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The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement will host its annual Leadership Conference for students to participate in workshops designed to define and refine their leadership skills on Jan. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the RecWell basketball courts in the Don Taft University Center.

The workshops will cover diverse subjects, including interpersonal dynamics, communication, leadership styles, personality types, learning teamwork through improvisational comedy, using leadership skills through dance and how communication leads to feng shui. Students can choose workshops based on their interests.

Stephanie Schoeder, graduate assistant for Leadership and Civic Engagement and organizer of the Leadership Conference, said she hopes the conference will motivate students to make NSU better.

“Making NSU better might be helping out other students, helping out their organizations or something bigger,” she said. “Also, I want students to do that self-reflection and see who they are as a leader and grow from that.”

Ujala Ahmed, junior finance major, has attended the Leadership Conference since her freshman year. She took what she learned from the conference and applied it to Relay for Life at NSU, which raises money for the American Cancer Society.

“I was having trouble getting people involved,” she said. “But I got my members involved because I helped them connect to a cause and made it personal for them. That’s something I learned from the conference.”

Attending past conferences expanded Ahmed’s definition of leadership, as well as increasing her effectiveness as a student leader.

“Leadership isn’t just about managing people,” she said. “It’s about connecting with them, getting on their level and influencing them. If you can’t connect with someone, you can’t lead them.”

Schoeder said that leadership goes beyond organizations and is the number-one skill that employers look for in job applicants.

“You should know how to be a leader, so that you can use that to improve your employment prospects,” she said.

President Hanbury will welcome students to the event, and the keynote speaker, author Pete Mockaitis, will close the conference.

According Mockaitis’s biography on CAMPUSPEAK, an agency that represents college speakers, he wrote “The Student Leader’s Field Guide” during his time as a student at the University of Illinois. He has also been the leader of nine different student organizations. He will speak on how students can achieve higher levels of involvement in student organizations in a single year.

The Leadership Conference is only open to NSU students. Students can sign up online at osig.youcs.com://30716/forms/1684395. The registration deadline is Jan. 15 at 5 p.m., and check-in begins on Jan. 23 at 9 a.m. at the RecWell basketball courts. Snacks will be available for breakfast, and lunch will be provided. Business casual attire is required.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at 954-262-7195 or slce@nova.edu.
Japanese researchers to give official name to element 113
The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry announced that scientists from RIKEN, a large research institute in Japan, will name element 113, currently under the placeholder name ununtrium, due to new isotopes published between 2004 and 2012. The studies prompted IUPAC to credit the Japanese scientists at the institute with discovering the synthetic element. Japan is the first Asian country to give an official name to an element, and one possible name is “japonium.” Ununtrium is one of four newly discovered elements, and their discovery completes the seventh row of the periodic table. Teams of Russian and American scientists discovered the remaining three elements, which have atomic numbers 115, 117 and 118. Their respective placeholder names are sower, ununpentium and ununhexium; they will also receive official names. The last two elements to be officially added to the periodic table were element 114, flerovium, and element 116, livermorium, in 2011.

Spanish police seize cocaine, arrest smugglers
In what is the largest seizure of cocaine in Galicia since 1999, Spanish police said they confiscated more than three tons of cocaine and took 11 suspected drug smugglers into custody. The UK National Crime Agency, a law enforcement agency, received a tip, and Spanish officers launched an operation and searched the cocaine’s Spanish warehouse, along with one million euros (more than $1 million) and a gun. The alleged smugglers hail from Spain, Britain and the Netherlands.

U.S. justice department sues Volkswagen
Following the emissions scandal of September 2015, the U.S. department of justice filed a lawsuit against the German car manufacturer on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The suit posits that Volkswagen’s faulty emission control systems cause emissions that exceed the EPA’s standards, “resulting in harmful air pollution,” and that VW “violated” clean air laws by selling vehicles with a different design than that of those approved by the EPA. Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator for the EPA’s Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, said the filing is a step toward promoting public health in holding VW accountable. VW also faces separate criminal charges, as well as class-action lawsuits. The car manufacturer will recall millions of cars worldwide and has set aside more than $7 million for legal expenses. Violators will face a fine of at least $37,500, equivalent to more than $40,000. In April 2015, France’s Parliament passed a bill requiring models to provide medical proof of a BMI of at least 18 before they are able to work.

Mexican governor attributes mayor’s death to gang activity
Mayor Gisela Mota was shot dead at her home in Temixco, located near Mexico City in the state of Morelos, less than 24 hours after she took office. Mexican Governor Graco Ramírez took control of police in 15 cities and towns following Mota’s murder, saying that the government would not be “intimidated” by organized crime. Mota pledged to clean up the drug- and organized crime-ridden city of Temixco, which is one of Mexico’s most violent states. Graco said Mota’s murder was “a message and a clear threat for the mayor’s who recently took office to accept the police force in charge that we have supported and that is being built at a national level.” Police shot and killed two of Mota’s attackers and arrested at least two more.

World’s largest blue star sapphire discovered in Sri Lanka
Nicknamed “The Star of Adam,” the gem, weighing 1,404.49 carats, is worth between $100 million and $175 million. The current owner of the gem, who wishes to remain anonymous, bought the gem for an undisclosed price after suspecting that it was the largest blue star sapphire. He named it “The Star of Adam” after a Muslim belief that Adam came to Sri Lanka after he was cast out of the Garden of Eden. The gemology institute in Colombo, Sri Lanka’s capital, has not certified anything larger than the millions-dollar sapphire, and a leading gem and jewelry dealer in Sri Lanka confirmed the gem’s status as the largest of its kind. The next largest blue star sapphire weighs in at 1,385 carats. Sapphires are the main export in Sri Lanka’s gem industry; the gem was found in Ratnapura, a southern city also called the City of Gems. The gem is currently looking for an owner and an appraiser to work out a fair price for the gem. Its current owner is planning to provide medical proof of a BMI of at least 18 before they are able to work.

France passes law banning excessive thinness in models
Modeling agents could face six months of imprisonment and a fine of up to 75,000 euros, or more than $80,000, for violating new legislation prohibiting the hiring of excessively skinny models. The law maintains that models must provide medical proof of good health and an appropriate Body Mass Index (BMI). Along with the new law, deputies in France’s National Assembly agreed to an article requiring that photos of models that may have been digitally edited to be identified as such. Violators will face a fine of at least 37,500 euros, equivalent to more than $40,000. In April 2015, France’s Parliament passed a bill requiring models to provide medical proof of a BMI of at least 18 before they are able to work.

Human Trafficking Awareness Week
As part of Human Trafficking Awareness Week, the Multicultural Association for Pre-Health Students (MAPS) will host events to raise awareness about human trafficking from Jan. 11-15.

According to the Department of Justice, South Florida is the third-busiest area for human trafficking in the United States. The Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking’s website states that human trafficking is the second-most common illegal activity in the United States.

“Human trafficking could happen to anyone,” said Jenna Knafo, President of MAPS. “It’s such a huge problem in South Florida.”

Kaisha Butz, vice president of MAPS and a senior biology major, explained that Human Trafficking Awareness Week is especially relevant to NSU students planning on a career in healthcare.

“The event on Jan. 13 will feature speakers from NSU’s College of Health Care Sciences, NSU’s Department of Health Science, the Planation Police Department, the Office of Child Welfare and the U.S. Attorney’s office.

This is the second year that MAPS has organized Human Trafficking Awareness Week at NSU. The association started a Facebook page dedicated to human trafficking victims in the coming years and hopes to raise more awareness at NSU.

“I think awareness helps students not get into those situations, and if they see someone who’s going through something they’ve heard about, they can ask the right questions and get them help,” said Butz. All are invited to attend the events.

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline is 888-373-7888. For more information on NSU’s Human Trafficking Awareness Week, contact Jenna Knafo at jk1124@nova.edu.
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and said that she believes NSU’s students have innovative and fresh ideas. “These ideas are invaluable and support NSU’s core values,” she said. “In particular, those of being student-centered, innovation and community involvement.”

The White House initiated a generic pledge for applicants to form, so Lebahg worked with Traviso to write an NSU-specific pledge that included bullet points of sustainable initiatives the university has made, including continuing to improve the single stream recycling program and develop a program to reduce landscape waste recycling, construction material recycling and used furniture redistribution. Future plans include connecting additional buildings, such as the Family Center and the Center of Collaborative Research to the Lafferty Energy Plant and striving to make the CCR and Noel P. Brown facility LEED-certified.

