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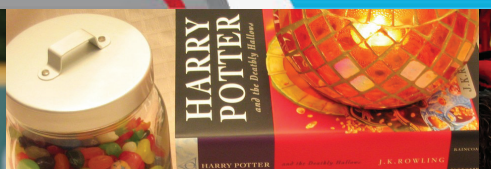
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Weeks of Welcome are back and better than ever

By: Jenna Kopec

NSU is kicking off the start of the semester with a series of events coined Weeks of Welcome (WOW) from Aug. 19 to Sept. 5 on the main and regional campuses.

This year, the university will be expanding the program from one week to two weeks, adding more events and including more organizations.

“If you’re a freshman and you don’t really know anyone yet, [these events] are the perfect opportunity to meet people,” said Michaela Johnson, sophomore marine biology major. “The entire school goes to all these events; they’re just a lot of fun.”

WOW’s signature events Waterworks, Sharkapalooza and the Labor Day Pool Party will be returning.

“Waterworks is a welcome back party for sophomores, juniors and seniors and a welcome party for freshman,” said Alex Lopez, sophomore marketing management major and campus entertainment director for SGA. This year, SGA will be bringing back paint, inflatables and the fire hydrants from last year’s Waterworks. Lopez said that the event is a fun way for students to start the new school year.

At Sharkapalooza, all of the university’s organizations come together to represent themselves to students. The event typically includes multiple performances from Greek organizations and giveaways from local vendors.

Daesha Roberts, senior business

administration major and traditions chair for SEA board, plays a large role in WOW, which includes planning Sharkapalooza. She said that many of the vendors who gave away prizes last year are returning to the event, and that one of this year’s prizes include a car, provided by Rick Case. Some returning vendors include Burger Fi, Tropical Smoothie, Jimmy John’s and Tijuana Flats.

Sharkapalooza will also feature a preview of Homecoming, which will take place on Nov. 5, and will have an Olympic theme.

Shannon Booker, assistant director of Campus Life and Student Engagement, said WOW events will feature a lot of variety and uniqueness because individual offices have planned their own events.

“The goal for this year with expanding [WOW] to two weeks was to take it beyond the Campus Life office,” Booker said. “In previous years it was the Campus Life office planning events and reaching out to different offices and departments to join our event but we said, ‘Let’s have these offices take ownership of their event and create the experience for students that they want to see.’”

Some new events sponsored by individual offices are Coffee and Conversation, where students will meet with the Office of International Students and Scholars and the Tutoring and Testing Center, and a breakfast social where



Students pose for a picture at the 2015 Week of Welcome.

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students will enjoy a meal with members of the Tutoring and Testing Center.

Roberts said she’s also excited for the first SGA beach day planned for Aug. 27.

“I know a lot of students take the Shark Shuttles to go to the beach on the weekends. I think it’s awesome that we’re going to try and get our own spot [and] it’s like the Sharks are at the beach,” Roberts said.

Transportation will be provided to and from the beach via Shark Shuttle and SGA will be giving away 100 towels throughout the event.

Lopez said that SGA will be looking for students wearing Shark gear for the giveaway.

Both Booker and Roberts said they encourage students to come to as many WOW events as they can.

“They should definitely attend the events. WOW is basically a series of events that we like to put together in order for students to get acclimated with the university, to give them a better sense of Shark pride and basically to give

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Students score free Dolphins tickets

By: Erin Herbert

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NSU has partnered with the Miami Dolphins to provide students with free tickets to Dolphins football games throughout the regular NFL season. The program, Fins Football, will be formally announced at Sharkapalooza on Aug. 26.

Assistant Dean of Student Services and Director of Residential Life and Housing Aarika Camp said, “Our whole goal with programs like this is to create exciting experiences for students, and they’ll be able to say they had these experiences because they went to NSU.”

The Fins Football ticket reservation system will be completely online, and available through SharkLink, as well as the official Fins Football website. Students will be required to pay a \$50 administrative fee online upon signing up for the program; however, this fee will be refunded to each student in January if they meet the terms and conditions of the program.

Program terms and conditions include attendance and behavior at games. If students have reserved tickets to a game, but do not

attend, they will be penalized and forfeit their \$50 administrative fee.

There will be eight home games that students can choose to attend over the course of the Dolphins regular season. Students can choose to go to as many or as few games as they would like. NSU is allotted 500 tickets to give away per game. Camp said allowing students to pick which games they want to attend lets them design their own unique experience through the program.

Ticket reservation will open up 30 days prior to each game and will close a week before the game’s scheduled date. Students will be able to cancel any ticket reservations up to seven days before the game with no penalty. If students cancel their tickets less than seven days before the game or do not show up to collect their tickets, their \$50 administrative fee may not be refunded at the end of the program.

If any extra tickets are available, students will be allowed to reserve one extra ticket for a non-NSU-affiliated guest.

Camp said, “This opportunity is open to all NSU students. Students at the regional

campuses, graduate students, online students and undergraduate students will all have a chance to reserve tickets for the games. We want to make it fair and show that there aren’t distinctions between NSU Sharks. If you’re a Shark, you’re a Shark.”

Shark Shuttles will be available to transport student to and from every game. The shuttles will begin leaving campus at 10 a.m. and run until the start of the game. Shuttle service will resume at the beginning of the fourth quarter to bring students back to campus. All students will have the option of taking their own cars to the games but will have to pay for parking.

Camp said, “We’re trying to make this as accessible as possible for all students.”

In addition to providing students with free tickets and transportation, the Fins Football program will feature a tailgate from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at every home game.

The tailgate, which will be called Shark Village, will feature games, giveaways, and music provided by Radio X. However, students in attendance will need to provide their own food for the tailgate. Camp said the tailgate theme



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will be “NSU meets the Miami Dolphins.”

“It really should feel almost like we have our own football team, and we want students to be able to connect with one another through the tailgate,” said Camp.

Tickets will be handed out to students at the tailgate approximately one hour before the scheduled game time.

Student Affairs will be handing out free tickets to the Dolphin’s final preseason game against the Tennessee Titans on Sept. 1 at Sharkapalooza, so students can decide if they would like to participate in the program during the regular season.

Ticket reservations will open on Aug. 27 for the Dolphin’s first regular season home game against the Cleveland Browns on Sept. 25.

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Stay up to date with international events.

Suspect believed to have caused deadly blasts in Thailand

Explosions went off in a number of Thailand's prominent resort and beach cities on Aug. 11, killing approximately four people and wounding dozens more. While authorities were quick to rule out any connection between the bombings and foreign militants, they have identified a Thai native, Ahama Lengha, as a suspect, immediately issuing an arrest warrant. The suspected criminal has not yet been taken into custody. Thailand authorities are not sure if he is still in the country, according to ABC.

2016 Rio Paralympics facing huge budget cuts

While the 2016 Rio Paralympics will be held next month, the organization is facing major budget cuts that will derail a venue, various facilities, and transport services, as well as reduce the event's workforce. According to International Paralympic Committee President Philip Craven, this is the first time the games have dealt with these circumstances in their 56 years of operation. They believe 10 countries will have trouble with transportation costs to Rio but are working diligently to find a solution, Craven explained to ABC.

US Olympic swimmers apologize for false accusations

Ryan Lochte and three teammates have recently faced trouble with Brazilian authorities when inconsistencies in the Olympic athletes' accusations concerning a robbery at gunpoint by police impersonators were uncovered during questioning. Authorities discovering video footage of Lochte and fellow teammates leaving a Rio gas station and entering a taxi. Gas station attendants identified the swimmers, declaring they were drunk and unruly. Lochte left Rio

a day before authorities found proof of the incident, while the Brazilian government confiscated the other swimmers' passports, denying them transportation back to the U.S. until they apologized for damaging Rio's reputation. The athletes were quick to confess and apologize for their behavior, promptly returning to the U.S.

Military campaigns have reduced ISIS fighters by 45,000

Iraqi and Syrian military campaigns have driven 45,000 enemy fighters from the battlefield, reducing ISIS combatants from approximately 23,000 to as low as 15,000. Many of the ISIS soldiers are believed to be untrained and unwilling, as the U.S. commander for the fight against ISIS said the enemy is running away from the fight. Sending 560 more troops to Iraq, President Obama's next move is to mold the established air base into a battlefield in order to regain control of Mosul, a city ISIS has governed since 2014. While recovering the city will not put an end to ISIS destruction, it is one step closer to dissolving the terrorist group, according to Lt. Gen. Sean MacFarland.

Trump and Clinton promise to give parents a break

With debate regarding paid family leave and affordable child care on the rise among parents and advocates, presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump have proposed solutions to these growing concerns. Clinton has explained her plans to cap the cost of child care, taking no more than 10% of family income to cover expenses; to ensure paid family leave, guaranteeing three month's pay; and to develop a universal pre-K, giving children four years and up access to high-quality education. Trump has proposed a tax break for parents paying child care costs, allowing them to deduct the average cost of child care from their taxes. However, the logistics of the plan are not fully developed.

NSU to host screening of fire safety documentary

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The Public Safety Department will host a special screening of the documentary "After the Fire: A True Story of Heroes and Cowards" on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center Flight Deck Backyard to raise awareness about fire safety on college campuses.

"After the Fire" recaps the story of the disastrous dormitory fire at Seton Hall University in New Jersey on Jan. 20, 2000. The fire, started by two students as a drunken fraternity prank, killed three students and left dozens of others injured. "After the Fire" not only recounts the events of the fire, but also documents the recovery process of two students, Shawn Simons and Alvaro Llanos, who were severely burned.

"The documentary is pretty much a recap of what our lives were like after the fire. It talks about what our families were going through, not knowing if we were going to live or die. It focuses on what our recovery was like in the burn unit," said Simons. "It also looks at what it's like to live as a burn survivor and go back into society, and be comfortable in our own skin."

Assistant Director of Fire and Life Safety Edgar Ruiz said he hopes the event will elevate awareness on campus and help students better understand NSU's policies regarding fire safety.

Though many precautions are taken at universities across the country, there will always be a risk of fires on a college campus. The National Fire Protection Association reports that between 2009 and 2013, there was an average of 3,870 structural fires reported per year in dormitories and fraternity and sorority housing.

"What we're trying to do is bring fire safety to a new level at the University. When students hear the fire alarm go off, they assume that it's either a false alarm or a fire drill. Most people don't take it seriously. We want to show students that every alarm counts; if you hear an alarm you need to evacuate," said Ruiz.

Ruiz said that properly educating students about fire safety will promote a higher level of overall safety on campus and possibly prevent injury.

He said, "We want to educate students on how to handle fire as well. If they see fire or smell smoke we

want them to know who to report it to."

Ruiz said he hopes to use this event during the Weeks of Welcome to kick-start a new fire safety program on campus. He hopes to have the Town of Davie Fire Department in attendance as an additional resource for students.

Ruiz said that he'd like to host this event during Orientation so that all new students know what to do if there is a fire on campus and host this event for parents so they are also aware of NSU's fire protocol.

"Hopefully we'll be able to incorporate this in the following year into additional training. We would like to have the parents go through this too. When [parents] come here we want them to see the film and listen to Shawn and Alvaro, as well. The parents should know that the university is very proactive with safety," said Ruiz.

In addition to the documentary screening, fire survivors Simons and Llanos will be hosting a panel to share their story with students and answer questions regarding fire safety and protocol directly following the film screening.

The pair began hosting fire safety panels at universities around the country after a fire safety presentation at the University of Oregon in 2010.

