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## NSU students meet with Davie mayor

By: Grace Ducanis  
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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 next few years, an iFly 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 95,000 residents, and she said that, despite the population boom, Davie is still an agricultural town.

"We're a cowboy town 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 is to maintain a balance between 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 house an educational center, a farmer's market, 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."

Alonzo 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



NSU students met with Judy Paul at the Davie town hall.

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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

By: Grace Ducanis  
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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 Acoustix 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.



NSU raises money for cancer patients and their families every year at Relay for Life.

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

Parker Sheppard, sophomore exercise and sports 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](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY16FL?pg=entry&fr_id=72894). For more information about Relay for Life, contact Ahmed at [ua27@nova.edu](mailto:ua27@nova.edu). To learn more about the American Cancer Society, visit [cancer.org](http://cancer.org).



# NEWS ANCHOR

Stay up to date with international events.

## Hans-Dietrich Genscher, former German foreign minister, dead at 89

Genscher's office announced that the former foreign minister, who served from 1974 to 1992, died on March 31. Genscher entered parliament in 1965, and in 1974, he won the Free Democratic Party chairmanship, becoming foreign minister. Genscher's 18-year tenure as chief diplomat is a record across Europe. He took office when Europe was divided between NATO and the Warsaw Pact, was instrumental in the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, and negotiated Germany's reunification in 1990. European Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker said Genscher became "a symbol of hope" in a split Germany and that "it is in part a tribute to his work that today we are a European Union of 28 member states. For more information, visit [yahoo.com/news](http://yahoo.com/news).

## Kenyan parliament votes to bring breastfeeding areas in offices

Kenya's parliament approved a bill that will require that companies designate breastfeeding areas for employees with children and allot time for women to breastfeed. Member of Parliament Rachel Nyamai, who proposed the bill, said the bill will help women work and also improve children's health. ABBC correspondent said that breastfeeding in public places is commonplace in Kenya, adding that the goal is for companies to provide conducive working environments for mothers who work. One company, mobile network Safaricom, already provides breastfeeding facilities, and the director of human resources said they have improved their output. Parliament previously rejected the bill after businesses threatened to lay women off. The president must approve the bill before it can become law. For more information, visit [bbc.com](http://bbc.com).

## French president abandons plan to strip terrorists of French nationality

In response to the November 2015 Paris attacks, French President Francois Hollande proposed a plan to change the country's constitution to strip those convicted of terrorism of their French nationality. The president has now dropped the plan, saying, "A compromise appears out of reach," after the two houses of parliament failed to agree

on constitutional reform. The president's plan faced opposition and resulted in Justice Minister Christiane Taubira's resignation in February. The plan would have allowed the government to strip dual nationals of their French nationality if convicted of terrorism, but it would have had no effect on French nationals, since international law prohibits countries from revoking nationality when it makes the citizen stateless. For more information, visit [bbc.com](http://bbc.com).

## Austria imposes new restrictions on asylum eligibility

New restrictions that will go into effect in mid-May will make it easier for the Austrian government to reject asylum-seekers. The government will only accept refugees who face threats to their safety in a neighboring transit countries — countries that migrants cross on their way to their destination country — and those who already have relatives in Austria. The new rules will require migrants to request asylum at the border at registration centers, where they may be held for up to five days while their applications are processed. Interior Minister Johanna Mikl-Leitner said illegal migrants caught within the country will be taken to the border, while those whom the country rejects will be sent to the country they crossed to reach Austria. Last year, Austria received one of the highest volumes of refugees in the European Union, but Mikl-Leitner said the country was no longer "obliged" to accept every request because of the "threat to public order and national security." For more information, visit [yahoo.com/news](http://yahoo.com/news).

## Colombia offers peace talks with ELN

The Colombian government has entered peace negotiations with the second-largest guerrilla group, the National Liberation Army, or ELN, to end what is called the last major armed conflict in the West. The president's chief negotiator and ELN commander Antonio Garcia met in Caracas, Venezuela, and announced the decision to set up public peace talks in a joint statement. If successful, the ELN, along with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, the largest rebel group, will achieve peace with the government after 50 years of armed conflict that began in the 1960s. President Juan Manuel Santos said, "If we achieve peace, it will be the end of the guerrillas in Colombia, and therefore, in Latin America." For more information, visit [yahoo.news/com](http://yahoo.news/com).

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# Greeks stroll for autism

Fraternalties 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 8 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, this year's goal is to raise \$5,000. 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 determined, will evaluate performances 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



Last year's Stroll Off crowd cheers on the teams.

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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] an organization that donates to the research and makes 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 much 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 who aren't involved in Greek life come to," she said. "It's a fun event."

Phi Sigma Sigma will also collaborate with 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 [tt618@nova.edu](mailto:tt618@nova.edu).



# CAHSS to host conference on protecting children

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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and to bring attention to the issues of child abuse, neglect and human trafficking, the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences will host a conference on April 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Don Taft University Center.

Lauren Book, bestselling author, survivor of child sexual abuse and CEO of the Lauren's Kids Foundation, will be the keynote speaker. Other speakers will include police officers, FBI agents and psychologists.

Denise Crammer-Turner, associate professor in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and director of the child protection master's program, said that the conference is designed to bring awareness to human trafficking and child abuse.

"There are a lot of people out of work and having financial problems, and because of that, we see a lot more abuse," she said. "There are a lot of people who self-medicate with alcohol and drugs, and that, at times, leads to child abuse."

Maribel Del Rio-Roberts, assistant professor in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and director of the developmental disabilities master's program, will co-present at the conference on strategies to protect children with developmental disabilities.

"We want to help kids understand their limitations and be able to identify appropriate interactions and inappropriate interactions, tailoring how we teach children based on their needs," she said.

Del Rio-Roberts said that some kids have cognitive limitations that keep them from being able to understand personal space and boundaries. She also said that children with developmental disabilities are overrepresented among children who are abused or neglected.

"They're so excited that someone wants to be around them and interact with them that they may not recognize an inappropriate experience," she explained. "We need to understand what each child's strengths and weaknesses are and tailor the conversations we have with him or her about abuse and neglect."

Del Rio-Roberts said she hopes that any students who attend will be motivated to make changes.

"I want the conference to incite a little bit of excitement or interest in regards to wanting to take action and be advocates, to be more proactive," she said.

Crammer-Turner said she hopes the conference will help more people recognize problems and keep their eyes open for issues.

"I know that, sometimes, people have a blind eye until it happens to them," she said. "I'd like to affect at least one person, but I'd also like to affect a lot more."

When it comes to recognizing abused children, Del Rio-Roberts said educators are more adept at identifying a child who is being physically abused than identifying a child who is experiencing neglect.

"It's important to focus on whether a child is being emotionally cared for, whether their needs are being met," she said. "Is the child clean? Do they have an odor about them? Are they losing weight? Have they brushed their teeth? Is their attire appropriate? These are all risk factors that can lead to serious consequences long-term."

To register for the free conference, visit [cahss.nova.edu/masters/childprotection/conference.html](http://cahss.nova.edu/masters/childprotection/conference.html). For more information about the conference, contact Crammer-Turner at [crammerd@nova.edu](mailto:crammerd@nova.edu).

## According to the United States Department of Health and Human Services 2013 Child Maltreatment Report:

- From 2009 to 2013, victimization rates declined from 9.3% to 9.1% per 1,000 children.
- Of maltreated children, 79.5% were victims of neglect, 18% were victims of physical abuse, and 8.7% were victims of psychological abuse.
- More than 75% of child fatalities as a result of neglect or abuse were caused by the child's parent.
- 1,520 children died of abuse and neglect in 2013.

# Show off your strength with Kappa Sigma

By: **Li Cohen**  
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For the brothers of Kappa Sigma fraternity, there is no greater strength than defeating brain cancer.

To help raise funds for the Florida Brain Tumor Association, Kappa Sigma will host their annual Strong Man competition, where students can test their strength in a series of weight lifting events, on April 7 at 4:04 p.m. on the Alvin Sherman Library Quad.

There are 17 total events, including bench press, sandbag lift, farmers walk, crucifix, dead lift, tire flip and a truck pull. Women can also compete in an additional squat event.

According to the American Brain Tumor Association, brain cancer is the most common form of cancer in those ages 19 and younger and is the second leading cause of cancer-

related deaths in children under 20.