By: Grace Ducanis
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According to studies by the Economist and the Brookings Institute, a gap exists among the top 25 percent for undergraduate student earnings ten years after enrollment. Both studies used data from the U.S. Department of Education’s College Scorecard, which published demographic and earnings information about students based on information submitted on financial aid applications and on tax returns. In both studies, the financial advantages of attending a particular university were calculated by comparing the gap between how much money a student earns, to the money they could have made if they had studied at a different school.

NSU scored in the 77th percentile in the Economist study and in the 76th percentile in the Brookings study. In an article on the studies by Kristel Twiari at SharkFins, President Hanson said, “Our priority at NSU is preparing our students for success in their chosen career fields. The fact that NSU graduates are earning more than three quarters of their peers from other colleges is a testament that our faculty members, researchers and other support staff are focused on helping our students realize their potential.”

The Economist found that NSU students earn $2,261 more per year than expected. The expected earnings for a student attending NSU ten years after enrollment are $44,238, and the actual median earnings are $46,500. The Brookings study predicted that earnings for NSU students ten years after enrollment would be $42,828, and the actual median earnings are $48,939. In the Brookings study, NSU students earned an estimated $6,166 four-year college.

The Economist determined its ranking of schools by first determining how much money a student could expect to make after graduating, which they calculated based on SAT scores, ethnicity, gender, the size of the college, whether the college was public or private and the major of a student. They compared that number to the amount of money that actually made. The study included 1,275 four-year colleges. Brookings’ method for determining rankings was similar but gave more weight to different variables. Brookings found that curriculum value, the share of graduates in STEM occupations, high completion rates and high faculty salaries are all associated with high student earnings. The study included 1,666 four-year colleges.

In the Economist study, NSU ranked higher than Florida Atlantic University, Florida State University, the University of Central Florida and the University of Florida. In the Brookings study, NSU ranked higher than all of the previously mentioned universities, with the exception of the University of Florida. The studies were published in October 2015. Both the Economist and Brookings admitted that the studies are likely limited in some way. “No ranking system is perfect,” said Brookings.

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Candidate column: Candidates viewpoints on gun regulation

On Jan. 5, President Barack Obama announced that he will implement a series of executive actions to regulate guns in the country. Some actions include expanding checks for buyers, requiring that individuals selling firearms are licensed gun dealers and mandating that all sellers keep formal sale records. Presidential candidates made the following statements about gun control.

“We should never compromise the Second Amendment. Of course, we should be thinking about what we can do to keep dangerous weapons out of the hands of mentally unstable people. The two things are not incompatible.” —Ben Carson, in a “Meet the Press” interview with Chuck Todd in 2015

“There are a lot of things we’ve got to do in our country. Reing in Wall Street is certainly one of them. I agree with that. That’s why I’ve got such a good plan. But we have to also go after the gun lobby. And 92 percent of Americans agree we should have universal background checks, close the gun show loophole… And I will do everything I can as president to get that accomplished.” —Hillary Clinton, in the Democratic Debate on Nov. 16

“I feel that the gun-free zones and, you know, when you say that, that’s target practice for the sickos and for the mentally ill… They look around for gun-free zones. You know, we could give you another example — the Marines, the Army, these wonderful six soldiers that were killed. Two of them were among the most highly-decorated — they weren’t allowed on a military base to have guns. And somebody walked in and shot them, killed them. If they had guns, he wouldn’t be around very long. I can tell you, there wouldn’t have been much damage. So, I think gun-free zones are a catastrophe. They’re a feeding frenzy for sick people.” —Donald Trump, in the Republican Debate on Oct. 28

“Florida is a pro-gun state. Gun violence has dropped. There’s a reason for it. We created a balance that’s focused on lowering gun violence, but protecting the Second Amendment, and it’s a model for many other countries and many other states because of that. These cases of people who are just mentally drugged — we as a society better figure out how we identify these folks long before they feel compelled to take up a gun and kill innocent people.” — Jeb Bush, during CNN coverage of presidential hopefuls on June 27

“Before we start calling for more laws, I think we ought to consider why we don’t enforce the laws we have, and I think we need to know a little bit more about this incident… Well, let’s start with we know: a whole bunch of people who have guns and aren’t supposed to. They’re on a list, and yet we’re not doing anything about it. We’re not prosecuting them. Many murders are committed by people who are not supposed to have guns and who have guns. We know this. It’s a fact, and yet these people aren’t prosecuted.” —Carly Fiorina, in an interview with ABC’s Margaret-Ann Carter about the Roseburg, Oregon, school shooting

“Obama can shamelessly try and exploit any tragedy he wants, but it’s clear that gun-free zones are sitting duck zones… His passion is gruesomely misplaced into destroying the Second Amendment. There were 50 shootings in Chicago this past two weekends, and this administration failed to utter a word. Gun violence is a problem in this country, but it’s not the fault of the Second Amendment; it’s the fault of evil people doing evil things.” — Mike Huckabee, on his Facebook page following the Oregon school shooting

“The most poisonous force in American politics today is not the bad people who do bad things… It is the good people who do nothing… If the thousands of young men killed by gun violence every year across America were young, poor and white rather than young, poor and black, it is hard to imagine that our Congress would continue to block common-sense measures to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill.” —Martin O’Malley, at the U.S. Conference of Mayors in San Francisco

“The Second Amendment to the Constitution isn’t for just protecting human rights, and it’s not only to safeguard your right to target practice… It is a constitutional right to protect your children, your family, your home, our lives and to serve as the ultimate check against government tyranny — for the protection of liberty.” — Ted Cruz, in an article in the New York Times

“While the president did propose some reasonable measures, I’m disappointed, yet not surprised, to see so much emphasis on gun control and not enough on key contributors to mass shootings — mental illness and the impact of the entertainment industry’s glorification of violence.” — Rick Santorum, in response to President Obama’s gun control recommendations in 2013

“Protecting and preserving our constitutional freedoms is one of the most important things a governor can do. The Bill of Rights forbids the government from infringing on the freedoms unique to America, but that hasn’t deterred politicians who want to treat the Second Amendment as optional and strip us of the right to keep and bear arms. I will fight these attempts to get around the U.S. and Wisconsin Constitutions, and I will strive to protect our rights today and for future generations.” — Scott Walker, on his campaign website

“There are two fundamental issues. The first is the issue of who should be kept from having guns and using firearms, a lot of them are criminals. And a lot of people who are getting killed are members of gangs inside our urban areas.” — Jim Webb, on Democratic Primary Debate on Oct. 13

“We certainly need an assault weapons ban, but we need more than that. There are some 260 million people each year who are injured or killed by gun violence, so it’s very important that we ban assault weapons, for starters, but there are other steps that need to be taken quickly. Local communities need to be able to regulate guns, as needed, to deal with their violence. So we need to keep guns out of the hands of criminals. We need background checks so that the mentally ill are not possessing and using guns. And we need to end the gun show loopholes, as well, because there’s far too much violence from guns, which is not expected.” — Jill Stein, on the expanded second Obama-Romney 2012 debate

“I come from a state that has virtually no gun control. And yet, at political peril, I voted for an instant background check, which I want to see strengthened and expanded. I voted to ban certain types of assault weapons, which are designed only to kill people. I voted to end the so-called gun show loophole. What I think there needs to be is a dialogue. And here’s what I do believe: I believe what I call common-sense gun reform. Plus, a revolution in mental health, making sure that if people are having a nervous breakdown, or are suicidal, or homicidal, they get the care they need when they need it.” — Bernie Sanders, in a “Meet the Press” interview with Chuck Todd in 2015

“My position on guns is pretty clear. I believe law-abiding people have a fundamental constitutional right to bear arms, and I believe criminals and dangerous people should not have access to guns. There are laws that protect those two things, and many of these [additional] gun laws are ineffective. They don’t do those things. They either infringe on the rights of law-abiding people or do nothing to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people. It should be about violence. Violence is the problem; guns are what they’re using.” — Marco Rubio, in the CNN SOTU 2013 interview series of presidential hopefuls

“I’m very concerned about the mental health side of this. Let’s do some tough things on mental health, let’s make involuntary commitment of people who speak violently easier for doctors. I think that makes sense. But let’s remember something else, in many of the places around this country where they have the toughest gun laws, they have the highest violent crime rates. Violence in America that’s happened on our streets in our cities, like Chicago, up 19 percent, the murder rate. New York, up 11 percent. And you have some of the most aggressive gun laws in cities like that. So let’s enforce the law.” —Chris Christie, in an interview with ABC’s Martha Raddatz in 2015

“As President, I vow to uphold our entire Bill of Rights, but specifically our right to bear arms. I will not support any proposed gun control law which would limit the right to gun ownership by those who are responsible, law-abiding citizens. In the White House, I will remain vigilant in the fight against infringements on our Second Amendment rights.” — Rand Paul, on his campaign website

“I’m a Second Amendment advocate. I don’t believe the government should be taking guns from people. I think people have a right to be armed. It’s about keeping the Second Amendment, and it’s allowing legitimate gun owners to be able to do what they want, which is exercise their constitutional right.” — John Kasich, in a Fox news report in 2015

“Gun control is not the answer… The real answer at this point is more community-based mental health, which is what I attempted to do as governor. But the main thing we have to do is be resolving about standing for the right of all Americans, even in the face of criminal conduct that would create an excuse for diminishing those rights.” — Jim Gilmore, in an interview with CNN’s Poppy Harlow in 2015

“If you outlaw laws, you only outlaw will have guns. The first people who are going to be in line to turn in their guns are law-abiding citizens. Criminals are going to be left with guns. I believe that concealed carry is a way of reducing gun violence.” — Gary Johnson, in an interview with “Playboy” magazine in 2000
Fraternities ‘rush’ new members

By: Li Cohen

NSU’s Interfraternity Council will host the semi-annual Rush Week for interested students to learn more about the social fraternities on campus from Jan. 11 to Jan. 15.

