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By: Grace Ducanis

NSU students meet with Davie mayor

Davie Mayor Judy Paul met with NSU students to discuss the town’s future and planned projects on March 24 at the Davie town hall.

Within the past few years, an 84-acre indoor skydiving facility, two Wawa convenience stores, a farmer’s market, and a farm park, an urban farm for the public to learn about growing crops and raising animals, will all open or begin construction in Davie.

Along with creating these new facilities, Paul said the town will widen Davie Road and Nova Drive by 2018. As a result of construction, the middle left turning lane will be closed.

Paul said that, when she moved to Davie in 2006, it had a population of 30,000. Now, Davie has over 90,000 residents, and she said that, despite the population boom, Davie is still an agricultural town.

“We’re a cowtown from east to west,” she said. “This is an equestrian community. We’re very proud of our equestrian and agricultural past, and one of the hardest jobs I’ve had to maintain is to balance our agricultural and equestrian roots and the urban growth that you see around the schools.”

Davie plans to open the Governor Leroy Collins Farm Park in fall 2017. The 84-acre park will be located on the west side of I-75 and will include stables, an equestrian trail, a community garden, a greenhouse, a butterfly garden, an apiary, and a farm animal barnyard.

“We want to teach kids that you need agriculture in order to survive,” Paul said. “The more land you take from agriculture to develop into houses, the more you’re encouraging factory farms and synthetic foods.”

Paul said that the park will be volunteer-run and will be a good opportunity for NSU students who want to volunteer in Davie.

Leydi Arboleda, freshman political science major, said that NSU students do a lot of service in other communities but not in Davie.

“Besides CommunityFest, we don’t connect with Davie that much,” she said. “We live here, so it’s important to have a peaceful coexistence with people surrounding our university.”

Alison Williams, junior dance major, said that Davie has a lot to offer for college students.

“It’s a safe, peaceful environment with a community that’s balanced between a younger generation and an older generation,” he said.

Paul said that the South Florida Education Center has spurred urban growth in Southeast Davie. The center includes parts of NSU, Broward College, Florida Atlantic University, McFatter Technical College and the University of Florida.

“Everyone who’s moving in is connected in some way to the schools,” Paul said. “If it’s not students, it’s professors or people who work in some way at the center.”

Paul said that, despite increasing urbanization, there is still more open space in Davie than in any other South Florida community.

Arboleda said that that NSU’s mission to grow and the mayor’s mission to keep Davie agricultural don’t conflict.

“NSU is growing, but within a designated area,” she said. “The mayor has a designated area for what she wants, too. By doing service in Davie, we can have that agricultural aspect of our lives and then come back to school.”

Walk overnight to support cancer patients

Cancer never sleeps, and neither will those who participate in Relay for Life from 6 p.m. on April 9 to 6 a.m. on April 10.

Relay for Life, an annual 12-hour relay walk to raise money for the American Cancer Society, will take place on the Alvin Sherman Library Quad.

The American Cancer Society works with individuals to prevent cancer, identify cancer in its earliest stages, assist cancer patients, research cures, and pass laws to help defeat cancer. Last year, Relay for Life raised over $30,000 for the society. This year, the student-led Relay for Life committee’s goal is $33,000.

At the event, organizations and individuals form teams to walk laps around the quad. There will be laps specifically for cancer survivors and cancer caregivers and laps with special themes like the toga walk, three-legged walk, backwards walk, ‘80s and ‘90s hours, silent hour, and glow sticks.

Tori Lynn, Caren, Michael Baez, the Riff Tides, Jamal Bernard, Roy and Laura Phillips, and the Acousitis will perform throughout the night and early morning. Organizations and relay teams will table during the relay, selling different items to raise money for the American Society.

Ujala Ahmed, junior finance major and president of the Relay for Life committee, said that Relay for Life is the biggest undergraduate fundraiser at NSU.

“[Relay for Life] builds a sense of community,” she said. “Participating means being involved — someone who cares about service. It’s a great way to give back to the community together with your friends.”

Parkie Sheppard, sophomore exercise and sport science major and vice president of event coordination for the Relay for Life committee, said that over 35 teams have signed up already.

“Throughout the year, a lot of people who have and haven’t dealt with cancer forget about cancer,” he said. “My grandfather passed away from cancer a couple of years ago, but when I think about him, I don’t think about the cancer that killed him.”

Sheppard said that “Cancer never sleeps” is Relay for Life’s slogan.

“Cancer’s not stopping anytime soon,” he said. “It’s growing, and it will keep growing, but Relay for Life raises awareness and supports the cause.”

The event will include a luminaria ceremony, during which individuals dedicate decorated illuminated bags to honor friends or loved ones whom cancer has affected.

“So many people have been affected by cancer in some way, whether that person has passed away or survived,” Sheppard said. “It’s a traumatic experience that evokes a lot of emotion in people.”

Ahmed said that the money raised through Relay for Life doesn’t all go to research or to administration fees.

“It helps people, and you can see the difference that it makes,” she said.

To sign up for Relay for Life, visit main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/ RFLCY16FL?pg=entry&fr_id=72894. For more information about Relay for Life, contact Ahmed at u27@nova.edu. To learn more about the American Cancer Society, visit cancer.org.
Stroll Off aims to raise awareness of autism through dance

By: Grace Ducanis
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Greeks stroll for autism

Fraternities and sororities will strut their stuff at the sixth annual Stroll Off hosted by Phi Sigma Sigma and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Stroll Off, an annual dance competition between sororities and fraternities, will be on April 8 at 4 p.m. in the Miniaci Performing Arts Center to raise money for Autism Speaks in honor of Autism Awareness Month.

Autism Speaks is an autism advocacy organization that raises awareness about autism and sponsors autism research.

Last year, Stroll Off raised almost $2,500 for Autism Speaks, and, according to Tamera Taber, junior biology major and president of Phi Sigma Sigma, the group’s goal is to raise $5,000 this year.

If a Stroll Off team can raise $100 before the competition, an extra point will be added to their performance score.

At Stroll Off, each Greek organization will perform a synchronized 5 to 8 minute dance. The fraternity and sorority with the best performances will each win a trophy. Judges, who have yet to be announced, will be chosen based on creativity, synchronization, choreography, costume and enthusiasm.

Taber said that the purpose of Stroll Off is to raise awareness about living with autism.

“If you ask people on campus what [autism] means, they’ll probably tell you it’s a child with a disability,” she said. “But autism is a spectrum.”

Gabriella McCue, junior sport and recreation management major and philanthropy chair for Phi Sigma Sigma, said the hosts wanted this year’s theme to have something to do with children. This year’s Stroll Off will have a Dr. Seuss theme, based on the Dr. Seuss quote, “Why fit in when you were born to stand out?”

Musicians will perform at Stroll Off, but the acts have yet to be confirmed. During intermission, a representative from Autism Speaks will address attendees.

McCue, whose sister was diagnosed with autism when she was 1 year old, said that there’s a need for organizations like Autism Speaks because people don’t recognize autism early on in an individual’s life.