This event is more than just a weight-lifting competition for the fraternity; it's a chance to help families who are suffering from the effects of brain cancer.

James McCloskey, freshman biology major and brother of Kappa Sigma, said that people should participate because of the devastating impact brain cancer has on patients and their families.

"Brain cancer claim hundreds of lives every year," he said. "I have dealt with losing someone to it, and some of my brothers have dealt with it, as well. As of right now, there is no true cure to brain cancer, and it has affected hundreds of individuals and families."

One female and one male competitor

will each win a trophy and membership to LA Fitness in individual competitions, while one female and one male competitor will each win a trophy and a \$50 gift card to Total Nutrition for winning the most events.

The cost is \$5 per event or \$30 to participate in all events. The event is open to the public, and participants must be at least 16 years old. Contestants can sign up for as many events as they want.

Competitors can sign up until the starting time for the event. Those who sign up for six or more events will receive a T-shirt. Anyone who wants to donate or buy a T-shirt but does not wish to compete can do so during the event.

For more information, contact McCloskey at [jm3933@nova.edu](mailto:jm3933@nova.edu) or 850-797-2954.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Go on an outdoor adventure

The Office of Recreation and Wellness will host a beach day and paddle boarding trip on April 16 for NSU students. Tickets are \$15 and include activities, paddle boarding, food and transportation to and from John U Lloyd State Park. The shuttle will pick students up at noon at the Shark Circle on the day of the event. For more information, contact Emily Powell at [ep668@nova.edu](mailto:ep668@nova.edu), or visit [rec.nova.edu/outdoor\\_adventures](http://rec.nova.edu/outdoor_adventures).

## Put your fins up for Fin Fest

To help students relax before finals, the Office of Student Activities will host Fin Fest, a week of activities, for the NSU community from April 5 to April 9. On April 5, there will be a screening of "Ride Along 2" at 8 p.m. at the Flight Deck Backyard. On April 6, NSU's Got Talent will be at 8 p.m. at the Shark Fountain. On April 7, students can attend SEA Thursday at noon in the UC Pit and see the Riff Tides perform at 7 p.m. in the Performance Theater. On April 8, Phi Sigma Sigma will host the annual Sigma Stroll Off at 7 p.m. in the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Center. On April 9, Relay for Life will be held from 6 p.m. to the following day at 6 a.m. on the Alvin Sherman Library Quad.

## Get a different look at society with "Marisol"

The Department of Performing and Visual Arts will host the performance "Marisol," a show about a young Latina finding her way through an apocalyptic society, on April 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. and April 10 at 2 p.m. in the Black Box Theater. The show will focus on the themes of mental illness, theology and society. Tickets are \$5 for NSU students, faculty and staff who present their Shark Cards at the time of purchase and \$10 for the public. To purchase tickets, visit the online box office at [cahss.nova.edu/arts/performance-series.html](http://cahss.nova.edu/arts/performance-series.html). For more information, call 954-262-8179.

## Try a new sport with RecWell

Registration is open until April 7 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 competition pool. Registration is free, and the co-recreational teams must have a minimum of six members. To register, visit [IMLeagues.com](http://IMLeagues.com). For more information, contact Alina Cioletti at [ac2447@nova.edu](mailto:ac2447@nova.edu), or call 954-242-7305.

## Understand 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 plan applications. The newsletter is available at [nova.edu/financialaid/forms/dollars\\_sense\\_springsummer16.pdf](http://nova.edu/financialaid/forms/dollars_sense_springsummer16.pdf).

## NSU researcher wins proposal competition

The Envision Research Institute awarded Ava Bittner, an optometry researcher and associate professor at the College of Optometry, and her research team \$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 [nsunews.nova.edu](http://nsunews.nova.edu).

SGA Senate Meeting  
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**3 - 5 PM**

LIUB Manicures  
@UC Spine  
**9:45 AM - 4 PM**

Relay for Life Team Party  
@SAB 104  
**4 - 5 PM**

NSU's Got Talent  
@Shark Fountain  
**8 - 11 PM**

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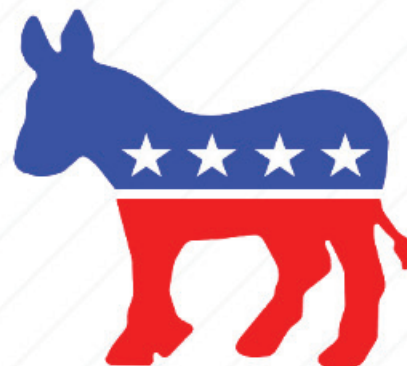
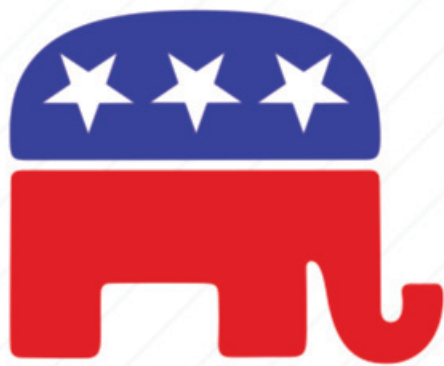
# On Shore Calendar

SEA Thursday @UC Spine <b>Noon - 1 PM</b>	IFC General Body Meeting @Rosenthal 200 <b>Noon - 1 PM</b>	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance @Library 1048 <b>1 - 5 PM</b>
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# 2016

## RACE TO PRESIDENCY



## 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 upheld 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*

Sanders stated on his campaign site, 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.

“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 Republican”*

On tedcruz.org, Cruz said that he plans to work with the attorney general to investigate Planned Parenthood, beginning on his first day of office. He also plans on creating policies “that tear down these pillars of our society.”

“Too often, these are called women’s issues. Well, I am a proud lifelong fighter for women’s issues because I firmly believe what’s

good for women is good for America. As far as I’m concerned, any issue that affects women’s lives and futures is a women’s issue.” — *Hillary Clinton, as stated on her campaign site*

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.

“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*

Although he did not state his proposed plan 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.

“If Congress were to pass legislation making abortion illegal and the federal courts upheld 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.”





# Grant funds new legal clinic

By: **Grace Ducanis**  
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The Shepard Broad College of Law received a \$1million 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.

O’Flannery Anderson said that the new clinic means that a new group of students will have a good understanding of the legal challenges that individuals with special needs face and the resources that are available to them.

“We’ll have a whole new level of appreciation and knowledge in our legal community, and we’ll be providing an immense service to the families,” she said. “A lot of people turn to the courts for help, and that’s daunting.”

Don Taft, a businessman and philanthropist who passed away in 2011, started the Taft Foundation, and O’Flannery Anderson said that the grant fulfills his legacy.

“He loved NSU and was a great friend of President Hanbury,” she said. “He was committed to helping children with special needs. The foundation, through the grant, figured out a wonderful way to help those individuals with legal challenges.”

For more information about law clinics at NSU, visit [law.nova.edu](http://law.nova.edu).

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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 serve food and entertain guests.

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

U.S. Shanelle Grizzle, senior biology major and president of the Society of Anime, Gaming and Entertainment, said that the goals of cosplay café are to get the club’s name out to the NSU community and to show people that its members aren’t just focused on gaming, but are open and excited to interact with their fellow Sharks.

Monique Mitchell, freshman graphic design major and event committee member for the café, said that she is excited for her first cosplay café with the Society of Anime, Gaming and Entertainment. She will sing at the café as part of the lineup of performances.

“It’s going to be a like a little tea party,”

Mitchell said. Grizzle 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.

“There is unity in our club, and I hope that the NSU community will see that through our cosplay café,” Mitchell said.

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](mailto:sg1352@nova.edu).

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# THAT TIME I... REALIZED MY POTENTIAL

By: **Annie Nguyen**

Anh Nguyen is a senior studio art major and business minor. Before realizing her potential, Nguyen was a biology major in the dual dental program at NSU. However, after realizing she did not want to limit herself to a specific career path, Nguyen chose to focus on her artistic and entrepreneurial qualities. Nguyen's post-grad plans include getting involved with art residency programs in South Florida and pursuing an entrepreneurship plan with her sister.

At the age of 15, I moved to South Florida to attain the "American Dream." So what is the American Dream? At the time, I thought it mostly meant being financially stable, but that understanding of the term lasted only until the time I realized my potential and learned otherwise.

