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In a letter delivered to President Hanbury’s office on Feb. 3, around 50 faculty members asked that the president release a stronger statement on the immigration executive order than the one issued on Jan. 30. The faculty, in their letter, encouraged Hanbury to emphasize in a new statement that NSU will not share sensitive information about students—including immigration status, that campus police will not partner with outside law enforcement unless mandated by law and that NSU will support all of its students regardless of their immigration status, among other requests. The letter concludes with the statement, “We hope you realize that to do less is to compromise and sacrifice our moral leadership and leave our students, our faculty, our staff, and our community without an anchor.”

Hanbury has not yet responded to the letter, although he has read it and said that he plans to respond.

Regarding the letter’s request, Hanbury said that because of the quickly-changing nature of the legal battle surrounding the order, it’s difficult for him to clarify anything other than what he has already said.

“Until there’s clarification one way or another, it’s difficult for me to take any kind of responsibility for what he has already said. We also felt that it was important that the president take a stronger stand in light of what other universities were doing.”

According to Gershman, the letter was patterned after statements on the immigration ban from other universities like Harvard and the University of Michigan.

“I think, as a university, we talk the talk about diversity, but we often don’t walk the walk, and this is an opportunity to walk the walk,” Gershman said. “This is an opportunity to stand up and say, ‘We are going to defend these principles that the university already follows.’

“We don’t go around and inquire about students… We don’t go around asking for passports, and we don’t block anybody’s access,” he said. “I’m not going to start re-emphasizing something that we’re already doing.”

Hanbury said that he thinks students are aware that the university has these policies.

“I think all students know that we haven’t stopped any student,” he said. “I don’t think it would be appropriate for me, while this is still in flux as it is, to do anything other than what I’ve said.”

Hanbury said that he intends to keep students and faculty informed as the situation changes and that he doesn’t know how he can do more than what he’s doing currently.

Yara Khalifa, junior biology major, said that she had read statements on the immigration executive order from other schools and that she thought NSU’s statement wasn’t strong enough.

“There should have been more done and more administrative involvement,” she said. “I haven’t heard anything since [the statement]. Other schools have followed up with their students repeatedly and had many events, and I feel like NSU is very slow to respond to these things.”

Khalifa, who also read the faculty letter, said she agreed with the faculty who signed it that the university should take a clear stand against the executive order.

[NSU’s statement] doesn’t really mention the problem that we’re dealing with, which is an executive order that is very unfair,” she said.

In the faculty’s letter, there were so many faculty who were eager to sign, because they felt like it was important that their students realize that no matter what happens outside the university, that the faculty... will do everything they can to protect them.”

Gershman said that moral leadership is difficult, and that to lead you sometimes have to take a real stand.

“We all felt that we and the students needed...reassurance that the university is going to protect people,” he said.
Truth be told at poetry night

By: Monique Cole

This year the Division of Public Relations and Marketing Communications is teaming up with NSU's Alvin Sherman Library to host the fourth annual Let’s Speak Truth Poetry and Spoken Word Night on March 10 in the Addillo and Mariele Corella Gallery on the second floor of the Alvin Sherman Library from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Poetry and Spoken Word Night began back in 2014 and is closing out the annual Black History Month series at NSU. Christie Williams from the Division of Public Relations and Marketing Communications and LeThamba Harris from the library are working together to plan and promote the event.

"I just want people to come out and enjoy themselves," Williams said. "We have usually 130 people there, so it’s a good-size event. It’s a small location – the venue – so it makes it feel more intimate.

The night is a combination of listening and self-expression through music, poetry and spoken word. Williams said she wants people to know that it’s an event about self-expression.

"It’s also just a platform for people to express themselves, because I don’t think there are a lot of poetry events that happen on campus," she said. "I just want to use it as a platform for the students, the staff and the community to be able to express themselves in a creative way.”

Adajere McMillan, graduate student in the college of psychology, has been writing poetry for 16 years and has been a part of this event as a performer and as an audience member since 2014.

"I want to say it was my pastime but it’s more of who I am, it’s a part of me," he said. "It’s something I must do, something that I am compelled to do, something I do daily, something that I love to do."

Adajere described the location and atmosphere of the event as "a beautiful space... It’s always filled with art, so the ambiance is great. The night is full. The performance list is always full. It’s a good time and it’s a good night."

This year’s host will be local community artist Quick the Poet, who has hosted the event from the beginning, according to Williams.

Adajere said one of his motivations to get involved with the Poetry and Spoken Word Night was Quick the Poet.

"He hosted the night is a very well-known poet in the South Florida Area...good friend of mine actually," he said. "He is an amazing guy, great at what he does."

Adajere said that he encourages all to come out and participate in the event.

"Come out, and don’t be apprehensive or nervous," he said. "We just want honesty, we just want your truth, hence the name ‘Let’s Speak Truth’. Bring your openness, bring an open mind... Be ready to hear folks, and be real with them."

This event is free and open to the general public. For more information about this event, contact the Library Public Services Reference Desk. This event is still accepting submissions. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 24. Submissions are open to the general public, students and faculty. Performers are allotted five minutes for their performance.

