Dr. Harry K. Moon to join NSU as EVP and COO

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News Editor

Dr. Harry K. Moon will become NSU’s executive vice president and chief operating officer beginning July 15.

In this role, Moon will be responsible for the efficient management of the university’s administrative operations. Having held several executive positions for Cleveland Clinic Florida, Moon will have a specific focus on student and patient centered clinical performance.

“Dr. Moon is joining NSU at a pivotal moment in our history; one that needs exactly the brand of leadership that he will bring to this critical position in our executive team,” said Hanbury. “His vast experience with complex systems will translate well to the world of higher education at a time when educating tomorrow’s health care providers is more important than ever. He is the right person for the right job, and precisely the right time.”

For the past 25 years, Moon has been working diligently to improve the medical, research and educational programs in South Florida. Among his many titles and accomplishments are his appointment as CEO of Cleveland Clinic Florida, founding and presidential status of Himmeneh Surgical Partners, LLC and clinical associate professor of surgery at NSU’s Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine.

“It is indeed an honor to join NSU as it further develops its extensive healthcare programs,” said Moon. “NSU has created a strong academic foundation and is developing the programs and facilities to become a national leader in education, research and patient care. I look forward with keen anticipation to helping Dr. Hanbury fulfill the mission of the university.”

Several offices will report to Moon under his leadership, including Clinical Operations, Enrollment and Student Services, Facilities Management and Public Safety, and the Office of Innovation and Information Technology, along with many others.

“He is one of those unique individuals who has the administrative background, deep knowledge of health care, community understanding and impeccable integrity which makes him a superb choice for COO,” added Hanbury.
and family can go to understand these issues,” Lewis Peter, biology major and President of Maasti said that there’s a need to connect. “We have a large minority campus and a lot of people feel like they aren’t exactly represented. I wouldn’t say that people aren’t inclusive, but it’s just like the school isn’t attending as well to the needs of these students,” he said. “I think part of it comes from students just not knowing where to go with their issues. If there was something like the Minority and Diversity Affairs Office, it would be a good replacement.”

Outside of determining what an office would look like in practice, Williams said that the university would also have to consider where this office would since the university is facing a growing population and stagnant amount of space. Hanbury has commented on the idea of this office before. In a town hall meeting on Jan. 31, Hanbury said that he was open to the idea of such an office, but he didn’t think an office under the name of “Minority and Diversity Affairs” would be well-suited for the university.

“NSU is a minority-majority university. Diversity is a core value,” said Hanbury. “I favor creating a culture of diversity versus just one department so that I can’t say one department is responsible for diversity. I think we are all responsible for diversity and need to respect that.”

However, Hanbury said in the town hall meeting that he was open to the idea of an Office of Multicultural Affairs. Williams said that no matter the name, he wants the office to be an umbrella that covers many students and student issues. What’s most important to him is that the office serves the proper function.

“For me,” he said, “It’s not so much about the name as it is about meeting the needs of the students. If we meet the needs of the students, that is the most important thing.”

Students, however, said that there was a difference and importance in the different names. Particularly, there’s a concern that the word “multicultural” wouldn’t be as encompassing as the word “diversity.”

“It’s not just the wording. It’s the whole aim of the office. If the name is not right, it feels like the aim is not right,” said Peter.

Knowles said that she and her classmates were intentional in the name for the office they outlined and they argue that the word “multicultural” may not be a good replacement.

“People are going to make an assumption about the name based on it,” Peter said. “I don’t know what the word ‘multicultural’ means in a holistic diversity immediately. That’s not to say the office couldn’t serve more than that. But if there was a name under which that name holds, you’re not going to be immediately associated with that.”

Given that the discussions and plans for the office are still in the developmental stage, it’s not certain if, and when under what name an office will form. Although students do feel like the name is important, they agreed that ultimately they would be more concerned that it gets created to fulfill student needs.

As Duncan put it, “If we do have an office under that name [Multicultural Affairs] and it does provide that support then … a name is a name as long as it gets the job done. I would rather have an office with a name like that than not have an office at all.”

