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The Abraham S. Fischler College of Education will launch its new program, known as The Fischler Academy, in the fall.

Approximately 100 incoming freshmen who will be a part of the program will earn their bachelor’s and master’s degree in education on either a four or five year track as well as partake in experiential education opportunities and are guaranteed a job offer in a local county — Broward, Palm Beach, Collier or Lee — school upon graduation.

Luke Williams, director of The Fischler Academy, said the program was created to align with the college’s values of being innovators in education.

“It’s a program that is built to shape aspiring educators and future leaders,” said Williams. “Built into our mission is that being an educator is — and this is built into our core values — being champions for social justice, for equity, for students of all backgrounds to have the opportunity to thrive and be successful. And one of the ways that they can do that is by having a teacher leader in the classroom, someone with the expertise and background to really assist them with trying to reach their dreams.”

Sherilyn Soto, a sophomore elementary education major, said that she thinks the program will be a good addition to the college.

“I believe The Fischler Academy provides great opportunities to students, especially where you can receive your Master’s within the four years of your college experience,” said Soto. “The Fischler college in general has such a friendly environment and everyone is willing to help.”

Williams said the program is designed to combine theory with practical experience, thus students will have different practical experiences throughout their program. For example, students will work as tutors for the university their sophomore year, work in the America Reads and America Counts program, which aids elementary school students their junior year, and work as a substitute teacher before completing their internship their senior year. Students will also travel abroad with a professor during the spring break of their sophomore year to gain a more global perspective as a student and educator.

Another benefit of the program is financial. Students in the program will receive a $17,000 annual scholarship.

“Students have the opportunity to get a private education at a public price,” said Williams. “And I say that because there are other [external] grants and scholarships for people who are interested in the education field that can stack onto that.”

Williams said that there’s been discussion about offering certain aspects of The Fischler Academy to students who are already part of the education program, but as of right now the program is only available to first-time college students. For more information on the program, go to education.nova.edu/fischleracademy/index.html.

NSU, in association with the American Cancer Society, will host Relay for Life on April 13-14 from 5 p.m. - 5 a.m. in the NSU Alvin Sherman Library Quad.

The purpose of the event is to give people in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost and fight back against the deadly disease through fundraising. Relay for Life is one of the American Cancer Society’s leading fundraisers and signature events.

This overnight event will have a variety of activities throughout the night surrounding cancer research and funding. A ceremony to honor those personally impacted by cancer and this year’s contributors will begin in the evening. Immediately following will be the themed survivor and caregiver walk, where more than 40 teams are expected to participate.

This year’s theme will be “Where in the world we can find a cure for cancer?” This walk is to honor the strength and courage of survivors and caregivers with every step they take.

Student teams will be tabling alongside the survivor/caregiver walk. One member from each team will be on the track at all times and members can tag each other in and out to keep walking. The reason behind this is also the event’s tagline, “Cancer doesn’t sleep, so we don’t either.”

Joshua Braverman, director of university relations for NSU Relay for Life said, “The purest way of looking at it is that there is no sleeping when fighting cancer.”

The way they will be encouraging the trading of team members is by giving each walking member a “spirit stick.” That way, people can keep track of who’s walking and can switch between group members. As the night continues, they will have the luminaria ceremony. During this ceremony, everyone touched by cancer will be represented with a luminaria. Each light will represent a life — a life taken by cancer, a survivor of cancer or support for a person still fighting the disease.

To conclude, according to Braverman, they will have the closing ceremony where they will celebrate what everyone that participated has accomplished and commit to take action and help lead the fight for a world free from cancer.

Geornami Brown, a sophomore business management major who donated to the fundraiser, said, “Relay for life is a great event, encouraging strength and keeping hope alive with every donation. For me, this means my cousin’s exit doesn’t have to be another person’s fate.”

Those who wish to attend this event will learn more about cancer and how the disease impacts the NSU community, but will also be entertained.

“You are in a university, so we don’t like to do anything boring at our event,” Braverman said.

There will be bands, singers, NSU teams and performances by students.

“We are going for that kind of experience as well as raising money and awareness for this cause,” Braverman added. Several survivors will be speaking at the event as well.