Simons said, "We went out to Oregon not knowing what to expect, and when we got there to do the presentation there was an auditorium with 1,200 people to hear us speak. And after the presentation, 500 people waited in line for over an hour just to speak to us, shake our hands and tell us how impactful the presentation was."

Simons hopes that these presentations will not only bring fire safety awareness to college communities, but also to inspire students to overcome whatever adversities they may face in life.

"Everyone goes through some sort of adversity in life, and we hope that students can look at what Alvaro and I went through and apply it to their own lives," Simons said.

The screening is open to the community. For more information on NSU's fire prevention plan and protocol, visit nova.edu/portal/ehs/forms/ehs_fire_prevention_plan.pdf.

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them the opportunity to get involved. See what the campus has to offer in terms of clubs and organizations, different [campus] offices, just Shark pride in general [and] athletics. There's so many different things that will be made available to students if they come out," Roberts said.

Booker said that two events have been planned for almost every day during WOW. He also explained that Campus Life and Student Engagement kept in mind that not every event will appeal to all students, which is why they planned such a variety of events.

"We try to have events throughout the two

weeks that can touch every aspect of student life [and will] draw the students out to get engaged," Booker said.

For more information on WOW events visit nova.edu/wow/events/fortlauderdale

Career Development launches new career database

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A firm handshake isn't the only thing that will help NSU students get jobs.

The Office of Career Development launched Handshake, a new career database to help students search for jobs and internships, on July 1.

Through Handshake, a career networking platform specifically designed for college students and recent graduates, students can apply for jobs and internships, RSVP for career events and network with potential employers. Handshake features thousands of job and internship opportunities from companies of all sizes, from local business to Fortune 500 companies.

Associate Director of Career Advisement and Pre-Professional Services Mignon Bissonnette said the office's main goal for Handshake is to engage students and provide them with adequate resources to find jobs or internships.

"When students log on, they'll see that the design of the platform is super smart and very engaging. It looks a lot like social media," Bissonnette said.

According to Bissonnette, Handshake is

quickly becoming one of the top career databases in the country, and is used at top universities like Stanford, Cornell and the University of Miami.

The more often students use Handshake, the more individualized the program gets. Handshake uses a unique algorithm to log student's searches and predict which jobs and internships each individual student would find most relevant.

Students can log into Handshake using their NSU login. Once their account is registered, students can fill out a personal profile detailing their professional skills, qualifications and previous work experience. Completing the personal profile and uploading a resume allows employers to quickly evaluate a student's qualifications and may help Career Development match students with a job or internship offer.

Any current NSU student or alumni will have complete access to Handshake. Once students are registered within the platform they can continue to use Handshake for as long as

they would like, even after graduation.

Bissonnette said, "Both students and alumni are eligible to use the platform. It doesn't matter if they graduated last year or ten years ago; we want to continue supporting both our current students and alums."

The Office of Career Development decided to make the switch to Handshake after discovering that the previous platform, CareerShark, was difficult to navigate and did not efficiently aid students in their search for employment.

Bissonnette said, "We had done a survey during the winter semester, and we found that a lot of students just weren't using the old system because it wasn't engaging or user friendly. With Handshake, students have had a lot of great feedback so far. There haven't been any issues, since the platform is so colorful and user friendly."

In addition to offering employment resources, Handshake also houses an online document library. The document library will feature literature concerning topics such as graduate programs, potential career paths, interview procedure and networking etiquette.

For more information or to register for an account, visit nova.joinhandshake.com.

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Change to Dean's List requirements

NSU has made a few changes to the Undergraduate Student Catalog for the 2016-2017 school year. Among these alterations is an increase to the Dean's List GPA requirement. Previously awarded to students with a 3.5 semester GPA, current and incoming students must now achieve a 3.8 or above semester GPA to receive this recognition. For more information, access the 2016-2017 Undergraduate Student Catalog online, Page 71.

Change of grade forgiveness

Previously recognized as the repeated courses policy, NSU has implemented a grade forgiveness policy. Students will now be able to apply for grade forgiveness for a maximum of three NSU courses beginning this fall. For more information regarding the full policy, access the 2016-2017 Undergraduate Student Catalog online, Page 69.

Shop at Amazon, support NSU

Amazon has created a branch site, smile.amazon.com, which offers the same low-priced, immense array of products. The difference? AmazonSmile will donate a portion of the cost to the charitable organization of your choice. NSU is among the selections.

2017 parking decals

Parking decal applications are now available for the 2016-2017 school year here at NSU. Students can visit the One-Stop Shop on the first floor of the Horvitz Administration Building to receive their decal. Along with a completed application, students are required to submit a copy of their current vehicle registration. Parking decals must be affixed to the rear of vehicles by September 1. For more information, contact the University Call Center at 954-262-3380.

The relaunch of iShark

Nova has relaunched its university app, iShark Mobile. Within this app, students are able to search for their upcoming classes, share photos, find locations around campus, connect with Shark Shuttle services and view NSU events by visiting the Social Hub.

Editors' note

Hello NSU!

It's that time of year: we stock up on pens we'll lose within a month, notebooks we'll fill up by midterm, and textbooks we pray we didn't just buy for no reason. For our returning Sharks, welcome back! To our new Sharks, welcome to the next step toward a promising future!

While summer 2016 was filled with high heat and exhilarating adventures, our staff has been working hard to create a new Current. Though we will carry on the legacy of our previous staff, we hope to evolve alongside NSU, bringing our Sharks interesting and relevant material, while increasing our readership.

We can't wait to present all the new additions we have planned for this upcoming volume! Remember, we are always looking for contributing authors and friendly faces for future issues.

Here's to a year full of new and evolving friendships and never-ending memories at NSU!

With love,

Jacquie & Erin

THAT TIME I... BECAME A PRESCHOOL TEACHER

By: Jenna Kopec

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We all have a “mom” friend, and you know exactly what I mean: that one friend who asks you if you did your assignments, reminds you to be safe at parties and loves having in-depth discussions about life lessons and feelings. Sometimes that friend even has a premature affinity for children and knows way too much about taking care of people other than themselves. I’ve been the “mom” friend since I was old enough to have friends. Part of me believes it’s because I’ve been taking care of siblings, cousins and whatever kids were around since I was a child.

Because of this, I was told from a very early age that I’d make a great parent. I was also told that I’d make a fabulous teacher. I agreed; I spent most of high school preparing for a career in education. I was so invested in exploratory teaching programs that I graduated with a certification and job offer that allowed me to become a preschool teacher.

Of course, through the programs offered at my high school, I interned, volunteered and worked in plenty of classrooms, but never as a lead teacher. That changed the summer before I started college, where I was assigned a lead position in a room full of one-year-olds — “wobblers,” as I like to call them. I was terrified to enter that classroom by myself, but my directors and coworkers were adamant about the position.



Jenna Kopec in her classroom at Tanglewood Academy.

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I was mature for my age and, of course, I was qualified to work with the kids, but that didn’t make it any easier. That summer was a period full of frustration, fears and tears from both the teacher and students. I know, it sounds crazy that a group of six one-year-olds were powerful enough to bring me to a breaking point. After all, I had twelve years more experience than they had combined.

But at one-year-old, my kids — because, let’s be honest, after eight or more hours a day those babies were more than just “students” — were solely responsible for wreaking havoc. I had a biter, screamer, hitter, thrower, runner and an “I eat anything that isn’t food”-er all in one class. I went to work every day wishing I could encase them in bubble wrap. I used to tell them

“please just stop getting hurt” when I walked them out to the playground. None of these children like to nap.

Surprisingly, the most stressful part of the experience was dealing with the parents. The people I was closest with knew I was capable of taking care of these kids, but these parents weren’t going to trust some 18-year-old with their precious babies right off the bat. One parent even accused me of not feeding her child, which is a serious and hurtful accusation to make against your child’s caretaker. Another parent gave me a lesson on how to diaper a child, as if that wasn’t something I already knew.

During stressful times, I even found myself questioning whether or not I could handle this position. If these parents didn’t think I could

handle working with their kids, there had to be a reason, right? No.

Thankfully, I was able to prove myself capable due to a lot of hard work and support from the preschool directors. By the end of the summer, I was able to train a new lead teacher on the chaotic, but consistent, schedule I had my kids on. I was able to stop the kids from beating each other up all the time, and the little boy who liked to eat almost everything but food was beginning to limit his diet to edible items. I left that classroom impressed with myself and positive that I never wanted to go through the experience again.

I grew a lot in that position, and though I wanted to quit at times, I finished what I had started. Even though I loved the “wobblers,” I learned that working with children that young wasn’t right for me — no matter what my friends and family might have said. That summer, I learned that no one has enough knowledge to determine what I should be doing. Yes, I have the tendency to be the “mom” friend. Yes, I love children and babies. I probably will make a good parent. But I never want to work in a preschool again. Frankly, I’m not sure I even want to work in a school again.

So, as you embark on this new semester, you may think you have it all figured out. You might have friends and family that have an image of what your life is supposed to be. Sometimes you agree completely with them, but sometimes that image changes. Don’t be afraid to jump into a new opportunity, but don’t be discouraged if that opportunity shows you where not to go, rather than where to go next.

Becoming the ultimate commuter student: Make college your own

By: Jenna Kopec

There’s no door with your name on it in the residence halls, and you don’t get to roll out of bed and shuffle to class; you’re a commuter student. Unfortunately, the commuter student is often left out of the college conversation. There’s often talk about how commuter students feel disengaged from the university population or that they’re missing out from the complete college experience, but NSU takes great pride in its large commuter student population.

Jennifer Hicks, president of the Commuter Student Organization, said, “I would say a successful commuter student would be really involved on campus. [They’d be] focused on their studies and also on getting involved, whether that be through student government or through sororities and fraternities. Just be involved in the college experience.”

Of course, this advice sometimes seems easier said than done. A commuter student may have more responsibilities at home than their residential counterpart. They may only be on campus for select days of the week and they may be unsure about what “the college experience” actually is. None of this means that commuter students are at a disadvantage or can’t enjoy this period of their life. Here are three things for the commuter student, novice, or veteran to keep in mind at the beginning of the fall semester.

Realize that there is no standard

We talk about dorm rooms and declining balances like these are the key characteristics of a college experience when, in reality, that’s not the case. Each individual student has their own ideas about what it means to be in college. For some

students, it means finally getting the freedom to make their own decisions, attaining all the knowledge they can and the degree they’ve always dreamed of; for others, it means both of these things and more. Commuter students are not excluded from these common goals. They need to create an experience that suits them best, just as a residential student would.

Samantha Yorke, assistant director in the office of Undergraduate Student Success, said that the college experience is different depending on a student’s goals and involvement.

“I don’t think that there’s necessarily one ideal college experience nor do I think that there’s one definition of student success,” she said. “I don’t think you need to live on campus to have the ultimate college experience. It’s just important to be educated on what opportunities are available to you at the college you’re attending.”

Resources can help you find your niche

Though the student creates the experience, it may still be difficult to decide where to start. Speaking to organizations at WOW and SEA Thursday events may be a good start. Joining clubs or organizations allow the students to create a niche and companions.

Hicks said, “[When you’re part of a club] you get to be around other students that are kind of feeling the same way you are, and you get to be part of a group rather than being by yourself.”

Resource offices, such as Student Success or Campus Life and Student Engagement, can also connect students to programs, events and clubs that will fit their needs. The Student



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Commuter students may want to take the time to study between classes.