Williams said he plans to update USGA after the president makes a decision about the proposal.

According to the American Cambridge Dictionary:

**Multicultural:** “relating to a number of different cultures, especially to the traditions of people of different religions and races”

**Diversity:** “the fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people”
NSU will launch a week’s worth of programming for Take Back the Night as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month from April 9 to 13.

Take Back the Night, originally thought of as a single event, is part of a nationwide campaign that brings awareness to sexual assault and seeks to end sexual, relationship and domestic violence.

“For individuals, often it’s women but any person really, who’s experienced some form of violence or who have friends who have experienced some form of sexual violence, night and dark can be a scary thing,” explained Laura Bennett, Title IX coordinator. “So Take Back the Night is really meant to be an evening of empowerment where people take experiences or stories or things that they’ve gone through to try to raise awareness and empower people to really ‘take back the night.’”

According to Tamara Lumsden, graduate assistant for weekend programming and chair of Take Back the Night, programming for Take Back the Night looks different on every campus and even yearly at NSU.

“In the past it’s ranged from being four or five events throughout the entire month or all week,” said Lumsden. “This year we’re doing all week and we’ve worked with a lot of different departments and organizations to put it in.”

Among the myriad of events that will take place during the week is the candlelight vigil and walk, which can be considered the trademark event of the campaign, on April 11 at 7 p.m. beginning at the Shark Fountain. There will also be a community service initiative making survival kits for Women in Distress.

Bennett and Desmond Daniels, deputy Title IX coordinator, serve on the planning committee to help students and staff design and plan programming. Daniels said that along with raising awareness it’s also an opportunity to learn.

“I think we want to encourage individuals to take this opportunity to learn as much as they can,” said Daniels. “Learn how to identify some of those problematic behaviors that often cause adverse experiences for students, learn how to provide support, learn where our resources are on campus, learn where our resources are in the community so that you can connect individuals to them. Heaven forbid you’re subjected to these experiences yourself, you can seek out those resources as well.”

Lumsden said it’s important to take part in events like this to learn what we as individuals and as a university can do to support victims of sexual assault, which isn’t talked about often.

“The entire month is important because, it’s not something that’s spoken about a lot,” said Lumsden. “And it’s important that people know that there are victims of sexual assault on our campus or at least, you know somebody that knows somebody.”

According to Lumsden, Henderson Counseling will be available at each event to speak with students who may be triggered or need any form of support. Counselors from Henderson are considered confidential resources, meaning that speaking to them will not launch an investigation if that is not what the student wants.

“Bennett added, “One thing we make sure of is that people feel like they can speak out and share their experiences and it’s not going to trigger a formal investigation or disciplinary action, especially if students aren’t ready for that to happen. We try to make that a safe space and we’ll offer support and follow up in a supportive fashion, but students can feel like they can participate without filing a complaint.”

For more information on Take Back the Night Programming, contact Tamara Lumsden at specialprojects@nova.edu.

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On April 6, the Performing and Visual Arts Department will present the annual Broadway Bash, but this year there’s a twist. This year’s theme is “MisCast.”

A miscast involves breaking the boundaries of gender roles by swapping genders in this collection of Broadway revue of the classic and modern genre of theatre and entertainment. Based on the New York Cabaret style, NSU performers have made this production their own.

As Elyse Rosen, performer and costume designer, explained, “It’s not the full show. It’s not the full show. It’s not the full show. It’s not the full show. It’s not the full show.”

Even though this show is meant to be heart-lightened and exhibit the comedy and fun the theatre can present with Broadway material, some of these numbers have some serious, dramatic undertones and some even create an undercurrent by simply switching the gender.

Kelly Johnson, performer and assistant director, said, “The topic [of gender identity] is relevant now where gender roles are starting to make their way out of our modern society. So we are flipping the script on what you would usually see in our world [of theatre] we can do that. We can do anything we want.”