The event is open to the public, and no RSVP is required. However, as Braverman stated, “we prefer that people sign up [on the website] with a team or to sign in as an individual, both of those are possibilities.”

NSU’s Relay for Life website is now open for donations or to join a group. Students who wish to volunteer can do it through the SLCE Orgsync page, where they’ll have a volunteer section for this event. For more information you can visit relayforlife.org/novau.

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**Relay for Life event to bring awareness about cancer to NSU**
Maryland high school shooter dies, armed resource officer intervenes

A student at Great Mills High School in southern Maryland opened fire on March 20. The shooting began shortly after classes began, according to USA Today. The school’s student resource officer was alerted of the event and fired at the 17-year-old gunman, St. Mary’s County Sheriff, Tim Cameron, stated that it was unclear if the shooter shot himself or if he fired at the resource officer. One student was injured, and another, who allegedly recently ended a relationship with the gunman, Jakelyn Willey, later died of her injuries. The officer was unharmed.

Austin serial bomber suspect dies, leaves confession video

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The Grind Coffee Project

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Archaeology: more than just old bones and stones

By: Madelyn Rinka

News Editor

This year Easter Sunday will fall on April 1, but Catholic L.I.F.E. president Claudia Stevens hopes that students won’t be fooled into thinking that the day is simply meant for scavenger hunts and egg decorating. Instead, she hopes that students will remember that for Christians, Easter Sunday marks the day when Jesus rose from the dead, symbolizing the renewal of faith and providing hope for eternal life.

What is the importance and significance of Easter?

“Easter is the greatest celebration in the Catholic church because it is the completion of the Holy week that ends with the resurrection of Jesus. Easter celebrates the beginning and foundation of Christianity. Jesus was raised from the dead, and it goes to show that He conquered death and the celebration of the coming of the Lord, seeing as Lent was sort of created after this happened in history. Lent is the time where we are able to do an inner self check of our faith and prepare for what it means regarding Jesus’ resurrection.”

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In addition, she encouraged any student who has an interest in archaeology and cultural heritage to look into the anthropology courses offered at NSU, and consider picking up a minor in the subject.

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“To show this symbolically, many churches hold a sunrise mass which consists of four parts. A major feature in this celebration of Jesus being raised from the dead are candles that are lit along with the Paschal candle — a [special] candle that is used during the season of Easter, and at baptisms and funerals. As more and more candles are lit in the church or by way of natural light by sunrise — sometimes held on a beach — it goes to show that Jesus is the Lord, and the Light of our lives, and that he will bring us into the light when we are in darkness.”

What is Catholic L.I.F.E. doing to celebrate Easter this year?

“Last year we did an egg hunt on campus, and we are finalizing the decision on whether or not to have another one this year. But, we have also been preparing for Easter for this Lent season with a rosary walk starting at the Parker Building and walking along the path with the painted blocks while praying the rosary; or we do so if there is space at the one gazebo outside, in the botanical garden on campus.

“We have also had a movie day in the library in place of a meeting, and we are finalizing a plan for the actual Easter Sunday mass, and the activities to follow. Students can email me, [at cs24430@mynova.nova.edu] and ask about any upcoming events. [They can] also check Outcomes [page] and check out our Instagram (@nsucatholiclife).
Keeping in theme with the international organization’s mission to provide a community for Jewish students, NSU’s chapter of Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach has been named Registered Student Organization (RSO) of the Month for February.

“Hillel definitely made my experience at NSU far greater than I expected. It's provided me with multiple leadership opportunities and different networking opportunities. As well as helped me find students that I can talk to on a daily basis. Some of my best friends are also from Hillel,” said Tal Lubarsky, senior political science major, who joined Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach because she wanted to connect to students who were a part of her culture.

Lubarsky, like many of the growing club’s population, found that connection through NSU’s chapter of Hillel. Carly Purcell, president of Hillel and senior business administration major, said that since she joined the club her sophomore year the club she loves has nearly doubled in size.

“It was such a small program when I first came in. There were like 10 members. It's expanded so much in the three years that I've been involved,” she said. “It's been so cool to watch it grow and I enjoy it more and more with each event that we put on. I can’t wait to see how it continues when I leave.”

Through their staple events — usually Shabbats — and special programming for holidays, Purcell and Lubarsky said that Hillel fosters close connection between its members.