“It’s a function that organizes to donate to the research center, for people aware that this is something that needs intervention and support for not only those diagnosed with autism, but also their families,” she said.

McCue said that there are different ranges of autism.

“Some people are verbal, and some aren’t,” she said. “For some people, it’s a social disability, and for some it’s learning. There’s definitely a wide range of what autism really is. It’s more than just what is on the surface.”

Taber said that there’s a divide between the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, and the Unified Greek Council, but Stroll Off brings the NSU community and the Greek community together.

“A lot of other Greek events have only Greeks attending, but this is one event that people aren’t involved in Greek life come to,” she said. “It’s a fun event.”

Phi Sigma Sigma will also collaborate with Danny’s Nails & Pedispa to sell manicures on Dainty’s Nails & Pedispa to sell manicures on April 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Don Taft University Center to raise money for Autism Speaks.

Admission to Stroll Off is free for NSU students. Tickets for non-NSU students are $5. VIP tickets are $20 and include special seating and a reception with food and dessert. Tickets can be purchased at the event or before the event from Phi Sigma Sigma and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. members.

For more information about Stroll Off, contact Taber at ttaber@nova.edu.
SA Senate Meeting
@Rosenthal 200
3 - 5 PM

Lambda Theta Alpha
SEPT 11
@Library 1048
Assistance

Jason McCloskey, a biology freshman, said he plans to participate in the Office of Recreation and Wellness’s inner tube water polo tournament, which will be held on April 11 at 6 p.m. at the Campus Recreation Center. Relays can be formed by six members. To register, visit IMLeagues.com. For more information, call 954-242-7985.

Understanding NSU’s financial aid with Dollar$ and Sense
Enrollment and Student Services published the spring issue of the Dollar$ and Sense newsletter to provide information about the financial aid application process, scholarships, federal and state financial aid, commencement, and more. Important dates noted in the newsletter include: April 15, the priority deadline for receipt of the 2016-2017 FAFSA; May 15, the deadline for Florida state aid; June 30, the federal deadline for the 2015-2016 FAFSA; and July 1, the deadline for the four-month fall and winter payment applications. The newsletter is available at nova.edu/financialaid/forms/dollars_sense_springsummer16.pdf.

NSU researcher wins proposal competition
State Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Ava Bitner, an optometry researcher and associate professor at the College of Optometry, and her research team won $10,000 to pursue an investigation into the preliminary efficacy of telerehabilitation. Envision, a company focused on providing services, education and interaction for people who are blind or visually impaired, awarded the grant after receiving the proposal during the 2015 Envision Conference, held in Denver, Colo. For more information, visit news.nova.edu.
Candidacy Column: Stances on abortion

On March 30, presidential candidate Donald Trump sparked a debate after stating that women who have abortions, if the practice becomes illegal, should receive “some form of punishment.” According to CNN, he later retracted his statement and responded, “If Congress were to pass legislation making abortion illegal and the federal courts uphold this legislation, the doctor or any other person performing this illegal act upon a woman would be held legally responsible, not the woman.”

Trump and the rest of the candidates — Bernie Sanders, Ted Cruz, Hillary Clinton and John Kasich — made the following statements about their individual perspectives on abortion and their plans, if elected president.

“We are not going back to the days when women had to risk their lives to end an unwanted pregnancy. The decision about abortion must remain a decision for the woman and her doctor to make, not the government. We are not going to allow the extreme right wing to defund Planned Parenthood, we are going to expand it. The current attempt to malign Planned Parenthood is part of a long-term smear campaign by people who want to deny women in this country the right to control their own bodies.” — Bernie Sanders, as stated on his campaign site

“The question of abortion should not be an issue of partisan politics, or even of differing faith backgrounds. It is a fundamental question of justice, and of whether we still hold true those immortal words of our founders — that we are ‘endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights,’ the first of which is life.” — Ted Cruz, as stated in his op-ed in “The Iowa Republicans”

On johnkasich.com, Kasich stated that when he was governor of Ohio, he enacted bans on late-term abortions and elective abortions in public hospitals. He also created a new adoption process, provided state funding to rape crisis centers in Ohio and created a parenting and pregnancy support program that provides counseling for pregnant women.

On hillaryclinton.com, Clinton stated that, as president, she will work to allow women to make their own health decisions. She wants to continue funding Planned Parenthood and protect the Affordable Care Act, which she said prevents insurance companies from discriminating against women.

“If Congress were to pass legislation making abortion illegal and the federal courts uphold this legislation, or any state were permitted to ban abortion under state and federal law, the doctor or any other person performing this illegal act upon a woman would be held legally responsible, not the woman. The woman is a victim in this case, as is the life in her womb. My position has not changed — like Ronald Reagan, I am pro-life, with exceptions.” — Donald Trump, in a statement released on his campaign site

Although there are no plans specifically stated on donaldjtrump.com, Trump wrote an op-ed on Feb. 15 further expressing his views on abortion. In the article, he said, “I am pro-life. I support that position with exceptions allowed for rape, incest or the life of the mother being at risk. The Supreme Court, in 1973, based their decision on imagining rights and liberties in the Constitution that are nowhere to be found. Even if we take the court at its word, that abortion is a matter of privacy, we should then extend the argument to the logical conclusion that private funds, then, should subsidize this choice rather than the half billion dollars given to abortion providers every year by Congress. Public funding of abortion providers is an insult to people of conscience as the least and an affront to good governance at best.”

On berniesanders.com, that he plans to expand funding for Planned Parenthood, the Title X family planning program and other programs. He said he will make decisions that protect women’s access to health care, contraception and legal abortions.

“Absolutely not [women should not be punished for having abortions]. I have exceptions for rape, incest and life of the mother, but of course women should not be punished.” — John Kasich, in an interview with MSNBC

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Grant funds new legal clinic

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The Shepard Broad College of Law received a $1 million grant from the Taft Foundation to create a legal clinic for low-income adults with intellectual disabilities.

The clinic will open in Fall 2016, and will provide legal services for adults with intellectual disabilities and legal problems like access to education, housing, discrimination, health services and autonomy. Funds from the grant, which will sponsor the clinic for four years, will be used to hire staff attorneys for the clinic, who will work with law students to provide legal assistance.

Jon Garon, dean and professor of the Shepard Broad College of Law, said that students will participate as full-time certified legal interns at the clinic.

“The clinic will meet a significant legal need in the community,” he said. “Students will have the ability to participate in a robust legal environment, and the grant will enhance and grow our clinical program.”

Garon said that direct client service is essential to the education of law students and that clinics are at the foundation of legal education.

“This clinic is a combination of a very important learning opportunity for our students and an impact on the quality of life of our clients,” he said. “It enables NSU to be a more vibrant partner in improving the quality of life in South Florida.”

Jennifer O’Flannery Anderson, vice president for Advancement and Community Relations, said that the clinic will demonstrate NSU’s commitment to developing students and professionals.

“We want to develop students who are dedicated to serving the community in their profession,” she said. “Our students volunteer 2,300 hours a year. Service is one of our core values, and this integrates service with the profession.”