Anyone interested in participating can contact Christie Williams at chrishina@nova.edu or 954-262-5477. or LeThamba Harris at lethamba@nova.edu or 954-262-5476.
NSU Student, Faculty and Staff

TO: NSU Students, Faculty and Staff

DATE: Monday, Jan. 30, 2017

SUBJECT: NSU’s Statement on Immigration Executive Order

The Executive Order signed by President Trump last Friday suspending immigration from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen has caused confusion and raised questions from our international students, faculty, and staff. We want the entire NSU community to know that we are working to clarify and understand how this presidential order affects the nation’s immigration policy and how it impacts nationals from these countries, or individuals with plans to travel to or from these countries who are affiliated in any fashion with NSU.

Until we have better understanding of the exact impact of the immigration policy, at this time we are advising that members of the NSU community that are from the affected countries refrain from traveling outside of the United States until more specific information becomes available. NSU is working diligently to better understand the scope and impact of the immigration policy, and will be providing further resources and updates to the NSU community. Updates can be found at http://www.nova.edu/internationalaffairs/index.html.

Diversity is one of NSU’s core values, with its multicultural community having representation from more than 136 countries across the world. NSU remains grounded in the importance of inclusion and respect for all cultural traditions, religions and spiritual beliefs, and NSU continues to support and welcome all international students, faculty and researchers to its campus. Diversity is critical to the enrichment of a learning environment that prepares students to live and work in a global society, and NSU is dedicated to ensuring the security and success of all international members of the NSU community.

NSU remains committed to providing a safe and welcoming campus for our students, faculty, staff, alumni and visitors and we will keep you informed as this matter progresses. Here are a few resources available to our community for further knowledge and or assistance:

• Henderson Student Counseling: http://www.nova.edu/healthcare/student-services/student-counseling.html.
• NSU Office of International Affairs, Dr. DeNapoli: (954) 262-7240, or http://www.nova.edu/internationalaffairs
• You can learn more about “What You Need to Know About Colleges and the Immigration Ban” through a current article in the Chronicle of Higher Education here: http://www.chronicle.com/article/What-You-Need-to-Know-About/239038.

We hope you reinforce your words that, as other universities like the University of Wales University. Contact dko@nova.edu for more information.

We hope you will speak out against the fact that this executive order was issued on the very day we are reminded of the consequence of these types of actions, Holocaust Remembrance Day, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. A day that has been bookmarked by the actions and words of the White House.

We hope you reinforce your words that, as other universities like the University of Michigan noted in their statement, “take a clear and unambiguous stand against this executive order. The Trump administration is trying to create a culture of legal prejudice against Muslims. It is time for the academic world to join the resistance.”

We hope you realize that to do less is to compromise and sacrifice our moral leadership and leave our students, our faculty, our staff, and our community without an anchor.

We hope you will remind our students that Nova Southeastern University is a place of safety for them.

NSU organizations to help host 7th annual College Brides Walk

The NSU Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Delta Kappa Omicron (DKO) and Barry University have come together to help raise awareness about dating and domestic violence.

A walk to fight these issues will take place Feb. 17 at Barry University from 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. In addition to the walk, activities, workshops and lunch will be provided. The walk will begin at Barry University and finish at Johnson and Wales University. Contact disss@nova.edu for registration or visit collegebrideswalk.com for more information.

NSU Alvin Sherman Library hosts “Remembering Paradise Park”

The Alvin Sherman Library will host an event on Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. to reflect on the past issues African Americans have faced regarding access to national recreational parks during the time of the Jim Crow laws. The event is significant to Black History Month as it emphasizes the importance of equal opportunities for African Americans. It also highlights the significance of Silver Springs’ owners Carl Ray and Shorty Davidson, who opened a park downriver from the main spring, calling it “Paradise Park for Colored People.”

The park allowed African American families to enjoy the outdoors and access Silver Springs just as other Americans did. Registration for the event is open to all until Feb. 15 at public.library.nova.edu/FHC. For more information, email libdev@nova.edu or call 954-262-4627.

PFRDG & QOL grant applications due Feb. 17

The President’s Faculty Research and Development Grant (PFRDG) and Quality of Life (QOL) applications are both due by Feb. 17 at 5 p.m. This year there will be two categories of PFRDG awards. The first is a Research Development award, which will provide up to $15,000 for research projects needing extra funding that will advance the research competitiveness and intensity. For further information, visit nova.edu/pfrdg.

A second PFRDG research scholarship, worth up to $3,000, will also be awarded to a research project seeking financial support. Applicants in the humanities and social sciences are encouraged to apply for potential funding of publications in scholarly journals, books chapters or exhibitions. The QOL scholarship is open to research applicants dedicated to the areas of autism disorders, children, criminal justice, elderly services, foster care and adults in Broward County. For more information and application guidelines, visit qol.nova.edu.

GLOYO, glow in the dark yoga, on Feb. 16

The RecPlex will be hosting glow in the dark yoga on Feb. 16 at Studio 3 from 6:30-8 p.m. NSU students and RecWell members must pay $5 to attend and guests must pay $15 to attend. Limited space is available.
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Most of us have seen the triangle meme that has “good grades” on one corner, “a social life” on the second corner and “sleep” on the third, suggesting you can only pick two. Although the balance may be tough, it is definitely possible to juggle all three corners successfully. But what exactly is work/life balance? To keep things simple, work/life balance can be defined as prioritizing your work, class, studying, job, etc., with your lifestyle, health, leisure, family, etc.

How do we prioritize? We focus on our values. Your values are anything in this world that are more important to you. You may have a value for family and a value for maintaining a high GPA. You can have one major value or dozens of them. With these values in mind, you may want to reconsider what you are doing on a daily basis that allows you to spend your time and energy on them. Furthermore, you may find that you are a lot happier when your values are held high and they are all present within your life. The tricky part is figuring out where the majority of your energy and time is spent currently so that you can effectively balance all of the different values in your life.