IFC is composed of the campus’s three social fraternities: Phi Gamma Delta, or Fiji, Kappa Sigma and Beta Theta Pi. During rush week, each fraternity hosts events to find potential new members and for non-Greek affiliated males to learn more about each organization.

Each fraternity has a different events, goals and criteria for accepting new members. In order to rush, undergraduate students must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average and carry at least 12 credits.

IFC Vice President for Recruitment Shawn Stricker, junior sport and recreation management major, said there are various reasons people join Greek life — to establish life-long friendships, gain leadership experience, to network or to do service.

Stricker said that joining Kappa Sigma helped him develop interpersonal skills and values and provided him with a brotherhood that became family. After his father passed away, Stricker said that his brothers attended his dad’s funeral and continuously supported him through the process.

“Three acts of kindness made my mother and I realize how important my fraternity’s brotherhood really was to us all,” he said. “I can truly say the title of ‘brother’ is an accurate one to represent each of them.”

Stricker said people who want to get involved or learn more should attend events to meet the brothers of each fraternity.

“Anyone with an interest or curiosity is welcome. The guys from every fraternity are friendly and welcoming,” he said. “There really isn’t a reason not to stop by.”

IFC President Chris Joyce, sophomore business administration major, said that typically, students in Greek life have better GPAs than unaffiliated students and that joining a fraternity can help students find a “home away from home.”

“If it wasn’t for Greek life, I wouldn’t have gotten involved, and I probably wouldn’t like NSU as much as I do now,” he said. “It has given me a group of people whom I can rely on no matter what.”

For more information about Rush Week or IFC in general, contact nsuifc@nova.edu.

Rush Events

Fiji
Point of Contact: Baron Madrigal at bm1010@nova.edu or Christian Charles at cc2580@nova.edu

Jan. 12
Phi Gam BBQ Slam 4-7 p.m. @ Commons Pagoda

Jan. 13
Informational noon-1 p.m. @ Commons 123

Jan. 14
Phi Gam Field Day 4-6 p.m. @ Intramural Fields

Jan. 15
Invitation Only Bid Ceremony 4-9 p.m.

Kappa Sigma
Point of Contact: Josh Haeffner at jh2372@nova.edu

Jan. 12
Game Night 7 p.m. @ Commons 123

Jan. 13
Chick-fil-A Beach Day 3-6 p.m. @ Commons Pagoda

Jan. 14
Dodgeball 8 p.m. @ RecWell basketball courts

Beta Theta Pi
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Jan. 12
Basketball 6-8 p.m. @ RecWell basketball courts
From the white sandy beaches to the perfect blend of Mexican culture, Cabo San Lucas was, by far, the most beautiful place I had ever been to. It was May when my best friend and I departed the airport in Seattle, Washington, to go to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, at 5 a.m. This trip was for both her and me to just relax before we started summer classes, and since her family normally travels to Cabo every year, they invited me to come this time.

Normally, when they would invite me, I would be busy with my high school finals. Waking up at about 3 a.m. was not my idea of a good time, but I knew right when our plane landed in Cabo that all of my problems and worries would just disappear for a couple of days.

The flight from Seattle to Cabo San Lucas took about four hours. It flew by fast because both my best friend and I slept the whole time. And when we woke up and looked out the plane window, all we could see was paradise.

Once we finally got through customs, we got on the van that would then take us to our hotel. As we were driving, we passed many different landscapes. There were both desert landscapes, as well as tropical ocean landscapes, and the weather was perfect.

The temperature was in the upper 80s with a slight breeze, which on the JFK airport in New York City is not very good for skin. It’s true that Florida only has one season, but hot, but it is still important to protect your skin. Stay tuned for some tips to keep your skin toned.

Wash, rinse, repeat
Depending on your skin type, you might notice a change in your skin as a reaction to the change in weather. During the wintertime, especially if it is windy, it is very hard for our skin to retain moisture. As a result, your skin may become dry and in some cases red and flaky.

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You do not have to wash your face with extremely hot water, which can remove healthy oils and irritate your skin. But it is still important to protect your skin with a good toner. A good toner is usually witch hazel-based and helps to remove bacteria. Not only does it add moisture, but applying a hydrating moisturizer to your skin will help even out your skin’s appearance by removing that dead skin.

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The magic of water
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Songs, snowflakes, skin care: Protecting your skin during the winter
By: Roddia Paul

Just because the weather outside may be frightful, it doesn’t mean that your skin won’t be delightful. Your skin is the largest organ in the human body, and it is made of the skin barrier: a layer of skin, and the skin Esteem. It’s true that Florida only has one season, but hot, but it is still important to protect your skin. Stay tuned for some tips to keep your skin toned.

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Breaking skin barriers
An important part of any skin routine is your exfoliant. Yes, breaking through those dead layers of skin is essential. Your skin cannot shine if it’s covered in layers of old skin. Removing dead skin is essential year-round because it helps prevent unhealthy wrinkled skin.

During the winter, exfoliating is even more essential because, with the harsh weather, you can experience dryness, dry skin, and exfoliating will help even out your skin’s appearance by removing that dead skin.

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Moisture is more than something you apply to your skin; it’s something you need to provide to the systems within your body. During winter, the air is dry, and it’s the time that your organs, such as your skin and hair, are the most vulnerable.

If you want to get technical, let’s think of your skin in its most basic form, a cell. Just like any other cell in the body, your skin cells are predominantly composed of water and, therefore, need water to function. Lack of water will lead to dry, flaky, aged-looking skin.

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Secret Life: Dr. Rheanna Rutledge

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Rheanna Rutledge, visiting assistant professor of communication in the Department of Writing and Communication, started teaching here last semester, but before joining the NSU family, she spent a year deployed in Afghanistan. From 2011 to 2012, Rutledge traveled all over Afghanistan, primarily in places that had been strongholds for the Taliban, working as a lead social scientist assigned to the Special Forces.

“[I]t was over 100 pounds at the time myself, what it’s physically like. It’s over 100 degrees in. And so you finally get used to it, but that’s like, ‘Turn on a hair blow dryer on hot and on high’ — their fields. Who knew?”

Rutledge embarked on the adventure of a lifetime, during which she experienced crippling heat, cultural breakdowns and heartwarming moments. Fortunately for her students, she brings the many lessons she learned throughout her experiences into the classroom.

What made you decide to deploy?

“I had wanted to deploy for a long time. In 2004, I originally went into the military. I ended up going because I got ovarian cancer, so I left the military and came back after working for the military for several years and getting a doctorate. I came back in the role of a civilian in uniform, and I was able to deploy. I had always wanted to deploy to make that difference because it was just something that I had always felt almost obligated and meant to do. I was working for the government, and I was reading all of these fascinating things that were going on and watching all of this stuff, and I was sitting here behind a computer. I felt like I wanted to be involved actually making a difference, and I felt like I wasn’t making the difference that I wanted to make being behind that computer. I wanted actually to be in the midst of it and to do what I could do with my background. So I literally signed up, somebody told me about a program, and I said, ‘Okay, I’m in for it.’ I got a call a week later, and within a few months, I found myself in training and left for Afghanistan for a year.”

Do you feel like you did make that difference?

“It’s the biggest difference I think I’ve made in my entire life, up until now. Even though I thought that was the only time in my life that I could make an incredible change in people’s lives, I’m actually finding that now, being a parent, I am able to make that for my son and make this difference as a mom. But, actually, with my students, I’m finding that I’m equally as engaged as I was in Afghanistan, and I would have never thought that was possible. But now I’m finding that I get that same type of energy coming from looking at my students for forms of leadership and actually encouraging them in their fields. Who knew?”