Through the grant, NSU will partner with the Brooklyn Law School, who introduced a similar clinic last spring.

“The grant has a large outreach component, so we’ll be doing a lot of community education, which makes the project very unique,” Garon said.

The grant is renewable, and Garon said he hopes that this will be the beginning of a longstanding partnership. This is the first grant the college has received to support a clinic. The Shepard Broad College of Law also houses clinics focused on dispute resolution, children and families, environmental law and criminal justice.

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SAGE to host cosplay café

By: Brianna Walker

To show the NSU community what the Society of Anime, Gaming and Entertainment is all about, the club will host their second annual cosplay café on April 8 in the Don Taft University Center Pit at 6:30 p.m.

At the café, members of the Society of Anime, Gaming and Entertainment will dress up as characters from “Alice in Wonderland” to Anime, Gaming and Entertainment will dress up as characters from “Alice in Wonderland” to Anime, Gaming and Entertainment will dress up as characters from “Alice in Wonderland” to Anime, Gaming and Entertainment will dress up as characters from “Alice in Wonderland” to

During the event, the club will collect donations for Stack-Up, an organization that fills care packages with video games, which they deliver to soldiers who are in combat zones, engaged in humanitarian missions, recovering in military hospitals, or stationed to bases in the United States.

Monique Mitchell, freshman graphic design major and event committee member for the café, said that she is excited to see the amount of people who come out and hopes that everyone who comes to the event leaves with an understanding of what the Society of Anime, Gaming and Entertainment is.

This event is free and open to everyone. For more information about the café or the Society of Anime, Gaming and Entertainment, contact Grizzle at sg1352@nova.edu.
Dealing with grad school rejection

By: Chantel Grant

*“It’s the season for plummeting self-esteem because of grad school rejections. While obtaining your bachelor’s degree is worth the self-praise and a break from school, most students have their eyes set on a graduate program. Unfortunately, not everyone will be accepted into each school that they’ve applied to. Parents may still give that “You’re still amazing” speech amidst the graduate school rejection sulk, but Emily Tasca, a member of the career advisement team in the Office of Career Development at NSU, advises students to focus on the unconditional support of their family and friends. To that end, Tasca and Lorenzo, assistant director of career advisement in the Office of Career Development, have actual advice on how to deal with the pain of rejection from graduate school.*

Why was I rejected?

Lorenzo said rejection depends on the competitiveness and nature of the program. The more competitive the program, the harder it is to stand out because these programs are going to receive a lot of students who are equally qualified.

Tasca said that the healthcare programs are the perfect example of this because they get countless applications, so rejection is more common. While an acceptance or rejection is definitive answer, some students will be put on a waiting list for schools. But should they wait?

According to Tasca and Lorenzo, being put on a waiting list is not a “no,” but they understand that it can be frustrating for students. Tasca and Lorenzo agreed that it depends on the students, and the student should ask themselves what their values are and what they really need to make them happy.

If a student finds that the school that put them on a waiting list perfectly aligns with his or her time with the class of 2016 will be happier attending this institution, then he or she can wait. “It’s really up to the student; they must decide what they want,” said Tasca.

Tasca and Lorenzo advised students that dealing with being placed on a waiting list is subjective because it asks the student to evaluate who are and whether this is the most important school to them.

The most important thing is that one should never let rejection from a graduate school deter him or her from pursuing his or her dreams. Rejection is a part of life, and, while it is hard pill to swallow, it is not the end of the world. Find solace in the fact that you can always try and begin again, and don’t be too hard on yourself.
According to Futures Without Violence, 1 in 5 college students is a victim of sexual assault. For that reason, knowledge about how to prevent and cope with instances of sexual assault is crucial for college students. Here’s a list of some online programs, centers and foundations that are useful in the fight against sexual assault.

Every Choice

Every Choice is an innovative online video program created to reduce sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking on college campuses by teaching college students how to react in violent situations. Students can receive a demo of the training program by calling Barbara Wells at 877-348-1150 or by filling out the contact box on the homepage. For more information on programs and how to purchase online, contact Wells at Barbara.wells@studentsuccess.org, or visit http://www.every-choice.com/.

R.A.D.: Rape, Aggression, Defense

R.A.D. is a self-defense class designed for women of all ages, even those with disabilities. The course includes a lecture and discussion that will help educate women on sexual assault. The classes range from nine hours to more than 12 hours, depending on the course. For those who would like to help teach defense classes, you can get certified by taking a 30 hour course or have military and or law enforcement experience. For more information, on self-defense courses visit www.rad-systems.com/rad_basic.html.

Catharsis Productions

Catharsis Productions is an online prevention program that is designed specifically for college students and deals with the topics of hooking up, sexual assault prevention and social justice. Students and staff can seek training to help understand the scope of sexual assault so that they can handle it effectively when they face it. Some of these programs incorporate how to handle being a victim and how to help others. For more information, visit http://www.catharsisproductions.com.

Spread awareness of nearby help centers

If you or anybody you know has been a victim of sexual assault, do not feel afraid or embarrassed to speak up. Looking for support is a good way to cope with a traumatic event, and seeking professional help is a good way to do so. Here are some local centers that provide the help you need.

Nancy J. Cotterman Center

Address: 400 NE Fourth Street, Fort Lauderdale
Phone: 954-357-5775
Website: www.broward.org/HumanServices/CommunityPartnerships/NancyJ/CottermanCenter/Pages/Default.aspx

The Nancy J. Cotterman Center is dedicated to treating victims of sexual abuse and child abuse. The center can help teens, adults, the elderly, children, family members of victims, LGBT people, and people with disabilities, and services include individual and group counseling, support groups, legal and criminal justice assistance, criminal advocacy, casework, hospital assistance, and community education about sexual assault. The center can assist visitors who speak English, Spanish and Creole.

Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center

Address: 1611 NW 12 Ave., Miami
Phone: 305-595-5135
Website: jacksonhealth.org

The Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center is a sexual assault refuge center located in the Jackson Health Medical Center. The center provides services for children, women, men, teens, LGBT people, people with disabilities, and elderly adults. Their services include a safe hotline, emergency shelter, individual and group counseling, support groups, crime victim assistance and advocacy, community and professional education of sexual assault, and hospital accompaniment. The center can also assist visitors who speak Spanish.

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Stand up to sexual assault

By: Roddia Paul

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Donate for the cause

Helping a cause does not always have to be done in person; a donation to an accredited organization will also do the trick. Here are some common foundations that host safe havens and collect funding for victims of sexual abuse. For more information about how to donate, visit the sites below.

Women’s Freedom Center

Website: womensfreedomcenter.net/get-help/sexual-assault/

RAINN: Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network

Website: donate.rainn.org

NSVRC: National Sexual Violence Resource Center

Website: www.nsvrc.org/relief-fund

NO MORE

Website: nomore.org/donations/

Pandora’s Project

Website: www.pandys.org/donate.html

In Our Own Words:

Interprofessional education and patient involvement are essential in health care

By: Cecilia Rokusek

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The law emphasizes interprofessional education in our curricula, on this team approach as we shape our next generation of health care leaders. We include leadership in patient care and coordination. This is a paradigm shift from the 20th century, in which patients were not actively involved as members of the health care team to help manage their own care. In addition, professionals often delivered fragmented and “silied” health care, not working or communicating with other members of the medical team to provide coordinated care in concert with the individual patient/consumer seeking the care.