“Hillel’s introduced me to a lot of people who have similar values to me. I think that because I’m local and I have my family close by, I can go home for the holidays,” she said. “But a lot of people who are in Hillel with me, their families are farther away. There’s a lot of Jewish holidays that we don’t get time off for, so it’s nice for us to get together and celebrate.”

Although Hillel’s mission is to provide a community for Jewish students, they welcome students of all faiths to their events and programs.

“It’s not only for Jewish students. We invite people of all faith. We also try to team up with IMAN and other faith-based organizations as often as we can. We just try to get together and create a community on campus,” said Purcell.

Their upcoming event for Passover is no different. Purcell said that on April 5 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Hillel will hold a lunch event creating Matzah pizza for students and their friends to enjoy.

To RSVP for Hillel’s Passover lunch or to find out more information about the club, contact Carly Purcell at cpl291@mynsu.nova.edu.

The keys to successful group study sessions

By: Jessica McDonald
Contributing Writer

A lot of times, when we are trying to figure out how best to study, the idea of creating study groups gets thrown around. But, let’s be real, study groups are typically made up of one person who takes the lead and delegates tasks, one person who probably shows up in the last 10 minutes of the meeting and wonders why everyone is irritated with him or her and then the ones somewhere in the middle who probably mean well and want to help in varying degrees but end up adding to the distractions.

Still, studying with others is a great way to reinforce material and working with others can help keep you accountable. To maximize on the benefits and lower the chances of unsuccessful study sessions, consider these tips:

Choose group members effectively

Generally speaking, unless you are placed in a group by a professor, you will be able to choose who you study with. Make sure that when you’re selecting the group members, you have an idea of who you are asking to participate. You might consider picking people for your group who are as motivated and invested as you are in the topic, and people who have similar work ethic as you to limit possible points of frustration.

Have a plan

Go into study sessions with an idea of what needs to get done. Of course, it’s fine if you have some social time and joke around with your friends — because realistically, it’s going to happen when you’re with a group of people you like — but try to keep on track. If you are able to come out of the session feeling like you’ve accomplished what you set out to do, it will likely feel like a successful session that was also fun.

Know what you do and don’t know

Try to parse out what you are comfortable with and what you still need some time to learn. Once you know what you could spend more time learning, you can utilize your peers’ knowledge and see if they can explain the material in a different way than how you’ve been exposed to it. In the same vein, you might explain the information you understand differently to your peers who were not as comfortable with it. However, there is one caveat: Be sure that you are double-checking the information you and your group are sharing amongst one another is accurate and correct in the context of the course or assignment.

Break up the work

A lot of times, people gravitate toward group studying because working alone feels overwhelming due to the sheer amount of work that needs to be done. You might consider breaking up the work before actually meeting with your group.

For example, your group might consider dividing the chapters amongst the group members. Each student can then outline the chapter they were assigned and spend some time in the group meeting “teaching” the material to the others. According to Annie Murphy Paul for Time magazine, “the Pomfret Effect” is the phenomenon of learning by teaching someone else. If you are able to teach your peers the information effectively and answer questions without struggle, you know that you have learned the information and fully encoded it.

Alternatively, you can schedule multiple group sessions planned to tackle the information bit-by-bit by having a few sessions planned in the weeks leading up to a test, quiz or assignment. This way the information doesn’t feel as overwhelming as it would in one sitting at the last minute.

Pick a good place to meet

The environment of the study group is just as important as having a solid study group itself. Meeting in a place that lends itself to conversation, allows you and your groupmates to hear one another and that has tools like white boards and computers is important. This allows you and your group to stay on task and, again, feel accomplished after your meeting.

Try to get everyone equally involved

Nothing is worse than feeling like a group member is skipping by on your hard work, or that you are doing all the work by yourself. If everyone collaborates and works together, it will likely benefit everyone in learning the material.

Club Spotlight: Hillel of Broward County and Palm Beach

By: Jenna Kopeck
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NSU’s chapter of Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach works together with other NSU organizations to provide a sense of community at the university.

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Maybe you’re taking summer classes, or maybe you live in the 954 year-round. Either way, there’s a benefit to living where everyone else vacation’s and it’s that you can always find memorable events that aren’t too far away. If you’re not the best planner, we’ve got you covered. Here are some signature South Florida events for you to look forward to this summer.