Starting my freshman year at the University School, I followed the path of the dual enrollment dental program, where I found myself taking AP science courses and even working as the teacher's assistant in my microbiology class. Working in dental offices and shadowing D3s and D4s ever since high school, I thought I was set to be a successful, financially-stable dentist,

and my friends and family would be proud. But two years before graduating college and going straight into dental school, it hit me. "Is this the "American Dream?"

Growing up, I remember drawing in the front and back covers of library books. I remember using my mom's lipstick to draw murals in my parents' closet, even after I was old enough to know better. I remember drawing end-of-the-year caricatures of my classmates and distributing them throughout middle school. I remember winning Gold Key and National Visions awards throughout high school.

During my first two years of college in the dental program, I was still taking art courses; I was still drawing doodles of the patients in the dental office and giving it to them after their appointments. One day, I questioned whether I wanted to be a dentist. I started to wonder, "Is this who I am?"

At some point, I think we all ask ourselves this question and look to others to find the answer. But I answered my own question, changing my major to studio art, and took a job at the NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale. It was a leap of faith; I didn't know if I made the right decision, but I do know it's a decision I made



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Nguyen harnessed her artistic ability into achieving the American Dream.

just for myself.

What really reassured me was an experience I had this year. Leading a docent tour at the museum for a group of 15 elementary students, I asked one of them, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" He told me "Batman," and, laughing, I asked him why. Unbelievably, he said, "Because no matter what, I want to help people and change their lives." It was that moment I realized my own potential.

Despite completely changing my major from biology to studio art and balancing five to

seven classes each semester for my junior and senior years, I'm proud to say that I'll graduate on time with the class of 2016 with plenty of opportunities set for my future.

With the help of my generous scholarships, the unconditional support of my family and friends, a whole lot of hard work, and just a leap of faith, the chance I got was the only chance I needed to realize my potential — through a 5-year-old boy who wanted to be Batman.

So who do I want to be? I want to be someone who will help people and make a difference, inspiring people to inspire others. Who knows how? Successful businesses don't know all their future steps before establishing their mission statements.

Life is not easy. Often, life is not fair. But, just like my dad said, "You only have just one life to live." And, for me, discovering how you truly want to live that one life, regardless of money, status or anything, for that matter, and having the faith to take and follow through with that leap is the American Dream. As a soon-to-be NSU graduate, I challenge you all to search and realize your potential. Opportunity is always there. It's your choice to take it with reason.

## Attention, Apple users: Are you on night shift mode?

By: **Chantel Grant**

It's fair to say that our cellphones have robbed us of a good night's sleep. As much as you hate to admit it, when you say you're going to bed, what you really mean is you're going to lie on your back and scroll through social media sites.

You're not alone, though, because most people struggle with warding off distractions before going to bed. But, lo and behold, Apple finally caught wind of this and decided to try and save you from yourself.

If you update your phone to iOS 9.3, you'll be surprised to know that, unlike other updates, it not only fixes "bugs" and takes up space, but it also has new and useful features.

The most useful is the night shift feature that Apple hopes will help you to get a good night's rest.

### What is the night shift feature?

First of all, calm down — the night shift feature isn't about finding some late night "fun"

that will put you to sleep. Instead, the feature allows users to switch their phones into night shift mode, which means that the phone will emit a warmer display light.

Apple developers came up with this feature because phones and laptops emit blue lights that offset your sleep cycle. Blue lights tamper with your melatonin production, which makes falling asleep harder. So softening these lights and replacing them with warmer colors before bed hopefully won't affect your sleep cycle as much.

### How do I get access the feature?

Accessing night shift mode is simple:

- Do you have an iPhone 5s or a newer version of the iPhone? Do you have an iPad Air, Pro or Mini? Do you have a sixth generation iPod touch?
- If you don't have any of the devices mentioned above, then you might want to get one.
- After acquiring one of the listed devices, ensure that it has been updated to iOS 9.3.
- Then go to "Settings."

- Select "Display & Brightness."
- Right under "Auto Brightness," you will see "Night Shift."

And voila, you can turn on the night shift mode. You even get to select the times you want your phone to automatically activate and deactivate the feature.

### Does it work?

Well, right there on your phone, if you select "Display & Brightness" and then select "Night Shift," there is a description of what the new feature will attempt to do. It reads, "Night Shift automatically shifts the colors of your display to the warmer end of the color spectrum after dark. This may help you get a better night's sleep."

Umm, "may help"? That's probably the part that got you scratching your head, but Apple is right. While this new feature is moving in the right direction to help you sleep better, other factors come into play that can prevent this feature from being successful.

According to CNN.com, studies have

shown that exposure to blue light at night can affect your circadian rhythm. But the success of night shift mode is still widely debatable because researchers have yet to study the impact of those types of settings on sleep cycles.

### Should you try it?

While there hasn't been any research to show that night shift mode actually works, it would be silly of you not to try. Truthfully, having your phone on night shift mode makes your phone look like you dunked it in orange juice, and it absorbed the color. It's not pretty, so maybe that will be enough incentive for you to put away your phone and get some shut eye.

Regardless of its debatable success, Apple still deserves a shoutout for trying, because, as soon as they start with something new, other tech companies will try to do outdo them. Then, before you know it, you'll actually have a solution to your pesky sleep problems. But, for now, spread the word, and give night shift mode a try.

## Dealing with grad school rejection

By: **Chantel Grant**

'Tis 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 every 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, and Emilio Lorenzo, assistant director of career advisement in the Office of Career development, have actual advice on how to deal with the pangs 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.

Tasca and Lorenzo said that how well one aligns with the program also has a lot to do with rejection or acceptance into the program. If a graduate school has specific qualities that they are looking for, which a student doesn't have, then it becomes a disadvantage, which is probably why the program rejected the student.

According to Tasca and Lorenzo, some schools give feedback upon rejection.

"Sometimes you can even set up a meeting with the advisors about your application so you can get an idea of why you were rejected," said Tasca..

### Brush yourself off and try again

Lorenzo and Tasca said that reapplying is always an option.

"If you've been rejected from a business graduate school, and they see that you've improved and applied again, then they will go 'Wow, this person really wants to be here,'" said Lorenzo.

Tasca and Lorenzo agreed that if there are programs students really want to be admitted to, they should take time to develop the skills

needed for their desired programs because they can always reapply.

"It's OK to take some time and ask yourself, 'What can I do to make myself more advantageous?'" said Lorenzo. "Use the time to get some experience through internships and rebuild who you are. By the time you reapply, even you will be surprised to see how much you've changed."

Lorenzo and Tasca said that students shouldn't worry about being rejected again, just because they were rejected the first time, because schools don't hold students' failures against them. Instead, they will be impressed by a student's persistence because it shows that he or she is passionate about the program.

"Improve from the experience — don't let this 'No' turn you into a quitter," said Lorenzo.

"It's important for students to not use the rejection as a reason to stop pursuing their career path," said Tasca.

### But I've been put on a waiting list

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 values, and he or she will be happiest 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 agreed that dealing with being placed on a waiting list is subjective because it asks the student to evaluate who they 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 a hard pill to swallow, it is not the end of the world. Find solace in the fact that you can always try again, and don't be too hard on yourself.



# Stand up to sexual assault

By: **Roddia Paul**

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 877-349-1150 or by filling out the contact box on the homepage. For more information on programs and how to purchase online content 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](http://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/](http://www.broward.org/)

[HumanServices/CommunityPartnerships/NancyJCottermanCenter/Pages/Default.aspx](http://HumanServices/CommunityPartnerships/NancyJCottermanCenter/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:** 305-585-5185  
**Website:** [jacksonhealth.org/](http://jacksonhealth.org/)

The Roxcy Rolton 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.

### 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

[womensfreedomcenter.net/get-help/sexual-assault/](http://womensfreedomcenter.net/get-help/sexual-assault/)

#### RAINN: Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network

[donate.rainn.org/](http://donate.rainn.org/)

#### NSVRC: National Sexual Violence Resource Center

[www.nsvrc.org/relief-fund](http://www.nsvrc.org/relief-fund)

#### NO MORE

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## In Our Own Words:

Interprofessional education and patient involvement are essential in health care

By: **Cecilia Rokusek**

*Cecilia Rokusek is assistant dean of research and innovation and project director for the Center for Interprofessional Education and Practice in the College of Osteopathic Medicine. Rokusek's guest editorial was initially published on March 24, 2016 and reprinted with the permission from the Office of Public Affairs.*

Six years after the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act was signed into law on March 23, 2010, America is still adapting to health care reform. Whether one agrees with the legislation or not, one thing we should all agree on is that health professionals from all disciplines must work together — and not in silos — for the benefit of the patient.