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As professionals, we must be open to shared leadership in patient care and coordination. This means open communication and trust at all levels. In addition, our payment systems must be better coordinated, and the patient/consumer needs to understand the payment system and not fear asking questions.

At NSU, we place a heavy emphasis on this team approach as we shape our next generation of health care leaders. We include interprofessional education in our curricula, integrate different professions into basic science courses so students gain an understanding and mutual respect for their peers, and even host programs, such as Interprofessional Education Day, to emphasize the importance of working together to benefit our patients.

This is the future of health care. Don’t get left behind in your silos.
The three greatest fears of humankind are: falling into a deep hole, being attacked by a wild animal, and running out of gas. Let's be honest — not including an emoji in a text is downright rude. Sending a big smiley face and a full screen of hearts is more effective than saying, “I love you,” right?

Who has time to type words when there is an emotion right there that expresses exactly how you feel? Even Facebook has caught on to the movement, which is why you can now use emojis to react to statuses and posts.

So, if you aren’t speaking emotions, what are you doing on Earth? And how was your trip from Mars?

Being an alien is one thing, but stickling out like a sore thumb because you don’t speak “emoji” is simply unacceptable. So if you want to blend in and learn more about the emotion language, you might want to continue reading.

Japan-1, the rest of the world-0
Like all great things, the emoji outbreak started in Japan. According to emoji.com, in 1999, cellphone users started to use picture messages to communicate. Pictures consume more space than texts, and cellphone companies were already struggling to keep up with their growing user base. Basically, the cellphone companies in Japan freaked out and asked engineers to come up with something that would reduce the amount of picture messages being used.

Therefore, the ingenious engineers found a way to add commonly used emotions in text messages. Instead of using pictures that were hard to send and could block servers, you could use a small emoji and save the cellphone company’s byte and your phone bill. That is what scientists call a “win-win” situation.

Different countries speak with different types of emojis
While emoji language is widely used across the world, each country has its favorite type of emoji. According to The Huffington Post, a study found that the gun, knife and peach emojis are most popular in Canada, while Australians prefer to use emojis that allude to partying and having a good time. Who would have thought that Canadians are using the gun emoji more than Americans? Go figure.

The Huffington Post also reported that Americans use emojis that pertain to makeup and clothing, the eggplant emoji and meat emojis more than any other country. That assortment of emojis clearly depict what Americans value more than anything. If you can go a day without hearing anything about food, sex and feminism, then you’re probably not in America.

Kim Kardashian + emojis + millions of dollars = Kimoji
Unbelievably, Kim Kardashian has found a way to make emojis all about herself with her Kimoji app. The app has an assortment of emotions, which include heart-shaped pizzas, birth control, Kim’s famous derriere, and her dancing on a pole.

Kudos to Kim for making sure that her app truly reflects who she is. Regardless of whether you like her, so many people downloaded the app upon its release that it crashed the app store.

The success of the Kimoji app prompted other celebrities to create their own emojis. Rap superstars such as Future and Fetty Wap have released their own emoji apps, but these apps have not amased the same type success as the Kimoji.

Despite Kimoji’s popularity, it has yet to be more popular than the traditional emojis found on your phone. It’s safe to say that traditional emoji will stand the test of time.

If you need clarifications, check the “Emojipedia”
No matter how much you think you know what some emojis mean, you will find someone who has a different meanings for them. So, if you want to be that person to crush someone in a “define this emoji” duel, you can go over to emojipedia.org and equip yourself with the proper definitions. For example, 😎 is a grimmacing face, not an awkward smile. And this emoji, 😅, means that you are disappointed but relieved.

Look at you, already learning more emojis than you could ever dream.

The do’s and don’ts of emojis
There are two simple rules in using emojis:

• Don’t use too many. Don’t be that person who replaces every word in the text with an emoji. It’s annoying, and no one has the time to decipher your text. Remember that emojis are supposed to make life easier.

• Make sure your emojis fit the setting and make sense. According to time.com, emoji users prefer linear time and action. So try to ensure that your emojis can be read from left to right and make sense in that order.

Emojis are going nowhere anytime soon, so get used to using them, and use them well.

On track to become a reality?
Green Sharks are bite into sustainability at NSU

by: Chantel Grant

Get on board, and ride the sustainability wave with the NSU Green Sharks. April is Earth Month, so that means tons of speeches and events about climate change and separating plastic from paper.

While some college students roll their eyes at the usual “We love the world, so recycle” speeches, the Green Sharks are redefining what sustainability means and making plans to change NSU into a sustainable school. Chauncey Lobaugh, junior environmental studies major and president of the Green Sharks, said that the mission statement of the club is “To advocate and promote sustainable initiatives on campus as well as to educate students and faculty on the meaning of sustainability.”

Here’s how the NSU Green Sharks are making an impact in the NSU community.

Green Sharks are in tune with NSU students
The Green Sharks did a survey that showed over 60 percent of NSU students wanted courses on sustainability. The Green Sharks want to ensure that students have courses on sustainability, and they are willing to help make this goal a reality.

“The Green Sharks survey also showed that 70 percent of NSU students at NSU want to do more for sustainability,” said Gaenola Nonet, visiting professor in the H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship and faculty advisor for the Green Sharks.

According to Nonet, the Green Sharks did a survey on orientation day at the H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship. The survey showed that 80 percent of graduate students care about sustainability and said it was relevant to their education and work.

Nonet said teaching at the business school allows her to positively impact her students by educating them on sustainability, especially those students who want to be entrepreneurs.

“I can teach them to create business that align with sustainability by looking at the products that they will use and how they should treat people,” she said. “We have everything here at NSU, from research to early childhood education, so I love working here because we can actually come up with great solutions.”

Green Sharks are aiming for AASHE STARS
AASHE is the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, and STARS stands for the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System. AASHE STARS certify schools based on what they have done to become more sustainable, and the Green Sharks have their eyes set on gaining recognition from the program.

“NSU is a small school; from bronze to platinum, and it takes time and effort to organize the data about how the colleges are connected with the international community, and add to Florida’s sustainability change. You don’t have to go out of your way to live sustainably. For us, it’s more about making changes. You don’t have to go out of your way to live sustainably.”

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The Green Sharks share their passion for a sustainable lifestyle with the NSU community.

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Athletes with autism

Athletes come from all walks of life, and with the right amount of practice and determination, anyone can excel at athletics. Individuals with both physical and mental disabilities are able to play sports competitively thanks to Paralympic sports and special athletics leagues. As athletics have evolved, so have the opportunities for athletes with different disabilities, such as autism.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, autism spectrum disorder is a form of developmental disability that affects both men and women. Autism spectrum disorder encompasses multiple disorders, including autism disorder, pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified, and Asperger’s syndrome. Those who are severely affected may have difficulty in social situations to be incredibly talented in music, art, academics and even sports.