What was being in Afghanistan like?

“The best way to describe Afghanistan as far as the environment itself was if you were to turn on a hair dryer blow dryer on hot and on high — that’s what it was like. I couldn’t do it. I had to take it on your face and just leave it there, and you can’t turn it off. There are sandstorms and things like that, so the sand is everywhere going, and it’s everywhere going. It’s everywhere going. When I came back, I had to carry over about 70 pounds of gear. You were weapons, and you had all the gear, and it weighed so much.”

What was Afghanistan like culturally?

“Going out there talking to locals was interesting because you’d walk in initially not knowing them and you’d have to put on a smile, even though you were nervous and afraid because you never know what you’re going to get. But you have to go in open-minded and put aside your fears, and eventually after meeting the people and coming back a few different times, you find that you actually develop friendships, and they’re just the same as anybody else. I made a wrongful assumption that the male population wasn’t going to open up to me as much as the female population, but I was wrong in that. As it turns out, they considered me a third gender — that’s what they call it — where I was in uniform, even though I was female, they didn’t consider me like they would their local females. The men were willing to open up to me, even though I had assumed that they wouldn’t do it at the same time as they would to the men. So we actually found that they didn’t find me as threatening as our men, and that was able to reduce some of the conflict and resolve some things. Culturally, there are differences, and they don’t treat women the same way. They’re respectful of the women, and I don’t think we always understand that. We have an American perspective of others that we put on them. This is a society that is very, very family-based. They care about their children, and they do care about their women. It’s just they have different social norms — some of it’s religion-based — and they’re trying to protect the women from outsiders. But being female, I was actually able to go in and engage with the women as well, while all of our men were not allowed to do that.”

Did your experience in Afghanistan impact your decision to go into instructing?

“Absolutely. It sure did. I had taught before going to Afghanistan at the university level at Florida State University and Seminole State College, and I had also done training for the government and things like that. But after going to Afghanistan, I wanted to share with people the education side of it and encourage them in that direction mostly because the girls and the women I came across couldn’t even get an education in one education. One group of girls I had met had been burnt with acid for trying to go to school. This didn’t happen often, but there were parents who would dress their girls up like little boys up until puberty so puberty could with us. But we dug a hole to use the bathroom. I now take a hot shower in clean water — and I can have an appreciation for some of the most basic essentials. I love the fact that I can go home and take a hot shower in clean water — and I can drink that water. In Afghanistan, the water system that runs through the village is where their sewer ends up going, and it’s where they bathe. Every need for water takes place in exactly the same water system, and so there’s constantly illness. I also learned that people are capable of anything. It’s easy for us to judge in our own circumstance, but if we were born in a different place or put in a different circumstance, humanity is capable of all kinds of things — good or bad.”

How does this influence your teaching?

“I think I am able to understand perspectives of things. In life, we always take on the perspective from where we come from. Once you understand that people are generally all the same across different cultures and different societies, you understand how to bring people together, and I feel like that’s something that I’ve been able to bring out in the classroom. I’m trying to help people find their voice in the classroom and in life, and I feel like that stems from being there.”

What was the biggest lesson you learned or takeaway you gained from this experience?

“There are so many. One of them was an appreciation for some of the basic things that we have, for example running water, an actual toilet and edible food. In Afghanistan, we brought bottled water because we can’t drink [the water there]. We dug a hole to use the bathroom. I now have an appreciation for some of the most basic essentials. I love the fact that I can go home and take a hot shower in clean water — and I can drink that water. In Afghanistan, the water system that runs through the village is where their sewer ends up going, and it’s where they bathe. Every need for water takes place in exactly the same water system, and so there’s constantly illness. I also learned that people are capable of anything. It’s easy for us to judge in our own circumstance, but if we were born in a different place or put in a different circumstance, humanity is capable of all kinds of things — good or bad.”

What was your most memorable moment?

“One of them was when I brought a new group of soldiers into a village, and they were nervous coming in. It was their first time going out in Afghanistan, and they marched in with hard faces, and the villagers immediately got defensive. After coming back, I talked to them and explained what we needed to work on and gave them the tactics. We went back in with a more friendly approach, and the villagers opened up. I taught them, for example, ‘qalám,’ which is the word for a pen. I gave them all pens, and they passed them out to the kids, and the kids went crazy. They were like, ‘Qalám! Qalám!’ So we’d hand out these pens or just basic items, and the children flocked to these men, and once the children were accepted and welcomed in, all the villagers were willing to come out and start talking and engaging in a good way. Initially, the villagers felt threatened, and there were going to be some violent attacks, I guarantee you. So I feel like that was huge.”

What was the hardest part about your experience in Afghanistan?

“It was feelings of loneliness. Even though I was in the midst of constant company of people I considered friends and peers, I always missed my home, and I always missed the feelings of safety. You are never truly safe at any moment, so even when you’re asleep, you can’t have the satisfaction knowing that you’re asleep and safe and sound in your bed. I think that was one of the biggest struggles. It was the feeling of being away from your loved ones and what is known.”

Are you still involved in the military in any way?

“I’m focused on teaching, but I’m still involved when it comes to peace studies and trying to bring people into understanding the world, negotiation tactics and conflict resolution. I’m also still actually friends with the people I was deployed with and a number of people I just worked with from the government. They still contact me with questions or if they’re trying to figure out a solution to a problem they’re having; they still call and they still email. One of the colonels, for example, is now a general, and he has contacted me since then, asking for some different input, so I’m still very much involved, but just not in the same role. I have no intentions on deploying anytime soon, especially now that I have a 1-year-old at home.”
The Career Play Book: Your strategy guide to reaching your professional goals

By: Emilio Lorenzo and Emily Tasca

Emilio Lorenzo is the assistant director of career advisement in NSU’s Office of Career Development. Emilio understands the importance of helping students reach their career goals and works with all students, including undergraduate, graduate and professional level students, to achieve their professional goals.

Emily Tasca is a member of the career advisement team in NSU’s Office of Career Development. She works with current students and alumni at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels to ensure that each individual is supported throughout his or her career exploration and planning process.

Just like every good coach must strategize for a victorious season, you, as an aspiring professional in your desired career, must develop a strategy for your success, not just upon graduation, but within your first year on campus. Throughout your four years, you should set mini-goals or planned initiatives you hope to accomplish, which will put you in an advantageous position as you move along your collegiate journey.

FIRST YEAR: Explore, identify, set plan in motion

Just like a traveler who has arrived on a new island, he or she would probably explore the surroundings while taking an inventory of valuable resources that can support him or her on this adventurous journey. You, as a college student, should have this same exploratory mindset during your first year, which can be a catalyst to ease your transition into this new environment.

A good first step is to begin experimenting with the different offices on campus, including but not limited to, academic advising, career advising, tutoring and testing, undergraduate student success and student activities. Each of these offices can assist you in exploring opportunities available within the university, as well as help you clarify your specific interest areas while providing support to be successful in these career tracks. Additionally, you can continue exploring on your own by joining student groups related to your interests or getting involved in activities that can spark your passion.

Assessments such as the MBTI and StrengthsQuest can be useful tools to identify key components that will help you understand how certain interest areas align with your personality, values and overall skill set. This information will lead you to a better understanding of how you would fit in a certain major or career path.

Once you have identified and clarified your specific career interests, the next step would involve developing, as well as implementing, a plan to not only confirm these professional goals, but also to build a solid foundation. Advisors and mentors can be key stakeholders in helping you formulate an effective plan while assisting you with putting that plan in motion.

SECOND YEAR: Experiential learning, building and leveraging relationships

Once you have identified your key areas of interest, the way to confirm your passion is to experience it yourself or immerse yourself in the industry. These types of experiences can range from shadowing a professional in your field to doing research or participating in an internship. The relationships you build through internships can be long-lasting, as you never know where your career will take you and when you will cross paths again. This is why maintaining relationships is so key in your journey; your path may lead you back to such key stakeholders, and you want to make sure that the bridge is not burnt, but solidified enough to revisit.

A good way to maintain relationships is to first send thank you letters or emails after interviewing or working for an organization. You can also look to maintain the relationship by periodically keeping in touch or using social media strategically through LinkedIn.

You can also immerse yourself in an industry by participating in projects, inside and outside the classroom, that focus on particular topics or require the use of skills needed in the career field. For example, if you are a computer science major, and you are currently building your own computer or perhaps developing your own app, although these activities were done independently, they are still very valuable to add to your resume or discuss in an interview.