With this newfound artistic freedom, Rosen feels that this year’s Bash will open up the doors for the audience to find something new in the theatre that they might enjoy. Johnson said she hopes the event will break barriers with both gender norms and typecasting.

“We don’t have to play what is typically our typecast. Certain people play the princesses and certain people are the goofy best friend. In this, we don’t follow that pattern at all,” said Johnson.

Audiences can expect to see an eclectic mix of musicals new and old like “Spring Awakening,” “Chicago” and “The Wedding Singer,” to name a few. Not only are they the originals people are familiar with but some obvious artistic liberties were taken.

“Elyse has a solo from the Full Monty, which is hilarious. Elyse is a sweet, little princess who is a man drinking beer, playing baseball. It’s nice,” said Johnson.

Rosen and Johnson said they hope that students will enjoy this event and be able to generate new themes and ideas like this in future Broadway Bashes.

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Summer is filled with long days and warm nights, free from schoolwork obligations. It is no wonder “summer lovin’ happened so fast.” But with summer break comes a three-month separation between some couples, especially those who met on campus and have to part ways to different states during the summer. When it comes, they are no longer a mere three-minute walk away from each other and lose the option of daily summer escapades with night-time dates. As such, summer may not be an easy road to navigate, but there are plenty of ways to make it work.

Stay in contact
Being a few states away physically does not mean the distance has to pull you two apart mentally. It is important to establish and maintain an emotional connection as often as you can. According to the HuffPost, it does not have to be a long, in-depth conversation. Your significant other know your schedules and be curious about his or her schedule as well. It is helpful to know when the other person is busy and when he or she is free, so that you can drop a text or make a call at the right time. This is especially essential when both are living in different time zones. Frequent communication like this, no matter how mundane it is, will show that each of you cares enough to put time and effort into the relationship.

Trust each other and be honest
Trust in a relationship is vital, regardless of distance. Be faithful. However, if you do make a mistake, Modernloveandliving.com states that it is especially important to be honest and tell your partner the truth. Do not try to deal with things all by yourself. Be open and honest with each other, but the best thing to do is avoiding those kinds of situations to begin with.

Invest in alone time and other important relationships
You are alone but you are not lonely, unless you choose to feel like it. You should not let your world revolve around your significant other and being apart is the perfect opportunity to regroup. According to Lifelock.com, you will suffer more if you focus all your free time and energy on your long-distance love. You will be happier and healthier in life if you have a strong network of friends and family beyond your partner. Additionally, spending time alone can be the best chance to improve and strengthen yourself.

Do things simultaneously
According to Refinery29, doing the same things at the same time can make the long-distance seem smaller and more bridgeable. You can play an online game together, or watch a movie or TV show simultaneously. You will feel closer together and you will bond at the same time if you would do things simultaneously.

Making long-distance relationships work over the summer break

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Career Corner

Resume Tips for LGBTQIA Identifying Students

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Keeping a garden in your dorm when you don’t have a green thumb

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If you’re looking for an excuse to brighten up your living space, April, National Garden Month, may be the perfect time to start a mini nursery. If you believe the idea of buying more plant just to watch it wither in under a month seems more like brownery. Potted, can cause your greenery to look a bit forgetfulness or less-than-ideal environments, specific amounts of sunlight and watering.

When it comes to which ones are best for dorms, Aloe is a member of the succulent family, as they will be able to get the most sunlight absorption and will also harm your garden. Be sure to know what each greenery requires, as they will be able to get the most sunlight absorption. Not all plants are created equal — especially when it comes to which ones are best for dorms. Some plants like succulents, cacti, aloe vera or bamboo are fairly hardy, meaning that even if you’re not the best at remembering to water your mini garden, they’ll likely survive through a bit of mismanagement. Others, however, aren’t as tolerant. A lot of light, flowering plants require specific amounts of sunlight and watering. They’re also pretty delicate — meaning a bit of forgetfulness or less-than-ideal environments, like air conditioning, low sunlight or being potted, can cause your greenery to look a bit more like brownery.