Participating in sports and other forms of exercise can be beneficial for both adults and children who have been diagnosed with autism, according to Autism Speaks. However, due to challenges with concentration and over-stimulation, some autistic individuals find it difficult to participate in sports. It’s incredibly important for individuals who struggle with autism to have role models and other autistic individuals to look to for inspiration, especially in something as therapeutic as sports.

Here are a few athletes who have overcome the challenges of autism to excel in athletics.

Michael Brannigan

After being diagnosed with autism at a young age, Michael Brannigan joined the Rolling Thunder Special Needs Program to help him socialize and make use of his excess energy, according to ESPN. However, he never imagined that he would become one of the country’s most accomplished runners by the time he graduated high school.

Brannigan was the number-one runner at Northport Senior High School in New York, and was the New Balance High School National Champion in the 4x1 mile relay. In February 2015, Brannigan was named the Sports Illustrated Athlete of the Month.

However, Brannigan’s success was not limited to high school track and field. He was also a member of the 2015 United States Paralympic track and field team. In 2015, shortly after graduating high school, Brannigan finished first overall in the men’s 1500 meters and second in the men’s 500 meter at the IPC Athletics World Championships. He then went on to take first place in the men’s 1500 meter at both the U.S. Paralympics Track and Field American Games and the Parapan American Games. In an interview with ESPN, Brannigan said he hopes to qualify for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan.

Although Brannigan still struggles socially and faces multiple challenges due to his condition, he serves as an incredible inspiration to other autistic individuals who want to get involved in athletics.

Clay Marzo

Despite being diagnosed with a mild form of autism, known as Asperger’s syndrome, at the age of 18, Clay Marzo finds comfort in the water and has established himself as one of the world’s best professional surfers.

In an interview with ABC, Marzo’s mother, Jill Marzo, said that the sport of surfing was best professional surfers. Each of them serves as an inspiration to the rest of the autistic community, proving that despite the challenges of autism, they can do anything they set their minds to.

Jane Applegate

Like Clay Marzo, British swimmer Jessica-Jane Applegate also lives with the challenges associated with Asperger’s syndrome. She has become one of the most inspiring female athletes with a developmental disability since starting her career in 2011.

Applegate competes in what is known as the S14 division, which is a special division for swimmers with intellectual impairments, according to BBC.

The 29-year-old is a decorated athlete; she has won a total of 24 gold medals while competing in Paralympic events. She also holds 11 British records and one world record in the S14 100 meter butterfly. In 2015, Applegate qualified to compete in her first able-bodied event at the British Summer Championships.

BBC reported that Applegate is currently preparing to represent the athletes in the Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Just because an individual has been diagnosed with a developmental disorder does not mean that he or she cannot achieve greatness, and these athletes are here to prove it. Each of them serves as an inspiration to the rest of the autistic community, proving that despite the challenges of autism, they can do anything they set their minds to.

ON DECK

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Men’s Baseball

vs. Palm Beach Atlantic
West Palm Beach, Fla.
April 8, 6 p.m.

vs. Palm Beach Atlantic
West Palm Beach, Fla.
April 9, noon

Men’s and Women’s Track and Field

vs. Miami
Coral Gables, Fla.
April 8-9, All Day

Women’s Softball

vs. Palm Beach Atlantic
AD Griffin
April 6, 8 p.m.

vs. Palm Beach Atlantic
AD Griffin
April 9, 1 p.m.

Women’s Rowing

Knecht Cup
Merce, N.J.
April 9-10, TBA

Women’s Tennis

vs. Florida Southern
Lakeland, Fla.
April 9, 11 a.m.

vs. Rollins
Winter Park, Fla.
April 10, 10:30 a.m.

SPORTS SHORTS

Women’s Softball

The women’s softball team fell to Florida Tech in a three-game series on March 24 and 25. Katery Blumberg, Dagny Jones and Ashley Roe each earned a hit in the final game on the series on March 25.

Men’s Baseball

The men’s baseball team swept Saint Leo in a three-game series. The Sharks took game one 1-4. The team then went on to win games two and three by scores of 10-1 and 6-1, respectively, to win the series on March 26.

Women’s Golf

The women’s golf team placed fifth overall at the Bearcats Spring Classic on March 27. Jamie Freedman and Aldana Fiegel both finished in seventh place with 207 strokes.

Women’s Tennis

The women’s tennis team earned their first conference win of the season after defeating Eckerd 9-1 on March 26. This marks the team’s ninth consecutive win of the season.

OUT OF THE SHARKZONE

Yao Ming to be inducted into Basketball Hall of Fame

According to Yahoo! Sports, the newly created Direct Elect International Committee selected former center Yao Ming, 38, for induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in the Class of 2016. Ming, who stands at 7 feet 6 inches, played with the Houston Rockets from 2002 to 2011 and was an eight-time All-Star before foot injuries ended his career. Ming was formally announced as a future Hall of Famer at the NCAA Final Four in Houston. For more information, visit foxsports.com.

Men’s soccer miss second consecutive Olympics


Vikings LB Greenway to return for 1 more season

Minnesota Vikings linebacker Chad Greenway, 33, tweeted that he will return next year to play his last season with the Vikings after 10 seasons with the team. Greenway has played with Minnesota since the team drafted him as a first-round pick in 2006. He tweeted, “Nobody is more excited than me to help lead this team one more time! Dream achieved, going out a Viking!” Last year, Greenway was the Vikings’ nominee for the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award. For more information, visit sports.yahoo.com.

Atlanta requests to host 2017 NBA All-Star Game instead of Charlotte, N.C.

On March 29, city leaders asked the NBA to consider moving next year’s All-Star Game from Charlotte, N.C. to Atlanta because of North Carolina’s new legislation, which many have criticized as anti-LGBT. The law prevents local governments from passing LGBT protections in public places like restaurants, hotels and stores. NBA spokesman Mike Bass responded in a statement, “We appreciate the invitation but are hopeful that the city of Charlotte and the state of North Carolina can work through their differences far in advance of the 2017 All-Star Game.” For more information, visit espn.go.com.
Athlete of the Week: Denyvr Tyler-Palmer

By: Erin Herbert
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Denyvr Tyler-Palmer, freshman biology major, knows that hard work and determination are the keys to succeeding in any sport.

Tyler-Palmer began playing volleyball in seventh grade but did not find immediate success in the sport.

“I thought I would enjoy it, but I was really bad at it at first,” she said. “But I stuck with it, and, eventually, I came to love it.”

Originally from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Tyler-Palmer moved to Jacksonville, where she attended Bishop Kenny High School. She played varsity volleyball all four years and helped lead the team to a state championship in 2014 as team MVP. In her senior year of high school, Tyler-Palmer was also named the All First-Team Player of the Year and Florida Dairy Farmers Class 5A Player of the Year.

