GRADUATING seniors who donate that amount will get a sense of who we are as an organization and [will show excitement] for Mako Week to happen again," Sheppard said. "We want to get the student body to come together. It’s all for a good cause, and it’s important that everyone’s involved in philanthropy."

Karen Washnington, freshman music major and Mako Ranger said, "We want to bring happiness to others who are struggling and bring something that isn’t real to life. For kids, seeing that something they’ve seen on TV come to life could brighten up their entire year."

Washnington said that, while dressing up and visiting hospitals, she’s had children ask for her autograph, thinking that she was a real Power Ranger. "It’s a cool cause, and it’s unique," she said.

Sheppard warned Mako Week to lead to a better understanding of the Mako Rangers at NSU. "Hopefully the entire university will get to see what we are, who we are and how we are outside of just service trips and stuff like that," he said.

Students can sign up for the dodgeball tournament at orgsync.com/123470/chapter. Follow the Mako Rangers on Instagram @makorangers to learn more about the organization.

Join the Yellow Fin Club when you become an official donor of NSU during FINlanthropy.

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**NSU strives to promote alumni involvement**

**By: Grace Ducanis**

To encourage graduating students to be active alumni and donate back to NSU, NSU’s Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations will host FINlanthropy from March 8 to 10 on the Fort Lauderdale/Davie campus.

Laura Garrido, assistant director of the Office of Annual Fund, said that FINlanthropy aims to push seniors to become active alumni. "We want seniors to be encouraged to go to some of the alumni events, which are really well done," she said. "They have anywhere from professional development events to networking events."

Garrido’s office created the three-day event as a way to encourage students. Each day represents a particular mission of the week: to educate, to engage and to ask.

To emphasize “educate,” shark fins will be placed on the Alvin Sherman Library Quad to represent donors who have contributed to the annual fund campaign. There are approximately 3,000 donors, including faculty, alumni and students.

Students, faculty, staff and community members can also purchase afin to be placed on the lawn. Although any amount will be accepted, graduating seniors are encouraged to donate $20.16, representing their graduation year. Graduating seniors who donate that amount will receive a yellow shark fin pin that they can wear on their regalia at graduation.

Garrido said that through these events, NSU encourages student philanthropy and giving back and that emphasizing its importance is something new and exciting.

"A lot of people have the idea that you have to be a millionaire to give back to the university," she said. "But this is a way to encourage a small donation that students are comfortable with. It could be anywhere from $1 to $20.16."

To emphasize “engage,” the organizations will host Thank a Giver (TAG) Day, where students, faculty and staff will learn about the importance of philanthropy at marked locations around campus. Tags that say, “This would not be here without generous donors,” will be placed at locations that were created thanks to donations. Locations will include hallways, auditoriums, the Alvin Sherman Library, benches and study rooms.

"It’s just another way for our students who are on campus to know that there are things here on campus that probably would not be here without generous donors," Garrido said.

To emphasize “ask,” annual giving booths will be set up in the Don Talt University Center and the Terry Administration Building. This event, known as #SharksGive, is a 24-hour fundraising event to promote philanthropy at the university.

Garrido said that there are more than 200 gift designations that people can donate money to, including a pediatric dentistry fund and a fund for international students who are studying conflict resolution.

"A lot of people give to a cause they care about, and this is a way to bring that cause back to NSU," Garrido said. "A lot of people don’t know that there are ways that the donor can choose where they want their money to go."

Many of the giving programs also emphasize community service, which, Garrido said, has proven to be a strong value of the NSU community. "We do have a strong spirit of community service; it’s one of our core values," Garrido said. "We want a more engaged alumni community who comes back to mentor students. If we get one donation, it’s a success. We just want to encourage the message."

The office hopes that once students see the importance of donations for creating scholarships for their peers, as approximately 81 percent of students depend on financial aid, they will be inspired to take control of the event. Eventually, the office hopes FINlanthropy will be completely student-run.

"We think the peer-to-peer aspect is more powerful than it coming from the Office of Annual Giving," she said. Garrido said that many schools have student philanthropy programs and that this would be the opportunity time to start one since President George Hanbury launched “Realizing Potential,” the new donor campaign.

For more information on “Realizing Potential,” visit realizingpotential.nova.edu. For more information on alumni and donor relations, visit nova.edu/acr/donor-relations/index.
Three former executives charged with negligence over 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster

Five years after an earthquake and tsunami caused several nuclear meltdowns at the Fukushima Daiichi plant, a citizen’s panel ruled that three former Tokyo Electric Power Company executives will appear in court. The three former executives have been charged with professional negligence, and the panel ruled that they neglected to take certain measures after learning of a risk of a tsunami. A Japanese national broadcaster reported that the panel would not plaid not guilty because they could not have predicted the severity of the tsunami. Information courtesy of bbc.com.

Ontario to offer virtually free college tuition to low-income students

The Ontario government said its 2016 budget will allow students whose families make less than $50,000 annually to receive grants to cover college tuition with the new Ontario Student Grant. The new financial aid system comes after the government announced a renewed focus on increasing accessibility to post-secondary education for students from low-income homes. In addition, in 2017, students will be able to borrow $2,500 more a year. Low-income students who live at home usually receive $3,000 in loans a year. For those who stay in university, where tuition is generally higher, grants may not cover the entire amount. Information courtesy of thebeedleandmantis.com.

Amazon to ship fresh and frozen food in Britain through deal with supermarket chain

A new deal with Amazon will allow it to ship fresh and frozen Morrisons’ products to Amazon Prime Now customers to deliver later this year, according to Morrisons, Britain’s fourth biggest supermarket. Morrisons Chief Executive David Potts said, “The combination of our fresh food expertise with Amazon’s online and logistics capabilities is compelling. This is a low-risk and capital light wholesale supply arrangement that demonstrates the opportunity we have to become a broader business.” Retail analysts project that the new service will be similar to the U.S. Amazon Fresh service, which provides subscribers with 20,000 items online and logistics capabilities is compelling. This is a combination of our fresh food expertise with Amazon’s online and logistics capabilities is compelling. This is a low-risk and capital light wholesale supply arrangement that demonstrates the opportunity we have to become a broader business. Information courtesy of reuters.com.

Former Guatemalan military men sentenced for rape, murder, sexual enslavement

In the first successful prosecution for sexual violence committed during Guatemala’s military conflict in the 1980s, a court sentenced Francisco Reyes Girón and Heriberto Valderrama Asij to a combined 360 years in jail for murdering, raping and sexually enslaving indigenous women. Giron, a former commander, was found guilty of enslaving 15 women and killing one woman and her daughters and was sentenced to 120 years in jail. Asij, a former paramilitary, was also found guilty of the same enslavement charges, as well as the disappearance of seven men, and was sentenced to 240 years in jail. Information courtesy of bbc.com.