**Key West Songwriters Festival, May 9-13**

If you love music, then you’ll probably love the Key West Songwriters Festival, which will be celebrating its 23rd anniversary this year. It’s a five day event with more than 100 performances — most of which are free. For shows that require ticket purchase, sales began on March 24. Go to keywestsongwritersfestival.com/ for more information.

**Portland based trip-hop producer Rook1e** is relatively new to the scene. As most new instrumental hip-hop producers are when they first start out, Rook1e is in the stage of producing beat tapes with short and sweet cuts that mainly serve as a precursor for production styles and background music. Producing since 2016, he already has a respectfully sized discography with a single EP and two full albums.

His most recent album, “Discography Too,” released on Jan. 26 and is the follow up to his 2017 record “Discography.” His first record release was notable for the relaxing and nostalgic vibes it exuded, but it had a lot of the unfortunate qualities that most beat tapes do. The record begins with “Grape Soda,” a track that seems to aim at capturing the nostalgia of a summer spent as a child. The track begins with the soft and comforting sounds of birds chirping and a fulling piano melody hacked by the strumming of a harp under a vocal sample of someone excitedly recounting their first crush in elementary school. The elements continue to work in tandem to create a distinctly emotional sound panning and the strengthening of the whole track as it suddenly progresses from lo-fi into the soft and comforting sounds of the harp while basing its main melody around the warm, fuzzy sounds reminiscent of ’90s television drama themes. The transition between the songs intro and the rest of its meat is mixed interestingly with some nice sound panning and the strengthening of the whole track as it suddenly progresses from lo-fi into high recording quality. This is all embellished by some well-placed record scratches and hip-hop vocal samples. While plenty of aspiring young producers making trip-hop beat tapes have a presence on the internet, Rook1e is an example of one with potential. His penchant for mellow piano and synth driven melodies brings something cozy and refreshing to the sometimes oversaturated genre. “Discography Too” is an example of a record that shows its producer’s progress as an artist and is a great stepping stone on the road to bigger projects. While Rook1e is only just now starting to put his best work forward, it’s only a matter of time before we see him put forth his first huge project.

**Key Largo Original Music Festival, May 17-20**

Can’t make it to Key West in time? No worries. There’s also the Key Largo Original Music Festival, which boasts four days of original music set across five stages. Admission to the festival is free and its website gives details on hotel partnerships in case you want to stay overnight. For more information go to keylargooriginalmusicfest.com/.

**Wilton Manors Stonewall Pride Parade and Festival, June 16**

Known as the largest LGBT pride event in the greater Fort Lauderdale area, the Wilton Manors parade and festival has plenty to offer. Aside from the parade that starts at 4 p.m., the event features local performers and DJs throughout the day. It also hosts a festival marketplace that features an array of performances — most of which are free. For tickets or more information, go to wilmotmanorsstonewall.org/.

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I’m sure you have seen the numerous ads for the movie, “A Wrinkle in Time.” As a Disney lover, I was extremely excited to see the movie, especially since it includes Oprah Winfrey (Mrs. Which), Reese Witherspoon (Mrs. Whanlit) and Chris Pine (Dr. Murry). Unfortunately, the movie did not meet my expectations, which is unusual for Disney films. If you are a Disney lover racing to see this movie, consider this review before you spend your ticket money.

In order to enjoy “A Wrinkle in Time,” you must love fantasy and sci-fi movies as well as those starring young actors and actresses.

Sturm Reid (Meg), Levi Miller (Calvin) and Deric McCabe (Charles Wallace) are the young stars of the show. Fortunately, these actors make this mediocre movie slightly more endurable.

“A Wrinkle in Time” is about a middle school girl, Meg, traveling through the universe in search for her scientist father who has been missing for the last four years. Many of the scenes are a mixture of the universe and therefore, it was a little too make-believe. However, if you enjoy this genre, I encourage you to watch the movie as it does have interesting sound effects and is visually stimulating.