Success and Academic Advising offices have options for phone and Skype appointments in the event that a student is unable to make it to campus on a certain day.

The campus belongs to you too

Although it may not be realistic for a commuter to spend an entire day on campus, students shouldn’t be afraid to spend time at NSU outside of class. Whether it’s an event, study group or just some quiet time out by the lake, commuters can find solace and connections in-between their classes.

Yorke said, “I think it’s really important that [commuter students] find those spaces on campus that mean something to them. So if they do have a couple hours between classes, they

know where ‘their spot’ is.”

The resources, spots, and activities on campus belong equally to commuter students and residential students. Student should feel comfortable utilizing resources and space.

“Once [the commuter students] find those connections, it should feel the same way,” Yorke said. “I think it’s important for commuter students to know that they are NSU.”

Fill your gas tanks, find your favorite parking spot and face the semester knowing that you’re equipped to take it on. Being a commuter student means that your college experience may be different, but it doesn’t mean it will be any less amazing.

Ready, set, goal

By: **Samantha Yorke**

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Alright, Sharks — it's a brand new school year. This calls for a more focused mindset towards academics, a new found energy for studying and smarter goals. S.M.A.R.T. Goals are filled with purpose and strategy and will guide you towards obtaining your cap and gown. These self-constructed goals will assist you in both your professional and personal journey—we promise, you will thank yourself for making them later. Now, you may be wondering, “How exactly do I create goals that are smart?” Well, the answer can be found with a few easy steps.

First, think of something you want to

achieve at NSU. Of course, you can make S.M.A.R.T. Goals for things outside of school, too, but for starters, let's begin with your GPA. Let's say you want to earn a 3.5 GPA this semester, which is a great goal. Maintaining a high GPA is smart, but you can make this goal even smarter.

Specific: Who is involved? What do you want to accomplish? Where? Identify a location.

Example: “I will make an appointment with a Success Coach in the Office of Undergraduate Student Success to build a study schedule for the semester and visit the Tutoring and Testing Center to feel organized and up to date with assignments. I will also speak with my professors during their office hours to discuss how to be successful in their courses.”

These are just some of many resources on campus that want to empower you to get the grades you are looking for and feel confident in your courses.

Measurable: How much? How often? How

many?

Example: “I will attend one success coaching appointment as well as a follow-up appointment and get tutoring once a week until I start to see my grades improving.”

This part may vary from person to person, but you should be able to identify what is necessary for your own success.

Attainable: Is it achievable?

Example: “With the support from offices around campus, yes!”

Remember that the faculty and staff at NSU want to help you obtain that diploma at the end of your time at NSU.

Realistic: Is it relevant?

Example: “Yes!”

Make sure that you take the time to calculate what an obtainable goal is for you at this current point in time. Several smaller goals are better than one giant goal.

Time-Based: By when?

Example: “By the end of the semester,

before Winter Break.”

You can even get more specific and suggest the last day of class or by your last final exam.

Let's bring it all in. Use the information above to build one, concise statement.

Example: “I will earn a 3.5 GPA by the end of this semester by attending one success coaching appointment to build a study schedule, attending one follow-up coaching appointment, and visiting the Tutoring and Testing Center once a week to feel organized and up-to-date with assignments. I will also connect with my professors to point out my goals for the semester.”

Not too bad, right? Good, because it's your turn now. We encourage you to come up with your own S.M.A.R.T. Goal for the semester. Remember: new year, new goals, new you. Let's achieve success!

Mako-healthy lifestyle

By: **Jenna Kopec**

Pizza, parties, and the Freshman 15. These are typically the topics we're taught to associate with the college experience, but how accurate are they? You probably know that college is a lot more than procrastination-filled partying, which is an almost universally-accepted myth. But when it comes to the diet discussion, the truth may seem a little more clouded. Sure, it's easy to enter or return to campus and dive into a seemingly endless basket of tater tots before hitting up Outtakes for some Half-Baked ice cream, but this routine isn't set in stone. In other words, coming to college doesn't have to mean leaving your health.

Marilyn Gordon, registered dietician, licensed nutritionist and professor at NSU, said that it's important that students make the time to take care of their body and that begins with the food that we choose to nourish our body with. Taking the steps toward a healthy lifestyle can seem difficult for incoming students and even unrealistic for returning ones. Here are some steps to help Sharks enter the new academic year with a mako-healthy lifestyle.

Recognize that it is possible

Between classes, friends, work and stress many students feel that they can't maintain healthy lifestyle and eating habits because of the time and effort they perceive it must take.

“It is possible,” said Gordon, “but you have to really search out your options. You need some background knowledge.”

Some students may come from a background where they were already eating a healthy, balanced diet and remaining active and they're more likely to search for the same during their college career. Other students may not come from the same background, and while that's OK, it doesn't mean that they can't make changes or improvements. They just have to recognize and find ways to replace any poor habits they currently have.

Nonetheless, knowledgeable and learning students alike will likely worry about budgeting their eating habits. This is a typical reason why individuals, not just college students, choose not



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Taking the time to think about and plan your meals may prove to have great health benefits.

to strive for a healthy diet; they assume that it's too expensive.

“You know being sick is really expensive,” Gordon said, “You're just being proactive about your self-care.”

Gordon added that buying produce that's in season and shopping off-campus at stores like Publix and Walmart to stock up on supplies are convenient ways to circumvent costs.

Plan your meals

Part of ensuring that a healthy lifestyle is attainable is preparing ahead of time. As Gordon said, it's important to know your options both on and off campus. Then look at your schedule and choose dining options that ensure you'll be eating eating regularly and healthily.

“Food truly is fuel so you need to eat at regular intervals,” Gordon said.

Looking at your schedule will help you determine what times will be better for snacks and what times will be better for meals and therefore what food you should buy or pack for later.

As a general rule of thumb while planning, Gordon said that it's important to eat around three cups of fruits and vegetables a day—

preferably whole instead of juiced. Students should also plan how to incorporate proteins into their diet throughout the day.

Dr. Gordon said it's typical for students to snack throughout the day and eat one protein-providing meal at the end of the day. In general, students should try to eat meals that contain protein throughout the day. The amino acids found in proteins are essential for bodily functions and are often taken from our muscles if not supplied throughout the day.

Monitor your body

Often times, students concern themselves with dieting in terms of gaining weight. During college, however, it isn't uncommon for students to lose weight either. Gordon said this typically results from skipping meals.

Students who are looking to maintain their current body weight or shape should be sure to monitor any changes. Your clothes are typically a good indicator of any drastic changes.

“The clothes don't lie,” said Gordon.

Of course, physical feeling will also indicate whether any changes need to be made. If you find yourself frequently ill or very tired, it may be a sign that your diet is lacking vitamins.

Remember to listen to your body.

Know your resources

NSU has plenty of resources to help students maintain, or learn to obtain, the lifestyle they are looking for. Students who are looking for information on nutrition or other wellness opportunities on campus can start by attending Wellness Wednesday on August 31 in the UC Spine. They can also speak to members of FitWell, a student organization that provides events focused on fitness, nutrition and general wellness. RecWell has its own app with resources about student activities and nutrition, available in the app store. Finally, nutrition counseling is also covered by NSU health insurance.

Beyond campus, Gordon said there are online resources that can help students maintain a healthy lifestyle, including myfitnesspal.com (also available on an app), choosemylate.gov and eatright.org.

Remember that there's more to the balance

Diet is an essential part a healthy lifestyle but there are other aspects of wellness that students should not neglect.

Gordon said students also need to think about how to incorporate physical activity, social interaction and emotional well-being into their lives. All of these aspects, along with diet, come together to create the balanced lifestyle we all strive for.

NSU has resources to help in these areas, such as events and programs sponsored by the RecWell, on-campus events like Sharkapalooza and Henderson's counseling services.

Most importantly, Gordon said students need to schedule time for sleep: “I can't emphasize [sleep] enough. It's very important for our immune system, healing and repair and resting your brain.”

Whether you're a new Shark entering unfamiliar waters or one that's familiar with the current, taking an interest in your nutrition and lifestyle habits can't hurt. Prioritizing time to care for ourselves can help make the deplorable diet another college experience myth.

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Greek Life 101: The skinny on sororities and fraternities

By: Jenna Kopec

The letters, the colors and the stereotypes: there's certainly a lot about Greek Life that isn't always understood. Movies and television tend to depict the Greek community as obnoxious, party machines, often with odd rituals and hazing. Yet, Greeks continue to survive and thrive on campuses across the country. Clearly, there's more to these organizations than meets the eye. So, what's the purpose of joining a Greek organization on campus?

Bobby Borgmann, director of Campus Life and Student Engagement, said, "To connect students who have similar interest, regardless of background [or] where they come from. It's a place that they can truly feel at home on a college campus."

This idea is further expressed by the terminology used by Greeks across the county: they're referred to as brotherhoods and sisterhoods.

According to Borgmann, Greek organizations are formed around values—usually related to service or academia—and are characteristically dedicated to giving back to the community. At NSU and campuses across the country, the Greek councils work to support programs and events for their universities. Each

organization also has a philanthropy that it supports throughout the year with fundraisers. For this reason, students tend to gravitate toward Greek Life as a way to get involved in their college community.

Shannon Booker, assistant director of Campus Life and Student Engagement, said, "Greek Life plays a big part in retention and enrollment [at the university]."

Booker said that students will inquire about a certain organization if they have a family member or loved one who was also part of that organization. They may also look for a certain organization based on the values that they hold. Booker said many individuals don't realize how big a part Greek Life can play in an organization because of the many misconceptions about members of Greek Life.

"[One of the biggest misconceptions is that] Greeks aren't intelligent," Borgmann said. "You see a lot of movies where Greeks are stereotyped as meatheads or party animals, when typically the average GPA for a chapter in an IFC may be higher than the all-campus average."

Organizations will often have a GPA requirement in order to maintain membership.

"You'll also find that Greeks are among the top leaders of the university," Booker said.

Greek organizations focus on the professional development of their members. The President's 64, Admissions Ambassadors, and SGA are just a few examples of leadership opportunities that Greek members of the NSU community have and are encouraged to hold.

Booker and Borgmann also said that financial responsibility to an organization is another misconception typically surrounding Greek Life. Although students do have a financial responsibility—paying dues—when joining a brother or sisterhood, the money goes directly to supporting the chapter and the needs of their members. Certain organizations also offer scholarships to members.

Many students may still be wary of jumping into Greek Life and that's OK.

As Borgmann said, "Anyone can join an organization but it's not for everyone."

Students need to take the time to decide whether or not joining an organization would be right for them. Booker said one of the best ways to do this would be to interact with the organizations and take your time before making a decision.

College is the time to enter new experiences with an open mind. Even if Greek Life isn't for you, interacting and engaging with the community can help enhance your NSU experience, whether you're a freshman or a senior. Students will have a chance to meet Greek organizations on Aug. 24 at the Fraternity and Sorority Life Meet & Greet in the University Center.

E	Council	Interfraternity Conference	Panhellenic Conference	United Greek Council	Π
Ω	Description	Fraternities	Sororities	Fraternities and sororities; often culturally based	K
Σ	Recruitment	Technically year-round	Occurs once a year in a formalized recruitment process	Varies among organizations	A

10 things to do off-campus

By: Juliet Norman

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Sharks, you're finally here! Your campus provides a variety of lively clubs and events to keep you entertained, but you'll want to explore what else South Florida area has to offer—besides the obvious beach and shopping scene. Set aside time for adventures with your friends in between study sessions and long weekends with exciting activities that differ from the usual. Here are ten entertaining spots to get you started. You don't have to look too far to enjoy yourself.