UK to send troops to protect Libyan border

To help prevent ISIS militants from entering Tunisia from Libya, the United Kingdom will send 20 troops from the 4th Infantry Brigade “to counter illegal cross-border movement,” said Britain’s Secretary of State for Defense, Michael Fallon. Fallon expressed extreme concern about an increase in ISIS members in Libya, lobbying for the creation of a new Libyan government, but said the troops will act in a non-combative role. The decision comes amid concern that ISIS plans to use Libya as a headquarters for planning and executing attacks. Because of political turmoil, ISIS has been able to establish and expand their presence in Syria. Information courtesy of reuters.com.

Learn about criminal justice careers

Crime doesn’t pay, but studying it at NSU might.

The Criminal Justice Club is organizing a week of events to increase understanding of criminal justice careers and drug use in the U.S. from March 14 to 16.

Criminal Justice Week will include a panel discussion on drugs in the U.S., a job fair for criminal justice careers and a movie night featuring films on drug-related issues.

Representatives from the Broward County Sheriff’s Office, the Hollywood Police Department, the Ft. Lauderdale Police Department, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the military and the NSU Public Safety will attend the job fair. The Broward Sheriff’s Office will bring a mobile crime lab, a SWAT armored truck, a fire truck and a K-9 unit.

Jacob Caprioni, senior criminal justice major and president of the criminal justice club, said almost all NSU majors can relate to criminal justice. He said that artists can work in criminal justice drawing police sketches, and dentists can work in criminal justice identifying tooth prints. “There are many different things you can do in [criminal justice] that don’t put your life at risk,” Caprioni noted.

Shane Brown, junior criminal justice major and historian of the criminal justice club, said she hopes the job fair will help her decide what career path in criminal justice to take.”I hope people learn more about criminal justice,” she said. “When people think about it, they think about law enforcement. But there’s a lot you can do.”

The panel discussion on drug use in the U.S. will include Jim Hall, a drug abuse epidemiologist at NSU, whose CBS and CNN interviewed him for his research on flakka, a synthetic drug that grew popular in Broward County in 2015.

Caprioni said that it’s important for students considering a career in criminal justice to be informed about drug issues.

“A lot of people in the criminal justice system are there because of drug violations, whether because of a small amount of marijuana or pounds of cocaine,” Caprioni said. “Whether you go into a judicial or police role, there won’t be a day where you won’t deal with something that has to do with drugs.”

As the movie night, the criminal justice club will play “The Real Walter White,” a documentary about the real-life inspirations for the “Breaking Bad” character, and “Stoned Kids,” a film about a town in Oregon where marijuana is legal.

Shahri said criminal justice is often viewed in a negative light, and he hopes that the job fair will promote a more positive understanding of law enforcement, as well as other criminal justice careers.

“Everyone sees videos of police officers doing stuff that they shouldn’t be doing and there’s a lot of racial bias in those videos, but those videos are only the perspective of the person filming,” Caprioni said. “They don’t know what happened past. Not every cop is bad and out to get everybody.”

For more information about Criminal Justice Week, contact Caprioni at jcaprioni@nova.edu.
Greeks like the idea for its value of tradition, and Zeta Phi Beta sorority is emphasizing that value by highlighting the ‘finer women’ in their sorority. Zeta Phi Beta will host Finer Womanhood Week, a week of events that reflect the sorority’s values of self-improvement and service, from March 6 to 12. Many chapters of Zeta Phi Beta participate in the tradition of Finer Womanhood Week, which will include a nutrition workshop, game night and a barbecue. They will also have a table set up throughout the week in the Don Taft University Center to collect canned goods, clothing and toiletries for the Broward Outreach Center.

Kanika Liburd, senior legal studies major and vice president of Zeta Phi Beta, explained the meaning of finer womanhood.

“It’s about making you the best who you can be,” she said. “We don’t want to bring you in and change you, but we want to help you work on what you need to work on. This is a week to improve upon yourself.”

Stephanie Labrozzi, senior paralegal studies major and president of Zeta Phi Beta, said she wants Finer Womanhood Week to spark interest in Greek life.

“We’re rewarding to be a part of,” she said. “It’s about sharing a bond with other people, and I hope this week allows us to share a bond with the student body.”

For Labrozzi, finer womanhood is a personal concept.

“It’s about striving to be better,” she said.

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By: Li Cohen
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Reading about jobs on paper is good, but seeing careers in action is even better.

The Office of Career Development has set up an event to show students the day in the life of an employee.

On March 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., students will spend a day in the life of Finer City at City Furniture to learn about the opportunities available within the organization, including business management, human resources and the company culture.

Twenty students can attend the event based on first-come, first-served basis. They will tour the main site of City Furniture, located in Sunrise, Fla., and meet with the management team and hiring managers for various departments.

Emilio Lorenzo, associate director of Career Advancement, said that this trip is a good way for students to see the in-and-out of the company and to learn what to expect about the transition from college to career.

“This will tell someone all about supply chain, all about management or other career fields, but it’s another thing to see it,” Lorenzo said. “It’s your chance to go to their site. And since we’re only taking 20 students, it’s going to be more of a one-on-one conversation to build connections.”

Lorenzo came up with the idea for students to visit City Furniture and said that the site blew him away.

“They’re culture, the fact that they want to hire so many of our NSU students, and just being able to see the organization from the inside out, it was crazy,” he said. “I had no idea how much City Furniture provides for their employees, how much they value their employees, how much relevant experiences are available in each area. All I thought was, ‘Man, I wish students could see this.’”

Lorenzo explained that unlike career fairs, visiting a company site allows students to have more meaningful connections with potential employers, which is critical in securing a job, as 80 percent of jobs are found through networking.

When attending career fairs, students have to compete with hundreds of other student to gain the attention of one representative of a business, but by visiting the company, students receive more interpersonal networking with multiple representatives.

“Students of career fairs are invited to attend, and Lorenzo said visiting City Furniture, even if it’s not what students have in mind for a career, will teach students that they should keep their minds open to finding the right company to work for and not necessarily the right job.

“If you’re still figuring out what you want to do with your career, this is your chance to explore,” Lorenzo said. “[City Furniture] supports you to be successful. They want you to be happy.”

The Office of Career Development plans to provide more opportunities for students to network with potential employers. On March 16, the office will host a sales and marketing competition with Zensah, a sports apparel company. The first prize winner will receive $500 in AMEX gift cards, and each member of the second-place team will receive a $50 gift card to Zensah.com. The contest is available to teams of two or three students, regardless of year or major, and will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Knight Auditorium in the Carl DeSantis Building.