Children under the age of 12 might have difficulty understanding the true meaning of the movie. The moral of the story is that you must find and accept yourself before you can find and accept others. Meg never truly liked who she was, and until she could accept herself for whom she was, she couldn’t find or accept her missing father. This is very relevant to today as many teenagers, like Meg, are dissatisfied with their self-image, and do not feel accepted by society. The movie encourages people to learn to have confidence in themselves, and not join the IT — black darkness that represents evil in the movie. Though the moral of the story was great, and it started an amazing and talented cast, the movie was no make-believe and slow moving. The overall plot of the movie was hidden and difficult to ascertain, but the twist at the end makes the movie a bit more bearable.

No spoilers. If you enjoy fantasy and sci-fi, I recommend you see this movie; if not, save your money. My overall rating of the movie is a 3 out of 5.

By: Sophia Borzillo
Contributing Writer

In the same genre, “Inside Out,” also has its share of young actors. The movie is about a girl named Riley (Inside Out) and her emotions. At the end of a tough day for Riley, her emotions come to the forefront of our minds.

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Influential women in film

By: Sarah Goltsman
Contributing Writer

In the film industry, the divide between genders in terms of representation behind the scenes is substantial. In top grossing films since 2009, only 21 percent of producers have been female, only 13 percent of writers have been female and only 4 percent of directors have been female, according to The Washington Post. However, there are still many notable women making waves in Hollywood writing, producing and directing.

Avi Durney
Durney currently has one film she directs, “A Wrinkle in Time.” She’s also made a name for herself by winning the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature for her piece on incarceration in America, “13th.”

Meg LaFave
LaFave has worked recently with Disney, writing animated features like “Inside Out” and “The Good Dinosaur.” “Inside Out” was nominated for the BAFTA Award for Best Original Screenplay as well as the Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay.

Greta Gerwig
In the more recent Academy Awards, Gerwig was the only female nominee in the category of Best Director. She, along with directing and producing films, also acts. Her next film will be “Little Women,” directed by Wes Anderson.

Patty Jenkins
Jenkins directed “Wonder Woman,” starring Gal Gadot. While she did not write the film, due to the high critical acclaim of Wonder Woman, Jenkins will be writing the sequel, which is set to be released in 2019.

Rachel Morrison
Morrison has been working as a cinematographer and camera operator since 1999, and recently worked with Netflix for the original film “Mudbound.” She was the first woman ever nominated for Best Cinematography by the Academy at the 90th Academy Awards.
**ON DECK**

**MEN'S BASEBALL**
Vs. Rollins  
March 29 | 6 p.m.  
NSU Baseball Complex

Vs. Rollins  
March 30 | 4 p.m.  
NSU Baseball Complex

Vs. Rollins  
March 31 | 12 p.m.  
NSU Baseball Complex

**MEN'S GOLF**
Vs. Barry Women's Invitational  
March 26-27  
Miami Lakes, Fla.

**WOMEN'S ROWING**
@Central Sprints  
March 30-31  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

**WOMEN'S SOFTBALL**
@Eckerd  
March 29 | 6 p.m.  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

@Eckerd (DH)  
March 30 | 12 & 2 p.m.  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**
Vs. No. 2 Barry  
March 27 | 2 p.m.  
NSU Tennis Complex

Vs. University of Delaware  
March 29 | 1 p.m.  
West Palm Beach, Fla.

@Embry-Riddle  
March 31 | 10 a.m.  
Daytona Beach, Fla.

**TRACK AND FIELD**
@Florida Relays  
March 29-31  
Gainesville, Fla.

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**ON THE BENCH:**
EMU, there were other options

By: Michaela Greer  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

On March 20, representatives of the Eastern Michigan University (EMU) announced that the Ypsilanti school would be cutting four of its sports programs — wrestling, softball, women’s tennis and men’s swimming — leaving 82 Eastern athletes and eight coaches in the cold. According to The Detroit News, the decision is expected to save the institution $2.4 million to make up for the college’s declining university revenues.

I can agree that any progressing institution would need to be creative to stay out of debt. Yet, somehow it doesn’t make sense to me that EMU would cut their wrestling when the team has had its best year in a long time since taking home eighth at the 2018 NCAA Wrestling Championships. Or, that they would cut the men’s swimming team after they’d just taken home EMU’s first MHSAA title. It especially does not make sense given that EMU has reportedly been making plans to build an upgraded $15 million athletic facility.