Now that you have an idea of where your time is spent, you can use that knowledge to prioritize your work/life balance as something that works around the clock, but works around much how much energy you have in a day. If 50 percent of your energy needs to go to value #1, school each day, 20 percent to value #2, exercise, then you know you have 30 percent for your remaining values.

One tool that you can use to actively reflect on your energy and values and implement positive changes daily! The students debated my authentic origin, considering my physical attributes were not stereotypically Jamaican, but later confirmed my origins through numerous friends hearing my parents’ distinguishable Jamaican accents. My sister and I, ironically, were readily accepted because being Jamaican was seen as trendy and nobody had met, or evidently even heard of, an arguably white Jamaican. Considering that our Jamaican heritage is less than ten percent of the population, this observation was a shock my family was familiar with. My cousin has daunting blonde hair with blue eyes and assimilates everyone with a thick Jamaican accent. This brought tales of humor within the family. My family simply classifies itself as Jamaican. In Canada, we were simply classified as Canadian. And in America, we are classified with a hyphen.

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My earliest recollection as an adolescent among various ethnicities was during my transition to American high school. My intellectual capabilities were premature in respect to cultural differences, and I was innately bifurcated to different cultures.

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In lieu of recent political controversy surrounding our nation, the importance of listening and understanding others is evident. Whether you are involved in a heated debate or never see eye-to-eye on every issue, there are still ways for people to have insightful conversations and peaceful debates.

Listening is a concept that almost everyone has been familiar with since pre-school. We were always taught to listen when someone speaks to you, especially when they’re speaking about something you might be able to understand where that person is coming from. With hearing, you’re able to understand the message that they convey, and essentially, you’re engaged. Hearing is more engaging. More consideration [is] being given to what is being said.

Lee said people often seem to be listening solely to plan a response. “I think it’s first important to be honest with yourself. Are you willing to consider another perspective? I think many people know going into most conversations that are maybe on a debate level, [whether] they’re really listening to expand their current thought process or they’re listening so that they can win the argument,” said Lee. “So, it first begins with you being honest: Is this a conversation that I’m having for conversational purposes or am I just trying to argue?”

Wesley Stenglanz, associate professor in the Department of Biological Science and Psychology, explained that groups of like-minded people can impact the ability of an individual to consider other viewpoints, which is a phenomenon called groupthink. “It’s when people essentially only listen to the people on their side, and do not listen to the opinions and thoughts of the other side,” he said. “It’s especially common in a close group. Basically, groupthink is when people make these decisions in a group setting and it’s often difficult to consider other viewpoints, so in this case to consider the other side of the political spectrum, because you are only talking to people in your group. So, you start to think, ‘How could anyone feel differently? Everyone in my group feels the same way. It’d be impossible for anyone to feel differently.’”

Stenglanz said that entertainment and social media sites, like Facebook, can have an impact on how people are obtaining their information. He said that they may even affect what people look people at because people need to look at links from people who already agree with us. So, do we can begin to shift our mindsets from “it’s right” to “I’d like to see your side?” According to Lee, it starts with humble yourself and realizing you don’t know everything.

“I feel like people need to understand that when you’re in a situation, hearing somebody does not necessarily mean you are going to agree. It does, however, mean that you are going to at least be somewhat respectful if not fully respectful to seeing why they are saying what they are saying,” Lee said. “Also, not working from a place of ignorance. There’s a lot of power in the tongue, and often these people who engage in these conversations, because they can be so highly-emotional type conversations, where you can really become emotionally involved. People can end up hurt if you go into it not willing to hear somebody. So, to avoid unwanted consequences, you want to hear, you don’t want to be ignorant, you want all of the facts.”

Stenglanz said preconceived notions can affect our ability to listen and shift our mindsets.

By: Monique Cole

Each president has left his mark on some aspect of U.S. history. As a nation, we celebrate Presidents’ Day on the third Monday of February. This year, that falls on Feb. 20. In honor of Presidents’ Day, Charles Zelden, professor in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, shed light on some of our previous presidents’ contributions.

Zelden has taught courses in history, political science and legal studies.

Early inspirations

“There is influential at the time, and there is influential [long-term],” Zelden said.

As presidents come and go, their legacy and actions add to the framework of what it means to be a president. However, some presidents will have more of an influence on what it means to be a successful command-in-chief when they are in office or even after they are well-retired.

“The presidents that are usually considered the best, such as Lincoln and Washington, were influential at the time they were president. In other words, their decisions at the time had consequences, but they are also seen as influential long-term in shaping the nature of the presidency,” said Zelden.

According to history.com, George Washington fought for the creation of the U.S. during the American Revolution by serving as a chief for the Continental Army. President Washington quickly got the U.S. going by nominating the first chief justice and establishing the Supreme Court, instating the first bank that ultimately boosted the economy and signing the Constitution.

Similarly, Lincoln was influential while he was president, and his actions continued to influence the nation after he was assassinated. In the wake of a U.S. divided by the Civil War, President Lincoln had to develop a plan quickly. According to history.com, President Lincoln was behind the Emancipation Proclamation, which was a crucial weapon against the Confederates in Confederate states.

“Lincoln came in and saw a challenge… Hence many [people] considering him the greatest president we have,” said Zelden.