The law emphasizes interprofessional education for students and professionals, as well as inclusion of the patient and family in the health care team.

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 "siloed" 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.

With the growing incidence of chronic illnesses, there is a need to both prevent and manage these ongoing medical challenges in a collaborative manner with health and social professionals involving the patient and the family at every step.

Studies have demonstrated that interprofessional team-based collaborative care

delivered throughout the life span within the context of a medical home can enhance patient outcomes, reduce overall care costs, reduce medical errors, reduce procedural duplication, enhance pharmaceutical compliance, actively involve the patient in his or her own health care, and increase overall health care satisfaction. In fact, more than 60 professional organizations have endorsed the team approach.

We, as a health care community, still have a long way to go to achieve the ideal interprofessional environment. We must continue to build mutual respect among all health and social professions. At the same time, we must respect patients and take time to listen to and understand their questions, concerns and desires.

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.

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Jennifer Hicks poses with her art at the 8th Annual Juried Student Exhibition. PRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM N. COCUIY



# I only speak 'Emoji'

By: **Chantel Grant**

The three greatest feats of humankind are Neil Armstrong landing on the moon, Steve Harvey hosting “Family Feud,” and the creation of the emoji.

Let’s be honest — not including an emoji in a text is downright rude. Sending a big smiley face and a screen full of hearts is more effective than saying, “I love you,” right?

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

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

Being an alien is one thing, but sticking 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 emoticon language, you might want to continue reading.

## Japan-1, the rest of the world-0

Like all things great, the emoji outbreak started in Japan. According to [iemoji.com](http://iemoji.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 create something that would reduce the amount of picture messages being used.

Therefore, the ingenious engineers found a way to add commonly used emoticons 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 butt 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 female-oriented emojis like 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 emoticons, 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 amassed 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](http://emojipedia.org) and equip yourself with the proper definitions. For example,  is a grimacing face, not an awkward smile. And this emoji, , means that you are disappointed but relieved.

Look at you, already learning more emoji lingo than you could ever dream of.

## 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](http://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.

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

# Green Sharks 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.

Cassilly 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 they hear what NSU students have to say about sustainability. More surveys revealed that NSU students actually want to see the school become sustainable and they are willing to help make this goal a reality.

“The Green Sharks survey also showed that 70 percent of the students at NSU want to do more for sustainability,” said Guenola 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 that showed 88 percent of the 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.

“AASHE STARS rate schools from bronze to platinum, and it takes time and effort to organize the data about how the colleges are doing on their path to become a sustainable,” said Nonet. “It’s basically reporting your school’s sustainable efforts, and so it would take more than the Green Sharks to work on that — I think it would take the involvement of the entire campus.”

The Green Sharks are encouraging students and faculty to jump on board with the process. At the end of the day, if NSU becomes certified by AASHE, it would benefit everyone in the NSU community and add to Florida’s sustainability efforts by curbing the communities’ effect on climate change and hopefully slowing down the climate change process.

## The Green Sharks are going beyond NSU campus

Nonet said she created a team called the NSU Collaborative Team for Sustainability, which consists of a total of 44 faculty, students and Broward county representatives from nine NSU colleges, the Alvin Sherman Library and the Oceanography Library.

“The group approaches sustainability in a broad sense because we target the social aspects of sustainability, as well,” she said. “The collaborative team also aligns with President Hanbury’s vision, which is for our colleges to collaborate across campus and to serve the community.”

Nonet said the Green Sharks promote sustainability all year, but when Earth Month



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

comes around, clubs like Green Sharks get special recognition.

“Earth Month helps the club to feel connected with the international community, and we also gain visibility,” she said. “Earth Day is on April 22, and the Green Sharks are going to be at the library with different representatives from local government, NGO’s and businesses to show what the meaning of sustainability is and educate students.”

## We aren’t just “tree huggers”

A common misconception about clubs like Green Sharks is they only appeal to science majors. But, according to Lobaugh, the club attracts students from a variety of different majors.

“The Green Sharks isn’t only for science majors,” she said. “We have legal studies, English and prelaw majors, as well.”

Students from different majors are attracted to the club because sustainability affects everyone. For Lobaugh, this encourages Green Sharks to continue promoting and advocating

for sustainability at NSU.

“Science students aren’t the only ones who climate change will affect; it’s a reality for everyone, and so we need to change the way we live,” she said.

Lobaugh said Green Sharks is different from other environmental clubs at NSU.

“We aren’t tree huggers,” she said. “We simply want to promote a lifestyle that does not endanger earth. For us, it’s more about making changes. You don’t have to go out of your way to live sustainably.”

The Green Sharks are taking on sustainability and paving the way for NSU to proudly brag about being a sustainable school. The organization meets on Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. in the Carl DeSantis Building, room 2071.

For more information on the Earth Day event or the NSU Green Sharks, contact Lobaugh at [cl1221@nova.edu](mailto:cl1221@nova.edu) or Nonet at [gnet@nova.edu](mailto:gnet@nova.edu)



# CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S STUEY NOMINEES

This year's Student Life Achievement Awards (STUEYS) will be held on April 12 at 6 p.m. in the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis in the Rosenthal Student Center, room 211. Only one ticket for NSU ID will be provided, due to limited seating.

Attendees must arrive to the Performing Arts Center no later than 5:45 p.m. on the day of the event. For those who cannot attend, the ceremony will be broadcasted live at the following locations:

- Ft. Myers campus, room 123
- Jacksonville campus, room 210
- Kendall campus, room 218
- Orlando campus, room 214
- Tampa campus, room 3044
- Palm Beach campus, room 114
- San Juan, Puerto Rico campus, room 3318A

## Congratulations to the following 2016 STUEY nominees:

### ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

**Ricardo C. Carrasco, Ph.D.**  
College of Health Care Sciences

**Piya Chayanuwat, D.B.A.**  
NSU Libraries

**Edward Franco, M.B.A.**  
NSU Fort Myers Campus

**Larry Goehrig, M.B.A.**  
H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship

**Maria Lemme**  
Facilities Management

### CORPORATE PARTNER OF THE YEAR

**Goodman Jewish Family Services**

**Jackson Memorial Hospital**

**Lee Memorial Health Systems**

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**Midmark International**

### REGIONAL CAMPUS STUDENT OF THE YEAR

**Erika Gorden**  
NSU Orlando Campus

**Azram Houssein Khakpour "AK"**  
NSU Miami Campus

**Henry Osuji**  
NSU Palm Beach Campus

**Anna Pfaff**  
NSU Jacksonville Campus

**Jordan Powers**  
NSU Tampa Campus

**Victoria Sheppard, BSN**  
NSU Fort Myers Campus

### ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

**Valerie Barnhart, Esq.**  
Shepard Broad College of Law

**Thelma Carter, M.S.**  
College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

**Juan D'Arce, M.S. Ed.**  
NSU Miami Campus & Abraham S. Fischler College of Education

**Robert Hasty, D.O.**  
College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Lydia R. Malcolm, Ph.D.**  
College of Psychology

### EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

**Lydia Acosta, M.A.**  
NSU Libraries

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Facilities Management

**Thomas J. Fagan, Ph.D.**  
College of Psychology

**Christopher P. Harrison**  
Office of Innovation and Information Technology

**Linda C. Niessen, D.M.D.**  
College of Dental Medicine

### STAFF PERSON OF THE YEAR

**Jaime M. Goldman, M.S.**  
NSU Libraries

**Lourdes C. Laboy**  
College of Pharmacy

**Karla Michelle Quiñones**  
NSU Tampa Campus

**Mark Schuknecht, B.S.**  
Office of Innovation and Information Technology

**Patricia Zawoyski, AAS.**  
College of Psychology

### ATHLETIC TEAM OF THE YEAR

**2015 NSU Baseball Team**

**2015 NSU Men's Golf Team**

**2015 NSU Women's Basketball Team**

**2015 NSU Women's Soccer Team**

**2015 NSU Women's Swimming Team**

### GRADUATE ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

**Alpha Zeta Omega (AZO)**  
Pharmaceutical Fraternity  
College of Pharmacy

**Graduate Association of School Psychology**  
College of Psychology

**Nova Trial Association**  
Shepard Broad College of Law

**Pediatrics Club**  
College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Pediatric Dentistry Club**  
College of Dental Medicine