Riverwalk

Price varies; some activities free
Sweet Building, One River Plaza, 305 S Andrews Ave

This is a great setting for a date. It's usually quiet and the scenery is beautiful. Free water taxi rides around the peaceful river are a bonus. It can also be relaxing to just sit back and watch the boats and yachts pass by.

NSU Art Museum

Free for NSU students
1 E Las Olas Blvd, Fort Lauderdale

Get away from the heat and spend an afternoon clearing your head while gazing at notable works by Picasso and Rembrandt. With over 6,000 art pieces, the museum is known for its abundant collection of 19th century realist paintings, as well as countless rooms full of photography. An African art exhibit is currently on display until Oct. 23. The museum's outdoor cafe is open daily, serving meals under \$10.

Las Olas Boulevard

Price Varies
111 E Las Olas Blvd

This strip is the center of Fort Lauderdale and the ultimate nightlife destination. There is an abundance of restaurants, clubs and shopping

outlets to keep you busy. Try boarding the Jungle Queen Riverboat for the best water views in South Florida.

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

Price Varies
1 Seminole Way, Hollywood

If you want to get away for a weekend or plan an easy, fun spring break trip without straying too far from campus, the Hard Rock is your best bet. With concerts, various dining options, a luxurious swimming pool, nightly music and a casino and spa, the hotel offers a great deal of entertainment—even for those under 21. It can be pricey, but you'll get your money's worth.

Improv Comedy Club

\$20 a ticket on average
Seminole Paradise, 5700 Seminole Way, Fort Lauderdale

Located directly inside the Hard Rock, this cozy comedy club is a hot place to see quality up-and-coming comedians. Be wined and dined while holding back tears from laughter. Tickets are relatively cheap, and there is a two drink minimum. Therefore, you'll need to be twenty-one years old to attend except Thursdays, which are eighteen and over.

Dog Beach of Hollywood

\$5
4901-4999 N Surf Rd, Hollywood, FL

Soak up the sun while being bombarded with masses of adorable puppies. The only downside is that there are pretty strict regulations. The beach is only open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 3-7 p.m. Entry costs \$5 a day for residents and \$10 a day for non-residents. Bring a credit card to the beach, as they do not accept cash.

Kingshead Pub

Price Varies
2692 N University Dr, Sunrise



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The Hard Rock is one of the closest places to campus where students can listen to live music.

Have a beer or chow down on signature fish and chips at this spunky, British-themed pub and restaurant. Open-mic nights are every Tuesday, and there's live music every Friday night. It's also a great place to catch the latest soccer game alongside other pub patrons.

Swap Shop

Price Varies
3291 W Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale

Peruse the many aisles in this jungle gym flea market with friends. The area is a little dirty but is an all-around fun environment. It's actually the largest flea market in the world. You can also kick it old school and take a date to the drive-in movie theater located here. You never know what oddities you may find.

A Painting Fiesta

\$35 per person
1637 Bonaventure Blvd, Weston

Get artsy! This guided painting class will bring out your inner artist. By following the easy step-by-step instructions, everyone's work comes out looking like a masterpiece, even if you aren't generally the best at painting. The more people you bring along, the better the experience.

Extreme Rage Paintball Park

\$15 per person
6401 Sheridan St, Hollywood

Set your mind to something other than memorizing history facts for the next exam. Round up a few classmates to compete against each other in this thrilling sport. Players engage in a capture-the-flag scenario in the nearby woods or uniquely designed fields. The park is open to those without reservations from Friday to Sunday. Put yourself to the test in a paintball war!

Success for the new school year

By: **Chris Densmore and Jessica Tavares**

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Summer is a great time to relax and take some "me" time, but what about getting ready to start school again? Students love to start off fresh the first day with a "blank slate" for the new academic year. Earning excellent grades can lead to a successful and rewarding professional career and, by the time you've finished reading, we hope that you will be more inspired than ever. At the beginning of a new semester, it is important to take a moment to reflect on where you are, reaffirm your choice to pursue higher education and recognize the challenges that come with it. Most importantly, remember that with strength and determination anything can be achieved.

There are numerous services and opportunities available to help students delve deeper into their learning experiences. For example, a student can seek support in the construction of a meaningful academic plan that includes both the next semester and the years leading up to graduation. In addition to planning, other resources can enhance student development and help students find new ways to become engaged both on and off campus.

To begin, students should contemplate some of the reasons they chose this path of higher learning and then design a reasonable schedule that includes study times. Certainly, the pursuit of learning begins with opening a text, but it doesn't end there. Continue the education process by considering ways to support your classroom learning. Students should consider the best places to focus on work that are free of distractions, if possible. Forming study groups and reaching out to the Tutoring and Testing Center on the second floor of the Student Affairs Building are good ways to begin. Study groups are a great way to learn from and engage with peers without time and location restrictions. There are a myriad of places to meet on campus, including residential hall areas and even inside the University Center.

Another way to foster success in the



Jessica Tavares (right) and Chris Densmore (left).

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classroom is to participate in observations in areas where you are interested in learning more. Observing a medical clinic, a courtroom, or an elementary school classroom allows you to witness theory applied in practice. NSU's faculty, both inside and outside your major, does an excellent job of linking students with pre-professional opportunities and are always encouraging students to take part in research. They are great resources to consult regarding your goals and plans for the future since they were in your shoes at one point, eager to learn everything about the field that you are now pursuing. Whether you are a brand-new or

returning student, consider future internship or observation options for the upcoming semesters. Why not even take a moment to consider volunteering at a local agency? Have a discussion with a professor on what they think about your goals.

Don't forget to build new friendships, join clubs of both leisure and academic interests, pledge for Greek life or even seek out an honor society, which can all help boost your experience both academically and professionally. It's not a bad idea to enjoy the moment; college years pass very quickly.

The truth about Syllabus Week

By: **Jenna Kopec**



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Syllabus week is a time to prepare for the semester ahead.

Rumor has it that Syllabus Week is every college student's saving grace at the beginning of a new semester. The idea that the first week of classes lack any academic substance is certainly a preferable outlook for many students. It's a topic that trends on Twitter and other social media sites. But despite what our favorite memes and BuzzFeed articles may suggest, an easy first week of classes is no guarantee.

"Syllabus Week...it kind of depends on the professor," said Jessica Rodriguez, a junior business administration and marketing major. "Either you'll have a class where you really do just go over the syllabus, or you'll have a class where you actually go straight into the lesson and the professor will assign homework, talk about projects, stuff like that."

This seems to be the general consensus among students. Even those who agree that Syllabus Week exists promise it won't last long.

"It might last the first class but it won't go over the first two classes," said senior biology major Tatyana Severe.

It's important to prepare yourself for the Syllabus Week you might have and not the one you want to have. Be sure to collect all the supplies you may need early on, learn where resources are on campus and have the flexibility in your schedule to start studying as soon as you need to.

"I think many students are unprepared and the students who are prepared are typically the one I know are going to respond well," said Christine Jackson, professor for the department of literature and modern languages. Jackson prefers to jump right into the curriculum rather than waste valuable time. She typically reaches out to students via email to let them know what to expect the first day of class and she tries to build a relationship with her students.

"I think that starts the very first day," Jackson said, "I try to show students respect when they first come in and ask them questions. I also try to show them that I respect the material and that it's important material for them to know."

If your courses aren't exceptionally rigorous the first week, don't see it as a hall pass. There are still plenty of things that can and should be done during syllabus week to help you get ahead.

"I think you should pay attention when you're in class so you know either 'I'm going to stay in this class' or 'no this class isn't for me'," Adam DeRoss, junior communication major, said. "Syllabus week is also the last week to add or drop classes without penalty. So I would say definitely pay attention and make sure you'll be okay with being in these classes for the next half-year."

Ultimately, keep in mind that academics should take priority. Don't shirk off responsibilities because it's only the first week. Taking the time to figure out your schedule and build relationships with your professors will make the semester less stressful and allow you to thrive.

"Get your calendar and write down all the important dates coming up and also make a connection with your professor as soon as possible," Severe said.

Whether you're a returning student or new to campus, each new semester is exciting for everyone. It presents Sharks with the opportunity to try something new and get one step closer to finding themselves. These first few weeks of classes are supposed to be enjoyable.

"College is about finding balance and you don't need to go crazy to have fun," Rodriguez said. "As long as you get a feel for your schedule that week, you can make time for having fun with your friends and figure out time for homework."

So, explore the events planned for the Weeks of Welcome, make plans with new friends and become as involved as you can. Understand that all these experiences are part of the ultimate college journey and not simply a perk of Syllabus Week.



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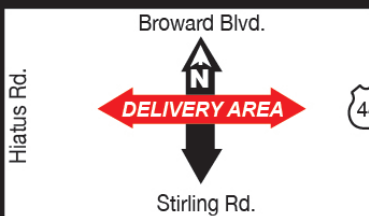
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President Emeritus Abe Fischler celebrates his 50th anniversary at NSU

By: Yakira Cohen

In 1964, Nova Southeastern University was born out of a storefront in downtown Fort Lauderdale. And shortly thereafter, the decision was made to get Abraham S. Fischler involved in the fledgling institution of higher learning.

Fast-forward 50 years, and the positive influence Fischler has had on NSU is obvious, as well as education in the Broward County community and beyond. To recognize all he has meant to education in our community, as well as to the university, on Aug. 1 NSU celebrated his 50th service anniversary on the heels of NSU's own 50th anniversary, which was celebrated in 2014.

Before joining NSU in 1966 as the director of the behavioral sciences center and dean of graduate studies for NSU's three original centers — behavioral sciences, oceanographic, and physical science — Fischler was a medic in the U.S. Navy and a visiting professor in various states and countries. He also served as NSU's executive vice president and was named the first James Donn Professor of Education, a title he retains today. This distinction was created in 1967 by James Donn, senior professor of science education and an early supporter of NSU. After years of serving the students, faculty and staff at NSU, Fischler continues his service by remaining involved on campus.

Early in Fischler's career, many saw that he would bring a pioneering spirit to NSU. Though he arrived at the university while it was in severe debt and likely to shut down, he continued to assist in NSU's success in any way he could, and his appointment to president was even described in the book by Julian Pleasants, "The Making of Nova Southeastern University," as one of the greatest decisions NSU made to ensure its survival.

Throughout his career, Fischler's primary goal was to improve the way students learn. He continuously proposed that education be catered to suit the needs and learning styles of individual students, to provide them with the most effective education possible. Fischler continually advocated for education as a top priority, as he believed that education reform is the only way to establish an environment where each student, and the nation as a whole, succeeds. He brought this vision — to make the student the classroom



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NSU President Emeritus Abe Fischler surrounded by his NSU family. From left, Dick Dodge, Jamie Manburg, Lydia Acosta, Stephanie Brown, NSU Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Ralph Rogers Irv Rosenbaum, and NSU Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Jacqueline Travisano.

— to NSU, where he believed that innovative possibilities were endless.

"I realized if we were going to have a school responsive to the individual student, we had to bring technology into the classroom as a vehicle to individualize instruction," Fischler said.