Lacking in leadership

While there is no official rubric system that determines what it means to be a great president, Zelden talked about how opinions change with personal values.

“Do you want a very strong and very active president who not only takes the lead, but dominates the government? Well, if you want that, then Teddy Roosevelt, Lincoln, George Washington [and] Andrew Jackson all fit the bill,” said Zelden.

According to unitedhistory.org and whitehouse.gov, Andrew Jackson waged war against the second bank of the United States, as well as enforced the Indian Removal Acts.

“If you want a president who is a leader of a coequal branch with other branches of government, then you might see these presidents as overreached,” said Zelden.

According to whitehouse.gov, Martin Van Buren’s presidency, with Jackson’s legacy, included “the boom and bust” economy that sparked the Panic of 1837, considered one of the most important economic depressions in American history. It also included President Jackson’s Indian Removal Acts that were enforced during Van Buren’s presidency, resulting in the removal of the Cherokee Indians to the west in the event known as the Trail of Tears.

As Zelden implied, presidents make mistakes just like everyone else.

Interesting insights

Presidents have their quirks, and some even had quite the interesting time in office. When the U.S. receives a new president, it also receives a new first family. Sometimes that first family brings their family pets. According to presidentialmuseum.org, President John Quincy Adams had a gator that resided in the White House bathroom. President Grover Cleveland had bad dogs, birds, a goose, cats, a bobcat, raccoons and a donkey.

Presidential health can also affect the presidency. According to history.com, President Howard Taft is noted as one of the largest presidents, weighing in at a total of 355 pounds. While residing in the White House, President Taft had a company handcraft a bathtub to avoid the problem of becoming stuck.

“(Probably) 95 percent of Americans didn’t realize FDR had polio and was in a wheelchair,” said Zelden. “He would simulate short walking periods, but mostly when you see him giving speeches, he is standing up at the beginning and standing up at the end and he doesn’t move. That’s [his] way he was holding on to the podium to keep from falling over.”

Zelden said, in reference to being president of the U.S., “It’s the world’s toughest job. I ask a question in my class given all we ask the president to do, can they do the job? Can one person do the job? And the answer is no.”

What presidents will you remember this Feb. 20?

By: Jenna Kopec

It may be funny to post “I live where you vacation” on social media every other week of the year, but it can be a bittersweet truth when it comes to spring break. No matter how beautiful our SOFLO beaches are, the massive crowds that are bound to take up every square inch of sand and the desire for a change of scenery may have many planning for a week of downtime. This week, which falls on March 6-13, there are some fun alternatives for Sharks looking for a new shore.

Find the Keys to spring break success

If you’re going to be a resident of SOFLO, you’ll probably be asked if you’ve been to the Keys. So if you’ve yet to make the trip, consider taking the opportunity during spring break.

There’s a variety of activities to appeal to every person in a travel pack. Whether you’re looking for sangrias or scuba diving, the Keys will have you covered. With so many tourist attractions at your fingertips, there’s not much more about planning your trip at fla-keys.com.

Discover a Magic Kingdom

Florida is known for being a growing up, but that doesn’t mean you have to leave your childhood behind altogether. This spring break might be your chance to find your childhood hero or heroine. Maybe he’s Buzz Lightyear or a chatterbox mouse in red shoes. If you’re concerned your magical destination won’t fit into your college budget, don’t worry. Disney discounts exist. Check out a room special that runs right through spring break here: disneyworld.disney.go.com/special-offers/magic-incentive-package/details.

Pamphlete for a different beach experience

Maybe you love the beach and you’re looking for something to rival our very own Las Olas. In that case, consider going to Panama City Beach. This location has a yearly game of college football, and when the teams come to town, you can find plenty of new waters for Sharks to explore on their week of downtime. You just have to figure out where to swim.

Daytrip the way to diversity

One great thing about living where other people vacation is that you don’t have to settle for just one destination or for spring break this year. With so many tourist attractions, Sharks can plan a variety of day trips in order to say “I’ve done that” to all their jealous Facebook friends. Maybe you’d like to go to the Everglades and the next you’ll figure out how to navigate sawgrass. Will you need ideas for sites to see, here’s a good place to start: funlauderdale.com.

Much like the college experience, spring break is what you choose to make it. There are plenty of new waters for Sharks to explore on their week of downtime. You just have to figure out where to swim.
As a kid, I used to dream of throwing a winning touchdown and playing with players who were bigger than life. I dreamed I could juke Tomlinson out and out-scramble LaDainian Warner across the goal line. Unfortunately, I have had to settle for writing about them, but this year’s Hall of Fame proves that even as a child I could tell real talent. This year’s inductees include all-time greats such as Jason Taylor, Kenny Easley, Kurt Warner and LaDainian Tomlinson, and notable Terrell Davis, Morten Andersen, and Jerry Jones. These are men who not only exhibited great talent, but were also ambassadors of true NFL values. They represent the game and make their communities better places.

For die-hard Dolphins fans, Jason Taylor is one of the all-time greats not only on the field but also in the South Florida community. Apparently, the selection committee for the NFL feels the same way about Taylor.

Taylor’s stats prove he was one of the best defensive ends and linebackers in NFL history. Throughout Taylor’s career, he ranks fourth all-time in career sacks with 139.5, with his best year as a Dolphin being in 2002 with 18.5 sacks, (at least 1.5 sacks per game). Additionally, Taylor has given a lot back to the local community with the Jason Taylor Foundation, dedicated to “the personal growth and empowerment of South Florida’s children in need by focusing on improved health care, education, and quality of life,” according to the foundation. Taylor is a role model for young people.