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF THE YEAR

**College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Student Government Association**  
College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

**College of Dental Medicine Student Government Association**  
College of Dental Medicine

**College of Osteopathic Medicine Student Government Association**  
College of Osteopathic Medicine

**College of Psychology Student Government Association**  
College of Psychology

**Fort Myers Regional Campus Student Government Association**  
NSU Fort Myers Campus

### CO-CURRICULAR ADVISER OF THE YEAR

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College of Psychology

**Michelle Clark, Ph.D.**  
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Shepard Broad College of Law

**Edward E. Packer, D.O.**  
College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Julie Rodman, OD**  
College of Optometry

### PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

**G. Nelson Bass III, Ph.D.**  
College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

**David R. Boesler, D.O.**  
College of Osteopathic Medicine

**Leanne Boucher, Ph.D.**  
College of Psychology

**Nicole Ann Patterson, OD**  
College of Optometry

**Mirtha M. Whaley, Ph.D.**  
NSU Tampa Campus

### STUDENT OF THE YEAR

**Kamila Albert**  
College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

**Alexandra M. Alfonso, M.S.**  
College of Psychology

**Katelyn Barclay**  
University School

**Natalie Booth**  
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**Melissa Carlton**  
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College of Dental Medicine

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College of Nursing

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**Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority**

**FitWell**

**Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated**

**MAKO Rangers**

**Student Events and Activities Board (S.E.A. Board)**



By: **Erin Herbert**  
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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 diagnosed with autism often experience social, communicational and behavioral challenges throughout their lives.

However, the challenges that are associated with autism do not always have a negative impact on an individual's life. Many individuals who are diagnosed with autism are still 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-stimulus, 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 National Championships 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 comforting for her son and gave him something on which to focus his attention. Marzo found interacting in social situations to be incredibly difficult but used his passion for surfing as an escape from these challenges. He regularly competes against non-disabled athletes in surfing competitions around the world.

Marzo has earned a number of incredible achievements throughout his surfing career, including becoming the National Scholastic Surfing Association National Champion in 2005, an X Games gold medalist in 2007, and the top finisher at the World Qualifying Series in 2009. In addition to numerous accolades, Marzo has also earned a sponsorship with Quiksilver, according to USA Today.

In addition to his career as a professional surfer, Marzo is involved with Surfers Healing, an organization that allows children with autism to get involved in the therapeutic sport of surfing.

## Jessica-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 inspiration 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 19-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 Great Britain in the 2016 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

### 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 8, 6 p.m.

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

### Women's Rowing

Knecht Cup  
Mercer, 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.

## SPORTSSHORTS

### Women's Softball

The women's softball team fell to Florida Tech in a three-game series on March 24 and 25. Katey Blummer, Dajia 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 25.



### Women's Golf

The women's golf team placed fifth overall at the Bearcats Spring Classic on March 27. Jamie Freedman and Aldana Foigel both finished in seventh place with 237 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, 35, 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

The U.S. men's soccer team fell against Colombia 2-1 on March 29, missing qualification for the Rio de Janeiro 2016 Summer Olympic Games. The U.S. team missed the London 2012 Olympics after losing to El Salvador and last failed to qualify for consecutive games from 1960 to 1968. Colombia will make its first appearance in the Olympics since 1992. For more information, visit nytimes.com.

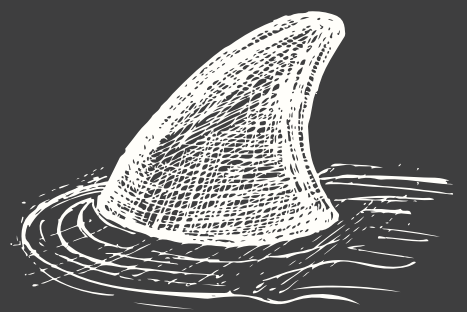
### Vikings LB Greenway to return for 1 more season

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: Denvyr Tyler-Palmer

By: **Erin Herbert**  
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Denvyr 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-Coast 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.”

**If you don’t end up playing volleyball, what would you want to do career-wise?**

“I’m thinking of doing something in the medical field. I don’t know if that means a doctor or a physician’s assistant, but, hopefully, I’ll end up somewhere around there.”

**How do you balance being a student and an athlete?**

“It’s tough, but I make sure I get a lot of rest and that I do my homework as soon as I have time.”

**How would you describe yourself as an athlete?**

“Competitive and hardworking. I also like to have fun with my teammates.”

**What do you think is the hardest part of playing volleyball?**

“Conditioning is definitely difficult. But it makes us better and helps us as a team.”

**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



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 Although Tyler-Palmer didn’t immediately love volleyball, her passion eventually developed and led her to join the NSU Sharks.

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.”

**Does the team have any special rituals they perform to get ready for a game?**

“In the locker room, a lot of us do different things, but we usually listen to music. That pumps us up a lot. Our captains usually talk to us before the match and give us a pep talk, which is really beneficial.”

**Are you involved in anything at NSU aside from athletics?**

“The team volunteers at Davie Middle School, and we go into one of the first grade classrooms, and we color with them and read to them. It’s a lot of fun.”

**When you’re not practicing or in a game, what do you enjoy doing?**

“Sleeping, definitely. I take naps whenever I can.”



## 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. are planning to allow jersey sponsorships in the near future.

In Europe, it’s almost impossible to find a team uniform that doesn’t have advertisements plastered all over the place. Major league soccer teams across Europe are notorious for this practice, and more and more European players are starting to look more like walking advertisements than athletes. But, now, Europe won’t be alone in using athletes to make even more money in the sports industry; league executives want to bring this trend to the U.S.

Jersey sponsorships are typically used as a way to create a little extra revenue for minor or junior league sports. 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 ‘70s. 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 from 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 2015, 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.

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## Don't knock it 'til you've read these: 10 poets for college students

By: **Jenna Kopec**

Many students think of poetry and cringe. Years of analyzing and dissecting Shakespearean sonnets and cryptic postmodern creations have left many individuals running as far away from poetry as they can get.

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 20th anniversary of National 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 deliverance 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 Lisp," 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 anyway — Phil Kay has also paved the way for spoken word. His poetry can be a little quirky at times, often starting out as a bit of a joke before revealing the bigger, more serious subject. Phil Kay's poems 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 Bones 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, who doesn't love a good story? He chronicles his life, often bringing up the struggles he's faced as a Native American. His sense 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.

### Warsan 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, "Graffiti." She also releases her poems on her eponymous YouTube channel, which varies between descriptive introspective works and feminist proclamations. She usually keeps herself 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

By: **Li Cohen**

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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 unique of various items as instruments.

To gain some colorful insight on the band, I talked to Tamo about COLOURS' music and future.

### What made you guys want to start a band?

"Morgan and I wanted to start COLOURS to create art that influences people. There's something to not be ignored or overlooked when considering the power of music and its ability to emotionally inspire."

### What do you do or look to to get inspired to write new songs?

"I think, to influence, you must be influenced. Anyone, artist or not, who has a confidence in [him- or herself] and [his or her] work is very inspiring for us. In an age of access, it can be hard to appreciate details, as they're often overlooked for the next bit of stimulation. When we find someone, or an artist, who can appreciate those details, it is very inspiring."

### Is there a particular song you've written that is emotionally moving for you?

"I think the song 'Alone' resonates in both me and Morgan. When we wrote it, we kept all ambiguity and vagueness out. It's a visceral and raw song."

### What was it like being on tour with Robert DeLong?

"The DeLong tour was a wonderful tour. With almost every date sold out, we had



Cohen, along with sophomores Parker Sheppard and Jake Bence, met COLOURS members Kyle Tamo and Morgan Alley after they performed with Robert DeLong at the Culture Room.

wonderful opportunities to share our passion with thousands of people throughout the country. Robert and his crew were also very kind and accommodating."

### Do you plan on touring with any other artists?

"Certainly. Touring, for us, is imperative. We're excited to tour with a vast array of artists and offer concert-goers an eclectic experience."

### 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 fast approaching 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."