After NSU's first president, Warren Winstead, unexpectedly resigned in 1969 when NSU suffered from severe financial issues, Fischler was asked to succeed him. Despite Fischler's agreement to only hold the position for two years while the Board of Trustees helped mend NSU's debts and brought a new president on board, Fischler remained as president for 22 years.

During his tenure from 1970-1992, he not only brought NSU out of significant debt, but helped build the foundation for NSU to be successful in all of its future endeavors. Under his leadership, NSU continued to develop, and, by the end of his presidential term, NSU became the second-largest private not-for-profit university in Florida. Student enrollment increased from 57 students to 10,600, and the university achieved financial stability. He also helped create NSU University School — a college preparatory school for junior kindergarten through high school — and created course offerings that emphasized technological development and innovation. Other accolades

include expanding the Oceanographic Center, creating new dormitories, commencing campus renovations, helping NSU's law school earn accreditation and developing the concept of student clusters and distance education, which had a lasting national impact.

But even with his continued dedication to promoting a well-rounded environment for students to grow and develop, to the people around him, Fischler was always so much more than his job. In any photo, Fischler has a smile that can only be described as warm and contagious, and with that smile, he dedicated a large portion of his life to serving and promoting a happy, healthy and educated community.

Along with being a part of the Florida Education Foundation, Broward Education Foundation, School Board of Broward County, and Economic and Industrial Development Board of Davie, as well as consulting various state departments of education and multiple school districts, Fischler has written numerous articles and publications on science education and advanced teaching methods. With more than 25 published research studies, books and articles, Fischler earned national recognition for his devotion to bettering education for students.

If those commitments weren't enough of a benefit to the community, he also was involved in multiple scientific organizations, including the American Association for the

Advancement of Science. His activism has not halted. He remains active in local, county and state boards and committees, such as the Florida Bar Foundation, the Broward Education Foundation and the Holocaust Documentation and Education Center.

With his continuous activism in the community, Fischler's work has hardly gone unnoticed. He has earned numerous awards and recognitions throughout his time at NSU for the incredible impact he has made at local, state and national levels.

"The greatest gift we could provide to students is the gift of education, and Dr. Fischler has provided that gift every year since he started his career," said NSU President George Hanbury. "Our students, university and community have all gained incredible hope and promise for the future because of Abe's continued dedication to the pursuit of education. The charm, grace and display of commitment he demonstrated to all of us will forever serve as a leading example of realized potential."

Most community members may have noticed one of his most popular recognitions: Abraham S. Fischler Blvd., named in his honor. In addition, NSU's college of education was named the Abraham S. Fischler College of Education, established in 1984 when former dean Richard Goldman suggested that NSU rename the Center for Advancement of Education because of Fischler's dedication to the pursuit of and success in education. He has also received an honorary Doctor of Law from NSU, the Silver Medallion Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Spirit of 100 Award from the Broward Committee of 100, the Medal of Honor Award from the Florida Bar Association, and the Distinguished Educator Award from the Association of Independent Schools of Florida.

Fischler's accomplishments serve to remind all of those at NSU just how special this university is. Fischler, like so many of the faculty, staff and students at NSU, has dedicated his life to serving others, and, in doing so, realized his potential for leaving an impact on all of those around him.

This may be his 50th anniversary at NSU, but his legacy at NSU will last a lifetime.

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What did I miss?

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While most students were eagerly starting their summer break, a number of NSU's athletes were still hard at work finishing their seasons. Spring sports closed out a successful year of athletics for NSU. The athletic department finished 12th overall in the Learfield Directors' Cup running. In total, NSU accumulated 546 points throughout the 2015-2016 championship season and was one of the 263 ranked schools. NSU's women's athletic program was also individually honored with a first place overall finish in the Mayor's Cup ranking. The women's program has not earned this honor since 2008.

In addition to an overall successful year for the Sharks' athletics program, a number of individual teams saw success over the summer. Here's what else NSU's athletic teams have been up to while you were away.

Baseball

NSU's baseball team was undoubtedly one of the most successful teams of the 2015-2016 season, making headlines after winning the NCAA Division II National Championship on June 4. The Sharks defeated the Millersville University Marauders 8-6 in the final game of the series to take the National Title. In addition to earning this year's National Title, the Sharks also won the NCAA Division II South Region Championship for the first time in the program's history.

Just weeks after the Sharks' convincing win in the Division II National Championship, Head Coach Greg Brown was named the Division II National Coach of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association. Brown, who has led the Sharks' baseball program since 2010, was also named a finalist for the Skip Bertman Award.

Rowing

The women's rowing team capped off a successful season with an appearance in the 2016 NCAA Division II Rowing Championship. The women's varsity eight boat earned a second-place overall finish in the petite final after three days of competition.

Former Assistant Coach Devin Fay assumed the duties of interim head coach after the resignation of former Head Rowing Coach, Heather Barney on June 27. Fay announced that 11 new members will be joining the team for the start of the fall

season. The incoming members will include Sam Aguirre, Kierra Bukaty, Jessica Cavalier, Abbey DiMatteo, Emily Edwards, Ariel McAffrey, Alexa Rae Meiers, Gabrielle Orr, Lilly Thompson and Ayelen Vegas.

Golf

Sophomore golfer Jamie Freedman and freshman golfer Aldana Foigel were named All-American Scholars by the Women's Golf Coaches Association. Both women earned above a 3.5 cumulative GPA during the 2015-2016 academic year, and were two of the 16 female golfers honored in the Sunshine State Conference.

Women's Head Coach Amanda Brown has stepped down from her position after spending 11 years leading the women's golf program.

On the men's side, Head Coach Ryan Jamison has been busy at work adding four new players to the roster for the upcoming season. The additions include freshmen Benjamin Hjort and Khush Patel, and sophomores Finlay Mason and Martin Larrea.

Swimming

NSU's women's swimming program was named a Scholar All-America Team by the College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America. The women's team earned a combined 3.22 GPA for the 2016 spring semester to acquire this designation.

Ben Hewitt has been named the new head coach for NSU's men's and women's swim teams, replacing longtime Head Coach Hollie Bonewit-Cron. Hewitt, a former assistant coach at NSU, led the DePauw University's women's team to three consecutive NCAA Division III Championship appearances.

Track and Field

Junior Sherrelle Jordan was the only member of NSU's women's track team to advance to the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Finals on May 28. She qualified for the women's 100 meter hurdle finals with a time of 13.62 seconds and was seeded fifth overall. She finished out the season by completing the 100 meter hurdle finals with a time of 13.81 to take sixth place. Jordan, who also holds NSU's record for the women's 100 meter hurdles, earned All-American status with her finishing time.

A number of NSU's athletic teams will be back in action this fall, so be sure to support your Sharks and don't miss a single play.

OUT OF THE SHARKZONE

Giants player suspended after domestic violence arrest

New York Giants kicker Josh Brown has been suspended from the season opener after the NFL discovered that the 37-year-old was arrested on a charge of domestic violence in May 2015. Brown will miss the Giants first game of the regular season, because the arrest was found to be in violation with the league's personal conduct policy, according to Yahoo Sports. Brown will not be attempting to repeal the suspension.

Ottawa Senators to retire Alfredsson's jersey number

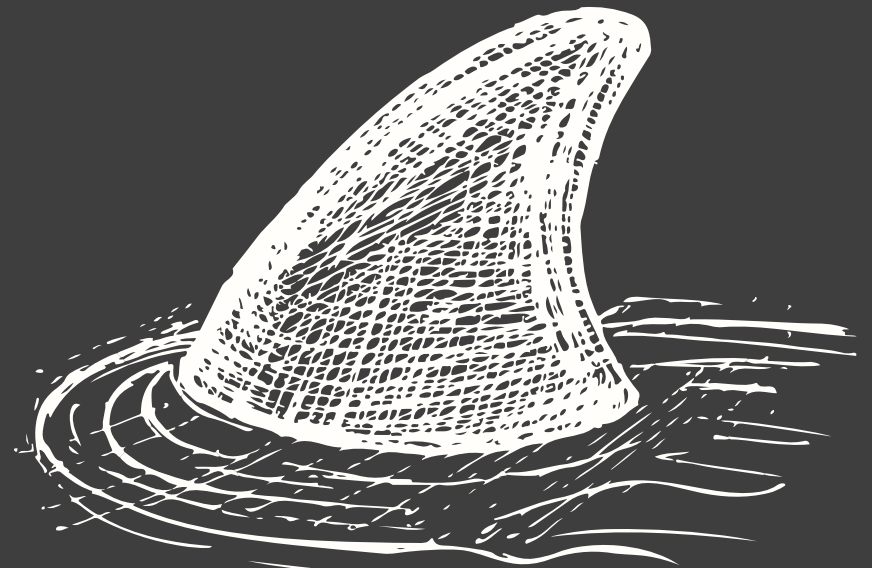
The Ottawa Senators will retire the number 11 jersey in honor of former captain Daniel Alfredsson. The team will hold a small ceremony before the Senators play the Detroit Red Wings on Dec. 29. Alfredsson played for the Senators from 1995-2013 before retiring in 2014 due to a back injury, according to Yahoo Sports.

Ex-Saints safety sentenced to 18 years in prison for multiple rape charges

Darren Sharper was sentenced to 18 years and four months in prison on Aug. 18, after being accused of drugging and raping 16 women in four states, ESPN reports. In addition to the 18 year prison sentence, Sharper was also fined \$20,000.

18-year-old signed to multi-year deal

Hendricks Motorsports signed NASCAR Camping World Truck Series driver William Byron to a multi-year contract on Aug. 18. Hendricks set a rookie record this season with five total wins, according to FOX Sports. The 2017 season will be his first time competing full-time.



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24-Aug	The Perfect Match (2016)	My All American	The Dull	The Danish Girl	Zoolander 2	By The Sea	Eye In The Sky	Million Dollar Baby (2004)	I Love You Man	Ted	Miracles From Heaven
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Summer Signings

By: **Oswaldo Tortoledo**

A number of former Sharks are making headlines by continuing the successful careers they developed at NSU. Here are some of the newest additions to the list of Sharks who have made it to the big leagues.



Daniel Zardon

An LSU student for two years, Daniel Zardon transferred to NSU for his final season and had an incredible postseason this year, hitting 15 home runs and becoming a top third base prospect in 2016 for all Division II athletes, according to the NSU Sharks website. Shortly after helping the Sharks win the 2016 NCAA Division II Championship, he was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies.



Alexander Kline

The southpaw from Coral Springs was also drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies. Ever since he started playing with the Sharks, Kline has had

an incredible development process. This past season he went 4-1, and in 38.1 innings struck out 36 players. Kline is currently assigned to the Williamsport Crosscutters, where he is quickly making a name for himself. True to his sport, he notes that his favorite movie is "The Sandlot."



Alex Mateo

A criminal justice major, the Hialeah-born pitcher will debut with the Miami Marlins next season after being named the 2016 Sunshine State Conference Pitcher of the year. He played 112 innings during the season and struck out 96 hitters, resulting in a 2.96 earned run average. During his career at NSU, he struck out a total of 189 hitters.



Devin Raftery

After being voted the NCAA Division II Baseball Championship's Most Valuable Player, Devin Raftery signed an undrafted, free-agent deal with the Houston Astros. Raftery has recently

been promoted from the Houston Astros' rookie affiliate to their Low-A affiliate the Tri-City ValleyCats. The Deland-born player had an outstanding season, striking out 90 hitters in 55.1 innings. He also led the team in earned run average and earned 17 saves during the season, breaking the previous NSU record for single-season saves previously held by John Hassel for 19 years.