Kenny Easley began his illustrious career early as a three-time All-American at UCLA. Throughout Taylor’s career, he ranks fourth all-time in sacks for defensive ends and linebackers in NFL history.

OUT OF THE SHARKZONE
Basketball player faces court for misdemeanor assault and criminal trespass
According to ESPN, former New York Knick, Charles Oakley, was arrested after a altercation with Madison Square Garden employees after being asked to leave the building. He was “charged with three counts of misdemeanor assault and one count of criminal trespass.” Per ESPN’s website, Oakley will be due in court regarding the incident sometime in March.

Bob Costas resigns as host of Olympics
Bob Costas announced on the Today Show on NBC that he is stepping down as the host of the Olympics. Mike Tirico, a familiar face on NBC Sports, will take over for Costas beginning with the Winter Olympics in South Korea. According to KSDK, the NBC affiliate in St. Louis, Missouri, the Summer Olympics in Rio will serve as his NBC’s prime-time host.

Bob Costas was recently hired by the University of Southern California. After his vid with head coach at the University of Southern California. According to sbnation.com, USC will be doing big things. The Trojans have hired former USC head coach Nick Saban had differences in opinion over “system philosophy.”
Athlete of the Week: Michelle Ruiz

Michelle Ruiz, junior psychology major and member of the women’s golf team, started playing golf at nine years old and began playing competitively at 13. According to Ruiz, that’s pretty late in the world of golf. Between high school and college, she took a gap year to build up her golf resume before venturing onto the green for NSU.

Ruiz found time in her busy schedule to sit down and talk about maintaining mental strength during the game, all the international athletes she plays with and why mini golf can be a source of major tension.

By: Grace Ducanis

Can you explain how a golf team functions?

“It’s very individual. You don’t work together like a baseball team. You don’t work together like a basketball team. You’re not on the same field at the same time. The way a golf course is set up, there are 18 holes, and five players travel, so all five of us are on different locations at a time. So you play your own game and you score your own number, but then at the end of the day the top four get counted, so that’s how the team aspect [works].”

What’s your practice schedule like?

“Usually we practice every day, and we have one schedule day off, and sometimes if we need it we’ll take an extra day for school work, because when we travel we’re gone for sometimes four days. We miss a lot and we just get tired, so we take that extra day. So we practice every day. It can be from a two to a four hour practice, and then we have to go to class. We work out three times a week with athletic trainers and all of us work out on our own as well.”

How did you start playing golf?

“I started golf when I was nine. My dad got me into it. He wanted to start doing something as a family, because he worked during the week and my uncle suggested, ‘Why not try golf?’ So I got to see my dad play. I just love it. I always loved waking up in the morning to golf. I struggle waking up to class, but I never struggle waking up to go to golf. I just love it. I always loved waking up early to go play golf with my dad… It just gets me up in the morning, while if I have class I’m just lying there for like 15 minutes dragging it out.”

What do you love about golf?

“Something called taking a mindful minute, meditation techniques, a lot of mindfulness. Something called taking a mindful minute, where it’s like if you feel that you have some negative thoughts coming into your head. You take a minute and you don’t pay attention to what you’re doing and you’re like, ‘OK, are the birds singing? How’s the wind moving?’ It’s being able to take your negative thoughts and let go of them quicker than anyone else out there, because the quicker you can let go of something bad that just happened the better you’ll be to play the sport.”

Best mini golf in the area?

“I’ve only been mini golfing once, in the entire time I’ve been here. Fun fact about golfers: we don’t like to mini golf. It gets too competitive. We get way too competitive. We’re just there to mess around and have fun. I’ve done glow-in-the-dark [mini golf] with my boyfriend for like our third date. We get up there and we just take it so seriously, because this is what we do… we get way too into it.”

Athlete of the Week: Michelle Ruiz

On Deck

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vs. Embry-Riddle Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb 15, 5:30 p.m.
vs. Saint Leo Rick Case Arena
Feb 18, 2 p.m.

MEN’S BASKETBALL
vs. Embry-Riddle Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb 15, 7:30 p.m.
vs. Saint Leo Rick Case Arena
Feb 18, 4 p.m.

MEN’S BASEBALL
vs. Palm Beach Atlantic West Palm Beach, Fla.
Feb 14, 6 p.m.
vs. Florida Memorial
NSU Baseball Complex
Feb 15, 6 p.m.
vs. Flagler
NSU Baseball Complex
Feb 21, 4 p.m.

WOMEN’S SOFTBALL
Lady Moc Golf Classic
Lakeland, Fla.
Feb, 20-21

WOMEN’S GOLF
vs. Embry-Riddle AD Griffin
Feb, 17, 7 p.m.
vs. Embry-Riddle AD Griffin
Feb, 18, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
vs. Kentucky State
AD Griffin
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Ruiz practices mindfulness to stay in the game on the green.
YouTube stars often start out their careers by posting covers of existing songs, and sometimes, famous bands cover already famous songs. Rock bands have been covering pop songs or other rock songs for years, giving them their own spin. The songs are fun to listen to due to their change in styles. Here are just a few great cover songs.

“Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)” by Ice Nine Kills

This classic nostalgia song by Green Day takes a slightly heavier tone with Ice Nine Kills’ authentic sound. Part of the Punk Goes 90s album, this song makes a punk song punker. With fun, slightly fast-paced drums mixed with rocking guitar riffs, this song is yet another great sing along. It also makes the perfect addition to any gym playlist.