In addition to playing high school volleyball, Tyler-Palmer also played club volleyball for the Jacksonville Junior Volleyball Association.

Tyler-Palmer explained her passion for volleyball.

How did you end up at NSU?

“It was a long recruiting process because I decided that I wanted to play college volleyball my senior year. So, through high school and through club volleyball, I was able to find a few schools who wanted me. I went on a lot of different visits, but NSU ended up being the right school for me.”

After college, do you plan to continue playing volleyball?

“That’s hard to say because there aren’t a lot of options for volleyball after the college level. I could potentially play overseas, which some players end up doing, but we’ll see how it goes.”

What is the most rewarding part of playing volleyball?

“I think seeing my teammates push each other and seeing us all grow as players and athletes and watching us work toward our goal and get better every day.”

Have you had any coaches who have influenced or inspired you throughout your volleyball career?

“My high school coach was very influential because you could tell how much she cared about us as a team, and how much she wanted us to grow and reach our goals. She was really inspiring, and it was great to have her influence all of us; you could see her impact on everyone.”

Are there any professional athletes whom you look up to?

“I don’t really have a number-one athlete whom I look up to right now.”

Since you’re only a freshman, do you have any goals set for yourself throughout your collegiate career?

“I definitely want our team to be able to make it to conference—that’s a big goal for us. It would be great to be a part of that in the years to come.”

If you could change one thing about the sport of volleyball, what would it be?

“Maybe the stereotype that volleyball players don’t have to work as hard [as other athletes]. People think that we don’t have to do as much work because we play on a very small court, but it’s actually the opposite. I think [the volleyball team] is actually one of the hardest working teams here.”

What motivates the volleyball team to achieve that hard work ethic?

“I think we motivate each other. We’re always cheering for one another, and we try to push each other to our limits.”

On the Bench:
They’re athletes, not advertisements

By: Erin Herbert
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Jerseys and uniforms are undoubtedly one of the most sacred aspects of sports. Representation is a huge part of sports, and fans often regard team logos with the utmost respect. It’s an incredible honor for athletes to wear their last names and team logos during games and practices. But, soon, a player’s name and number won’t be the only thing occupying a jersey. Major professional sports leagues in the U.S. and team owners.

The extra money earned from jersey sponsorships goes to paying staff and keeping the club functioning. Minor league teams in Europe have used jersey sponsorships to regularly fund teams since the ’90s. However, the same can’t be said for major sports leagues. Professional sports teams in the U.S. make more than enough money to keep up with their expenses. According to FOX Sports, the average annual profit for each NFL franchise is $286 million. With large sums of money coming to each team annually, there’s definitely no lack of funding for professional sports in the U.S.

Additionally, athletes would receive no extra compensation for advertising at every game and team event; every penny earned would go straight into the pockets of league officials and team owners. Jersey advertisements are sold the same way that television, radio or field advertisements are sold. The revenue from these advertisements goes straight back to the league, and the revenue form jersey advertisements will likely do the same.

According to ESPN, Kia, the official car sponsor of the NBA, was allowed to put their name and logo on the jerseys for the 2016 NBA All-Star Game. But this wasn’t the first time the NBA put advertisements on their uniforms. In 2013, Sprite was the official sponsor of the NBA Slam Dunk Contest and had small patches placed on the uniforms that read “Sprite Slam Dunk” to represent the partnership. The NBA is still testing the waters with advertisements on jerseys to gauge fan reaction. If there is minimal backlash from fans, the NBA hopes to adorn their players with advertisements within the next five years, according to an ESPN interview with league commissioner Adam Silver.

But one little patch featuring a company’s name or logo may quickly become a dozen patches, turning athletes into walking billboards. The Women’s National Basketball Association’s jersey sponsorship program is a perfect example of exploitation of athletes for advertising. The advertisements featured on the women’s jerseys are massive and take up most of the space of the jersey, leaving the team’s actual logo almost impossible to see. The league began allowing corporate logos on jerseys in 2009, and the league’s jersey sponsorship deals have only grown from there, according to ESPN.

Professional sports leagues certainly don’t need the extra money to fund the teams and shouldn’t further exploit athletes in order to line the pockets of league officials. Keep the tradition of the jersey sacred, and keep the athletes from becoming ad space.
Many students think of poetry and cringe. Years of analyzing and dissecting Shakespearean sonnets and cryptic postmodern creations have left many individuals running far as away from poetry as they can.

Poetry, however, is about relating human experiences rather than dissecting abstract metaphors. Giving modern day poets a chance might just change students’ minds. In honor of the National Student Poetry Month, here are 10 contemporary poets who are definitely capable of changing the way students view poetry.

George Watsky
He’s probably best known for rapping at the speed of light, but Watsky started off as a poet and still is a poet at heart. Although he shares some profound ideas in his writing, it’s argued that Watsky is someone whose poetry must be seen rather than read. His method of delivery and the way he speaks is hard to replicate even with the imagination. Some of his early pieces, such as “Drunk Text Message to God” and “S for Ling”, can be found on YouTube and are a good introduction to his poetic style.

Ada Limón
An inspiration to many younger poets, Ada Limón has a very descriptive writing style. Limón can paint detailed settings and situations using only words. Even when she’s telling a heart-wrenching story, a feeling of calmness emanates from the page. She often uses natural metaphors. “Sharks in the Rivers” and “Three Poems” are both great places to start and can be found on the Academy of American Poets’ website at poets.org.

Sarah Kay
Sarah Kay is a driving force in the world of spoken word poetry. She’s held TED Talks regarding the art of storytelling, and she also runs a program across the country with fellow poet Phil Kay to teach youth about spoken word. Some of her work definitely shows influences from Ada Limón, with a very soft approach and many metaphors. Other pieces are more assertive and seem concrete as opposed to abstract. She isn’t afraid to say what she has to say. Many of her performances can be found on YouTube, including “If I Should Have a Daughter” and “Hand Me Downs.”

Phil Kay
Longtime friend and colleague of Sarah Kay — no, they are not related in any way — Phil Kay has also put out the word for spoken word. His poetry can be a little quirky at times, often experiment with wording and how we say certain words, which may be why he usually releases his work via video rather than in print. His performance of “Repetition” can be found on YouTube.

Sierra DeMulder
Sierra DeMulder performs and publishes her work. Her subject matter can be a little dark, as she discusses issues such as eating disorders, self-harm and physical abuse. Because she writes free verse poetry, her work can be a bit longer. Her live performances of “Mrs. Dahmer” and “Ana” can be found on YouTube as well as in her book, “The Honor Below.”

Pat’s Justice
Pat’s Justice definitely has a rapper’s style in the realm of spoken word. He tackles issues such as inequality, the music industry and living in underprivileged areas in his pieces. A common theme in his work regards how rappers have lost their integrity. “Innocent Criminal,” a piece featured on HBO a few years back, can be found on YouTube.