According to The Detroit News, for the 2016 fiscal year, EMU’s athletic department reported $5.17 million in revenues compared to $27.2 in expenditures. Surely, anyone with a clear understanding of basic math would be able to realize that something needed to change if the teams were going to be sustainable. Perhaps, instead of spending $6.9 million in 2017 — up from $2.8 million in 2016 — on a football team that hasn’t really had a good season since 1989, EMU representatives should have been focusing on ways to up their revenue and cut costs.

According to Scott Wehbe, EMU’s athletic director, the cuts will allow the budget to shrink to $24.6 million. Here’s a wild thought: Couldn’t the athletics department have sat down and figured out how to downsize by reevaluating and reassigning funds based on a new operating budget? To sit at a press conference and say that there were no other options, and to excuse the decision saying that no matter what was decided, everyone wouldn’t have been happy is absolutely ludicrous.

Students who have practiced and honed their craft throughout their childhood, giving their respective teams at EMU — or any school for that matter — should not have to wake up one morning after making history in an institution’s program, trying to figure out what school they can apply to after committing themselves to a college. EMU should not get to decide which teams to cut based on which programs have more clout.

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**Softball**

On March 21, the softball team split a doubleheader with host Flagler College Saints on its final non-conference action of the 2018 season. In the first match, the sharks won with a score of 5-2. However, they lost with a score of 13-6 on their second match of the day. Sophomore Sydney Layegre helped the Sharks take the lead in their first match and sophomore Lexie Storrer hit an RBI-single which secured the win for the sharks. On the second match, even though redshirt freshman Daniel Bautista recorded her second homer of the season, it wasn't enough for the Sharks to catch up to Flagler who took an early lead.

**Track & Field**

The men's and women's track and field teams concluded their competition in the Miami Hurricane Invitational gathering multiple top-eight finishes and career-bests by graduate student Daniel Polinski with a season-best and school record in the shot put throwing 15.46m. Freshman Justin Jackson had one of those top-eight finishes in the triple jump while senior Jazmine Elleston hit a personal-best in the women’s triple jump.

**Men's Baseball**

On March 16, the Sharks suffered a loss against Florida Tech with a score of 5-4. Freshman Andrea Ivanovic defeated Florida Southeaster’s a 2-1 lead in the doubles. Obando and junior Dominick Diana, were not able to take that lead again and ended the game with a score of 2-1.

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**Women's Tennis**

On March 17, the women's tennis took home a victory with a score of 7-4. Sophomore Daniela Obando secured the win for the sharks with her first-ever match-clinching point. Junior Ana Navas and Sophomore Isabella Lowrey gave the sharks a 2-1 lead in the doubles. Obando and junior Andrea Ivanovic defeated Florida Southeaster's double team with a score of 8-4.

**Swimming**

The men’s and women’s swimming team closed out competition in the 2018 NCAA Div. II National Championships on March 17. The women's team scored a total of 288 points and the Sharks take home the bronze, their highest finish in program history. Freshman Emma Sunstedt earned sixth place in the 1650 freestyle while senior Franco Lupoli grabbed the silver on the men's side.
UMBC (16) upsets Virginia (1)

The biggest upset in this year’s tournament was the UMBC Retrievers
upsetting the Virginia Cavaliers, a 16 seed up against a 1 seed. This upset
showcases the unpredictability that March Madness brings every year.

Michigan (1) vs. Houston buzzier-beater

Nick Paske’s shot gave the Cougars the lead against the national
champion Michigan, but the Wolverines closed the game out to stay in the
Sweet Sixteen.

Loyola-Chicago (11) vs. Miami (1)

The Ramblers defeated the No. 1 Miami Hurricanes, proving that
lower seeds can pull off surprises in March Madness.

Miami vs. Tennessee

The Volunteers dominated the first half against the No. 2 Miami Hurricanes,
but the second half saw the Ramblers rise to the occasion.

No. 2 Miami vs. Loyola-Chicago

The Ramblers knocked off the No. 2 Miami Hurricanes, displaying their
abilities against top-tier competition.

Gonzaga (1) vs. UNCG (16)

The Bulldogs defeated the 16 seed UNCG, showcasing their dominance in
the tournament.