Sierra Lelii

Sierra Lelii, a former double major and NSU star soccer player, has been selected to fill the professional roster for the Orlando Pride of the National Women's Soccer League after six starters left to play for their respective Olympic teams. The 23-year-old Seminole native is a forward and wears the No. 24 with pride, so keep an eye out for her on the field.

We want to congratulate these athletes and wish them luck in the first chapter of their professional careers.

ON DECK

Women's Soccer

vs. Webber International
NSU Soccer Complex
Sept. 1, 7 p.m.

vs. Catawba
NSU Soccer Complex
Sept. 3, 7 p.m.

vs. Palm Beach Atlantic
NSU Soccer Complex
Sept. 6, 7 p.m.

vs. Florida Memorial
NSU Soccer Complex
Sept. 7, 7 p.m.

vs. North Alabama
Florence, Ala.
Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m.

vs. Mississippi College
Florence, Ala.
Sept. 11, 10 a.m.

Women's Volleyball

vs. Bentley
NSU Arena
Sept. 2, 2 p.m.

vs. Southern Nazarene
NSU Arena
Sept. 2, 7 p.m.

vs. Arkansas at Monticello
NSU Arena
Sept. 3, 2 p.m.

vs. Adelphi
NSU Arena
Sept. 3, 7 p.m.

vs. Wayne State Pueblo, Colo.
Sept. 9, 9 a.m.

vs. Western State Colorado
Pueblo, Colo.
Sept. 9, 1 p.m.

vs. Adams State Pueblo, Colo.
Sept. 10, 9 a.m.

vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville Pueblo, Colo.
Sept. 10, 1 p.m.

Men's Cross Country

vs. Florida Atlantic
Boca Raton, Fla.
Sept. 4, 6 p.m.

Men's Soccer

vs. Mississippi State College
NSU Soccer Complex
Sept. 2, 7 p.m.

vs. St. Thomas
Miami, Fla.
Sept. 6, 7 p.m.

vs. West Alabama
NSU Soccer Complex
Sept. 9, 7 p.m.

On the Bench:

You don't need football for school spirit

By: **Erin Herbert**
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There is one age old question that almost every student has asked at least once in their time here at NSU: "Why don't we have a football team?" Many students can't imagine the college experience without spending the fall semester cheering on their football team as they take on a rival school. And many new students buy into the misconception that NSU doesn't have any school spirit because of our lack of a football team. But what most new students at NSU don't realize is that we don't need a football team to have school spirit, because school spirit isn't solely drawn from tailgating and touchdowns.

Ask any student what they like least about NSU, and they'll probably reply, "The lack of school spirit." Yes, we may not have the most school spirit out there, but getting a football team isn't the only solution. There are plenty of other ways for NSU students to get involved on campus and show their school spirit.

There has never been a better time to be a Shark. Between a Division II Championship baseball team and several nationally ranked teams, there is more than enough reason for students to be excited. We don't need another sports team to rally fans and students alike, we just need our student body to get involved in what we already have on campus. There's no point in adding another team when some students are already reluctant to support our already great athletic teams.

However, many students that complain about our lack of spirit haven't seen how much

fun their peers are already having at NSU's sporting events. From fans doing the wave at basketball games to fans covered head to toe in body paint at a baseball doubleheader, there are plenty of examples of students showing just how much they love NSU. Students just have to leave their dorm rooms once in a while to see it. Catch one of NSU's dozens of games this fall and see for yourself just how much spirit NSU fans already have.

The idea of school spirit shouldn't just stop at athletics either. We may not have huge pep rallies or a bonfire the night before a big game, like most other schools with championship football teams, but we do have a number of other great events around campus that should bring students together and instill a sense of pride into every Shark. From karaoke nights to dance parties in the arena, and everything in between, there are endless ways to get involved, meet other students, support clubs and organizations and have a ton of fun.

Between athletics and engaging events, NSU has given students more than enough to be proud of and excited about. School spirit comes from involvement so drop your books, close your laptop and skip out on the library for one night to take advantage of all of the engaging events and activities that NSU has to offer. We may not have the most school spirit yet, but football team or not, we'll get there together, one "Fins Up" at a time.

What to Watch in September

By: **Oswaldo Tortoledo**

Summer break is over, so get out of bed and hit the books, because classes have started. But even though students are getting back to their routines and study schedules, don't be sad, because there's still plenty of time to enjoy the movies that are being released this fall. In case you're new on campus, don't forget that going to the movies is a great way to make new friends, so grab your popcorn and get ready, because here's a list of the most anticipated films coming to a theater near you:

"The Light Between Oceans" Sept. 2

"The Light Between Oceans" is an upcoming drama starring Michael Fassbender, Alicia Vikander, and Rachel Weisz. The film is about a couple living off the West Coast of Australia after World War I. Although they are surprised when they find a baby girl washed ashore, they decide to adopt and raise her as their own daughter. Things take an unexpected turn when they visit the mainland and encounter a woman who lost her husband and daughter at sea. The movie is based on the 2012 bestselling novel by M. L. Stedman.

"Blair Witch" Sept. 16

"Blair Witch" is a sequel to the 1999 movie "The Blair Witch Project." The original film is about the disappearance of three student filmmakers who go hiking in the Black Hills in Maryland to film a documentary about the legendary Blair Witch. After spending some time in the woods, they start to think that maybe the witch is more than just an urban legend, as they begin to feel an unwanted presence among them. "The Blair Witch Project" received acclaim from critics. Its sequel will be about the brother of one of the students who vanished in the same woods, as he tries to uncover the truth about his sister's disappearance.

"Bridget Jones's Baby" Sept. 16

The third installment of the Bridget Jones series will feature many of the original cast members. Renee Zellweger is back as Bridget Jones, a British publishing executive who is always looking for love and trying to make sense of her life. Colin Firth is also reprising his role as Mark Darcy, someone who Bridget Jones thought was her "happy ever after." In the upcoming film, Bridget Jones finds herself single again and has everything under control,

except that she's pregnant and isn't quite sure who the father is.

"The Magnificent Seven" Sept. 23

Denzel Washington and Chris Pratt seem like an unlikely pair, but in "The Magnificent Seven," the duo teams up for a Western remake of the 1960's film of the same name. The original film, which was directed by John Sturges, is based on a previous Japanese movie called "Seven Samurai," released in 1954. In the upcoming movie, Washington and Pratt's characters are hired to protect the residents of the western town of Rose Krick from an outside threat, grouping together a band of misfits to act as their guardians. It features actor Ethan Hawke and is directed by Antoine Fuqua, known for his work on "Training Day" and "Southpaw."

There you have it. From action films to romantic flicks, you can tell this upcoming month is going to be a great one when it comes to movies. So if you're going alone, with some friends, or even with a date, be sure to check out these picks of the month.

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Escape rooms: A new way to escape boredom

By: **Grace Ducanis**
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Everyone's childhood dream of becoming a detective is possible. Now, you can put down your Agatha Christie or Nancy Drew book and see if you have what it takes to solve a mystery in 60 minutes or less.

Escape room experiences are cropping up all over South Florida. Locked in a room with no way out, teams have 60 minutes to find a way to escape, often through multiple adjoining rooms. Rooms are designed to resemble realistic spaces like libraries, banks, laboratories, prisons, ship holds and cabins. In order to get out, players search the room for clues, often discovering hidden doors, deciphering codes, cracking lock combinations and investigating mysterious objects.

While the cost is high at about \$27-\$30 per room, the experience is worth the money. Escape rooms challenge your brain to think in new and different ways. They offer you a sense of accomplishment and victory when you solve a puzzle or make a new discovery. It's the perfect diversion for individuals who enjoy problem-solving and high-adrenaline experiences.

Few other forms of entertainment are as immersive as an escape room. Each room is usually accompanied by a story: you're trapped in a cabin deep in the woods and have 60 minutes to escape before the murderer arrives with his chainsaw, or you've been shanghaied and have 60 minutes to escape a Chinese junk before it sets sail. The rooms are movie sets, and players have become the main characters. Escape rooms are video games, minus the screens. While some might balk at the stress they might experience during the game, the stress is part of what makes escape rooms so deeply engaging. It feels somewhat real, even though you know that you can contact a staff member at any moment to let you out.

The highly social nature of escape rooms is also a major draw. Typically, teams consist of 2-10 players. When the number of players is high, each team member has less to do, but more brains are at work on the puzzles. A small number of players means that each team member does more without as much collective brainpower.



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The consequence of failing to escape? Photo documentation of your failure.

But despite the number of players, escape rooms allow you to bond with your team members, and give you insight into their cognitive differences and unique skills. You don't always escape together, but you always have fun. And you talk about your game for weeks afterward.

Escape rooms bring a whole new level of meaning to the term "escapist entertainment," and what a fun level it is.

Local Escape Room Games

Think Escape Games: \$30 per game
2653 E Oakland Park Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306
954-233-2663

Miami Quest Escape Rooms: \$27 per game
828 SW 24th Court
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315
954-696-6286

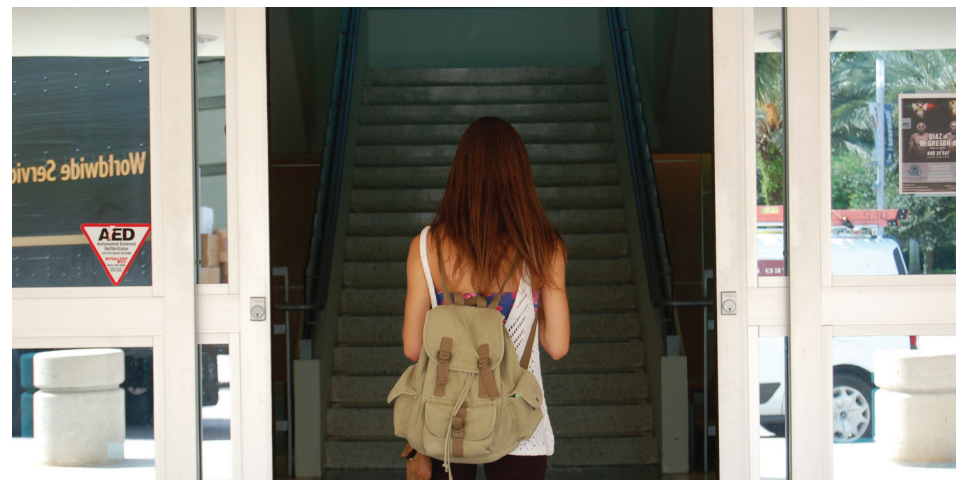
The Great Escape Room Miami: \$23-\$28 per game
2315 SW 42 Avenue #200
Miami, FL 33134
786-322-6619

The Escape Zone: \$28 per game
540 N Miami Avenue
Miami, FL 333136
954-687-6144

QQuest Escape Games: \$27 per game
717 E Atlantic Boulevard
Pompano Beach, FL 33060
954-951-2829

Staff Picks: What's your back-to-school ritual?

By: **The Current Staff**



The staff of The Current share their back to school rituals.

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Jacquie Lytle, co-editor-in-chief, said:

When I'm headed back to school, I stock up on colorful pens and a new agenda. I lay out my schedule and organize my materials, while I binge watch my favorite television shows, "Fixer Upper" and "Chopped." So, mostly, I watch TV for hours and snack on any candy I can find: a moment I won't get to experience again until Christmas break.