Taylor Mali
Taylor Mali is a former-teacher-turned-full-time poet. He may not seem like the typical relatable figure for a college student at first glance, as he looks like the teacher who never lets students get away with anything. But he uses his work to spread messages that many other people seem afraid to say. He even cracks some jokes here and there and is very fond of satire. Start with “What Teachers Make” and “Totally Like Whatever, You Know?” which can be found on his eponymous website, as well as on YouTube.

Sherman Alexie
Sherman Alexie is often described as a storyteller instead of a poet, but, hey, he doesn’t love a good story! He chronicles his life, often bringing up the struggles he’s faced as a Native American. His style of irony makes him a favorite among many. His works don’t always rhyme, but they usually follow a loose formatting of stanzas. His works aren’t usually too long, either. “Good Hair” is often used as a stepping stone into his work. You can access this poem, along with many of his other pieces, via the Academy of American Poets website at poets.org.

Warson Shire
Somali-British poet Warsan Shire was London’s Young Poet Laureate in 2013. She gives a great perspective to the dynamics of a globalized world. Other topics she covers include family relationships, like those between mothers and daughters. Her work is often free verse but she organizes it into stanzas, which usually change in topic. Her work is often very blunt and straightforward, and the power of her pieces comes from her emotions rather than her metaphors. Good introductory poems include “Our Men Do Not Belong to Us” and “UGLY”, which are the first two pieces in her book, “Our Men Do Not Belong to Us.”

Savannah Brown
Although she started as a YouTube personality, Savannah Brown just published her first collection of poems in her book, “Griffith.” She also releases her poems on her eponymous YouTube channel, which varies between descriptive introspective works and feminist proclamations. She usually keeps her poems remarkably composed in her works, so that strong emotional segments seem to hit a lot harder. Her piece “Hi, I’m a Slut” is extremely popular, with more than 800,000 views.

Meet the musicians: COLOURS

There is no greater reason to develop an affinity for a band than when that band is from your own backyard.

Kyle Tamo and Morgan Alley, the vocalist and drummer, respectively, for the band COLOURS, got their start in Sarasota, Fla. The duo has worked their way up the music ladder and are currently on a tour with electronic musician Robert DeLong, a one-man-band known for his poetry and drumming. They are currently on a tour with electronic musician Robert DeLong, a one-man-band known for his poetic style and drumming.

“Certainly. Touring, for us, is imperative. Anyone, artist or not, who has or who can appreciate those details, it is very inspiring.”

Do you plan on touring with any other artists?
“Definitely. The tour was a wonderful tour. With almost every date sold out, we had wonderful opportunities to share our passion with thousands of people throughout the country. Robert and his crew were also very kind and accommodating.”

What was it like releasing your first album?
“Releasing ‘IVORY’ was a beautiful moment for me and Morgan. We sacrificed a lot, for years, to be able to bring this album to everyone. There is something so moving about spending years in the dark making art for someone and finally being able to present them with it.”

What are your goals for the band?
“Goals are something we don’t try to set too often. I think goals come with limits or restrictions. Even when you’re least expecting a goal, I think people often slow down with anticipation for it and sort of idle. We don’t want to set goals because we don’t want to slow down. We want COLOURS to get to a point where we struggle to keep up.”

How do you balance your music career with other obligations?
“Truly, COLOURS has always taken precedence. We have put COLOURS before comfort, health and relationships. The worth we see in COLOURS justifies the sacrifice we’ve put forth.”

How do you set yourselves apart from other bands?
“I think innovation is a hindrance to many artists. I think they often invest too much of their energy in that one aspect of their art and, in turn, find themselves grabbing at straws. A consumer wants a good art, not a stepping stone into their art. We let our experiences influence our sound and our passion pulsate it. Our goal is not doing something no one’s done; it’s doing something better than anyone has done it.”

Are there a performance or moment in your career that is most memorable for you?
“There was a moment of exhaustion before the album was released, a moment when I was sitting in Florida, alone, reflecting. I received a call from a family member from across the country. They were screaming with the car radio blasting in the background. After a good 30 seconds, I pieced together what was happening. Our single, “Mommy,” was playing on the radio, and my family came across it while driving. It was a very heartwarming and affirming moment. Simple, but resonating.”
Silverspot: Movie-watching in style

By: Roddia Paul

Movie theaters are often cold and uncomfortable, and no one looks forward to eating overpriced candy and popcorn. So when the owners of Silverspot built a location in South Florida, college students hit the jackpot.

Silverspot Cinema is a movie theater, restaurant, bar and lounge wrapped in one. The huge silver building that houses this combination of food and entertainment is easy on the eyes and filled with the sweet aroma of popcorn. As soon as you walk in, the host politely asks if you’re dinning in or eating to-go. Usually when you hear the words “to-go,” you assume the person speaking means take your food and leave, but, at Silverspot, to-go means take your food and go inside the theater.

At Silverspot, it’s not nachos without enough dip or Gobstoppers that cost the price of private school tuition. The restaurant portion of Silverspot is known as Trilogy, and maybe it’s called that because it incorporates flavor, presentation and affordable prices. Trilogy is a gourmet American bistro that features some Italian and Hispanic dishes on its menu.

The prices on the menu are not sky-high, which is rare for a movie theater. For only $25, guests can get their choice of soup or salad, an entrée, a drink and complimentary popcorn. This can be alarming because usually cheap prices equate to poorly made food, but that is not the case at Silverspot. The food smelled, looked and tasted just as deliciously as described on the menu.

The good thing about Silverspot is that guests do not have to sit in the restaurant to eat; there are choices. Guests can dine on the restaurant side, at the bar, the lounge area, and, of course, inside of the theater. If a group of friends decides that they would prefer to talk while eating, they can chose to eat outside of the theater and then see the movie after. The theater also includes a concession stand where movie favorites such as nachos and candy are for sale.

Once you get your food sorted out, it’s time to see the movie. There is no ticket booth at Silverspot; instead, there are several efficient touch screen systems where guests can purchase tickets. The machines display all of the available showing times and even prompts moviegoers to choose their preferred seating. If that doesn’t make your jaw drop, get this: adult tickets are only $11. Guys, adult tickets at Cinemark, where you don’t get to reserve your seating, is $12.75.

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You’re probably thinking that this experience could not get any better. Wrong. At the entrance of the theater, another host greets each guest, checks them in and directs them to their theater. Usually, specialty theaters have small limited seating, but, at Silverspot, the theaters are regular-sized. The chairs will make you not want to get up when the movie is over because the seats are as comfy as your couch at home. Plus, the chairs are not jam-packed together, and they actually have broad handles, so resting an arm won’t result in nudging the stranger next to you.

If you make a stop in the rest room on your way out, you’ll instantly wish that you could take the bathroom home. The bathroom is neat, clean and has this natural, fresh scent. The room is dim and filled with mirrors and has modern décor. With its big red doors and silver knobs, you’ll feel like you’re in the bathroom of a five-star hotel.

Silverspot is a hangout spot worthy of being a college-student favorite. It is not often that one finds great customer service, delicious food, good prices and comfortability.