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“Someone Like You” by First Class Ticket

Original by Vanessa Carlton, this alternative band brings a fun, rock-centered style that can easily pump you up. Icarus the Owl’s other music sounds like the love child of Blondie and the Clash. Their take on a classic meme song made famous by Smash Mouth, “All Star,” is a post-hardcore, underground garage-punk take on a classic meme song made famous by Smash Mouth. The cover has a dash of cynical reggae, which makes the song even more pumped up and fun to sing along to than it already is. With unique guitar solos and an evident change in style from the original, this song is sure to please.

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Kenny Chesney released his new album “Cosmic Hallelujah” on Oct. 28, two years after his last release. Chesney has gone through many thematic stages during his more than 25-year career. From the fun and laidback “When the Sun Goes Down” and “No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems” to the slow and serious “Boys of Fall” and “You and Tequila,” Chesney has kept fans on their toes each time he throws out a new single or album. This time, however, an older and more mature Chesney has found a way to blend the upbeat vibes of his earlier days with the meaningful messages of his more recent albums.

The album kicks off with the song “Trip Around the Sun.” Dressed with the upbeat guitar playing in songs like “American Kids,” Chesney sings about the value of life, no matter how crazy it might be. The song is an invitation to “take another crazy trip around the sun.” Chesney continues the fast-paced tempo throughout the beginning of the album, including the duet “Setting the World on Fire” with P!nk, a tale about a lost love.

For those who were looking to avoid the slow sentimentality that has become a staple to the Chesney checklist, the album does have its pitfalls. Then again, what respectable country album doesn’t slow it down for a couple songs for some reminiscing and rumination? The songs “Jesus and Elvis” and “Coach” definitely bring on nostalgic tears and triumphs, but they certainly don’t devalue the album. Those who jumped on the Chesney tractor during his slow song success might find these songs a perfect end to the album.

With his varying musical style throughout the years, Chesney has proved to country fans that he can wear different cowboy hats. But with songs like “Trip Around the Sun,” “Setting the World on Fire” and “Noises,” Chesney is certainly able to take the multiple sounds of his musical experience and mould them into one solid “Cosmic Hallelujah.”

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**Staff Picks: Favorite desserts**

By: The Current Staff

Although our staff is usually salty, sometimes we have a sweet tooth. Check out our favorite sugary concoctions below, and try not to salivate.

Jocelyn Lyle, co-editor-in-chief, said, “Sweetheart (Ain’t She Sweet) from Jaxson’s Ice Cream Parlor.”

“Jaxson’s is well-known to most college students; if you have no clue what I’m talking about, grab a group of friends and head to Dania to check it out. With rows of ice cream flavors and concoctions, Jaxson’s has something for everyone. For me, it’s the Sweetheart (Ain’t She Sweet) sundae – opposites attract. I love bananas. I love butterscotch. And I love nuts. But it tastes so good you won’t want to.”

Carli Lutz, chief of visual design, said, “Banana Dream Cake from Toysiys.”

“My favorite place to get dessert around here is Toysiys. Toysiys is a small chain of gourmet NY-style delis with a wide variety of goodies in their bakery, like black and white cookies, rugelach, muffins and brownies. My favorite thing to get there is a banana cream pie. It’s a banana cake with banana cream filling covered in chocolate icing, chocolate chips and walnuts. It’s an absolutely magical experience and I would gladly shove the whole cake in my mouth without any shame.”

Rachael Hirstein, news editor, said, “Frozen yogurt from Menchies.”

“Menchies is one of my top places to go for dessert because I love cold treats. They have a great variety of fro-yo flavors and toppings to choose from and there is an NSU student discount as well. I know I can get something different yet delicious every time I go.”

Jenna Koper, features editor, said, “The Chocolada from Chocolada Bakery and Cafe.”

“Chocolada is one of my favorite places to go at any time of day. But when it comes to dessert and a bit of coffee, you can’t go wrong with their namaste pastry. This adorable heart-shaped chocolate brownie is a great treat to share but it tastes so good you won’t want to.”

Danielle Pacillo, multimedia manager, said, “Cannoli from Public.”

“I have a preference for unconventional desserts, and one treat that I absolutely love is a cannoli. It’s an Italian pastry: a tube-shaped shell with sweetened ricotta cheese filling and both ends dipped in dark rich chocolate. Public will get some fresh cannoli!”

Nicole Chavannes, copy editor, said, “Crème Brulée donut from Mojo Donuts.”

“When it comes to donuts, I like mine from places that specialize in it, so what better place for a tasty, sugary treat than a gourmet donut shop like Mojo Donuts? Located near the intersection of University Drive and Peters Road has them at their bakery.”

Grace Ducanis, co-editor-in-chief, said, “Cookies and cream milkshake from Chick-fil-A.”

“This may not be the most high-end dessert in South Florida, but for a fast-food restaurant that specializes in chicken, Chick-fil-A makes a mean milkshake. Consistently creamy, deliciously sweet and reasonably priced, this treat will not fail to bring all of the boys to the yard. Then, bring all the boys to Chick-fi-A to get their own milkshake, because it’s just that good and you don’t want to share.”

Brianna Walker, news intern, said, “Molten Chocolate Cake from Chili’s.”