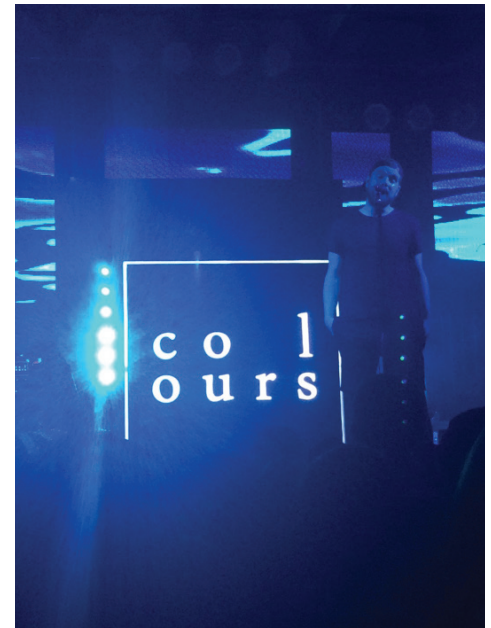
### How do you set yourselves apart from other bands?

"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 grasping at straws. A consumer of arts wants good art, not always unexpected art. We let our experiences influence our sound and our passion polish it. Our goal is not doing something no one's done; it's doing something better than anyone has done it."

### Is 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, 'Monster,' was playing on the radio, and my family came across it while driving. It was a very heartwarming and affirming moment. Simple, but resonating."



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# 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. Guests can enjoy the latest movies, gourmet food and drinks at the bar, and they even have a place to sit and chat while waiting for the movie to start.

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 dining 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 choose 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 other people kick the back of your chair and you



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There's no better way to watch your favorite movie than in a comfortable chair and your favorite food.

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: 954-840-8150  
Hours: Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-9:30 p.m. and Friday-Sunday from 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

don't get to reserve your seating, is \$12.75.

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

## SOUNDBITE

### 'All My Demons Greeting Me as a Friend' by Aurora

By: **Marie Ontivero**



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Aurora is climbing her way to the top of the charts with her latest album.

Since the first week of last June, Radio X has had their ears on Aurora. With her EP release of "Running With The Wolves," she prepared us for her first full-length album, "All My Demons Greeting Me as a Friend," released on March 11. Just a 19-year-old from Norway, she has a unique style and is currently touring the U.S., slowly climbing the alternative charts. Her music is a mix of hauntingly beautiful tracks with energetic yet dark sounds. It's different to say the least, but definitely something out of the European area, as they're a bit quirky over there. However, it's this unusual sound that helps create her image and helps her stand out from the rest. In fact, she wrote her single "Runaway" when she was only 12 years old. Aurora has a lot of talent that isn't going unnoticed. Even Katy Perry has

showed support for the artist. Her music has played on various stations such as SiriusXM's AltNation and BBC's Radio One; she also did a David Bowie cover that was featured on HBO's "Girls." For Aurora, this is just the beginning, and Radio X can't wait to see where she goes next.

"All My Demons Greeting Me as a Friend" is available on Spotify and Apple Music.

**Perfect if you like:** Bjork and Florence + the Machine

**Favorite Tracks:** "Runaway," "Running With The Wolves," "Murder Song" and "Conqueror"

<p>Afroman @Propaganda 7 PM</p> <p>G. Love &amp; Special Sauce @Culture Room 7 PM</p> <p><b>APR 6</b></p>	<p>Napalm Death &amp; Melvins @Culture Room 7:30 PM</p> <p>Bernadette Peters @Kravis Center for the Performing Arts 8 PM</p> <p><b>APR 7</b></p>	<p>Pearl Jam @BB&amp;T Center 8 PM</p> <p>TransAtlantic Festival @North Beach Bandshell 6 PM</p> <p>Boca Bacchanal Wine &amp; Food Festival @Mizner Park Amphitheater 7 PM</p> <p><b>APR 8</b></p>
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## Off Shore Calendar

<p>South Florida Jazz: Lynne Arriale, Carla Cook, Grace Kelly @Rose &amp; Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center 8 PM</p> <p>Miami Beach Gay Pride Beach Party @Lummus Park 1 PM</p> <p><b>APR 9</b></p>	<p>Miami Beach Gay Pride Parade &amp; Festival @Ocean Drive and 8th Street Noon</p> <p>Miami is an Island: Food, Vendors &amp; Music @gastroPod 1 PM</p> <p><b>APR 10</b></p>	<p>"Dirty Dancing" @Broward Center for the Performing Arts 8 PM</p> <p><b>APR 12</b></p>
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# Seriously Kidding

a satire column

## Raccoons looking for higher education

By: **Tiffany Smith**

As the last of the sun's rays shimmered in the evening sky, the first raccoon popped out of its hiding place, soon to be followed by its comrades. Covertly, it crossed the road from the parking lot heading towards the Carl DeSantis Building with a spring in its step and greed in its eyes.

On more than one occasion, you'll be lucky to see them trot gracefully towards the lush green shrubs facing the building before peering out of the bushes and scurrying across the cobblestone path. At first, one can easily mistake the sound of their gritty claws on the smooth stone for a pair of stiletto heels before glancing over and realizing it's a raccoon sauntering confidently up the path toward Huizenga's double doors.

The automatic doors around campus are designed for the raccoons' convenience, since the doors never seem to open for students during the daytime. This way, the raccoons can attend their night classes without any interruption. But, before you have the pleasure of holding the elevator door for them or sitting next to one in class as its long tail tickles your feet, just note they might grab a bite to eat before they make their grand entrance.

In fact, students often watch them dine on gourmet leftovers in the trash bin. One raccoon leapt enthusiastically into the bin, hovering in the entrance before diving straight in. The only thing visible was its tail, swishing back and forth, clearly not fast enough to keep up with the rest of its body. The best part is that the observation comes with audio, so you can hear them shuffling through their main course meal.

Just when you think that seeing one is enough, you'll be graced with the arrival of another. This raccoon will come galloping across



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Recruit and retention rates soared for the undergraduate raccoon population during the 2015-2016 academic year.

the road, textbook on its back, and will move with so much zest it will forget to look left and right. It, too, headed straight for its three-course meal. But it needn't worry — there's plenty for everyone. However, the trash bin does not hold them for long, they'll take their helpings and dine on the wall surrounding the shrubs, deeply engrossed in conversation. Before long, the campus transforms into Raccoon City Central.

After a hard night's work, some of them head lethargically to the bus stop waiting for the Shark Shuttle that will never arrive, while the others head to the parking lot. It's an astonishing sight to behold. Raccoons filing towards the entrance of the parking garage, while others climb up the stairs returning to their Raccoon-mobiles. And off they go, each to his own home. If you didn't get to see them tonight, just wait patiently until tomorrow.

## What's the rush to grow up?

By: **Roddia Paul**

Teenagers are becoming sexually active sooner and sooner, so much so that TeenHealthFX reported that most young people have had sex for the first time by 17, when there is no reason for teenagers to be fixated on relationships and sex. In a society that often promotes sexual content, children's television should be the one place where relationships are absent. Productions for younger audiences shouldn't constantly display sexual innuendos — after all, they're supposed to be for kids.

G-rated movies are supposed to be appropriate for viewers of all ages, which is usually why we refer to them as family-oriented. Yet today's G-rated movies are not made for teenagers and are, at time, inappropriate for preteens; they are made for the adults who pay for their teens to get into movie theaters. Not only do the designs of animated characters focus on the curvature of the female body, but the plot of these movies are almost always centered on romantic feelings. G-rated filmmakers never seem to forget to add in a sex-related joke or two.

For example, in the popular kid's movie "Frozen," Kristoff makes reference to the size of his genitals, and Anna responds that size doesn't matter. It is even more common for cartoons to insinuate that the male lead is aroused at the sight of the beautiful female lead, and who could forget the reference to condoms in one of the "Spongebob Squarepants" episodes?

Whether it is a movie or TV show, G-rated productions have one thing in common:

sexual references or innuendos. The constant sexual references in shows, such as "The Regular Show" and "Adventure Time," and the romantic aspects present as in "Austin & Ally" and "Good Luck Charlie" make mature, sexual relationships the norm for the teenagers who watch them. And even though, technically, most of the shows on cartoon network are rated PG-13, how are sexual references appropriate for viewers under 17?