Lorenzo said the company will look for students they can hire over the summer and that the CEO will attend the competition to meet participants, as well as non-participants.

Students should dress business professionally for a “Day in Our City.” Lunch and transportation will be provided.

To RSVP for “A Day in Our City” or the marketing competition, visit nusaqua-tscymplicity.com, or email Career Development at career@nova.edu. To learn about job opportunities at City Furniture, visit cityfurniture.com/video/364815.

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“We’re really sweet people, so we’d really like to put that out there,” Liburd said.

For more information about Finer Womanhood Week, email nuzeata@gmail.com.

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On Shore Calendar

**Sophomore Summit**
**Nov 1 - 1 PM**

**MAR 9**
Zeta Phi Beta Game Night
@Commons 121
7:20 - 11:30 PM

**MAR 11**
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
@Library 1048
1 - 5 PM

Zeta Phi Beta BBQ
@Commons Pagodas
7:20 - 11:30 PM

**MAR 12**
SEA Board General Body Meeting
@Rehoboth 123
Noon - 1 PM

Criminal Justice Panel Discussion
@UC Pit
5 - 7 PM

MAKO Week Movie Monday
@Commons 123
8 PM

**MAR 14**
Distraction Free Studying Workshop
@Knight Auditorium
Noon - 1 PM

Criminal Justice Job Fair
@UC Pit
Noon - 5 PM

MAKO Week Dodgeball Tournament
@RockWell Gym
4 - 6 PM

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See discounted performances
Brosward Center for the Performing Arts is offering discount tickets for NSU students and their guests. “Kinky Boots” will be discounted until March 10, “Dirty Dancing” will be discounted from April 12 to April 21, and “Beauty and the Beast” will be discounted from June 15 to June 19. To purchase tickets, visit osl.ticketmaster.com/apps/browardcenter/ E3/promotion/home, select the desired show and enter promotional code NOVAST. For questions, or for help buying tickets, call the Broward Center Group Sales at 954-660-6307, or email groups@browardcenter.org.

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Get ready to explore your career
The Office of Career Development will host a Career Expo on March 30 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Don Taft University Center. Students are required to dress professionally, or, if they are in medical school, to wear their scrubs. They are also encouraged to bring their resumes. For more information, visit nova.edu/career/career_fai.html, or call 954-262-7266.

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Take a dive with Scuba Crew
The Scuba Club will host three diving trips in the remainder of the semester. There will be a beach dive at Dani Beach on March 12, a two-tank dive in Fort Lauderdale on March 26, and another beach dive at Dani Beach on April 3. For more information, contact Mr. Clark, associate director for aquaparx and scuba diving, at mkclark@nova.edu or 954-262-7942, or visit nsuaquatics.com.

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Director appointed at Puerto Rico campus
Vanessa Blanco, formerly of San Juan, has worked with universities in Florida and Puerto Rico regarding recruitment, financial aid, admissions and more. Hanbury said that her work with universities, high schools and businesses will help her be successful.

H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship to host Sustainability 101
The H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship will collaborate with Broward County to host Sustainability 101, an event that educates on living a sustainable lifestyle and climate change, locally. The first event will be from noon to 1 p.m. on March 8 in the Carl DeSantis Building, Room 3049. This event will focus on the importance of implementing eco-friendly elements, such as trees, local biodiversity and parks, into the community, and it will feature Jessica Brumley, interim vice president of Facilities Management, and Dion Taylor, the owner of ENO Consulting Group, as guest speakers. Lunch will be provided. To register, visit: doodle.com/poll/npw3apipinumt, or email jmoore@browardinvestments.com.

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‘Brave the Shave’ with the College of Osteopathic Medicine’s Pediatrics Club
To raise awareness of childhood cancer, the College of Osteopathic Medicine’s Pediatrics Club will host a “Brave the Shave” at St. Baldrick’s event on March 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Don Taft University Center. Participants are invited to either shave their heads to raise childhood cancer awareness or donate 8 inches of hair to current cancer patients. Participants will have the option to shave their heads. For more information, visit the event’s page at shadricks.com/events/Nov2016, or contact Pediatrics Club President Ashley Van Petten at avp523@nova.edu.
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Very own guide on how to bounce back from to cope with the aftermath. So here it is, your experience with their midterms, and, while there after midterms, which also has its zombie-like into devout prayers. Fast-forward to the week your stupidity or happy to find someone who "Trump!" You'll see what a great distraction this of the conversation by shouting, "I'm voting for

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Plankton never gives up. It's easy to feel defeated after bad midterms, especially if you think that you deserved a better grade, but this isn’t the time to sulk. Understand that a bad grade should not dissuade you from getting a higher one next time. Thankfully, you have the rest of the semester to redeem yourself, so don’t think of it as the Krabby Patty secret formula from Mr. Krabs, "Squarepants," think of yourself as Plankton. No semester to redeem yourself, so don’t think of squandering money from your parents or going

The week before midterms: zombie-like students decipher second-hand notes with gaunt faces and coffee-stained teeth. During midterms week, even the most heathen-like students turn into devout prayers. Fast-forward to the week after midterms, which also has its zombie-like students. But this time, they wear different forms of head scarves, including

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Bouncing back from midterms

On the road to redemption

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Regardless of how she felt, each day I got up, and I was determined to make sure that my mother was taken care of. I did care about school, and I didn’t care about getting good grades — all I wanted to do was help my mother get better. I found myself at school watching the clock because I wanted to make it home in time to give her her medications. At 19 years old, my life was no longer about me because I had become my mother’s caretaker. She depended on me.

In retrospect, I don’t know how I managed to drive my mom to her doctor’s appointments and physical therapy, be home to help her make her medicine, and still manage to get good grades. I did it, and I never realized how much more I would have done for my mother if needs be. A child taking care of her mother is not an anomaly, but, for me, it was the hardest thing I ever did. Before my mother got sick, I was afraid of my card declining in Urban Outfitters or not being able to get my favorite drink at Starbucks. Afterwards, the only thing that scared me was losing my mother.

My mom was sick for almost a year, and it was the most draining year of my life, but I would do it all over again because, today, my mom has fully recovered. She still goes to the doctor and gets lathered sometimes, but, for me, she is still as beautiful as she could be. Her glossy hair is back, and her smile has improved from a million-dollar smile to a priceless one.

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By: Chantel Grant

This year's presidential race is causing quite a stir among college students and professors. Yet, beyond all this media frenzy, the truth is that one of these candidates will become the next president of the U.S. To help get a grasp of who these candidates are and what their political stances are, political science George Bass, assistant professor of the Department of History and Political Science in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, gave a quick breakdown of this year's presidential candidates and the real issues they support.