“When it comes to deserts I prefer to keep it simple, and nothing beats a good ol’ scoop of vanilla ice cream on top of a piece of cake. Although many restaurants serve variations of this dessert I think Chili’s does it best with their Molten Chocolate Cake. The dessert melts in your mouth and it is a must-try.”

Trenton Stratifici, sports intern, said, “Strawberry milkshake from Reef Treats.”

“I have to say my favorite dessert has to be the strawberry milkshake from a place called Reef Treats in Key Largo. When I went down there for vacation recently I asked one of my friends to recommend an ice cream or dessert place and she said to give Reef Treats a try. The strawberry were fresh and the shake was really cold and very creamy. It was definitely the best milkshake I’ve ever had.”

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Birth rate to drop because of Beyoncé’s twins

By: Jenna Kopec
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Social scientists and population experts have predicted a massive decline in the U.S. birth rate because of the Carter twins, who have yet to be born.

On Feb. 1, singing sensation Beyoncé announced on Instagram that she and husband Jay-Z will have two siblings to share five-year-old Blue Ivy’s inheritance. While new life is always an exciting addition, news of the Carter twins has brought forth quite the cultural phenomenon.

“The UK was overwhelmingly thrilled by news of Prince George and Princess Charlotte,” commented social psychologist Alberta Bandana. “But, I think the Carter twins have surpassed that level of excitement for the American people.”

Although the numbers vary among experts, Bandana predicts the birth rate to decrease by at least 10 percent over the next year. A survey conducted by Babies “R” Us, reported one in six women said they were planning to have children and changed plans after the news of the Carter twins. Becky Goodwig, local hairdresser and mother-of-two, is part of that statistic.

“I am not going to lie, I was planning on having children. Children provide so much hope, especially in a country that is this tense. But after hearing about Beyoncé’s twins, I think they’re going to be enough,” said Goodwig.

Goodwig’s feeling mirrors social media trends. Within the past week, hashtags, such as #Voncegotuscovered, #twinstakepriority and #Beyoncéis4everyone, have exploded across platforms like Twitter and Instagram.

While population analyst and psychologist K.F. Seer shares in the excitement of the Carter twins, he said society should be cautious about canceling their baby plans just yet.

“As long as no one seems to care about the ever-declining birth rate as it’s important not to give up your reproduction plans just because of the Carter twins,” he said. “Remember that Instagram posts are going to be limited, and the truth is that we won’t be seeing as much of the Carter twins as we would probably like.”

Beyoncé and Jay-Z have a reputation, like many celebrities, of shielding their children from media attention. Bandana also said that many people will probably be upset if they cancel their own family plans only to miss out on the cutest part of the twins’ lives.

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It’s not a Muslim ban

By: Steven J. Mandel

Most of the mainstream media and many Democratic officials have claimed that the “Executive Order: Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into The United States” is a Muslim ban. This is simply not the case.

Nowhere in the executive order are the words “Muslim” or “Islam.” It is a temporary restriction on immigration and travel from seven countries, identified by the Obama administration as areas of concern for terrorism. The countries listed are Iraq, Iran, Syria, Yemen, Somalia and Sudan, all of which lack a centralized government. Therefore, individuals arriving from these countries cannot be properly verified.

The majority of the population in these countries are Muslim, however, they are a fraction of the Muslim world. Based on data collected and reported by the Pew Research Center, there are about 48 countries where the population is mostly Muslim. The three largest are Indonesia, Pakistan and Egypt. The seven countries referenced in the executive order comprise, by population, 16.5 percent of the Muslim world. Therefore, 83.5 percent of the Muslim world is still permitted to immigrate or travel to the U.S.

This is not the first time a U.S. president has implemented restrictions on immigration and travel. ABC News and the Federal Bureau of Investigation uncovered evidence that dozens of Iraqi terrorists infiltrated the U.S. via its refugee program, former President Barack Obama suspended immigration and travel of Iraqi refugees for six months in 2011. According to The American Presidency Project, after the 1979 Iranian Hostage Crisis where 50 American diplomats were imprisoned by Iranian revolutionaries, former President Jimmy Carter ceased immigration and travel from Iran to the U.S.

The purpose of President Donald Trump’s executive order, as stated in the executive order, is to enact a temporary restriction on immigration and travel for 90 days, so that the visa-issuance process can be reviewed and, if needed, be amended to ensure that any individual with terrorist ties cannot enter and do harm to the U.S. and its citizens.

The following is an excerpt from the executive order:

“‘The United States cannot, and should not, admit those who do not support the Constitution, or those who would place violent ideologies over American law. In addition, the United States should not admit those who engage in acts of bigotry or hatred or those who would oppose Americans of any race, gender, or sexual orientation.”

To grasp a better understanding of the executive order, all citizens of and visitors to the United States should read the executive order in its entirety at whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/01/27/executive-orderprotectingnation-foreign-terrorist-entry-united-states.

Freedom of speech? Think again

By: Celina Mahabir

In his statement, “Politics is war without bloodshed,” former Chinese communist revolutionary Mao Zedong sums up international politics in a nutshell: it’s nothing but conflict, controversy and constant bickering.

We can’t ignore what we see in the media. They’re thrown at us from virtually a billion different angles, getting half the story here and the other half somewhere else in a completely different light. Politics is one of the topics that supposedly unbiased, impartial news outlets are responsible for covering. However, we have to face it – both what’s reported to us through news outlets and what’s communicated through social media threads is written with a bias in mind.