It may seem harmless to have sexual innuendos in productions rated G, PG, and PG-13 because the intent is that younger viewers won't catch on to the references, but, if we think about how smart and mature our younger generation truly is, not much goes over their heads these days.

We cannot control what filmmakers produce or TV networks choose to show, no more than we can control what magazines put on their covers or what artists choose to sing about.

It seems harmless to let them watch these sexualized movies and shows, but teenagers will mimic what they see, and, if what they see in their favorite TV shows are sexual innuendos and romantic relationships, sooner or later that is exactly what they will do. A lot of the things teenagers learn about sex is not from their parents; it's from the TV shows and movies they watch. But teenagers should be enjoying their adolescence for as long as they can.

Children have all of their lives to date — there should be no rush. The teenagers of today are the leaders of our future, so we must enforce and instill the importance of childhood. The entertainment business has done enough damage. Let's not let them ruin our future, too.

## Save animals, exploit humans

By: **Erin Herbert**

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"Cruelty-free." "Non-animal tested." "Animal safe." These are phrases that shoppers are concerned with when choosing which brands to buy from. Many consumers in the U.S. do a great job of ensuring that the products they buy are cruelty-free and haven't been tested on animals. Consumers often refuse to purchase from companies that exploit animals during the manufacturing or testing of their products. However, many consumers don't hold companies to the same standard when it comes to their actual human employees.

Too many American consumers are ignorant of where their clothes, appliances and other goods come from, and who made them. The average consumer is probably not aware that a number of companies outsource labor to other countries and make use of sweatshop labor to keep manufacturing costs minimal. According to Global Exchange, an international human rights organization, the U.S. Department of Labor defines a sweatshop as any factory or working environment that violates at least one or more of the basic labor laws in the U.S. These basic laws include paying a set minimum wage, keeping time cards, and paying by increments of time worked.

The use of sweatshop labor is incredibly prevalent in Bangladesh and is the city's largest industry. However, most apparel workers in Bangladesh only earn \$0.13 per hour and are often forced to work numerous hours in poor conditions, according to the Anti-Sweatshop League.

Some consumers will bend over backward to avoid buying from companies that exploit animals but will shamelessly buy goods made in a sweatshop without a second thought. Protecting animals from exploitation by large

companies is important; however, it's also important to ensure that human workers are being fairly compensated for their work.

Most conscious shoppers could probably identify which companies to steer clear of if you're looking for cruelty-free goods. But how many consumers could identify which brands are fair-trade and sweatshop free? Not many. Hundreds of common brands, including Walmart, H&M, Nike and Victoria Secret, have all made use of sweatshop labor in recent years, according to the Institute for Global Labor and Human Rights. Yet thousands of people still buy from these companies, even though they actively exploit and deprive their workers of a fair salary. Consumers need to make a greater effort to protect workers in developing countries and ensure that these workers are being treated fairly.

In developing countries where sweatshops are most prominent, it's impossible for workers to live when they make less than \$0.50 per hour of grueling labor. According to the New York Times, in 2013, the living wage in Bangladesh was raised to approximately \$68 per month. However, feeding a family of three for one month costs roughly \$67, leaving only \$1 left over for housing and other expenses. Some illegal sweatshop workers still make significantly less than the living wage and are forced to live in extreme poverty. Consumers need to hold companies accountable for treating their workers in a humane manner.

If consumers put as much effort into fighting for a living wage as they do fighting for animal rights, then sweatshops may not be an issue in the future. Animals are important, but taking care of humans should also be a priority.

## Tanking happiness

By: **Roddia Paul**

It took SeaWorld hundreds of injuries, three human deaths and 163 whale deaths to realize it was time to put the whale performances to rest. It's true that SeaWorld will never be the same once the famous whale performances cease, but no amount of entertainment is worth the danger and death of any human or animal.

For over 30 years, SeaWorld has defended their treatment of the whales in their facilities, but the truth is, movies such as "Blackfish" are not too far from what really goes on in SeaWorld's tanks. If you type "SeaWorld" into your search engine, hundreds of pictures and articles showing the mistreatment of the animals in SeaWorld, especially the whales, appear. According to SeaWorldofhurt.com, a website created by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, SeaWorld not only kidnaps many of their whales from the wild, but they often kill the parents of the offspring they kidnap in the process.

Many researchers and critics say that the tanks at SeaWorld are not wide or deep enough to correctly hold a 22-foot, 12,000-pound whale. This is why the whales often have completely collapsed dorsal fins. And, although SeaWorld performers try to justify that as being normal, performers are not scientists. Any well-educated marine biologist would tell you that collapsed dorsal fins are a direct result of captivity and improper care. For example, research done by Dr. John Jett and Dr. Jeffery Ventre, mammal specialists and former killer whale trainers, suggests that while abnormality in whale dorsal fins is found 23 percent of the time in orcas in the wild, a collapsed dorsal fin is not normal and is almost always a direct result of human activity.

The whales at SeaWorld have been subject to starvation and incest by way of artificial insemination. Research done by SeaWorldofhurt.com shows that SeaWorld trainers often withhold food from the whales as a training technique, and, due to the lack

of male whales in captivity, female whales are often artificially inseminated with their own son's sperm.

With all of the neglect going on within the small confined tanks of these whales, it's only normal for them to have built-up aggression. You cannot neglect an animal and expect it to be obedient. Moreover, animals that are naturally supposed to be out in the wild do not do well with confinement, especially if their confined area does not exactly mimic the way in which they would actually live in the wild. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the ocean covers 72 percent of our planet's surface and is approximately 36,200 feet deep. How that even remotely equates to 100 feet wide and 40 feet deep is incomprehensible, especially when considering the fact that whales swim at least 100 miles a day, according to us.whales.org.

At first, the thought of SeaWorld putting its whale performances to rest was disheartening because a part of me thought about innocent children sitting in the front row, begging Shamu to splash them and not knowing what cruel treatment Shamu went through just to learn how to do so.

The U.S. exploits everything. There's this curiosity and greed that makes Americans want to capture nature and bottle it up so they can manipulate it for profit. The problem with that is we disrupt nature when we remove it and the inevitable cause of that is turmoil.

I'll admit that the idea of live whale performances is great. I'll commend SeaWorld for such an idea, but the minute it started to create unhappiness, injury and death, SeaWorld should have stopped the performances. Instead, they let it get as bad as possible and only then realized that there's no coming back from that. You can't tank happiness.



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# Feminism isn't about equality

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 rightly 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 custody cases, women receive custody of

children in divorce and illegitimacy, and men in only 4 percent of cases. A study from the University of Michigan shows that in federal cases, men are given sentences that are 63 percent higher than women's sentencing for the same crimes. For burglary, the arrest ration of men to women is 9 to 1, but the imprisonment ration is 30 to 1. For aggravated assault, the arrest ratio of men to women is 10 to 1, but the imprisonment ration is 79 to 1. 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 Survey, 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 list of issues goes on, and no one's talking about them or doing anything to remedy them. The list of government programs specifically for women who have been victims of violent crime, need educational assistance, or need health assistance seems to grow every day, despite the fact that men aren't as physically or mentally healthy as women, aren't doing as well in schools as women, and are far more likely to be victims of violent crime than women. We've decided as a society that men are always in control and that women are always the victims. This leads us to some quite blatant stereotyping, stereotyping that even I'm guilty of. I'll admit it — I care more about a woman's suffering than a man's suffering, and it's absolutely sexist.

We say that society puts too much unhealthy pressure on women to look a certain way, but we ignore the fact that 78 percent of suicide victims are men. We live in a society in which, for whatever reason, men are driven to end their own lives at more than four times the rate that women are. If that statistic doesn't convince feminists that society disadvantages men, nothing will.

No, the answer to men's issues isn't feminism. Feminism isn't about men, and it

will never be, no matter what the dictionary definition is. Women started it for women, and it doesn't address men's issues. The movement is insanely critical of any men's advocacy, as my extensive time on the Internet has demonstrated to me. Jokes about killing all men, how all men are the problem, and drinking male tears simply aren't funny, nor do they in any way make feminism about equality for both sexes.

I don't have a problem with the idea of fixing issues that women are facing, but I'm not about to call myself a feminist because I believe that society equally disadvantages men, and not simply in the sense that they're not "allowed" to cry. It's perfectly fine to advocate for one sex or the other, but feminists need to realize that women aren't always victims and that men aren't always perpetrators. Men face real problems.