Erin Herbert, co-editor-in-chief, said:

My favorite thing to do at the start of a new semester is stock up on new notebooks, but what I end up buying isn't what you'd expect from your typical college student. As soon as I walk into the store I walk straight past all of the boring, professional-looking agendas and head straight back to the children's back-to-school section, where they keep the good stuff: puppy- and kitten-themed notebooks and folders. Anything with bright colors and small, cute animals is an absolute must for my back-to-school stockpile.

Carli Lutz, chief of visual design, said:

The night before the first day of classes, I always grab my colored pens and plan my days for the whole semester in a weekly planner that I probably took three hours to pick out at Target because I have to check all color schemes, font choices, and kerning. The end result is a beautiful, color-coded day-to-day plan for me to follow...but then I leave my planner on my desk

and never touch or look at it again.

Aidan Rivas, visual design assistant, said:

As a back-to-school ritual, I like to feel a deep, existential dread and anxiety that grows more powerful with each day moving towards the first day of classes. Besides that, I try to have more fun than I've had in the entire summer in a single weekend, followed by a single day of every responsibility I've put off until that point. I wouldn't really call it a ritual, but I've done it every summer since third grade.

Jenna Kopec, features editor, said:

My back-to-school ritual is sort of basic. I like to plan my outfit for the first day of classes. I fully deliberate over every article of clothing all the way down to my socks. As I've gotten older I also plan out how I want to wear my hair and makeup. I basically act like a kindergartner who's looking to impress the entire elementary school, but I'm in college.

Grace Ducanis, copy editor, said:

I like to kick off the school year with a shopping trip. Unfortunately, it's not the most fun kind. I always go textbook shopping with my mom during the first few days of classes. We've gotten my books together every semester for the past three years I've been at NSU. It's a way for both of us to connect and commemorate the start of the year.

“Harry Potter and the Cursed Child” review

By: **Grace Ducanis**
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Harry Potter has hit the shelves for the eighth time. Or rather, he’s hit the stage. “Harry Potter and the Cursed Child,” the special edition rehearsal script written by J.K. Rowling, Jack Thorne and John Tiffany, was released on July 31 and is decidedly less magical than its predecessors.

The play, which picks up 19 years after the end of the original series, follows Albus Severus Potter, Harry Potter and Ginny Weasley’s son. Albus struggles with the weight of his father’s legacy, while navigating Hogwarts and his friendships with Scorpius Malfoy and Rose Granger-Weasley. Harry is now a working man, putting in time as both a Ministry of Magic employee and a father. “Harry Potter and the Cursed Child” is currently showing at the Palace Theatre in London’s West End.

Fans expecting an eighth Harry Potter book will be sorely disappointed. The script is a script first and a Harry Potter story second. It feels more like fan fiction than a legitimate continuation of the first seven books. The emotional verisimilitude that characterized the original series has “disappeared.” Events and emotions, understandingly heightened to allow for the limited depth of a stage play, develop with alarmingly unrealistic speed.

The fault seems to lie with the medium. The play is clearly not meant to be experienced in text form. The stage directions often help the reader to visualize what’s going on, but some of the more complicated transitions and scene jumps read in a disorienting fashion. The plot develops quickly, which it has to; it is a play, after all.

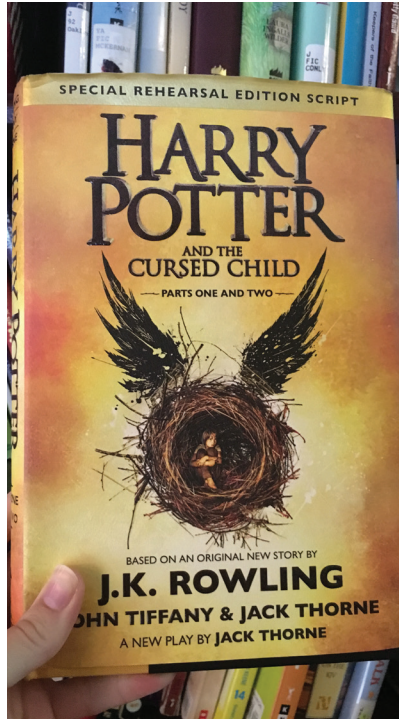
And yet, the fact that “Harry Potter and

the Cursed Child” is a play doesn’t excuse numerous plot holes, a heavy reliance on fan service and a relatively tired recycling of previous Harry Potter stories. The script is marketed as the eighth Harry Potter story, but it’s more of a regurgitation of elements from the previous stories. A large number of original characters make an appearance for unnecessary reasons, their presence more of a bonus for fans than an organic aspect of the story. Inconsistencies between the play and the books abound.

Despite the play’s flaws, the Rowling-esque themes of love and friendship are still powerful and impacting. The relationships between Albus, Scorpius and Rose don’t resemble the friendships of original trio Harry, Hermione, and Ron, but are interesting and well-developed. Albus and Scorpius’ dynamics are especially interesting, representing the reconciliation of two families previously estranged in a very beautiful way. The new characters aren’t at all what a reader would expect, which is charming.

The original trio, on the other hand, isn’t at all what a reader would imagine, which has the opposite effect. Their stories continue in obviously forced ways. All of the original characters, making the transition from book to stage, have become mere caricatures. They hardly resemble their book counterparts, their most apparent personality traits magnified for the sake of a stage production. Their motivations and reactions often simply don’t make sense and are clearly produced only so that the plot can develop. Regardless, there are a few poignant moments.

“So I’m supposed to stand and watch?” Harry asks, seeking parenting



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Nineteen years later, the story continues.

advice.

“No,” one of the original characters answers. “You’re supposed to teach him how to meet life.”

The script is enjoyable, but only if viewed as a piece of imaginative writing experienced in the wrong format and completely separate from the Harry Potter canon. If you don’t take it too seriously, you may find the addition to the Harry Potter universe a blessing. Otherwise, “Harry Potter and the Cursed Child” is a curse no amount of magic can remedy.

Off Shore Calendar

Battle of the Cover Bands

August 23, 7 p.m.
@ The Elbow Room

Open Mic Tuesdays

August 23, 6:30 p.m.
@ ArtServe

The Australian Pink Floyd Show

August 25, 8 p.m.
@ Hard Rock Live

Bro Safari Live

August 25, 8 p.m.
@ Revolution

Clayton English

August 25, 8 p.m.
@ Improv Comedy Club
and Dinner Theater

Ricky Martin

August 27, 8 p.m.
@ Hard Rock Live

The Raddest Craft Fair

August 27, 6 p.m.
@ The Wynwood Yard

AC/DC

August 30, 8 p.m.
@ BB&T Center

SOUNDBITE

“Along The Shadow” by Saosin

By: **Marie Ontivero**

After a seven-year hiatus, Saosin has graced us with yet another amazing, but very different album. This is the band’s third full-length release, with Anthony Green finally returning to his original place at lead vocals. Green was one of the founding members of Saosin, but left due to creative differences. He went on to create Circa Survive—bless him for doing so—and develop a successful solo career. Saosin replaced Green with Cove Reber in 2004. Reber had a similar singing style to Green’s minus Green’s unique high-pitched sound, and became the voice fans associate with Saosin. The absence of Reber’s voice on the latest album is highly noticeable, and the album sounds like any one of Circa Survive’s releases. Despite this absence, “Along the Shadow,” with its fast-paced guitars and clever melodies, consists of eleven wholesome tracks. A deluxe version with two additional songs is also available. “Along the Shadow” it is a phenomenal “Circa” album that any post-hardcore listener would enjoy, but at the end of the day, it just isn’t what Saosin fans have become accustomed to.

Release Date: May 20, 2016

For fans of: Circa Survive

Favorite Tracks: Ideology is Theft, Second



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Saosin strays from their former post-hardcore sound in their latest release “Along the Shadow.”

Guesses, The Silver String

You can listen to “Along the Shadow” on Spotify and Apple Music.

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Seriously Kidding

a satire column

Seriously Kidding: Relationship goals? The Joker and Harley Quinn

By: Jenna Kopec

Forget everything you thought you knew about a healthy relationship. With the release of DC Comic's "Suicide Squad," young people across the globe now have a new couple to help them form their #relationshipgoals: Harley Quinn and her lover, the Joker.

The insane antagonist from Batman has been infamous for a while, but lately the public has paid more attention to his beautiful part-time partner-in-crime. It wasn't until the most recent release of "Suicide Squad" that we were able to see a live-action rendition of what it means to be in love. Naturally, the film didn't quite give the love story all the attention it so desperately deserves, but knowing the storyline in general is a great way to spread some very powerful messages.

The lesson we learn from the duo? Devotion does not have to be shared equally. We often see portrayals of romances where both individuals demonstrate their devotion unconditionally for one another. For example, Lily and Marshall, the iconic couple from "How I Met Your Mother," were constantly trying to support and demonstrate their love for one another—even if they did make some mistakes along the way. The Joker-Quinn relationship, however, demonstrates that reciprocity isn't essential at all.

Harley Quinn takes the cake when it comes to standing by her man. Sure, he's maniacally cruel, physically abusive and demonstratively degrading, but who cares? Certainly not Harley Quinn. Despite the involuntary electroshock treatments, which supposedly make her hear voices, and the tub of acid she was coerced into jumping into, permanently damaging her skin, Harley Quinn has never doubted that she was meant to be with her Mr. J. In fact, even when they aren't together, Mr. J is never far from Harley's thoughts or conversations.

Harley Quinn also demonstrates to audiences that you'll probably have to sacrifice what you really want in order to be in love. It's revealed in the film and in a few comic series that all Harley Quinn really wants is a normal life. She wants to be a mother and wife in an environment that's safe for her and her family. Although not blatantly stated, she might even want a career—she is a licensed psychiatrist after all. Yet, those dreams and aspirations don't quite line up with her high-strung boyfriend's. We all know the Joker just wants to wreak havoc on the world. So what does Harley Quinn do? Wreak havoc in a fun and bubbly manner! If it makes Mr. J happy, she's happy. And though the Joker constantly tells her she's annoying, she trusts that he loves her anyway.

Of course, the Joker does prove his love to Harley in some forms. Though typically apathetic to her health and well-being in every comic or animated depiction of their relationship, the Joker consistently returns for Harley when she proves herself useful. "Suicide Squad" even features an unsuccessful rescue attempt while Harley Quinn is part of a team that is trying to save the world. He could have attempted to save her during her prison stint while she was aimlessly hanging from bars and being sexually harassed by the guards, but what really matters is that he came for her, right? The movie also makes it very clear that, while oversexualizing her in day-to-day life, the Joker is very possessive of his female companion. He kills another criminal simply for looking at her! If that's not love, what is?

Ultimately, the Joker and Harley Quinn teach us that mutual respect and nurturing aren't essential components in a relationship. As long as there's a thin veneer of "true love" lying over the insults, abuse and constant disrespect, it's clearly meant to be.

By: Oswaldo Tortoledo

Whenever I buy groceries, I find it curious that all the magazine covers at the checkout counters are about celebrity gossip that never turns out to be true. I'm an international student who's lived in the U.S. for a few months, and I've already lost count of how many times I've seen magazine covers that bait people with gossip. Brad Pitt is always gracing the front page of these magazines, each time at the center of a different cheating scandal that has no foundation or veracity. It's entertaining, sure, but it's not real. It's like tabloids are trying to brainwash us by reusing the same information written in a different way, and I can't believe how many people fall for it. Maybe it's a reflection of the education some are receiving today at home and in school.