THIRD YEAR: Focusing goals, industry immersion and clarifying interests

After you have immersed yourself in an industry, it is important to reflect back on how these experiences fit in to your goals and overall future interests. Internalizing this information will give you a better handle as to the next steps. For example, if after building your first computer, you have now decided that working with hardware is more desirable than dealing with the software side of computer science. Knowing this information would then lead you to doing a more targeted search for an internship that involves hardware.

It is also important to ask yourself the right questions. If, for example, you did not enjoy your internship experience, you should then ask yourself “Why did you not enjoy it?” or “Were there aspects that you did enjoy, and are there other ways to explore those aspects in a different setting?”

FOURTH YEAR: Professional polishing, proactive job search and self-marketing

Through all of these hands-on experiences, you will be able to explore interest areas of your career, but you will also gain skills to help you be a more polished professional upon graduation. By involving yourself in internships, shadowing professionals, or collaborating with faculty on research, you will not only gain industry-specific knowledge, but also receive coaching and mentorship.

Having these professional soft skills will enable you to take on a proactive job search, as you will be able to reach out to organizations and network with professionals in your field. Experience is important, but understanding the value of the experience and being able to articulate that back to a wide range of audiences, including employers, is what a coach would call his “secret play.”

Knowing these things early on in your undergraduate journey will allow you to formulate a strategic game plan for success. Just like you need an instruction manual to build your Ikea furniture, your career game plan will help you build your future on a solid, lasting foundation.

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Four apps to help you get organized

By: Nicole Cocuy @CurrentNicole

Whether or not you believe in New Year’s resolutions, it’s always a good idea to start off the year on the right foot. As college students, one of the most important things to accomplish is organization, and the technology at your fingertips makes this easier than ever before. To help you reach your resolutions or goals, here are a few helpful — and free — apps worth a try.

Google Keep

Everyone loves sticky notes. They’re bright, color-coded reminders of things you don’t want to forget and other tidbits of important information. Google Keep imitates the look, feel and purpose of sticky notes by allowing you to quickly jot down notes, checklists and color-code the rectangular little notes as needed.

Even better, notes on Google Keep aren’t limited to just text; rather, you can snap a picture of something really quick and stick it on your board or attach a time-based or location-based reminder to a particular note, in case you need to remember to do something at a certain time or when you get to a particular location.

Notes can be categorized by labels, like work, school, personal and other customizable categories, to make navigating the large collection of color-coded boxes that much easier. The notes automatically sync to your Google account, so you can access your notes while you’re on your computer doing homework and on your phone while you’re on the go. You’ll never forget anything again.

FocusNow

Do you ever grab your textbook, reserve a library study room and plan to get a head start on your studying, only to spend hours on your library study room and plan to get a head start on your phone while you’re on the go. You’ll earn experience points and earn you gold, but if you don’t check them off daily, your health points will be reduced. To-dos can include anything from a homework assignment to finally remembering to drop a box off at the post office and can help you keep track of everything you need, as the name implies, to do. Not marking them off won’t penalize you, but finally getting them off will ensure that you actually get them done.

FocusNow, you set a timer for as long as you need, be it 15 minutes or three hours, and a virtual seed slowly grows on your screen until time is up. Seeds will grow virtual fruit and will be planted in your virtual farm, a documented illustration of your ability to avoid — or fail to avoid — procrastination. But don’t navigate away from the app; the fruit plant will die, and you will have to start over again.

Habits

Every Jan. 1, we make resolutions to create new habits or end bad habits but rarely ever succeed. Habits, however, makes this seemingly impossible task fun. On Habits, you can create a personalized avatar which can level up and fight monsters depending on whether you achieve your personal goals. There are three categories on Habits: habits, daily and to-dos. Habits can be positive or negative, and be granted different difficulty levels, according to how easy it is to complete these tasks. When you check off a positive habit, like going to the gym or finishing something ahead of time, your experience points — which make your avatar level up after a certain number of accumulated — go up and you receive gold, which can be used to buy armor, potions and weapons; however, when you check off a negative habit, like eating something unhealthy or spending money on something you don’t need, your health points go down, and if you run out of health points, you automatically drop a level.

Checking off daily, like flossing or drinking enough water, also raises your experience points and earns you gold, but if you don’t check them off daily, your health points will be reduced. To-dos can include anything from a homework assignment to finally remembering to drop a box off at the post office and can help you keep track of everything you need, as the name implies, to do. Not marking them off won’t penalize you, but finally getting them off will ensure that you actually get them done.

Glass Planner

Have a lot of upcoming deadlines but don’t know when to get those assignments done? Glass Planner connects with your calendar app to help you solve this problem. Glass Planner is essentially an agenda that organizes itself. With Glass Planner, you can see your schedule for the next few weeks, add tasks, document your progress and keep an eye on upcoming deadlines. You can move around items in your to-do list according to priority and even add alarms to certain to-dos. If you are terrible at managing your time, Glass Planner will be your personal assistant and your new best friend.
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Winter break sports recap

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While most students spent their winter breaks catching up on sleep and watching Netflix, a number of NSU’s athletes were hard at work. Catch up on some of the action that happened while you were away.

Women’s basketball
The women’s basketball team competed and were victorious in four games over winter break. The Sharks are on a seven-game win streak, which is currently the highest win streak in the Sunshine State Conference. As of Jan. 14, the Sharks are ranked first overall in the SSC, with a conference record of 4-0 and a season record 12-1.

The team kicked off winter break with a close 90-84 victory over Shaw University at home on Dec. 17. The women’s December schedule also included the Shark Holiday Classic at Dec. 19 and 20. The Sharks competed against Miles College and Albany State University in the NSU Arena and won both games by scores of 103-50 and 78-63, respectively.

Over winter break, the team scored a total of 334 points and allowed 250 to be scored by opponents. The team’s final victory over break was a 63-53 win over Embry-Riddle on Jan. 2.

Men’s basketball
The men’s basketball team went 2-2 over their winter break competitions to earn a current season record of 5-4. They are currently ranked seventh in the SSC and hold a conference record of 1-2 so far this season.

The men’s team started out strong with an 81-70 victory over Eastern University on Dec. 16 in the NSU Arena. On Dec. 18 and 19, the Sharks traveled to Melbourne, Fla., to compete in the Florida Tech Holiday Classic. The men faced Arkansas Tech and Lane College during the two-day tournament but fell to both teams by a close margin. Arkansas Tech defeated the Sharks by a score of 61-76 and Lane College defeated the team by a score of 80-85. Senior Chris Page and junior Harrison Goodrick led the two-day tournament but fell to both teams with a close margin.

The men finished out winter break with an 87-64 victory over Embry-Riddle in the NSU Arena on Jan. 2.

Women’s volleyball
During December, senior women’s volleyball player Dana Holger received a South Region Honorable Mention from the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Holger was the only player from NSU to receive an award of this type.

Earlier this season, Holger, along with teammates Caitlin Donahue, Katie Pyles and Denny Tyler-Palmer, was named to the All-Sunshine State Conference Volleyball team. Holger also became a member of the 1,000 Kill Club earlier this season and ended the season with a total of 1,219 career kills.

In addition to receiving a multitude of accolades throughout the season, Holger was also able to post some of the best numbers of her career in 2015. One of Holger’s best single-season stats was her career-high 430 kills, with a conference record of 4-0 and a season record 12-1.

The women’s volleyball team earned a 63-53 win over Embry-Riddle on Jan. 2.

ON DECK

Women’s Basketball
vs. Barry
Miami Shores, FL
Jan. 13, 5:30 p.m.
vs. Florida Southern
NSU Arena
Jan. 16, 2 p.m.

Men’s Basketball
vs. Barry
Miami Shores, FL
Jan. 13, 7:30 p.m.
vs. Florida Southern
NSU Arena
Jan. 16, 4 p.m.
vs. Florida Tech
Melbourne, FL
Jan. 18, 2 p.m.
**Athlete of the Week:**

**Casey Carroll**

By: Erin Herbert

As the son of a Division I basketball coach, basketball has always been a big part of Casey Carroll’s life. Due to his father’s involvement in the sport, Carroll was exposed to basketball at a young age and has played ever since.

He said, “I grew up around basketball and I just fell in love with the sport at a young age and just continued to play throughout my whole life.”

During his first year at NSU, Carroll was the star of a social media campaign for the Department of Athletics called “RTCallForCasey.” Facebook and Twitter users were given the chance to suggest various trick shots for Carroll to complete. Carroll then performed each trick shot on video for NSU’s basketball fans in an impressive display of his skill.

Carroll recently finished his undergraduate degree in sport and recreation management and is now pursuing his MBA in management. I got the chance to sit down with Carroll and learn a little more about him.