Make it easy for yourself
Plants are supposed to brighten up your life out. Pick plants that you think look good, but would also do well in your environment. Also, if you’re not looking for something that requires a lot of knowledge and care, don’t bother growing anything from seeds. Growing seedlings usually necessitates a lot of delicate steps — from germination and transplanting pots, to caring for the fragile sprouts and knowing how much water and sun to give them, it’s likely not worth the hassle (and mess!) of saving a few bucks.

Light ‘em up
Indoor situations, especially those of residence hall rooms, don’t always tend to be the best environment for plants. Too little sunlight, and a plant will wither away and die, and too much can result in too much heat energy absorption and will also harm your garden. Be sure to know what each greenery requires, and try to adhere to those recommendations as best as possible. Putting plants as close to the window as possible is usually best for them, as they will be able to get the most sunlight there. Remember, though, that some windows, depending on their direction, can’t provide full sunlight conditions.

Succulents and cacti
Keep succulents and cacti near a window, as they love sunlight. Wait until their soil feels almost dry before watering them again — they do well preserving water on their own. These plants are perfect for the forgetful student that doesn’t necessarily have the keenest gardening senses.

Bamboo
Bamboo plants like medium to low sunlight, as they grow very delicate leaves. Consider placing them on a desk adjacent to a window. Also, by sprucing up their living space — bamboo love lots of water, and can grow in pebbles or small stones rather than soil. Add colored fit into a glass jar before planting this grass for a personal touch.

Aloe vera
Aloe is a member of the succulent family, but requires slightly different care. While they do prefer as much sunlight as possible, aloe requires more frequent watering — don’t let their soil dry up completely. Some believe that aloe can help heal minor burns and sunburns as well, so this plant packs an extra punch. Care instructions provided by Costa Farms.

Do more of what makes you happy
And don’t feel guilty if you need to take a break from the garden. For every plant that needs daily care, there are others that can be set up to be tended to weekly or even every other week. If you’re looking for a low-maintenance plant, consider the rubber plant. It requires very little care and thrives in a wide range of environments.

For more information, visit: CostaFarms.com

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In our current political climate, we hold civil liberties and individual rights to the utmost regard. With recent news regarding LGBTQ+ discrimination and other similar cases being brought to light, students should know what rights they have as a student in the United States. As stated by the Supreme Court in 1969 by the Tinker v Des Moines Independent Community School Dist. case, “students or teachers (don’t) shed their constitutional right to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate.” And this inalienable right has not changed since.

Students are still fighting for their individual rights and under our Constitution, they can refuse to be a party to any act.

At NSU, students are granted not only the rights given to us in our constitution but also equal opportunity rights, a strict nondiscrimination policy and general student rights. Outlined in the student handbook, here are the rights that NSU students possess:

S T U D E N T R I G H T S:
• the right to associate with student organizations of one's own choosing
• the right to participate in service opportunities
• the right to be treated equally in academic and social settings
• the right to live and/or attend classes in a physically safe environment
• the expectation of a positive living/learning environment
• the right to hold other students accountable to the Code of Student Conduct and Academic Responsibility
• the right of personal and intellectual freedom which are fundamental to the idea of a university
• the right of dedication to the scholarly and educational purposes of the university
• the right to participate in promoting and ensuring the academic quality and credibility of the institution
• the right to provide service to our community and beyond
• the right to engage in service opportunities that enhance learning outcomes, both on and off campus
• the right to associate with student

NSU follows all the federal and state laws, rules and regulations. This means that NSU does not engage in discrimination or harassment against any persons because of race, color, religion or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin,disqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, military service, veteran status, political beliefs or affiliations. This includes any academic, admission, scholarship, athletics or other university programs. If an individual feels that their rights have been infringed upon or discriminated against, they have a right to admonish these acts since NSU views these acts as unacceptable and strictly

For inquiries or complaints regarding perceived discrimination based on gender or sex, contact Laura Bennett, Title IX coordinator by calling 954-262-7658 or emailing laura.bennett@nova.edu. All other inquiries or complaints regarding perceived discrimination should be directed to Alexis Martinez, assistant dean for student development by calling 954-262-7281 or emailing amartinez1@nova.edu.