Whether they're about scandals or celebrity pregnancies, magazines and other social media sources keep exploiting the fact that we always have to know what's going on with A-list stars and other socialites. What's more surprising to me is that even though it's so repetitive, people keep buying into the gossip. The more scandalous the news is, the more these "supermarket tabloid" companies profit.

It's not only the companies that profit from spreading false information. Celebrities also

spread fake news, starting drama on Twitter and verbal feuds with other A-listers as a means to stay relevant to the public. For example, consider all of the times Taylor Swift and Katy Perry have thrown shade at each other, just so their audiences are obligated to choose a side. They are also very hypocritical, since they take different stands depending on what's going on to stay at the top of social news. South Park talked about this topic in one of their episodes, mentioning how celebrities like Vin Diesel and Demi Lovato always go on about how bad body shaming is and how real beauty is on the inside, but put pictures up on social media to shut down rumors about being out of shape. I find South Park's take pretty accurate. You shouldn't speak about how being superficial is wrong when you're the first one using your own physical appearance as a means to solve an argument about that topic.

This type of news floods our daily lives, becoming part of American culture and influencing the lives of the people it reaches. I believe it's because we have come to idolize these stars to a point that we try to be like them, when they themselves aren't even being true to who they are. Instead, they're trying to brand themselves in a certain way or sell some

We can't care about everything

By: Grace Ducanis

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It seems like every day, something bad happens that U.S. citizens should care deeply about. There's been another shooting. An earthquake has killed seven people. A bomb went off and killed 12. As soon as national attention shifts to one tragedy, backlash for not paying attention to a different tragedy surfaces. And then the news cycle starts all over again, bombarding us with tragedies through our phones, televisions, computers and radios.

Not so long ago, human beings could only be concerned with issues in their immediate vicinity. If a tragedy occurred in Eastern Europe, it could be a year before the news reached the United States. By that time, there'd be little anyone could do. Now, the moment something terrible happens, the whole world is informed and feels morally responsible.

So we form half-baked opinions on these issues and tragedies and pick out the villains, knowing full well that we haven't put in nearly enough time to research the extremely complicated reasons that cause these bad things to happen. We tweet a consoling message or share a Facebook post that we think expresses our opinion. Then, the next thing happens.

After a while, it becomes hard to care.

It's hard to care about everything that's going on miles away to people that we've never met. Maybe we should care, but it's hard. Especially when we're also supposed to dedicate our emotional energy to whatever's currently going on with our own partners, family members, friends and communities. There just doesn't seem to be enough emotional energy

to go around, and that's OK. It's simply not emotionally possible to carry the accumulated weight of the world's tragedies around every day. It's not physically possible to devote the time to research in-depth every issue that's important, while also making time for work, school, family and enough leisure to keep from going insane.

It is important to care, but it's not important to pretend to care about everything, especially if "caring" only means thinking about the tragedy once and changing your Facebook profile picture for a day. The people that tragedies happen to don't get to forget about what's happened to them, even though the rest of the world does. And the people around them, they still care too.

It's important that someone cares, and cares wholeheartedly: mentally, physically, and emotionally. But one person can't fully care about everything bad that has ever happened. It's not possible, and it's time we stopped imagining we're responding empathetically with an offhand "did you hear about what happened?" or a #PrayFor. Perhaps our lack of emotional capacity is a flaw, but humans are limited, and we're expecting too much of ourselves psychologically. There are many things that we should devote our sympathies to, but the cognitive dissonance produced between what we think we should care about and what we actually care about has grown too large.

So if you're a little apathetic once in a while, give yourself a break.



Tabloids are the norm

product. Tabloids are given much more hype than they deserve, and as a result, the lives and priorities of many teenagers and young adults are changing. I see a lot of people posting things on Instagram about their "haters", as if their lives were the center of other's attention, while in reality everyone is just going on with their own day-to-day lives. So many girls these days aspire to be like one of the Kardashians or the Jenners. They adopt personal appearances and personalities similar to them in order to fit in, because it's what's currently trending.

I don't really mind that people buy into tabloid news because it's entertaining, but it does bother me that some don't have the proper judgment to differentiate between what's true and what's fake, and as a result it affects their moral values and priorities. A celebrity's public persona isn't the same as the person that goes home and eats dinner with their family. It's kind of an alter ego they create to keep audiences interested in them. Lady Gaga, for example, has stated that she has a totally different personality off-stage, and that she's a lot more laid back than the meat-wearing singer you see onstage. Ke\$ha has also said many times that even though people always expect her to be drunk, she's not really like that, and although she has a fierce

attitude, she also has a vulnerable side. Most recently, allegations have come up that Ke\$ha was sexually abused by her producer Mr. Luke, and the news was kept hidden so their public image wouldn't be affected. I think the tabloid problem has given way to a lack of authenticity in regular people. Some, aspiring to become someone that doesn't exist, try to maintain a public appearance in social media at the expense of real connections with other people. As a result, they have problems maintaining friendships and relationships.

Tabloids affect our lives in such a way because they are given the same, or even more importance, than other matters affecting the world. Maybe it's because of the easy access people have to this information, since everybody follows their favorite celebrities on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. But it's up to us to give gossip the real lack of importance it deserves, and to apply our education and moral values to topics that are more relevant to our lives and our personal growth.

Why the "Bachelor" franchise gets my rose

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"You watch the Bachelor?"

I can't tell you how many times I've been asked this. It's never a statement. It's always a surprised question, even from those who also watch "The Bachelor," "The Bachelorette," and "Bachelor in Paradise." Despite the fact that every time the show airs, it trends on Twitter, it's still considered a social pariah among the "Breaking Bads" and "Walking Deads" of the world, and the internet will not hesitate to tell you why.

A New York Post article says the show is fake, Salon calls it sexist, and a New York Times opinion says that the concept inspires nausea. And yet, over eight million viewers tuned in for the finale of JoJo Fletcher's run as Bachelorette, during which she got engaged to former NFL quarterback Jordan Rodgers. The show's appeal is undeniable, and its solid 14-year-run suggests that many more eligible 20- and 30-somethings will live to see roses.

So, it's surprising to me that others are surprised that I tune in regularly for the show. It's possible that I just don't seem like the type to

watch a reality dating show, especially one that's considered sexist, fake, and unsuccessful by many. But a simple understanding of the show's flaws isn't enough to shake my dedication. Undoubtedly, there are many who buy into the entire reality of the show and believe that the winners are engaged in the realest sense when they leave the show. But I don't watch for those reasons.

There are very real aspects to the show, and it has produced couples that are still together, like Bachelor 2013's Sean Lowe and Catherine Giudici, who just had their first child, and Bachelorette 2013's Desiree Hartsock and Chris Siegfried. While I'm not naïve enough to believe that the engagement that ended their seasons comes from a deep understanding of each other's personalities and values, it's also not ridiculous to think that out of 25-30 hand-selected options, one person might find someone they actually click with. Yes, the dates are incredibly produced. No one dances alone on a platform at a Dan + Shay concert during their first date.

But the viewer doesn't have to lose touch with reality to believe that after a disputed six



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 The Super Bowl of reality dating.

weeks of filming, the Bachelor or Bachelorette could have genuine feelings for the finalist. I know couples in real life that have gotten engaged after shorter periods of time and are still together. So, it doesn't work out for the happy couple the majority of time, but it can. Sometimes the feelings and compatibility are real and lasting, and sometimes they aren't, just like in any relationship. To me, the "Bachelor" franchise engagements aren't "real-world"

engagements. It's an agreement to keep dating, and time will tell what's real and what isn't.

It's the blend of real and unreal that keeps me watching the show. A surface viewing alone doesn't interest me. I watch the body language during the dates. I debate whether the way I view certain contestants is a result of editing or real behavior. I compare the perspectives of the contestants to the perspectives of the Bachelor or Bachelorette to the perspective the audience is being shown, and ask myself what that says about the narrative flow of the show the editors are trying to make. I listen to the recaps and commentators, making my own predictions as they make theirs. I watch interviews with former contestants, applying the information they reveal to my own viewings.

I watch to analyze. For me, the world of reality television dating is far more compelling than the Super Bowl. Plus, the clothes are to die for.

You can be intelligent and think it's fun to watch beautiful men and women doing crazy things in exotic locations. Who knew?

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO IN YOUR
 UPCOMING YEAR AT NSU?

SHARK SPEAK



"Getting to know my classes, and the soccer season, of course. Out of all the events, I'm looking forward to Homecoming. It seems like it's going to be fun."

- *Silvana Gaona, freshman legal studies major*



"I'm working for NSU taking photos and stuff, so that's really fun. And this year, I want to get more involved in artist communities, go to Wynwood, get to know some of the theatre kids and see if they need head shots. I just want to dip my fingers into art a little bit more."

- *Omkar Shivaprasad, master's in computer science student*



"I'm starting some more of my teacher classes, so I'm looking forward to getting in the classrooms. I've always liked working with kids, and I have a bunch of younger siblings. Both my mom and grandma are teachers."

- *Mackenzie Mcelduff, junior math education major*



"I'm just looking forward to starting school. It's a milestone, you know? Starting your degree."

- *Atiris Cuadra, master's in developmental disabilities student*



"I'm from England, so I'm looking forward to experiencing some real weather for a change. In England, we only get rain. It's a little different here, and I want to go and see a lot of America, since it's only my second time being here. And then I also want to see how different the education, the university and the law is here compared to the U.K."

- *Tom Jenkins, first year law student*



"Volleyball. Our season and getting more into my major classes. Instead of taking general electives as a freshman last year, I get to take more concentrated classes."

- *Megan Burns, sophomore exercise and sports science major*

WHO YOU VOTE FOR REALLY MATTERS



**DEBBIE
WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**



TIM CANOVA

Debbie has taken over \$4.2 million in PAC money since she was elected to Congress in 2004. She's taken more than \$471,700 from PACs in 2015-2016 alone.

SOURCE: Opensecrets.org/Center for Responsive Politics



Tim believes that big money in politics is the root of political corruption. He refuses to take any corporate PAC or Super PAC money and will fight to overturn Citizens United.

Debbie, Rick Scott, and Marco Rubio have taken hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Big Sugar industry, easing their regulations which led to toxic runoff & blue-green algae pollution across Florida's fragile ecosystem.



Tim believes we need to aggressively address climate change and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. He will fight for strong regulations against fracking and Big Sugar in order to protect Florida's Everglades, waterways, and shorelines.

Despite Florida voters overwhelmingly supporting medical marijuana in a 2014 referendum, Debbie continues to view marijuana as a "gateway drug."



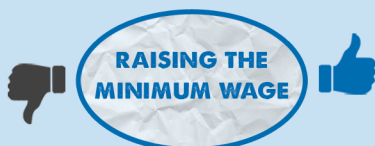
Tim supports the legalization of medical marijuana. He believes we should end the War on Drugs which disproportionately targets and affects poor and minority communities.

Debbie has not acted to provide alternatives to give young people more access to higher education by making it more affordable.



Tim supports tuition free public college for all Americans. He also supports reducing current student loan interest rates. Young people should not be stuck in a cycle of debt for trying to receive an education.

Debbie has stated in the past that she would like to raise the minimum wage, but has made no public statements as a Congresswoman on making the minimum wage \$15 an hour.



Full time workers deserve a living wage, regardless of the nature of their work. Our current minimum wage does not allow people to afford housing, transportation, or bills. Tim supports raising the minimum wage to a living wage of \$15 an hour.

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