After you finish your MBA, do you plan to continue playing basketball?

“That’s the goal right now. I would love to continue playing basketball, but if something else pops up career-wise, I’ll always consider that option. I’m leaving the door open for whatever comes around.”

Have you had any coaches that have influenced or inspired you throughout your basketball career?

“Definitely my dad. I played for him my senior year of high school. It was only his second year of coaching high school, so it was really cool. I’ve always grown up watching him coach, and I’ve always liked his style, and for him to be my official mentor as a coach, rather than a dad watching on the sidelines, was really cool.”

What has been your greatest accomplishment while playing basketball?

“It would definitely be getting a scholarship to play here. I know I’m very fortunate to have a scholarship because I know a lot of people have to pay for college and don’t have the opportunity that I have.”

What is the most rewarding part of playing basketball?

“I’d say making lifelong friends. I’m still really close with teammates from high school and from my previous college and all of the people who have previously graduated here. So those friendships are definitely very rewarding.”

A number of other teams have mentioned that they have specific rituals or superstitions they perform before or after games — does the basketball team have anything like that?

“Individual players do, but I don’t have any, actually. I’m not superstitious at all. I’m very laid back and kind of a jokester, so even during the games I’m cracking jokes with the other team or my teammates. It lightens the spirit for the people who are really superstitious.”

What do you enjoy doing when you’re not practicing or in a game?

“Do you have any specific tools that you use to pay for college and don’t have the opportunity that I have.”

“I play video games a lot. My teammates and I always get online and play ‘Call of Duty’ together. It’s usually just video games or hanging out with my teammates.”

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**ON THE BENCH:**

Players wanna play, so let ‘em

By: Jazmyn Brown

For the Jan. 7 Los Angeles Clippers-Portland Trail Blazers game, C.J. McCollum, Portland shooting guard and point guard, sat out due to a “clerical error,” according to ESPN. The Trail Blazers reportedly submitted a roster with McCollum listed as “inactive” in place of teammate Luis Montero, a rookie shooting guard who’s been mostly inactive as “inactive” in place of teammate Luis Montero, a rookie shooting guard and point guard, sat out due to a “clerical error,” according to ESPN. The Trail Blazers game, C.J. McCollum, Portland...
A piece of Mexico in Davie

By: Petra Jurova

Tijuana Taxi Co. is an authentic Mexican restaurant that serves outstanding traditional food and, probably, the best margaritas outside of Mexico. It’s located a few minutes away from NSU on University Drive.

There are many reasons why Tijuana Taxi Co. is unique and worth trying. One of the things that drive to decide to drive to this location will appreciate the big number of parking spots in front of the restaurant. When approaching the restaurant, it feels like visiting a scenic garden full of colorful plants and cacti somewhere in Mexico.

Tijuana Taxi Co. truly embraces the Mexican culture in everything inside and outside of the restaurant. All of the fun decorations and signs help engulf the customers into the Mexican culture. Some of them are in Spanish, but most of them are in English and are very funny. One of them reads “you know you had too much to drink when…” followed by four funny ways to test if customers had enough to drink.

It feels like a vacation in an exotic country. One of the greatest things in the restaurant are fans with sprinklers that are placed above each outdoor table to refresh people who sit outside on a hot day. Customers can have a better experience eating at a place where they are not fighting the heat.

The menu can be overwhelming because it is extremely colorful and unorganized. It is a little difficult to go through it without assistance. Each page of the menu is written in a different font color and size, which is helpful. The menu is particularly welcoming and helpful. They are happy to assist at any time and are also very good in explaining the Mexican dishes on the menu.

What makes this restaurant better than other Mexican eateries around is the delicious food. The authenticity is easy to taste. Before ordering anything, a big serving of warm tortilla chips will arrive to each table, along with a tasty mild salsa.

One of the recommended dishes is the quesadilla filled with steak, grilled onions, peppers, cheese and mushrooms ($12.99). There is also an option to customize this dish and remove/add ingredients. This filling quesadilla is served with sour cream and guacamole on the side. The waiters give customers an option to add a hot sauce, if they would like. For the full experience, customers should try their signature margarita ($4.99) to accompany their dish.

Besides quesadillas, there are many more dishes to choose from. There are lunch specials from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday ($5.99). The favorite lunch specials are chicken enchiladas served with Spanish rice and beans or beef chilli chicken sandwich. For those who like spicy food, mango chilli chicken served with rice and sweet and spicy glaze ($8.99) is the way to go.

Save room for a dessert. The options for desserts are limited to only about four or five, but each is fantastic. The most requested one is a warm brownie with fried vanilla ice cream ($6). This dessert pleases the eyes and tastes beyond delicious.

Overall, the experience from Tijuana Taxi Co. is exceptionally satisfying. It’s perfect if you’re looking to try authentic exotic food and experience the Mexican culture while enjoying great margaritas.

Hours:
Monday – Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Website: http://www.tijuanataxico.com

Staff Picks—What we look forward to in 2016

By: The Current Staff

2015 was filled with some incredible moments in the entertainment industry. Between Kylie Jenner’s never-ending transformations, Shias LaBeouf’s motivational rants, and the reappearing of Star Wars and a few other elements, it seems like a year that will be difficult to top. But the staff at The Current anticipates that 2016 will be bigger and better than ever. Here’s a sneak peak of some of what we’re looking forward to.

Lii Cohen, co-editor-in-chief, said “Game of Thrones”

“Game of Thrones” is one of those shows that once you start, you really just can’t stop. The incredible storyline is known to be addictive, and after the season five finale, I and everyone I know basically had to keep up with the show. I can finally say that we’re done with season five, and honestly, I’d say that season five was even better than the previous season. I’m not sure if I’ll ever be able to get back into that world, but I will definitely be watching the sixth season, and I can’t wait to see what’s going to happen in the storyline.

Nicole Coci, co-editor-in-chief, said Majid Jordan’s debut album

After releasing a flawless EP in July 2014 and a few singles here and there – including a collaboration with Drake – Canadian duo Majid Jordan promised fans that their debut album would finally be released. Fans really have to know what’s going on with our favorite characters, if they’re still alive that is. This series really isn’t for the faint of heart or for the squeamish, but for those who don’t mind a little bit of blood, violence, and a lot of fighting, on their television screens, be prepared for another riveting season of “Game of Thrones” glory. We may live in South Florida, but this show is definitely coming, and I absolutely cannot wait.

Jazmyn Brown, copy editor, says “Suicide Squad”

From the moment I found that DC Comic’s Suicide Squad were getting their own movie, I was hyped. I am living for “Suicide Squad” right now. Yes, ironic pun intended. If you’ve watched the trailer, you might, like me, be most excited to see what Jared Leto’s iteration of the Joker will look like on the big screen. I mean, just listen to him say, “Oh, I’m not gonna kill you…” I’ve just gotta hurt you, really bad” with that crazed look in his eyes. Since I know, and am a huge fan team from the CW show’s four seasons and the upcoming TV series, I’m really looking forward to seeing Will Smith’s version of Deadshot. Margot Robbie’s Harley Quinn also looks promising, and I can’t wait to see how this movie ties in with Ben Affleck’s new Batman. It’s about time the DC Comics universe expands, and, for once, I can’t wait for a brand new Superman to come to August. The movie releases on Aug. 6.

Amada Kaplan, managing editor, said “Fuller House”

Growing up, one of my favorite shows was “Full House.” OK, it is still. When I heard Netflix was making a spin-off, “ Fuller House”, 20 years after the show ended, I couldn’t believe it. Unfortunately, the Olson twins will not be part of the cast, but John Stamos (Uncle Jesse) and the rest of the family will return. I’m trying not to get my hopes up because I don’t think any spinoff could live up to the original. Although I can’t wait to see where they take the story, there will only be 13 episodes. If the series lives up to “ Full House” expectations, I can only imagine my fingers for more. I mean, I could always use a new show to binge watch.

Roger Atangana, visual design assistant, said “Captain America: Civil War”

Among all the upcoming Marvel movies, I am excited about “Captain America: Civil War,” not because of its outstanding, breath-taking action scenes or the intriguing collaboration between Captain America and his former ally the Winter Soldier, but because of the heavy array of heroes, namely Captain America, Iron Man, Black Widow, Ant Man, Black Panther, Scarlet Witch, Vision, The Falcon and, most especially, Spider-Man, who has yet to be featured in any of the trailers. It is also wildly noted that these heroes will battle each other for a reason that I’m eager to find out when the movie comes out on May 6.