Why you should vote

While students are fixated on getting good grades, it should not overshadow their political activism. The idea of everyone being able to vote is a relative new phenomenon that is punctuated by years of struggle and disenfranchisement, so the fact that young Americans can freely participate in elections should not be taken lightly.

“The Civil Rights and Women’s Suffrage movements fought tirelessly so this right could be handed to all,” explained Bass. “I think that’s a powerful reason not to take voting for granted.”

How to pick a side

Many students may shy away from voting because they aren’t sure about the party ideologies or where the candidates fall on the political spectrum. With issues and candidates constantly forcing candidates to realign, it can be confusing to identify yourself with a political party.

According to Bass, candidates’ perspective on economics, foreign policy and their view on the role of political institutions are the true determinants.

In terms of economics, the Republicans prefer a laissez faire approach as they believe the government should not regulate the markets.

Even though both clubs subscribe to different political parties, they make it clear that they are open to students with different political ideologies or students who are unsure of which party they support. For Ferguson and Willis, it’s not about dividing the campus with politics; it’s about mobilizing young people to vote and enlightening them on policies.

Both presidents said they started their clubs to promote positive changes and to encourage students to vote, regardless of their political affiliations.

These clubs are platforms for students, and will expose them to real issues and politics, especially since young people have the power to shape the future of America.

The Young Progressives

Michael Ferguson, junior political science major and president of The Young Progressives, said his goal for the club is to create a cohesive progressive community of students who share the same values.

Ferguson said, “The long term goal of the club is to create a community of likeminded young progressives who will volunteer and promote future progressive candidates and issues.”

Leigh-Ana Munford, junior political science major and a member of The Young Progressives, said that she joined the club to promote awareness of political issues that affect students.

There is a diminishing rate of youth involvement in politics with an increase in political campaigns that affect us,” said Bass.

Student organizations can provide a platform for students with Republican values to shape the future of America.

Hillary Clinton is the Obama 2.0

“She wants to make college more affordable and to expand health care coverage,” Bass said. “But she does not go far as her rival in pushing for these services to be free.”

It seems that Hillary is trying to rally democrats who see Bernie Sanders as “radical,” but focusing more on her policies, it’s clear that she is echoing President Barack Obama’s political sentiments and running on the same political platform.

Should we be feeling the “Bern?”

“Similar to Trump, he is running essentially a populist campaign, albeit with a much more specific list of policies he would like to see enacted,” Bass said.

Bernie Sanders is campaigning on a platform to remove the influence of money from politics, which is fundamentally concerned with addressing inequality. He is a more extreme democrat as his policies include replacing the Affordable Care Act with a single payer system similar to Europe and Canada. He also wants to see free education in the U.S., which has garnered him support from many college students.

Does this mean that college students should vote for Bernie Sanders? It depends on if you think he addresses the issues that are most important to you.

That is what voting boils down to: voting for someone whose interests parallel yours. To understand politics or your presidential candidates, staying informed and paying close attention is probably your best bet.
Finding new planets and studying the universe: What matters and what it means

By: Stefan Kautzsch

In Your Own Words

The following guest editorial was first published on NSU News on Jan. 29, 2016 and was reprinted with the permission of the Office of Public Affairs.

Imagine believing something about yourself for many years. You’re comfortable, even confident, in who you are. Then imagine one day waking up to have others tell you, “Not so fast. Are you sure? You’re wrong.”

That’s sort of what happened to Pluto — what was once the ninth and farthest planet from the sun and home to a collection of icy moons, has been demoted to dwarf planet status in recent years. How does one feel about being downgraded from “real” planet to “dwarf”? Do you feel upset, or do you feel differently about having a new, better understanding of our solar system?

It’s not just about Pluto, but the fact that there may be another planet beyond Pluto: what was once the ninth and farthest planet from the sun may one day wake up to have others tell you, “Not so fast. Are you sure? There’s another one out there.”

What is heart disease?

Heart disease occurs when plaque builds up in the arteries, and it includes many types of heart conditions, according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The most common type of heart disease is coronary artery disease, a condition in which blood has a hard time getting to the heart through the arteries, increasing the risk of heart attack, according to NIH. Two other types of heart disease are arrhythmia and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, which are common in young adults.

What can you do to reduce your risk for heart disease and improve your heart health?

Jenkins said that maintaining heart health requires a holistic approach that combines mind, body and spirit.

“Getting moving, and get your heart rate up. The heart is a muscle, so the more you exercise it, the stronger it becomes. According to the American Heart Association, aerobic exercise or walking for as little as 30 minutes a day, five times a week, can reduce the risk of heart disease.

Jenkins said time management is key to getting enough exercise and that exercise includes simple things like walking to class.

“If you know you are walking to and from class, do not just stroll leisurely. Do a brisk walk to really increase that [heart rate],” Jenkins said.

“If you don’t have time to do a full 30 minutes, then do intervals. Do a 10-minute brisk walk, another 10 minutes and another 10 minutes.”

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“What about your smartphone itself? All of these devices have their roots in astronomy because, according to Ronenia Jenkins, employee wellness administrator for Nova Southeastern University (NSU), “Being explorers is what humankind is all about, and it’s what continues to fascinate us to this day. So, when you hear that Pluto has had its designation as a planet taken away or that there is a new Planet Nine out there, it may be a quick story on the evening news or a message on Twitter, but it’s really a little bit deeper than that. Science is ever-evolving, and with each new discovery, we learn more about ourselves in the grand scheme of things.”

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Today, we need more students to have that inquisitive fire lit inside of them so they can become tomorrow’s scientists and researchers. Imagine where we’d be without Galileo, Albert Einstein, Stephen Hawking or Carl Sagan, to name a few. These giants were at the heart of the scientific process, a process that has amased humans for thousands of years, and with a renewed focus on STEM education, it will continue to amaze and inspire us all in the 21st century.

So welcome, Planet Nine, to human health and discovery, and please give our regards to our dear friend Pluto.
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High-profile individuals are constantly a source of conflict in the media. It seems like our favorite public figures are always causing controversy and saying outlandish things to get themselves in trouble. This trend of public controversy has been especially prominent with athletes. From social issues to politics, athletes are often in the front lines of these discussions, even when they necessarily shouldn’t be. World champion boxer Manny Pacquiao is one of the latest athletes to receive backlash for his opinions.

