different cultures.”

**Emma Wahlstrom,**  
sophomore business administration major



“Learning to balance your extracurricular activities with your school and actually finding time to do your schoolwork.”

**Alka Joy,**  
junior biology major

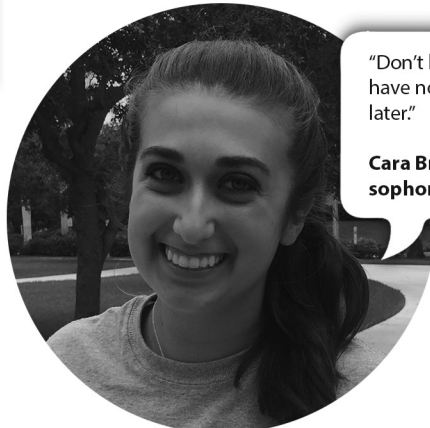
“I learned that there are a lot of different people whom I still haven’t interacted with. I used to travel around and meet people, so, when I came here, I thought I had it all figured out, but people are different. It was a nice experience to see that, not with ethnicities but more with personality.”

**Dayo Julius,**  
freshman biology major



“Don’t procrastinate with your work.”

**Kendall Mockbridge,**  
sophomore marine biology major



“Don’t burn bridges with people you know. Even if you have nothing to do with them, you might need them later.”

**Cara Bruggeman,**  
sophomore biology major





# Help Wanted

All students should contact the Office of Student Employment Website to apply for these positions:

[http://www.nova.edu/financialaid/employment/how\\_to\\_apply.html](http://www.nova.edu/financialaid/employment/how_to_apply.html)



## **Student Library Assistant-(045)**

**Job ID: 4494**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$9/hour**

Shelving, answer phones, copying, filing, etc.

## **Student Assistant-(894)**

**Job ID: 4778**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$8.75/hour**

Manage incoming calls and walk-ins, have knowledge to answer questions and direct to appropriate individuals or offices. Manage and maintain the Director's calendar. Assist the Director with communications and correspondence, travel arrangements and travel reports. Recommend and implement improvements in procedures/systems. Serve as liaison in securing information for students, parents and other staff members. Assist with special functions, seminars, workshops, information meetings, including possible visit to site locations. Other duties as assigned.

## **Student Assistant-(813)**

**Job ID: 4737**

**Hours: 18 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$10/hour**

Provide administrative assistance to the Office of Legal Affairs. Filing, typing, email, calendar, etc. Other duties as assigned.

## **Junior Support Services Agent-(1115)**

**Job ID: 5477**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$10/hour**

Assist Strategic Support Services Specialists by routing technical support calls to appropriate departments in OIIT. Provide end-user support including triage troubleshooting. Responsible for problem/incident, problem escalation and incident/resolution tracking. Courteously obtain and convey concise problem information for cross-functional units via E-mail, phone, chat 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.

## **Graduate Student Assistant - Supplemental Instruction (SI)-(1117)**

**Job ID: 5465**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$14/hour**

The primary purpose of a supplemental instruction graduate student assistant is to assist the Director of Tutoring and Testing with recruitment, selection, training and supervision of supplemental instruction leaders nominated by faculty. Additionally, this position will assist with the overall development and expansion of the supplemental instruction program at NSU. Job Functions:

1. Assist the Director with SI leader recruitment, selection, training and supervision. This position will work directly with 10 to 20 SI leaders (currently enrolled undergraduate students).

2. Assist the Director with all projects and areas of responsibility related to the expansion of the supplemental instruction program, as well as other academic support initiatives and services.

3. Maintain data on supplemental instruction courses, faculty and students.

4. Assist with assessment of the program and preparation of reports as needed.

5. Develop and maintain TTC/SI website and promotional information as needed.

6. Available at least 20 hours per week during established office hours. Must meet with direct supervisor on a weekly basis. Must be flexible with work schedule and available to work during the day, evenings and weekends, around class schedule.

7. Other duties as assigned to promote and support all programs and initiatives within the College of Undergraduate Studies and the Division of Student Affairs.

## **Math/Science Tutor Level II-(1113)**

**Job ID: 5464**

**Hours: 8 hrs./week to 12 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$9.75/hour**

The primary purpose of a Level II tutor is to provide tutoring and academic support to students in response to course assignments and questions and assist with training and mentoring of Level I peer tutors.

Job Functions

The primary duties of a Level II Math/Science tutor are as follows:

1. Work with students in one-to-one tutoring sessions both live and online.

2. Discuss learning, test-taking and study strategies while assisting with course work assignments and questions.

3. Maintain familiarity with all courses that you are responsible for tutoring by reviewing textbooks, software/videos and solution manuals.

4. Maintain familiarity with all existing Tutoring and Testing Center publications, the office website and available computer software and videos and refer them to students as appropriate.

5. Participate in monthly training sessions conducted by Assistant Director of Tutoring Services aimed at earning College Reading and Learning Association Tutor Certification (CRLA).