Erin Herbert, sports editor, said “Street Fighter V”

The classic arcade fighting game “Street Fighter V” comes back to life this year with its latest installment, “Street Fighter V.” After far too many remakes of the game’s predecessor, “Street Fighter IV,” which included ultra, super and arcade editions, “Street Fighter V” looks like a breath of fresh air for the franchise. The game will feature a number of classic characters, such as Ryu, Cammy and Chun-Li, but it also boasts a large roster of brand new characters, with a plethora of new fighting styles and abilities.

The release of “Street Fighter V” will be a huge revival for the FGC, and Feb. 16 can’t come any sooner.

Grace Duscan, news editor, said “ Rogue One: A Star Wars Story”

I’m a huge “Star Wars” fan, so getting to see “Episode VII” over winter break made my life. I can’t believe I’ll have to wait until 2017 to see “Episode VIII.” Thankfully, Disney has been so kind as to plan several spinoff movies to tide us content-hungry “Star Wars” fans over between episodes. “Rogue One: A Star Wars Story” comes out in December 2016, and it’s going to be about the freedom fighters who stole the plans for the Death Star before the events of “Episode IV.” In other words, it’s going to be ridiculously awesome.

Roddia Paul, opinions editor, said “Finding Dory”

Who can forget the infamous “P. Sherman, 42 Wallaby Way, Sydney,” “Squishy” and “Just keep swimming?” If you didn’t fall in love with Dory in “Finding Nemo,” then your heart must be two sizes too small, Grinch. Laugh at me if you want, but my inner child is screaming and dancing at the thought of a sequel to “Finding Nemo.” In 2013, we followed the story of Marlin, a not-so-funny clown fish, along his mission to rescue his son, Nemo, from a toilet drain graveyard. With a serious message of the importance of family and trust, we still laugh our way through the sorrow with the help of some laid-back turtles, vegetarian sharks and a forgetful Dory. I can’t wait to see what happens next in this sequel — Dory, don’t worry I’d never forget you.
Don’t be fooled, though, these guys will climb the college charts and perhaps even make it onto your next house party playlist. You can find Krisp on both Spotify and Bandcamp.

Release Date: Jan. 15

Perfect if you like: The Mary Outures and Skylar Spence

Favorite Tracks: “167” and “Riverside Stranger”

“Sonic Monarch” by Krisp

By: Marie Ontivero

‘Sonic Monarch’ by Krisp

By: Jazmyn Brown

Arcade Odyssey is winning the game

By: Nicole Cocuy

Arcade Odyssey looks pretty underwhelming on the surface. It’s a mobile game with only a couple buttons and a joystick are all you really need to get started. But when you start playing, you see that it’s not just a game, it’s an adventure. The game is adapted from the popular comic strip of the same name, and is full of retro and classic video games.

Many of the games included in Arcade Odyssey are from the 80s and 90s, and are played on a phone or tablet. The games include Pac-Man, Ms. Pac-Man, Donkey Kong,Super Mario Bros.,y, and many other classic games. The game is available for free on iOS and Android devices.

Arcade Odyssey is a great way to remember the past, and is a fun way to spend some time with friends. The game is available for download for free on the app store.

Don’t miss out on the fun, download Arcade Odyssey today and transport yourself back in time!
Seriously Kidding
a satirical column

The most miserable country in the world is...
By: Jazmyn Brown

The Huffington Post reported that the annual WIN/Gallup International Association global end-of-the-year survey found that Colombia is the happiest country of the world with 87 percent of Colombian participants answering that they were happy with their lives.

The 96 percent is shocking considering that the degree of misery include the widespread and unnecessary coverage of the antics of the Kardashians and Jenners, not getting enough likes on Instagram, politicians’ refusal to address issues such as homelessness, women’s rights, tax breaks for the rich and weed legality, the depressing output of the Dallas Cowboys, watching Leonardo DiCaprio almost kill himself for an Oscar, rampant meme usage, Twitter savage and Chopstick’s downtown.

Another country came even closer to the U.S. in terms of miserableness. The runner-up, Canada, came in at 2 percent “miserable,” and the Canadian Prime Minister announced in response to the results of the survey that those who responded “miserable” were probably affected with the knowledge that some of the worst artists of the century — including but not limited to Carly Rae Jepsen, Nicki Minaj, Justin Bieber — are Canadian. The 2 percent did not express displeasure with their country’s contribution, or lack thereof, to the music industry.

President Obama has yet to suggest a plan to make U.S. citizens happier. Thanks, Obama.

AND the miserablest country in the world is... Drum roll, please — the U.S. in terms of miserableness. Nearly all of the U.S. citizens — 96 percent and 98 percent, respectively — who were surveyed said they were “satisfied” or “miserable.” Nearly all of the U.S. citizens said they were “satisfied” or “miserable,” or “neither satisfied nor miserable,” and an overwhelming majority of U.S. citizens — 92 percent — said that they were “miserable.”

And yes, there are people, any parent can tell you, who love them and should make an effort to tell them that maybe that isn’t the best decision. It’s not only the physical aspect of the relationship that’s the problem, but it’s also the innocence a teenager loses by dating an older person. Be it a boy or a girl, dating someone in his or her 20s while underage is just not right. Someone who is 25 years old has already been through and done. So someone who is 20 and dating a minor is quite immature.

It’s our responsibility as a society to make children stick to their age and not date anyone who is younger than they are or older than they are. Let children be children.

Our social media platforms and television screens have been inundated with news and imagery of minorities being savagely attacked or even killed by those who are supposed to protect and defend them. Racial discrimination is prevalent in our society, and even though we have elected a black president, nothing has changed since Obama was sworn in. In fact, many might agree that our society has worsened for African-Americans. White ranchers armed with guns took over a federal building in Oregon, defying officials’ orders to vacate the building after being told repeatedly to leave. They argued that it low enforcement attempted to disrupt their lawful protest then they would fire their weapons. Now, let us flip the script. Imagine if these “protestors” were minorities. Be it black, Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern or another racial or ethnic minority, the outcome would not have been the same.

The state of Oregon would have turned into Ferguson or Baltimore after word spread that someone of color was being held up a federal facility. The CIA, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), FBI, the National Guard and local police department officials would have all been brought to the scene, and everyone would have been killed or locked up for standing up for what they believe in.

In Oregon there was no coverage of this event until people on social media started discussing it and making it relevant. If the people who were protesting were a part of a minority group or practiced a non-Christian religion such as Islam, there would have been wall-to-wall coverage of this news story, and the major news networks would be the first to break the story.

The choice of words people use to describe events greatly affect how someone views something, whether it be in a positive or negative light. We are in an era in which social media runs the world, and media groups perpetuate this part of the pop-cultural phenomenon where

You must learn to control your emotions. Kids are watching, and you can’t be too easy on a child. They need to learn to control their emotions. Kids are watching, and you can’t be too easy on a child. They need to learn to control their emotions. Kids are watching, and you can’t be too easy on a child. They need to learn to control their emotions. Kids are watching, and you can’t be too easy on a child. They need to learn to control their emotions. Kids are watching, and you can’t be too easy on a child. They need to learn to control their emotions. Kids are watching, and you can’t be too easy on a child. They need to learn to control their emotions. Kids are watching, and you can’t be too easy on a child. They need to learn to control their emotions. Kids are watching, and you can’t be too easy on a child. They need to learn to control their emotions. Kids are watching, and you can’t be too easy on a child. They need to learn to control their emotions. Kids are watching, and you can’t be too easy on a child. They need to learn to control their emotions. Kids are watching, and you can’t be too easy on a child. They need to learn to control their emotions. Kids are watching, and you can’t be too easy on a child. They need to learn to control their emotions.
News flash — young people shop, too. It may be hard to believe that because many of us sport baggy clothes, tattoos and are fluent in foul language, we actually do everyday things besides sit up trouble, but society would be surprised. Appearances are just appearances and should not be used to determine character.

Racism is a harsh word to just throw around, but I do not take stereotypes lightly. Being a black female under the age of 21, I feel as if I am striking out in the “judge me” category. Why is it that when young adults walk into a store they are watched like a predator’s prey?

Excuse the cliché, but do not judge a book by its cover. My gender, age, race and/or ethnicity should not be the deciding factor on whether or not someone thinks I have enough money to be shopping in his or her store.

Some young people give us all a bad name with their reckless behavior. I, in no way shape or form, condone bad manners, graffiti, drug use or burglary, all things commonly done by my fellow youth. With that said, the acts of a few does not and should not speak for the whole.

Furthermore, it does not give store owners and employees the right to single us all out. I’ve worked in retail, so I know all about the loss prevention tactics, and I can tell you that a lot of it is based on profiling. Loss prevention is a technique that stores use to prevent the loss of inventory or money. This is done by creating new policies and procedures to be followed by both staff and customers.