With the recent outburst in protests, marches and congressional clapbacks following the inauguration of Donald J. Trump as the 45th president of the United States, everyone from little kids to the old and wise have formed social media platforms like Twitter and Instagram. While population analyst and psychologist K.F. Seer shares in the excitement of the Carter twins, he said society should be cautious about canceling their baby plans just yet.

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That’s the thing – we claim to be a compassionate society, allowing everyone freedom to say whatever they feel like, but then we contradict ourselves. We respect someone’s views on immigration, but we can’t stand their thoughts on the economy. We think someone is intelligent and innovative, but the moment they say they side with Trump or Clinton or even Sanders, for that matter, we shut out anything they have to say and deem them close-minded, arrogant and insensitive.

Who are we to assess whether someone else’s opinion is respectable or not? Everyone is entitled to their own opinion. That doesn’t mean we should stop talking about our own views. You can have healthy debates while maintaining different perspectives – that’s what makes politics all the more interesting. What’s not acceptable is degrading someone for what they believe in, regardless of whether it lines up with your own standpoint.

As a communication major, I’m taught to look at the media with a critical eye – to look at the attempts to play on your heartstrings and get you to focus on the heart of the issue. You have to remember to understand and empathize with both sides of the story before criticizing.
Love is a verb, not a holiday

By: Bianca Galan

Oh, Valentine’s Day. Couples spend their savings on gifts, and singles look for an excuse to not feel lonely, coining the terms “Single Awareness Day” or “Friendship Day.” On top of that, couples spend months organizing their Valentine’s Day gift. We shouldn’t celebrate Valentine’s Day as if it’s only to express our love. We can love on any day of the year.

People have different ideas of how Valentine’s Day came to be: a soldier named Valentine that was in love with his jailor’s daughter, signing love letters to her with “From your Valentine;” another soldier of the same name that disagreed with a priest’s belief that Valentine’s Day was in love with his jailor’s daughter, signing love letters to her. For us, the generation of millennials who grew up in the virtual socialization era where lack of old-time socialization and courtship seem to rule, a lot of people feel the need to express their love through the more it can mean to someone.

Even so, Valentine’s Day is not only about couples in love. For those friends who have快速发展ed men, there is not much of a difference. The actors and actresses don’t really seem to need the product as much as other customers.

Singers and stars like Adam Levine, Julianne Hough and Avril Lavigne all praise Proactiv for clearing up their trouble spots and oily skin, but when the before and after pictures are shown, there is not much of a difference. These stars may have had a couple small trouble spots and a shiny t-zone, compared to the cases of some regular people, they don’t have much to be concerned about.

These celebrities complain about awful skin and how Proactiv helped them when they did not need much help to begin with. Compared to the regular people who use and actually need Proactiv, these celebrities look almost foolish for saying they use such a strong acne treatment. Coming from someone who has had awful breakouts, I can say that having a celebrity with a near-perfect face does not encourage me to buy a product.

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I think I speak for many victims of poor skin when I say I want to see regular, non-famous people like me review acne treatments because their opinions mean more to me than celebrities who can afford a great dermatologist. I want someone just like me to give me honest feedback and real results on a product, not a celebrity who is just trying to sell the company by showing their face.

It’s hard to feel comfortable with breakouts, so having “perfect” individuals as the faces of an acne treatment company does not make someone who is self-conscious about their skin feel any better about their situation. Proactiv should drop the celebrity endorsements and focus on using real people with real breakouts to endorse their products.

Be my Valentine or Netflix and Chill?

By: Micaela Carou

That moment of selecting our object of interest, the moment that the act of flirting and the anticipation that causes all kinds of physical and emotional reactions as we await his or her answer to “Do you want to go out on a date this Friday?” are apparently things of the past. A nicely-planned candlelight dinner is replaced by a late-night text invitation to “Netflix and chill.” There’s no more looking forward to a weekend where an afternoon picnic is followed by a move and date night and possibly a quick kiss by the downstairs. Looking forward to the weekend has turned into exchanging pictures on the phone to raise our crush’s excitement to see us—actually see us. A fast swiped left on an app like Tinder has taken the place of looking at someone from afar—waiting for that person to lift their gaze and hopefully cross ours to communicate our interest. Today’s ways of dating and relating to others are immediate and disposable.

For us, the generation of millennials who browse through our phones, this new format of socialization seems not only convenient but also natural. Dating apps, such as Tinder, have allowed for us to constantly search for both males and females. A quick swipe left or right might determine plans for Friday night. That easy access and effortless act of selection is in fact what makes hook-up culture so much more accessible to the college community than the “work” of having to ask someone out on a date, dress up and make plans that go beyond chilling in pajamas on the couch with a stranger.

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By: Rachael Hirstein

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Homeless and living in a car, H.E. Neter (Nature) Kush Ben Alkebulan and his fiancé, Trendolyn Hopkins dreamed of bringing their family’s generational bananamilk recipe to life. Armed with an entrepreneurial spirit, Neter and Trendolyn dedicated themselves to making that dream a reality. Every day for two years, they planted themselves in a study room to begin their search for answers. “What do we need to know to build a successful company?” From survey design, trade show information, market research, distribution lists, packaging information, demographics, business valuation, accounting and taxation, alternative medicines, supply and demand, law, economics, researching types of bananas to discovering buyer habits, and with the support of the Alvin Sherman librarians a formidable business plan was built. Fast forward today, Banana Wave (http://www.bananawave.com) is now being distributed through Whole Foods and Walmart.

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