CBS reported, in an interview with TV5, a Filipino television channel, Pacquiao made anti-gay statements, describing that individuals in same-sex relationships are “worse than animals.” Pacquiao, who is native to the traditionally Catholic Philippines, has every right to disagree with same-sex relationships; however, the manner in which he expressed his opinion was highly inappropriate and uncalled for. Insulting and condemning thousands of individuals in such a disgusting manner, as Pacquiao did, is causing major backlash from the LGBT community and their supporters.

According to ESPN, Nike, one of Pacquiao’s many sponsors, terminated its endorsement with the boxer shortly after Pacquiao’s comments. ESPN quoted that Nike said it “strongly opposes discrimination of any kind and has a long history of supporting and standing up for the rights of the LGBT community.”

I would think that, after losing an endorsement deal with one of the biggest brands in sports, Pacquiao would cool down and start the damage control. However, Pacquiao is not one to back down. After Nike dropped him, the 37-year-old took to Instagram to make yet another homophobic statement. He quoted multiple Bible verses, such as Leviticus 20:13, yet another homophobic statement. He quoted multiple Bible verses, such as Leviticus 20:13, yet another homophobic statement. He quoted multiple Bible verses, such as Leviticus 20:13, yet another homophobic statement. He quoted multiple Bible verses, such as Leviticus 20:13, yet another homophobic statement.

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Fan's guide to March Madness

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In order to make the perfect bracket, it’s important to understand how the teams are divided and how the schedule of games is determined. The teams are broken up into four different divisions based on location: East, West, Midwest, and South. Teams are then seeded with numbers one through 16, with one being the highest and 16 being the lowest. As with all tournaments, the first seed will play the sixteenth seed, the second seed will play the fifth seed, and so on, until all teams have been matched up. After each matchup has been decided, it’s time to start filling out that bracket. To begin, start working your way through each round and decide which team has the best chance of winning. Each team that you choose to win will move to the next open space in your bracket, while the losing team will be dropped and no longer included in the bracket.

This process may seem easy early in the first few rounds, but when the tournament winds down to the Sweet Sixteen, Elite Eight or the Final Four, match-ups get harder to predict, and major upsets are bound to occur. To avoid beginner’s mistakes, be sure to read up on the stats of each team, and take winning odds from previous matchups into account.

Once you’ve finished painstakingly filling out your bracket, that’s when the real fun begins, when you watch the tournament to see how your bracket stacks up against the competition. The first round will take place on March 15-16 in Dayton, Ohio. Now this may seem like a lot of work for a casual fan, but worry not, as with most sporting challenges there is always a reward. The NCAA, Fox Sports, Yahoo and a number of other sporting affiliates offer prizes for which ever fan enters the most accurate bracket into their contest. The prizes can range from event tickets to enormous sums of cash.

On the Bench: Sponsors should drop Pacquiao

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“If a man has sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They are to be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads,” according to the Bible. It seems like Pacquiao doesn’t know when enough is enough.

Every public figure is allowed to have his or her own opinions. However, he needs to be aware of the impact that certain comments have on other individuals. Pacquiao is undoubtedly one of the world’s most famous boxers right now, and he has fans from all around the world. This large number of fans means that Pacquiao has a large sphere of influence, and his comments have an impact on a massive number of people.

Pacquiao also needs to realize that his comments not only reflect negatively on himself, but also on the companies that have sponsored him. Nike is not the only company that has had relations with Pacquiao; other companies such as Foot Locker, Wonderful Pistachios and Neald’s Butterfinger have sponsored Pacquiao at one time or another, according to Forbes.

Nike is setting a great example by dropping Pacquiao’s endorsement deal, and other companies that support Pacquiao should follow suit. Neither the public nor any company interested in endorsement should tolerate abhorrent comments like Pacquiao’s. There is a major difference between voicing an opinion and intentionally insulting thousands of people, and, apparently, Pacquiao can’t acknowledge that. Every one of Pacquiao’s sponsors should cut ties with the boxer because he obviously doesn’t know how to use his status to promote anything positive.

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Women’s Basketball

The women’s basketball team defeated Eckerd 83-64 on Feb. 20. With this win, the Sharks earned the Sunshine State Conference regular season title and is seeded first overall in the Sunshine State Conference Championship, which began on March 2.

Women’s Softball

Barry defeated the women’s softball team in a three-game series, which concluded on Feb. 20. The Sharks started of the series with a 2-8 loss on Feb. 19, then fell again in their next two games by scores of 2-16 and 5-8, respectively.

Men’s Basketball

The men’s basketball team swept Tuskegee with two 90-wins on Feb. 20. Michael Hernandez led the Sharks in game one with two runs out of four at bats. In game two, pitcher Jonny Ortiz struck five of Tuskegee’s hitters to hold the team scoreless.

Women’s Swimming and Diving

The women’s swimming and diving team finished second overall in the Sunshine State Conference Championship meet with a score of 767 on Feb. 21. The Sharks were able to claim individual victories in a number of events. The team of Courtney DeVeny, Malin Westman, Jordan Shows and Sydney Panzarino finished first overall in the women’s 200-yard medley relay on day one.

DeVeny, Westman, Panzarino and Emma Wahlstrom took home another victory in the 400-yard medley relay. Wahlstrom finished out victories for the women’s team on day four with a first place finish in the women’s 200-yard backstroke.

Men’s Swimming and Diving

The men’s swimming and diving team finished second overall in the Sunshine State Conference Championship meet with a score of 743.5 on Feb. 21. At the end of the four day meet, Thiago Sickett was named Swimmer of the Meet after a total of four first-place finishes. Overall, the men’s team took first-place finishes in seven events. Sickett took first place in the men’s 100-yard butterfly, in addition to setting a new SSC record and NSU school record with a time of 47.14. He then went on to take first place in the men’s 200-yard butterfly, where he set yet another SSC record.

Sickett also took home another victory in the men’s 400 medley relay, along with teammates David Van Der Collff, Anton Lobanov and Victor Tarr. The men also set a new NSU and SSC school record at 3:12.10.

Lobanov won the men’s 100-yard breaststroke, an event in which he holds the SSC record. The team of Marco Aldabe, Blake Woodward, Sickett and Tarrini closed out day three with a victory in the men’s 800-yard freestyle relay.

To finish out competition for the men, Lobanov earned a victory in the men’s 200-yard backstroke.
OUT OF THE SHARKZONE

SAVA DRAGIC

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Sava Dragic didn’t excel at soccer growing up, but, through hard work and determination, Dragic created a successful soccer career in his home country of Serbia.

Dragic said, “When I was a kid, I used to do a lot of sports, and soccer was one of the sports that I was the worst at. It was the only sport that I wanted to improve, so I started practicing it, and now I’m still doing it today.”

All of Dragic’s efforts have paid off, as he has garnered a number of impressive soccer achievements.