We’d like to think that retail companies practice loss prevention solely to ensure the safety of their customers and maintain profit, but when it comes down to it, in many cases, these profiling techniques are based on stereotypes of race and age. Unfortunately, it is often used as a way for people to exercise their own personal prejudices. Instead of checking someone for theft because “I have reasonable suspicion or probable cause,” it’s “I’m checking them because I think they look like someone who would steal.”

Let a young minority walk into a corner store or gas station and see how closely he or she is watched. I’ll admit that the older I become, the less negative attention I receive from store employees, but I strongly believe that is because of my gender. Take my brother, for instance; he is a black male in his 20s, and if he and I walked into a store together, employees would expect him to be a shoplifter or a potential threat before they thought that of me.

According to the National Association for Shoplifting Prevention (NASP), men and women shoplift at about the same rate; they just tend to steal different items. Moreover, research done by NASP also shows that only 25 percent of shoppers are adolescents and young adults, while 75 percent are adults between the ages of 35 and 54.

We can’t breathe without being questioned, or at least society is starting to make me feel claustrophobic. Retail stores are a part of our community, and we, just like everyone else, deserve to feel welcomed, not followed and looked down upon. The actions of our peers are out of our hands, but we can do our best to show and prove that we are respectable, responsible and, most of all, law-abiding. Maybe that will help those around us realize that they should not let the acts of some young adults shape their view of us all. Not only do we shop, but we are human, too.
HELP WANTED

All students should visit the Office of Student Employment Website to apply for these positions: http://www.nova.edu/financialaid/employment/how_to_apply.html

Program Director-(607)
Job ID: 5176
Hours: 20 hrs./week
Rate: $10/hour
Assist with special video production and post-production projects. Create student produced video packages for SUTV programming and Radio X website.

Graduate Student/Data Entry Specialist-(847)
Job ID: 4962
Hours: 20 hrs./week to 25 hrs./week
Rate: $11/hour
Assist the systems team with data entry functions within the Banner Student system. Other duties as assigned.

Lifeguard-(165)
Job ID: 4542
Hours: 10 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week
Rate: $10/hour
• Ensure the safety of all swimmers, patrons and user groups
• Communicate and enforce pool rules/regulations in a professional manner
• Provide emergency care and treatment as required until the arrival of emergency medical services
• Maintain a professional appearance and attitude at all times and carry out a high level of customer service
• Conduct single water test to determine water quality
• Perform various maintenance duties as directed to maintain a clean and safe facility
• Assist with the setting up and breaking down of events/competitions
• Attend scheduled staff meetings and in-service trainings

Graduate Student Assistant-(886)-(MK)
Job ID: 4520
Hours: 20 hrs./week
Rate: $11/hour
Assist, answer questions and direct students to the appropriate area. Assist with on-going projects within the department.

Program Evaluator-(812)
Job ID: 5675
Hours: 5 hrs./week to 15 hrs./week
Rate: $12/hour
1. Conduct assessments and observations at various afterschool programs in Miami-Dade County.
2. Provide feedback of assessment results to afterschool providers.
3. Develop improvement plans to be implemented in the afterschool programs.
4. Assist with off-site trainings for afterschool providers.
5. Help make and organize materials for trainings.
6. Collect data from trainings, organize/score data and input into Project RISE databases.
7. Develop and coordinate research projects.
8. Assist with administrative duties when necessary.
9. Additional duties as assigned by the Director.

Graduate Student Assistant-(918)
Job ID: 4795
Hours: 25 hrs./week
Rate: $10/hour
Assist with marketing-related tasks to support the Vice President of the department. Duties will include special projects to promote and organize the department. Other duties as assigned.

Graduate Student Assistant-(86)-(SLUN)
Job ID: 4519
Hours: 15 hrs./week to 25 hrs./week
Rate: $11/hour
Assist department with various on-going projects within the department.

Student Assistant-(561)
Job ID: 5431
Hours: 20 hrs./week
Rate: $8.50/hour
Assist the team with marketing, event planning and projects. Support the administrative needs of the office. Work with students and employers aiding the employment database process.

Graduate Student Assistant-(154)
Job ID: 4539
Hours: 20 hrs./week
Rate: $11/hour
Analyze accounts for reconciliation and placement with third parties. Assist with filing, mailing letters and mail merge projects in all areas of the department (Perkins student loans and tuition accounts). Maintain and prepare documents for imaging. Assist management and staff in other duties as necessary.

Graduate Student Assistant/Student Proctor-(64)
Job ID: 4507
Hours: 12 hrs./week to 19 hrs./week
Rate: $10.75/hour
Provide excellent customer service to students, faculty and other members of the NSU community, both face-to-face, over the phone and via email. Perform interview appointments for students utilizing the testing database and scheduling assistant. Work with faculty to check in and out exams, maintaining the academic integrity of testing materials. Proctor exams for NSU students, as well as member of the community. File and store exams. Replenish, restock and maintain supplies in testing rooms. Maintain confidentiality of student customers and professors, also working to maintain a professional environment. Check NSU e-mail frequently for staff communications. Other duties as assigned.

Performing & Visual Arts Technician-(793)
Job ID: 4725
Hours: 12 hrs./week
Rate: $8.75/hour
Assist the Theatre Technical Management, the Theatre Box Office, Shop and Performing & Visual Arts Faculty and Staff in the daily planning, preparing and execution of Performing and Visual Arts events. Duties include but are not limited to: constructing sets and props, painting scenery, operating lighting and sound systems, sewing costumes and scenic items, answering Box Office reservation requests, selling tickets, data entry, set up of art galleries, maintenance of PVA public spaces and other general administrative duties as needed. Proper work clothing is required, including: closed toe shoes, clothes for painting and general “construction” attire events.

Special Events/Office Assistant-(858)
Job ID: 5668
Hours: 20 hrs./week to 25 hrs./week
Rate: $8.75/hour
Assist in various clerical duties that include typing, use of computer and/or Microsoft Office programs. Other duties as assigned.

Healthcare IT Security Analyst-(1146)
Job ID: 5638
Hours: 20 hrs./week
Rate: $11/hour
• Assist with the evaluation of healthcare IT security controls
• Assist with conducting healthcare risk assessments
• Review systems logs to identify anomalies and report to supervisor
• Monitor security and alerts
• Assist in preparing Healthcare Security Policies

Wellness Ambassador-(1150)
Job ID: 5655
Hours: 25 hrs./week
Rate: $9/hour
1. Promote Wellness to NSU students.

Administrative Student Assistant-(679)
Job ID: 4666
Hours: 25 hrs./week
Rate: $10.75/hour
Provide clerical support and administrative assistance to the various administrators.

Graduate Student Assistant/ Writing Tutor-(641)
Job ID: 4650
Hours: 5 hrs./week to 10 hrs./week
Rate: $11/hour
Work with students on an individualized basis, both face-to-face and online. Assist in the various stages of the writing process: brainstorming, planning, organizing and revising. Assist with sentence structure, grammar, sentence and paragraph development, punctuation, MLA & APA documentation.

Graduate Student/Data Entry Specialist-(847)
Job ID: 4962
Hours: 20 hrs./week to 25 hrs./week
Rate: $11/hour
Assist the systems team with data entry functions within the Banner Student system. Other duties as assigned.

Senior Student Assistant-(1141)
Job ID: 5376
Hours: 15 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week
Rate: $8.50/hour
Assist in filling and organizing wellness reports.

Radiation Safety Technician-(646)
Job ID: 5176
Hours: 20 hrs./week
Rate: $11/hour
• Assist in the filing and organizing wellness reports.
• Distribute marketing materials around NSU to promote upcoming wellness events.
• Develop initiatives that increase involvement at wellness events.
• Maintain professional appearance and attitude at all times.
• Accept and apply constructive feedback when it is given.

Graduate Student Assistant/ Production Editor-(1135)
Job ID: 5662
Hours: 15 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week
Rate: $12/hour
Support the Associate Provost in his capacity as Editor of the Qualitative Report. Assist Managing Editor with overall manuscript management process. Correspond with editors, authors, reviewers and book publishers. Maintain manuscript database, records, and files. Assist Community Director with receipt and distribution of books and other materials. Format TQR manuscripts for publication. Manage and update TQR Editorial Board newsletter and listing. Serve as point-of-contact for email correspondence. Assist Business Director with TQR Conference. Other duties as assigned.

Fulfillment Assistant-(1832)
Job ID: 4854
Hours: 20 hrs./week to 25 hrs./week
Rate: $8.50/hour
Co-coordinate the mailing of admissions letters and promotional items to prospective students. Participate in various marketing initiatives including Telecenter campaigns and data entry.