A student must give consent, however, to grant NSU the right to discuss or release personal information with a third-party such as a spouse, parent or guardian. This written form must also be presented with a student’s signature. This form, available at the Office of the University Registrar’s website, is entitled the Authorization for Release of Information.

As stated in the handbook, NSU’s purpose is to ensure all students have an equal opportunity to fulfill their intellectual potential and that means students have a right to learn, inside and outside of the classrooms, in an environment free of discrimination. Students are encouraged to have their rights embraced by the community and observe the spirit of the university’s mission by knowing these individual rights.
How to stay safe at festivals and concerts

By: Madelyn Rinka
News Editor

With concert and festival season right around the corner, the fun, sun, music and mayhem might be on the forefront of your mind. It is imperative, however, that to ensure you enjoy the show and get home safely, you take a few precautions before jamming out.

Don’t fly solo
While to some this may seem like common sense, remaining in a group or pair can be overlooked in some situations. Even if you’re just leaving for a few moments to get a drink or use the restroom, going anywhere alone, especially while around intoxicated or otherwise impaired persons, can be a huge risk. It’s much easier to target people who are sorting money, walking or even just waiting in line if they’re alone, which leads to vulnerability in robberies or assaults.

Watch your drink
This is one of the first precautions anyone will tell you, but unfortunately it is one that is overlooked in some situations. Even if it’s not the epitome of fashion, fanny packs might be the most efficient way to keep your belongings close and safe. Even if you’re preoccupied with your phone and friends in a crowd, it’s not incredibly difficult to act strangely may be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Remove yourself from potentially dangerous situations
If you feel like something may be on the verge of going wrong, do your best to physically remove yourself from the area before things escalate. What may start out as two men fighting in the row in front of you could turn into a violent brawl, or one person who begins to act strangely may be under the influence of harmful drugs. It is very easy for harmful situations to arise within the crowds at festivals and concerts, and it’s safer to lose your seat than potentially be involved in a violent outburst.

Keep track of your belongings — and friends
Even if it’s not the epitome of fashion, fanny packs might be the most efficient way to keep your belongings close and safe. It ensures your money, cell phone, sunscreen or keys all have their place right on your person. If you’re not using a fancy pack or something similar, make sure whatever other bag you have with you is next to you and closed at all times. And, while keeping track of your belongings, make sure you’re also keeping track of your group. The last thing you need is to lose your phone and friends in a crowd.

National Poetry Month: Open Expressions

By: Madelyn Rinka
News Editor

Poetry can be used in a variety of ways to express one’s thoughts, opinions and emotions. In honor of National Poetry Month, we asked members of NSU’s club, Open Expressions, “How did you first get involved in writing and/ or reading poetry?” Here are some of their responses.

Alyssa Ybarra, sophomore communication major, said:
“Losing my little brother when I was 10. Dealing with such a horrible loss I fell into depression and my dad told me how he deals with his feelings is writing so that’s what he started to do. Since then, it’s been a thing for me.”

Kamaria Johnson, junior exercise and sports science major, said:
“I think it started when I couldn’t find my voice when I used to be bullied from elementary all the way up until eighth and ninth grade. It was a hard childhood for me, and I was always quiet and paranoid. But I was able to find myself and my voice through writing out my feelings on paper and transforming them into the pieces I write today.”

Skylor Vanderveer, multimedia manager, said:
“My favorite poet has to be Edgar Allan Poe. I analyzed his works in my English Literature class my junior year of high school. No matter how dark the poems are, they remind me of a very awesome class.”

Nicole Chavannes, copy editor, said:
“I have a lot of select poems from several poets like Edgar Allan Poe, Maya Angelou, Shakespeare, Emily Dickinson, even Rupi Kaur, that I love. It depends on my mood; sometimes I want to read something I can sit down and decipher while other times I want to read something I can relate to immediately. I think my favorite right now is Walt Whitman. He has so much work to enjoy and every time I read a part of ‘Song of Myself’ I find new meaning. Plus, Whitman reminds me of one of my favorite films, ‘Dead Poets Society,’ which makes me love him more.”