In his hometown of Belgrade, Serbia, Dragic played for FK Poljicac Belgrade and was the youngest member to ever play on their senior squad. Dragic also served as team captain for Serbia’s U-19 division soccer team and won the country’s first league title.

Dragic described the transition from Serbia to the U.S. as fairly easy due to his tight schedule.

“At the beginning, I thought it was going to be hard, but [my schedule] was packed with so many things that I had to do, so I had forgotten about feeling homesick. When the semester ended, and I finally had some spare time, I realized that I could really use a trip home, and that’s what I did. But I didn’t really feel homesick at all with all of the things that I had to do,” he said.

Dragic is a freshman computer science major and hopes to use his degree to travel. “I picked out this major because it’s one of the majors that allows me to get a job easily anywhere in the world,” Dragic said. “And that’s really what I want.”

When he is not working on academics or practicing soccer, Dragic enjoys participating in charity events around campus.

Dragic offered some insight into his passion for soccer.

“What do you think is the hardest part of playing soccer?”

“The hardest part is trying to make a team in to a single unit, where everyone performs together and thinks together. If you get a team who would die for each other, then that’s what every other team is trying to get — to be united.”

What is the most rewarding part of playing soccer?

“The friendships that I have acquired. All of the people whom I’ve met through soccer are the friends who I still have today. Meeting people from all around the world, and being on a team with them and being friends with them, is something I will cherish for the rest of my life.”

Have you had any coaches who influenced you during your soccer career?

“Coach Back home. He took on the role of a second father in my life. He’s been my coach for 10 years and has taught me everything about soccer and a lot of life related stuff as well.”

Are there any professional athletes whom you look up to?

“A lot of professional athletes, especially the ones who come from my country. Not just soccer and a lot of life related stuff as well.”

If there was one thing that you could change about soccer, what would it be?

“If in the NCAA rules, I would change the time limit. I hate the countdown because, the last ten seconds, everyone stops playing. That’s one of the biggest things that I don’t like about it.”

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

“I love listening to music, drawing and just going to the beach and enjoying Florida while I’m here.”

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Dragic traded in his Serbian soccer squad to join the men’s team at NSU.
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The main course fills you with excitement at the variety of choices. Their spicy chicken rigatoni makes for a promising meal with its chicken and garlic aroma. As you chow down on the meal, you can taste the soft chicken breast covered in garlic, crushed red pepper and you’ll be showered with spicy rosé sauce. Their Caesar salad nicely compliments the meal, and you have to stop yourself from eating the whole meal by yourself.

After you’ve stuffed from the main course, you must make stomach room for their undeniable desserts. The colossal brownie sundae is just as intimidating as it sounds; it consists of crunchy brownies melted at the bottom topped with creamy vanilla ice cream drenched in whipped cream. This massive desert cannot be consumed by one person alone. Finish this desert with your second glass of wine, and you’ll feel so at ease by one person alone. Finish this desert with your second glass of wine, and you’ll feel so at ease.

The only downside is the pricing. It’s not the most economical choice for dinner, especially for college students. Prices range from $14 to $40, but keep in mind that most dishes serve between two and four people. Despite the cost, the restaurant’s atmosphere is perfect for different events like surprise birthdays, school events, anniversaries or even just a nice hangout with friends. Also, keep in mind that NSU students get a 15 percent discount if they bring their Shark Cards. Whether you’re going for a special occasion or just looking for some variety, Buca di Beppo is the place for the ultimate Italian experience.

If you’re ever craving the ultimate Italian experience, it’s right next door. Buca di Beppo present an authentic Italian environment, and it feels like you’re actually in Italy as soon as you walk inside.

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As wonderful as these individuals are, there is one group of friends that we can put above the same level of patience as Joey when there's a situation; it's what makes people unique. So, if you have a friend like Chandler, you probably shouldn't turn to them for serious advice — even if it's not always the popular opinion, as much as this simple rule is taught in the letters you write to your significant other.

Lesson 10: Most importantly, a true friend is he or she just likes to enjoy life for the little things.

Lesson 6: You should always face your fears

"Face your fear. You have a fear of heights, you go to the top of a building. You’re afraid of bugs, get a bug,"—Joey

Lesson 7: Respect others’ boundaries

"Joey doesn’t share food!"—Joey

Most of us belong to that one group of friends with whom we’ll go through thick and thin, who become like family, and who, let’s be honest, you probably know way more about than you should. As wonderful as these individuals are, there is one group of friends that we can put above the rest and thank for being the perfect model of what friendship should look like.

This group is the original “Friends,” and in honor of their reunion this year, it’s time to celebrate the 10 life lessons that Rachel, Monica, Phoebe, Chandler, Joey and Ross taught in their 10 seasons on-air.

Lesson 1: The importance of feminism

"Oh, I’m a man. Oh, I have a penis. Oh, I have to win money to observe my power over women,"—Rachel

Oh, Rachel Green. Most know her for her materialism and crazy good looks, but this girl is all up sticking it up to the man and proving that she doesn’t need a man to stand on her feet. She’s proved that every woman needs to fight for their rights, not by becoming a businesswoman or not allowing a cheater to get away with his crime.

Lesson 2: Grammar is important in any situation

"Y-O-U’R-E means you are! Y-O-U-R means you!”—Ross

As much as this simple rule is taught in schools, there are always people who just can’t seem to grasp the concept. NSU might be primarily science majors, but there is nothing more important than writing skills. Grammar is everywhere — in lab reports, and, yes, even in the letters you write to your significant other.

Lesson 3: You know what they say about opinions...

"It’s a moot point. It’s like a cow’s opinion; it doesn’t matter. It’s moo."—Joey

There’s too much research available on what cow’s opinions are, but, honestly, it’s probably something along the lines of wanting to stay on the farm and not up on a manned run. Regardless of your opinion. And even if it’s not always the popular opinion, there’s no rule saying you have to agree. Just agree to disagree, and focus on the more important things in life, like the new burger joint down the road.

Lesson 4: Appreciate all life

"How long does a cow live? Like assuming you don’t throw ‘em under a bus or something?”—Rachel

"Smelly cat, smelly cat, what are they feeding you? Smelly cat, smelly cat, it’s not your fault.”—Phoebe

The only thing more rampant than biology students at NSU are the cats living next to the residence halls. It’s no secret that people on campus either love or disdain these creatures, and that’s just a fact of life. Before you get hearted and lose your temper, remember to take a step back and collect your thoughts so you don’t say something in anger. Sometimes, the best way to approach conflict is to temporarily put the problem on hold and rationalize the situation.