What do you think about the athletic department at NSU?

NSU has a strong athletic department, with teams competing in various sports.

What’s your everyday routine like, say on a Tuesday?

The athlete’s routine may vary depending on the day, but it typically involves
training, practice, and academic work.

How do you keep you up with your academic work as well as you athletic responsibilities?

Balancing academics and athletics requires time management and dedication.

How is your relationship with your teammates?

Teamwork and camaraderie are key components of a successful athletic team.

How is your relationship with your coaches?

Coaches play a crucial role in an athlete’s development.

What is one of the things you most like about NSU?

NSU’s athletic environment and facilities are among the things the athlete enjoys.

What’s your relationship with your coaches?

Coaches provide guidance and support to help athletes succeed.

What is the biggest difference for you, I was very bad at time management.

The athlete has improved in time management since being at NSU.

How different is being a student athlete in college compared to being a student athlete in high school?

College athletics offer a unique experience compared to high school.

How do you handle your life with your social life?

The athlete balances their social life with their academic and athletic commitments.

How do you balance your athletics with your social life?

The balance between athletics and social life can be challenging but is manageable.

How do you keep yourself motivated?

Motivation is important for athletes to perform at their best.

What do you plan to do with your degree?

The athlete plans to use their degree in their future career.

What is the best thing about NSU?

NSU’s emphasis on academics and athletics is a unique aspect.

How do you stay up with your academic work as well as you athletic responsibilities?

Time management and prioritization are key to balancing academic and athletic responsibilities.

What is your relationship with your coaches?

The athlete’s relationship with their coaches is strong and supportive.

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What is the best thing about NSU?
Consumers should support small businesses

By: Diego Galvez
Sports Editor

When you think about going grocery shopping, what is the first place that comes to your mind? Some may say Target and others Walmart. What about the first place when you think about coffee? Most people, whether they like it or not, will think about Starbucks. These three businesses have one thing in common: They are major chain stores and multinational companies.

These big companies are prevalent all around the world, so one may think that they are the most important influencers for economic growth. However, this might not be entirely true as many economists believe that the real influencers and the core of U.S.’s economic growth are actually small businesses. According to the Huffington Post, small businesses and startups are the companies that keep, not only the national economy moving, but local economies as well, which is why consumers should support them.

Small businesses are one, if not the main hiring industry there is. According to Entrepreneur Magazine there are between 25 and 27 million small businesses in the U.S. that account for 60 to 80 percent of all U.S. jobs.

This percentage increases even more if we start narrow it down by community. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, in Florida alone, small businesses make up 98.9 percent of all employers in the state and employed 3.2 million people, or 42.8 percent of the private workforce in 2014. This is a huge impact if we also consider that since they are small companies they are more flexible. The diversity of people, not just working for small businesses, but creating work opportunities, outnumber those of large companies. The greater diversity there is in an economy, the easier it is for the economy to withstand tough conditions.

This leads to the second reason why small businesses are the backbone of the economy. They adapt easily to changing climates. According to the Huffington Post, if a country falls into an economic crisis, many of their loyal customers will stay with them during these hard times since many of those businesses are customer-oriented. In addition, because these businesses don’t usually accumulate a lot of revenue, they have less to lose in times of economic crisis. This allows many small businesses to stay afloat during crisis and help strengthen their local economy.

Finally, whether the business grows or fails, they can still help their communities. If a business grows it could become a major player in the national and international marketplace. Nike and Ben and Jerry’s are a few examples of small businesses that kept growing, and now they dominate and are major representatives of their industries. Furthermore, businesses such as Nike tend to establish their headquarters in the community they started at. This leaves a huge impact on that community and their surroundings by providing more jobs, gaining outside recognition and stimulating the local economy. If they fail, that “turnover” gives the community a chance to learn from it, recover and rebuild, which is beneficial to the community in the long run.
Student writes book about how reading is stupid

By: Jenna Kopee
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Senior communication major Issa Dumwon published her first and only book last week titled “All the Reasons Why Reading is Stupid.” She said she hopes the book will help shed light on how often people waste their time reading, thinking they enjoy it or are getting some type of benefit from it.

“It’s just really crazy how people think they’re gaining something from something so passive. Like, books just plaster ideas onto you, you know? And then your life is impacted,” said Dumwon.