Maria Valladares, sophomore legal studies major, said:
“Originally, I got into poetry because of my Nicaraguan roots. There’s a belief in Central America that Nicaragua is the land of the poets and I try to embody that belief. So, I was taught poetry when I was very young. I didn’t start writing poetry until elementary school! The more I wrote, the more I fell in love with it. It’s my way of truly expressing myself and it reminds me of home.”

Tyrianna Richards, sophomore English major, said:
“My introduction into writing poetry was actually during my freshman year of high school. It was the first assignment of the year to write a poem following the specified format and from there I fell in love.”

Michaela Greer, co-editor-in-chief, said:
“My introduction into writing poetry was when I was in the sixth grade. I love her because she was an amazing activist and a public figure who really spoke to the heart of important issues that plagued our society. I’m obsessed with her work because she was a fantastic storyteller, as evident with poems like ‘Still I Rise,’ ‘When Great Trees Fall,’ ‘In and Out of Time’ and ‘When I Think about Myself.’”

Diego Galvez, sports editor, said:
“My favorite poet is the Chilean Pablo Neruda. He’s my favorite poet because his writing always contains a lot of passion and emotion. His writing technique was so varied that he wrote poems in a variety of styles. Another reason why he’s my favorite of poets is because he was one of the first Latinos to have international recognition when he won the Nobel Prize of Literature in 1971.”

Christina McLaughlin, opinions editor, said:
“My favorite poet is Edgar Allan Poe. Most people know him just for his work like ‘The Raven’ and ‘The Tell-Tale Heart,’ but he wrote these incredible love poems. He went through a lot of tragedy in his life but he was able to articulate that in such a beautiful way through his poems. One of my favorite poems by him is ‘A Dream within a Dream.’”

Buddy Guy with Quinn Sullivan
April 8 | 8 p.m.
@W Fort Lauderdale

Neon Nights
April 7 | 8 p.m.
@Broward Center for the Performing Arts
High school — arguably some of the toughest years a teenager will experience. Whether it’s trying to fit in or late nights spent studying to get an A on a test, everyone has a lot going on. In the movie "Love, Simon," released on March 23, Simon Spier (Nick Robinson) is a senior in high school facing all these challenges. He’s also hiding a big secret: he’s gay, and hasn’t told anyone.

"Love, Simon" is a straightforward brag track that comes a divide between Simon and Simon. Everyone deserves a love story, and Simon has to be brave enough to become his true self and find the boy he’s fallen in love with.

Whether you’re a member of the LGBTQ+ community or not, "Love, Simon" has something for you. It’s a touching, fun story that details the highs and lows of a high school experience. The major message of the movie is that everyone, regardless of sexual orientation, deserves a love story. While it isn’t the first film to feature a gay character, it’s a film made by a major motion-picture company telling the story of what it’s like to come-out. It’s a step in the right direction for LGBTQ+ representation in films going forward.

Over the years, as Simon and others alike have pointed out the lack of representation within television shows, movies and other forms of mass media. Not to mention telling the same narrative over and over again becomes repetitive and boring. When a young children or teenagers sit in the audience and see someone that looks like them, shares similar beliefs or isn’t afraid to stand up to others, it empowers them and inspires a future generation of strong, fearless leaders. I’ve seen posts all over social media about how much this movie meant to LGBTQ+ teens especially and how it has inspired them to come out to friends, family or even just restore their pride in being who they are.

I have seen "Love, Simon" twice now and wouldn’t hesitate to go a third time because it does such a good job of giving us a love story that we needed and we need to see more often. Overall, I strongly recommend anyone thinking about seeing this movie to go, even if you don’t have someone to go with you. He prepared to laugh, cry and walk out feeling hopeful knowing that this movie is paving the way for future films to tell more diverse stories that will inspire people from various generations and walks of life.
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MEN’S BASEBALL
@No. 24 Saint Leo
April 6 | 1 p.m.
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April 7 | 2 p.m.
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April 8 | 1 p.m.
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WOMEN’S GOLF
vs. Battle at the Shores April 2-3
Normandy Shores Golf Club, Miami Beach, Fla.