So, feminists, advocate for women if that's what you're passionate about. But please, recognize that men have issues, too. And, if you don't care enough to advocate for their issues, at least give up the pretense that you advocate for equal rights and opportunities for both sexes.

# The future is uncertain, and that's OK

By: **Jenna Kopec**

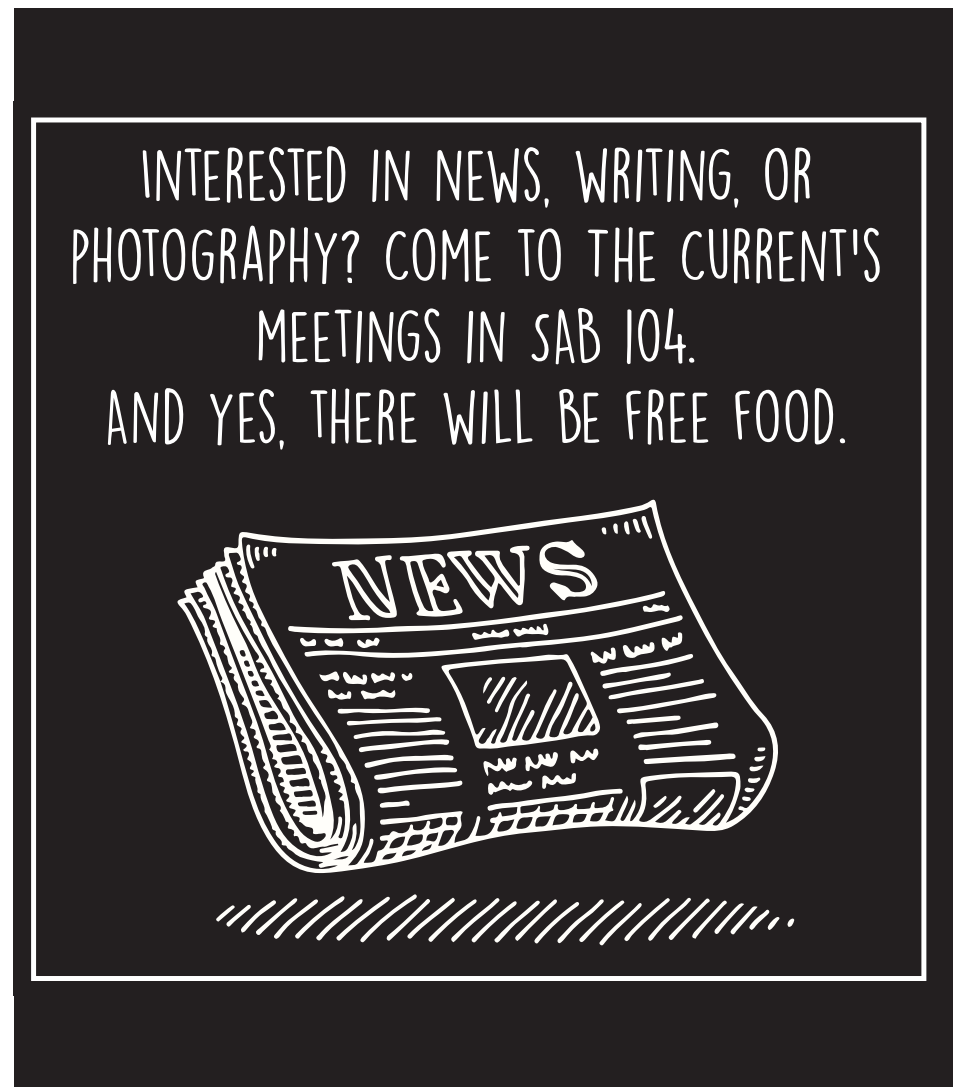
It's no secret that uncertainty is one of those concepts that makes a lot of people squirm. Whether you're a freshman or sophomore suddenly questioning the path you chose to take or a junior or senior panicking over which road to travel next, you'll most likely have to sit in uncertainty at some point 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've noticed that a lot of seniors 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 know. I remember last year, after graduating high school, the anxious feeling I had because everything was changing, but the anxiety wasn't necessarily bad. To me, there's some comfort in not knowing what's going to happen next because, at least then, anything can happen, and you can decide where you will go next.

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.



## WHAT CAMPUS RESOURCE DO YOU FIND MOST USEFUL, AND WHY?

## SHARK SPEAK



"I really like the collaborative study room in the library because they make it really easy to study with large groups of people. Plus, if my friends are busy, and I have nothing to do, I often go to the library."  
- Jailene Perez, freshman chemistry major



"Definitely RecWell. The gym here is available at such good hours. I can go before, after or in between classes. I also like the different workout classes available and the wide range of equipment helps me relieve stress."  
- Marianna Castellano, senior biology major



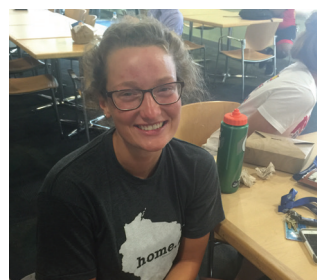
"The SOURCE Office is the most resourceful to me because I can always count on them to help me with printing posters and inform me of upcoming club activities."  
- Alexis Good, freshman marine biology major



"The UC Pit is the most resourceful to me. You can do so many things there. I do my homework, study, eat and learn about upcoming events all in the UC."  
- Kelsey Ragsdale, junior nursing major



"I really like the Academic Advising Center because they help me plan out my college career, and I never have to worry about what courses I need to take. Plus, my academic adviser is awesome."  
- Sydney Prawl, sophomore marine biology major



"Most people wouldn't say this, but I really enjoy the elevator in Goodwin. Every time I use it, there are new flyers 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



# HELP WANTED

All students should visit the Office of Student Employment Website to apply for these positions:  
[http://www.nova.edu/financialaid/employment/how\\_to\\_apply.html](http://www.nova.edu/financialaid/employment/how_to_apply.html)

## Graduate Assistant-Public Library Services-(810)

**Job ID: 4922**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$10.50/hour**

Provide instructional and research assistance to children and young adult patrons within the computer lab of the library. Answer questions and introduce children/young adult patrons to and assist them with the use of computers, age-appropriate library databases, and educational software in math, language arts, social studies, spelling, reading and other relevant disciplines.

## 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 in the animal facility as well as in the research laboratory.

## Student Assistant-(715)

**Job ID: 4681**

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

**Rate: \$8.50/hour**

Assist department by reviewing records for accuracy. Modify spreadsheets. Research and update record information. Retrieve, print and prepare documents for processing. Photocopying, sorting, filing, mailing and other clerical duties as assigned.

## Student Assistant - Collection Development-(773)

**Job ID: 4921**

**Hours: 20 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; and 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-(86)-(MK)

**Job ID: 4520**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$11/hour**

Assist, answer questions and direct students to the appropriate area. Assist with ongoing projects within the department.

## Administrative Student Assistant-(941)

**Job ID: 4811**

**Hours: 25 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$8.50/hour**

Answer phones, make orders and track orders. Schedule appointments. Deliver items to classrooms. Staffing of rooms/coverage. Provide customer services.

## Student Library Assistant (Public Services)-(45)

**Job ID: 4494**

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

**Rate: \$9/hour**

Provide assistance at the Circulation Desk and Public Services department, which could include opening and closing the Law Library.

## Social Media Coordinator-(HPD269)

**Job ID: 5727**

**Hours: 10 hrs./week to 15 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$11/hour**

1. Will be responsible for the gathering, editing and posting of various forms of visual and voice media. A key element of this role includes the coordination of the College of Nursing social media initiatives with the broader social media efforts of NSU.

2. Forms of media include, photographs, videos, voice recordings and articles that would be posted in such places as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and other social media outlets yet to be identified. Work under supervision of the Director of Student Outreach but will have extensive contact with Program Directors on each campus within the College of Nursing.

3. This role also involves helping to plan and organize a strategic social media outreach initiative, the purpose of which is to strengthen the brand of the College of Nursing by portraying the benefits of being educated in a rigorous classroom and clinical environment.

## Administrative Student Assistant-(HPD89)

**Job ID: 5039**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week to 24 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$10/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: 5028**

**Hours: 20 hrs./week**

**Rate: \$9/hour**

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

## Intramural Program Assistant-(1164)

**Job ID: 5737**

**Hours: 10 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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