Lesson 5: Nobody’s perfect

“I’m not so good with the advice. Can I interest you in a sarcastic comment?”—Chandler

Not everyone is apt to help in every situation; it’s what makes people unique. So, if you have a friend like Chandler, you probably shouldn’t turn to them for serious advice — unless you want a good laugh, of course. Don’t hold it against your sarcastic friend for not being able to hold down a serious conversation;
By: Natalie Payan


Here’s what Eggers had to say about his well-received film:

**'The Witch': Robert Eggers on his directorial debut**


Here’s what Eggers had to say about his well-received film:

‘You know, I just read a lot of books, really. I think what it comes down to is my philosophy: that if you are going to make a film that’s actually transporting, everything about it has to be so personal. It’s not enough for me to set up a shop with the DP and say that looks cool, and the light’s nice, and the set behind it is good. Every image in the film needs to be an articulation of the things that the witch in my film does. I mean, that’s the celluloid of my film, and that was the most interesting thing, is really understanding the mindset of these 17th century English Puritan Calvinists.’

‘What, to me, is the most difficult for “The Witch” was the very specific and very realistic portrayal of religious fanaticism, especially with that Calvinist background. What created that for you? Was it a specific upbringing, or was it something that came out of your research?’

‘Yes, I mean, you’re just really reading the primary source material. Reading people’s diaries and reading people’s journals. There is a prayer manual by a man named Lewis Bayly who is in England, but he was an English Puritan, and it was a manual on how to pray. It’s very helpful. And I did read lots of 20th and 21st century historians and theologians’ take on what this was about. There is a book also called the “Practice of Piety” by a guy named Charles Hambich-Strowe, which was also really, really very helpful. This guy, I believe he’s a pastor. And so, he was able to kind of take this Calvinist predestination and explain it in a way that seemed helpful to me, which was very helpful. I’m not trying to condemn those people for being Puritans. It’s tragic to see that they’re making these kind of mistakes when they’re trying to do the right thing.’
Seriously Kidding

a satire column

Everyone might as well move to Iowa because parents can now groom their children into the polished sharpshooters of their dreams — not as a panacea for same beliefs. Although it’s almost as if children weren’t already responsible for some unfortunate shooting deaths and injuries in 2015. Even without this legislation, toddlers still have access to guns, but lawmakers foresee that the bill will encourage parents to show them the ins and outs of their firearms.

“We want kids to understand guns before they learn the alphabet and how to use a toilet. And we’re hoping that this will actually cut down on gun-related deaths and injuries because of parental negligence,” a prominent Iowa representative said in a statement. “This forces parents to be accountable for teaching their children about the dangers of guns, and even though they don’t have to take supervision, instead of making sure that they secure and properly conceal their weapons.”

Children will also be required to take classes at school to properly wear clothing, and undergo vigorous physical training to be a part of an experimental program called the Toddler’s Militia. “I’m trying to train my family to Iowa, the best state in this country right now. We gotta take kids’ curiosity and do something with it,” said Denise McAvoy, proud mother of a 2-year-old and a 4-year-old. “Children under the age of 5 have a natural tendency to explore and play with everything. We gotta teach them not only gun safety but also how to handle these weapons in the event of a threat.”

Authorities will have the militia on standby and deploy it in extreme situations only, like lone-wolf mass shooters.

Jazmyn Brown

Iowa wants your children for its all-American Toddler Militia

By: Roddia Paul

No one ever wants to talk about religion, and if we do, it’s censored out of fear of offense. But we can’t filter offense. That’s not to be construed as disregarding other religions, but instead, we should feel comfortable enough to express appreciation of other religions that are not our own without fear of persecution.

Last month, Dr. Larycia Hawkins was relieved of her nine-year position as a professor at the evangelical Christian school Wheaton College for posting a photo of herself wearing a hijab and captioning it with the statement that Christians and Muslims serve the same God. Hawkins was fired for, in the words of Wheaton College, going against the school’s core beliefs. While Hawkins’ caption was indeed a big statement, we can’t count it out as incorrect so abruptly. When speaking of differing religions, one usually would shy away from clumping them together just because they are monotheistic. However, Hawkins’ claim was not intended to mean that Christians and Muslims practice an exact religion, but rather that believers of both religions may serve “God,” they each have differing beliefs about his power and resurrection. Her statement was an effort to shed light on the common ground between the two religions.

Muslim women have commonly expressed negative reactions to wearing hijabs; it is too often seen as a symbol of oppression rather than a symbol of religious expression. For that reason, after Muslims were tormented in Paris and San Bernardino, Hawkins began to wear a hijab in solidarity with Muslim women. Her ability to respect another religion and show appreciation for commodity despite the differences does no way constitute abandonment of her own religious beliefs. If anything, she showed unwavering devotion to her beliefs by firmly practicing the act of loving thy neighbor. Somehow, the act of solidarity has been associated with abandoning ones identity, and that is not the case at all. Every day, we mingle with people of different races, ethnicities, cultures and religions, and who are we to say that someone cannot show support just because of differences?

When it’s all said and done, Hawkins was fired on technicality. Her message was a positive: despite our differences, we still can understand. But she was a professor at Wheaton College, and so she should only speak about the Christian faith, right? Wrong. Sure her statement could have been expressed differently, or she could have elaborated a little more about the act of solidarity, the act was one of unity and understanding.

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A-hymn,’ there’s no cultural appropriation here

By: Shyala Rooks

In a speech to the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards, Secretary Arne Duncan said, “Money is never the reason why some people do not enter teaching, or leave as they start to think about beginning a family or buying a home.”

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To the offended Indian community, if you are so keen to call out Coldplay and Beyoncé for cultural appropriation, I hope you are as keen to condemn items songs that perpetuate the rape culture in India and the misrepresentation of India as only having metropolitan cities. The phrase “cultural appropriation” should not be thrown around casually. It’s hurtful to the artist and devalues his or her work. If we, as an appreciators of art, don’t recognize the talent and message behind works carefully, then we can’t have the music world more unwilling to showcase their creativity.

Moreover, professors are also there to increase students’ self-confidence by helping them realize their potential. Having a college professor’s assistance and guidance can, and often does, help improve students’ performances. Whether it is study skills, career choices or just general life decisions, professors definitely have a huge impact on students’ successes in college. This is important because a student’s success in college, whether students realize it or not, can set the tone for the rest of their lives.

My professor is worth it

By: Jazmyn Brown

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About two weeks ago, Coldplay released their long-awaited music video for their single “Hymn for the Weekend,” featuring Beyoncé. The music video was anticipated — and expected — to be the good kind of unexpected. As an avid lover of Coldplay, I have much faith in their artistic crafts, but I didn’t expect the music video to be shot in India. The tune and the lyrics of the song conjure a scene of happy people, clinking bottles and bright lights in a dark room. Being that I am from India, I felt a great kinship and appreciation for the music video.