Silverspot
Address: 4441 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek
Phone: 954-940-8150
Hours: Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-9:30 p.m. and Friday-Sunday from 9 a.m.-10 p.m.
Opinions

Save animals, exploit humans
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Why can't we just let animals be animals? As the documentary “Blackfish” shows, the conditions that these creatures are forced to endure is a direct result of our exploitation of them.

SeaWorld, the theme park that claims to be “the place where families come to play,” is a far from the truth. The documentary “Blackfish” by揭露了SeaWorld对逆戟鲸的虐待和不人道的训练方法。逆戟鲸是海洋中最聪明的生物之一，却在SeaWorld的池塘中被训练出各种复杂的表演，这无疑是对它们极大的伤害。逆戟鲸的大脑和心脏承受着巨大的压力，这使得它们在水中无法自由地游动，也无法与同类交流。

SeaWorld声称它们提供的是“教育体验”，但真相却远非如此。在纪录片中，我们可以看到逆戟鲸为了表演而被强迫进食，它们的大脑和心脏承受着巨大的压力，使得它们在水中无法自由地游动，也无法与同类交流。一些逆戟鲸甚至在池塘中因过度疲劳而死亡。

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The first listed definition in the Merriam-Webster dictionary says that feminism is the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities. I’m sure there are many who believe that, but they certainly aren’t feminists. The second definition that Merriam-Webster lists is far more accurate: organized activity in support of women’s rights and interests. Feminism isn’t a movement concerned with men’s issues at all. American feminism, as its name suggests, is only concerned with women’s issues.

Feminism stems from a basic premise: women aren’t privileged, and men are, and it needs to be fixed. In order to be a feminist, you must believe that we live in a patriarchy, which is a society where men are in charge, and women don’t have power. If you don’t believe in the patriarchy, it’s because you’ve bought into the system. So, when feminism tries to tell me that it’s concerned about men, too, I simply don’t believe it.

The bias against men in the legal system is well-documented. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, in 92 percent of cases, men who kill their spouses are given a sentence 11 years longer than that of women who kill their spouses. The argument could be made that women aren’t as prone to criminal activity, but that, in itself, is sexist. It also doesn’t explain why men receive severer sentences than women for the same crimes. Gender bias is the only explanation. Feminists have earmarked domestic abuse as a women’s issue, but, according to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Surveys, 40 percent of individuals who report domestic abuse are men. Yet, in a survey of 300 men who called domestic violence hotlines, 64 percent were told that the hotline only served women. Thirty-two percent of the men were referred to an abuser’s program. If that’s not victim blaming, I don’t know what is.

The argument could be made that women aren’t privileged, and men are, and that’s terrifying. It’s also completely OK. I notice that a lot of serious issues seem scared to the core about what happens after graduation.

On some level, I understand that it’s unsettling to not know what the future holds, but I don’t particularly get the incessant need to sit in uncertainty at some point in your college experience.

And, if you’re one of the lucky few who know where they’re going career wise, rest assured that uncertainty can and will still creep into the other aspects of life, like personal and financial issues. There are going to be times when we all just don’t know what we’re doing, and that’s terrifying. It’s also completely OK. I know that there really is no end to the anxiety that accompanies big changes. It’s just a part of life. But I’d like to point out that even if you did have a plan, nothing in life is set in stone. You never know what’s going to move you or what decisions you’re truly going to make. If you did, life would be boring. There are thousands of people who thought they were heading down one road before ending up on a better one. I mean, Steve Jobs never planned to drop out of school, and JK Rowling was living as a poorly paid waitress before she started writing the “Harry Potter” books. Sometimes, you just need to sit in uncertainty for a while. Sometimes, that unsettling feeling is the only force that can get you settled.

So to all those, young or old, who are panicking because they don’t have all the answers, relax. Life isn’t a math equation; there is no right way to do it. As long as you keep working hard and listening to your gut, everything will turn out exactly the way it’s supposed to.

The UC Pit is the most resourceful to me because I can always count on them to help me with printing posters and inform me of upcoming club activities.

-Alexis Good, freshman biology major

The SOURCE Office is the most resourceful to me because I can always count on them to help me with their generous spirit.

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I really like the Academic Advising Center because they help me plan my academic career, and I never have to worry about meeting events all in the UC.

-Kayley Ragland, junior nursing major

The SHARK SPEAK is the most resourceful to me. You can do so many things there. I do my homework, study, eat, and learn about upcoming events in the UC.

-Alexis Good, freshman biology major

Most people wouldn’t say this, but I really enjoy the elevator in Goodwin. Every time I use it, there are new fliers up about events on or near campus. It’s honestly how I find out about most things going on here at school.

-Alyssa Roehr, freshman biology major
### Research Assistant-(HPD159)
- **Job ID:** 4877
- **Hours:** 10 hrs./week
- **Rate:** $8.50/hour
- Assist the animal room technician in the animal facility with cleaning and preparing the cages, feeding the animals, measuring the weights, performing surgery, maintaining the animal room, etc. Additional responsibilities would include cleaning glassware, preparing reagents, preparing purchase orders, stacking supplies, and taking inventory of multiple game sites, among other clerical duties as assigned.

### Student Assistant-(715)
- **Job ID:** 4681
- **Hours:** 15 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week
- **Rate:** $8.50/hour
- Assist the systems team with data entry functions within the Banner Student system. Other duties as assigned.

### Graduate Student Assistant-(86)- (MK)
- **Job ID:** 4520
- **Hours:** 20 hrs./week
- **Rate:** $11/hour
- Assist, answer questions and direct students to the appropriate area.

### Student Assistant - Collection Development-(773)
- **Job ID:** 4921
- **Hours:** 28 hrs./week
- **Rate:** $8.50/hour
- Assist Coordinator of Collection Development with donations and semiannual book sales. Duties include, but are not limited to: accepting, sorting, and boxing up of donations; creating and distributing thank you letters; keeping statistics on donations; organizing gift room, working with book sellers; working with other departments on donated materials; researching library catalog.

### 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.

### Graduate Student Assistant-(841)
- **Job ID:** 4811
- **Hours:** 25 hrs./week
- **Rate:** $8.50/hour

### Administrative Student Assistant-(941)
- **Job ID:** 5727
- **Hours:** 20 hrs./week
- **Rate:** $9/hour
- Assist in the day-to-day operations in the academic and special events area of the department. Photocopying, faxing and phones. Heavy data entry input.

### Student Assistant-(827)
- **Job ID:** 5628
- **Hours:** 20 hrs./week
- **Rate:** $5/hour
- Assist with the operation of Student Poster Printing Services. Job functions include but are not limited to: processing print request sent via email, online and/or in person and keeping log files for printing requests. Answer phones and emails. Other duties as assigned.

### Intramural Program Assistant-(1164)
- **Job ID:** 5737
- **Hours:** 18 hrs./week to 20 hrs./week
- **Rate:** $11/hour
- An Intramural Program Assistant will serve as the highest student employee position within the Intramural Sports and Special Events program and will oversee all aspects of the comprehensive program. Main duties will include programming for each league and tournament and providing high level officiating evaluations and supervision of multiple game sites, among other administrative duties in the Intramural office.

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