Dumwon was inspired to write the book by a recent social media phenomenon, #socialmediaistoxic, where individuals young and old flock to social media platforms to state everything they find wrong with said platforms.

“It’s genius because it’s like, you’re really getting to the root of the problem by using the exact medium you hate,” said Dumwon.

A local book critic and social media lover, Renee Reasnah, said, “This book is stupid and a waste of time. Her logic is just as flawed as the exact medium you hate,” said Dumwon.

Senior communication major Issa Dumwon’s book is available in select stores and online through iTunes and Amazon.

NSU students will give you their opinions … and for free

By: Michaela Greer
Co-Editor-in-Chief

On the evening of March 19, NSU undergraduate students received an email from Brad Williams, vice president of student affairs and dean of the College of Undergraduate students, asking them to participate in a survey which would provide NSU information on their desired changes to Shark Dining and Housing.

According to Williams, NSU “retained the services of a nationally recognized independent consulting firm, Bradfod & Danalvay, to administer the survey.”

Now, while I can appreciate the fact that NSU seemed interested in the opinions of the undergraduate population regarding these issues, the irony was not lost on me that less than 12 hours after that email hit my inbox, students were planning to share their thoughts at an SGA opinion column. We've started petition after petition. We've texted into the number provided for daily transportation costs. We want to have some suggestions. We don't need another survey which we pour our little hearts into that is eventually archived, while no real changes take place.

In fact, we have been voicing our frustrations, concerns, ideas and opinions for quite some time now at town halls, general body meetings, to our employers and supervisors, professors, administrative representatives and on social media platforms. Anyone who truly wanted to know what students think would only have to walk out of their office and ask them in passing by, much like what The Current does every week in the Shark Speak section of the opinion column.

Students have organized events to voice their thoughts. We’ve started petition asking NSU students what we can expect from that increase. Really, we want our administration to listen to us. We want to know that we matter to an institution we bleed grey and blue for, before we graduate and are solicited for donations.

There is no perfect institution on the face of the earth so I think that any realistic student will understand that there is always room for improvement and there may not be a solution for every issue that is brought up. But, we expect that institution to show us that it’s trying in a real way by being transparent. If NSU doesn’t have the answers, let us know because we have some suggestions. We don’t need another survey which we pour our little hearts into that is eventually archived, while no real changes take place. The point is that NSU students are here to speak, for free. The question is: Is NSU willing and ready to listen?
Military relationships: Are they worth it?

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A lot of people have preconceived notions about what a military relationship is like. These usually come from what is portrayed in movies or the typical tearjerker YouTube videos showing military personnel coming home from deployment and surprising their significant others. Military homecomings are beautiful to watch, but as you’ve probably noticed, there are less videos about the goodbyes before the homecomings and few documentaries that show the months, even years, spent apart.

To put it into perspective, according to Statisticbrain.com, there are a little over two million people in the military. That’s about 0.6 percent of the population. This means that not many people are in military relationships. But hey, if you want to prep for a potential military man or woman coming into your life, it’s good to know the pros and cons.

My boyfriend, Airman José Romero, and I have been dating since Sept. 21, 2015. We recently became a military couple on Nov. 20 when he was shipped off for basic training in Texas, leading me to my first con: the distance. When he was shipped off for basic training in the States Air Force.

Another con is the danger that comes along with it. Everyone in the military has taken an oath to serve and protect their country. This means that if they get deployed to Afghanistan, they can’t just say no. So if you don’t want a partner that is willing to give his life for their country, this type of relationship is not for you.

Of course there are benefits as well. Most of the well known ones, like free health insurance, free housing and a free education, are only for military couples that are married. The pros of being in a military relationship, dating-wise, are simply that it makes the relationship stronger and makes you cherish each other a lot more. The months spent apart and the little time you get to talk makes you realize what you have and appreciate each other more than you ever thought was possible. It also helps build a stable future, which is good if you’re into planning your future years in advance.

So do I think it’s worth it? Let’s just say I wouldn’t trade my relationship for anything. This lifestyle isn’t for everyone. It can be stressful, sad and extremely difficult at times. But if you find someone that you can call your best friend and your home, I think it’s definitely worth a shot.

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