After watching the music video, curiosity forced me to scroll down to the YouTube comments and several social newsfeeds to view what the consensus about the new Coldplay music video was. To my surprise, commenters accused Coldplay of cultural appropriation. I read allegations of Coldplay exotifying poverty and limiting India’s visual appeal to orange-clad ascetics and scenes of Holi. I undoubtedly disagreed. When did happy, seemingly poor children translate to an exotic India? Don’t you think it to you, but India’s highline cities, such as Bombay, Delhi or Calcutta, do not define the country — poverty is just a reality of the Indian landscape. Exotification is not a strage or exotic occurrence, either.

I visited India this past summer, and one of the many reasons I appreciated this music video was its honest depiction of India. When you roam the streets as a tourist or a local, Hindu ascetics are a common sight. Are those the only attributes of India? Of course not, but how do you let people know where you are without explicitly mentioning you’re there in four minutes?

You have to use the aid of these common visual appeals. The fact that performers often rely on these appeals to signal the audience shows that there is a lack of understanding on behalf of the audience, not necessarily the performers. Although I do see clear adoption of my culture for its beauty, aren’t Coldplay and Beyoncé simply admiring my culture for its uplifting and vibrant spirit?

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It would be completely naive to say that college students are not having sex, but one can only hope that they are using protection. However, according to stickcheck.com, Miami-Dade has the fourth-highest number of reported cases of STDs in the U.S.

If ranking number four wasn’t scary enough, these high cases of STDs were among young adults between the ages of 15 and 24. Apparently, one needs to say “Hi, can I see the Carfax?” to find out more information before shaking somebody’s hand. That’s scary and disheartening.

When one thinks about the cases of STDs that go unreported, one would also think students would take more caution before living in bed with someone. Unfortunately, that is not the case, at least not when young adults have a “hookup culture” mentality. Plainly stated, a hookup culture encourages casual sexual encounters, or what’s commonly known as “hookup up.”

The hookup culture is pervasive in the media, and it might be the reason why people, especially college students, commonly accept it. But what people forget that is a movie is a media, and those fictional characters are exempt from any real disease one could realistically get. That’s where it all begins.

Preaching abstinence to college students is pointless because abstinence is entirely up to individual beliefs, but, when making the decision to engage in sexual intercourse, it is always OK to be picky. It’s OK for one to not have sex with everyone he or she “talks” to, and it’s even more OK to ask someone if he or she has ever been tested before deciding to take that step with him or her. Moreover, one should make it a point to get tested.

Young adults accept the commercially advertised hookup culture because society has made it OK, which is something that has to change to achieve long and healthy lives. One shouldn’t want to risk contracting an STD, nor should he or she view it as a minor issue that is curable with a pop of pill.

According to teachingsexualhealth.ca, diseases such as HIV/AIDS, herpes, hepatitis B, and genital warts are all incurable, and many curable diseases such as gonorrhea and chlamydia can be a gateway to incurable diseases and can even cause pelvic inflammatory disease and infertility in women.

Why would one want to subject himself or herself or someone he or she loves to such consequences when they can easily be avoided by practicing safe sex? Safe sex does not take enjoyment away; all it means is that one makes the conscious decision to put health first no matter what. If each student did that, imagine how drastically reports of STDs in the area would decrease.

Like Gandhi said, one has to be the change he or she wants to see, even if that just means using protection or “just saying no!” because that’s where it all begins.

College can be fun, and there are many traditions that characterize living in a college environment; however, contracting STDs should not be one of them. Everyone only has one life to live; don’t ruin it by making choices with consequences that can turn into life-long burdens.

Hooks don’t just catch fish

By: Roddia Paul

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Opinions

Kesha’s freedom outweighs any contract

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Imagine you agree to take on a dog-sitting job for your neighbor. Imagine that the dog is actually really loud and aggressive, and it bites you. Imagine the fear, the terror, the absolute horror that you would feel when you merely thought about being near the dog. Imagine its owner telling you that you couldn’t quit. Sounds fair, right? If you think of the music industry as rabid dog-sitting, then Kesha’s going through that same, albeit more sickening, scenario.

One out every 6 women in the U.S. are victims of attempted or completed rapes, and 61 percent of sexual assault cases are not reported to authorities, according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN). Among the reasons for unreported sexual assaults are threat, lack of concrete proof and fear that authorities won’t address the situation properly. In addition, only 2 percent of rapists go to prison, according to RAINN.

Kesha is among the minority who pursue legal action after suffering abuse. Although she did not report the actual assault to the police, in 2014, Kesha filed a lawsuit against her producer, Dr. Luke, alleging that he forced her to snort date rape drugs and sexually assaulted her, according to Billboard. The singer also claimed that Dr. Luke took control of her career after coaxing her into dropping out of high school at 18, threatening to ruin her if she reported the sexual abuse.

This past February, Kesha requested an injunction that would release her from her contract with Dr. Luke so she could finally try to move on and make music with someone who had no control of her. Because of money and technicality, New York Supreme Court Justice Shirley Kornreich denied the injunction request.

“I don’t understand why I have to take the extraordinary measure of granting an injunction,” Kornreich said, according to USA Today. Apparently there isn’t enough evidence, but one look at Kesha’s face in the paparazzi photos tells you all you need to know.

Kesha, who went through years and years of emotional and mental trauma, managed to speak out about it, only for her abuser to walk away unpunished and a judge to prevent her from dropping her contract for the sake of the “commercially reasonable thing,” as per USA Today. When you find that contracts and legal jargon deny the fundamental human right to not be harmed, that’s how you know your supposed “justice system” is screwed.

When Kesha shabbid and pleaded and begged to get away from the man of her nightmares, how could another human being be so cold and essentially tell her that she had to work with the one person who makes her life a living hell? And even if Dr. Luke had invented tens of millions of dollars into Kesha’s career, as his lawyer argued he did, that doesn’t cancel out the trauma he caused Kesha.

When a celebrity — a rich celebrity — can’t get a contract to be away from her abuser, what does that say to the rest of the world? When the court system acts in such a way that further injures a victim of unspeakable evil, how do you justify that? The answer is that saving a “heavily negotiated” contract is more important than a victim’s safety and peace of mind.

This latest hitch in Kesha’s legal battle only confirms the notion that, even if a woman does report her abuser, not only will he not go to prison, but she will also never be able to escape him. Dr. Luke has held Kesha hostage for all these years, and now the legal system, the one that’s supposed to shield others from danger, is doing the same. The irony is almost laughable, if only it weren’t so painful.

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