6. Assist Assistant and Associate Director with training of new Level I tutors through mock and co-tutoring sessions.

7. Mentor assigned Level I tutors.

8. Review and maintain student files.

9. Complete Tutor Summary Sheet after each tutoring session.

10. Check NSU e-mail frequently for staff communications.

11. Attend and participate in Tutoring and Testing Center meetings.

12. Complete special projects as assigned by the Assistant/Associate Director.

## **Math/Science Tutor Level I-(1109)**

**Job ID: 5463**

**Hours: 8 hrs./week to 12 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$8.75/hour**

The primary purpose of a Level I tutor is to provide tutoring and academic support to students in response to course assignments and questions.

Job Functions

The primary duties of a Math/Science Level I tutor are as follows:

1. Work with students in one-to-one tutoring sessions both live and online.

2. Discuss learning, test-taking and study strategies while assisting with course work assignments and questions.

3. Maintain familiarity with all courses that you are responsible for tutoring by reviewing textbooks, software/videos and solution manuals.

4. Maintain familiarity with all existing Tutoring and Testing Center publications, the office website and available computer software and videos and refer them to students as appropriate.

5. Participate in monthly training sessions conducted by Assistant Director of Tutoring Services aimed at earning College Reading and Learning Association Tutor Certification (CRLA).

6. Review and maintain student files.

7. Complete Tutor Summary Sheet after each tutoring session.

8. Check NSU e-mail frequently for staff communications.

9. Attend and participate in Tutoring and Testing Center meetings.

10. Complete special projects as assigned by the Assistant/Associate Director.

## **Administrative Student Assistant-(970)**

**Job ID: 4834**

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

**Rate: \$9/hour**

Manage and provide customer service to incoming telephone calls. Answer fundamental status calls. Conduct research in Hobsons, Banner and Netsearch. Schedule counseling appointments. Schedule tours. Process documents and handle accordingly. Participate in telephone chats as requested. Provide receptionist duties.

## **Student Assistant - Circulation-(034)**

**Job ID: 4900**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$8.50/hour**

Provide circulation services to library users within the Alvin Sherman Library. Responsibilities may include check-in & check-out of materials, answering directional questions, participating in shelving/collection inventory projects and completing other duties as assigned.

## **Marketing Assistant - Library Administration-(824)**

**Job ID: 4923**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$10/hour**

Reports directly to the Director of Community Relations and Marketing. Works on the marketing materials under the supervision of the director. Must understand how to create postcards, posters, bookmarks, brochures and other materials as directed. Provides support for marketing director.

## **Marketing Assistant - Library Administration-(824)**

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## **Graduate Assistant - Systems Management-(522)**

**Job ID: 4913**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$10/hour**

Analyze and resolve both simple and complex computer problems. Provide effective, courteous and timely responses to requests for service. Interact with library staff on the phone, in person, and via electronic mail. Maintain confidentiality and integrity of information and physical security of systems. Integrate clients' desktop systems. Maintain database and report activities of tracking and responses to service requests. Document work activities thoroughly.

## **Office Manager-(891)**

**Job ID: 5448**

**Hours: 12 hrs./week to 25 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$9.25/hour**

The Office Manager role serves to provide oversight for the various aspects of office operations including, but not limited to: Ariba budget management, student staff scheduling and the departmental calendar.

•Coordinate scheduling of all departmental student staff for semesters, breaks and interim periods

•Organize and maintain budgets in conjunction with departmental professional staff

•Organize departmental calendar

•Serve as point of contact for Ariba (budget management program, including ordering of office supplies), E-maint work-order software, Astra (room reservation requests) and other relevant programs

•Assist in the development of student staff training

Other Related Duties:

•Answer main departmental telephone line

•Assist with departmental mailings

•Other duties as assigned by SLCE staff

## **Civic Engagement Program Assistant-(1120)**

**Job ID: 5454**

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

**Rate: \$8.50/hour**

This position will provide oversight for inputting projects into the Community Collaboration Database as well as work with staff in communications to local community affiliates and will also maintain the community affiliate newsletter.

•Manage inputting for Community Collaboration Database projects as well as be cross-trained in the SERV hour database process.

•Work with staff in communications with Community Affiliates

Other Related Duties:

•Answer main office telephone line

•Other duties as assigned by SLCE staff

•Maintain Community Affiliate newsletter

## **Civic Engagement Program Assistant-(1116)**

**Job ID: 5453**

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

**Rate: \$8.50/hour**

This position will provide oversight for the SERV hour database as well as maintain the service opportunity board and calendar. Additionally this position will provide assistance with the days of service, including registration for the events and logistical support.

•Manage SERV hour process as well as cross-train with the Community Collaboration Database

•Maintain front service opportunity board/calendar

•Serve as support for Days of Service to include oversight for the registration process and logistical support

•Answering main office telephone line

•Other duties as assigned by SLCE staff

•Answer main departmental telephone line

•Other duties as assigned by SLCE staff