WOMEN’S GOLF
vs. Lady Panther Invitational April 8-10
Duran Golf Club, Melbourne, Fla.

WOMEN’S ROWING
@FIRA Championships April 6-7
Sarasota, Fla.

WOMEN’S SOFTBALL
vs. Florida Tech April 6 | 11 a.m.
Ad Griffin

vs. Florida Tech (DH) April 7 | 11 a.m.
Ad Griffin

vs. Barry April 10 | 6 p.m.
Ad Griffin

WOMEN’S TENNIS
@No. 1 Lynn April 5 | 3 p.m.
Boca Raton, Fla.

TRACK AND FIELD
@Miami Alumni Invitational April 6-7
Coral Gables, Fla.

OUT OF THE SHARKZONE

Former Mets All-Star Rusty Staub dies at age 73

Rusty Staub, a former first baseman for the New York Mets, died March 29, which was also opening day for the 2018 MLB season. According to USA Today, Staub died of multiple organ failure at Palm Beach, Florida hospital at the age of 73. Staub had played major league baseball for 23 years, where he gathered fans from Houston, Montreal, New York and Detroit. He was a six-time All-Star player and started for the Mets in the 1973 World Series.

LeBron James ties Michael Jordan’s double-digit scoring streak

On March 27, in a game against the Hornets, Cavalier player LeBron James scored his tenth point of the game in the second quarter. The Cavs beat the Hornets with a final score of 119-105. This would be the 866th game in a row where James’ points ranked in the double digits, tying the record set by Michael Jordan. In the same game, Hornet player Kamba Walker became the team’s all-time leading scorer.

NFL enacts new “Heads Up” rule

On March 27, the NFL passed a new rule through its legislation at its annual meeting. According to USA Today, the rule states: “It is a foul if a player lowers his head to initiate and make contact with his helmet against an opponent.” This rule will replace the rule that banned players from using the top of their helmets in tackles. This rule is an attempt to lower the 47 percent of concussions that occur from helmet to helmet contact and there is still deliberation to determine the details of the foul and how it will be enacted into game play.

Cubs hit home-run in first pitch of opening day

According to USA Today, on March 29, MLB Opening Day, Chicago Cubs’ Ian Happ hit a home-run off of the first pitch of the MLB season against Miami Marlins’ pitcher Jose Urena. The Cubs won the game with a score of 3-0, with another solo home run hit off of Urena by first baseman Anthony Rizzo. The Cubs are favored to repeat as the National League Central champions and to compete for the World Series title this year.

Men’s Baseball

The Sharks had a successful weekend against Palm Beach Atlantic, winning game one on March 23 7-3. They won games two and three 14-6 and 16-5, respectively. Junior Ian Acevedo had a balanced offensive attack with three home runs against Rollins. The Sharks won 11-1 and recorded eight hits over the final three innings.

Women’s Golf

NSU propelled to the top of the leaderboard March 28 at day one of the Barry U Invitational. Junior Sophie Madden grabbed the individual lead for a portion of the morning at (-2) 70. Senior and U.S. representative in the 2018 Arnold Palmer Cup, Jamie Freedman, finished the final 13 holes bogey-free, five-under-par. On the second day of the tournament NSU secured its sixth consecutive team title, with Madden collecting individual medalist honors for the first time in her career and Freedman finishing one shot back. Senior Michelle Ruiz tied for the tournament-high 12 total birdies.

Women’s Tennis

On Saturday, March 24, the Sharks fell just short of victory against Rollins, losing 5-4 at the Bert Martin Tennis Complex. Junior Ana Navas and sophomores Isabella Lowrey and Daniela Bautista scored her second home run. Sophomore Lexie Storrer and Alex Suzuki won 2-for-4; Storrer scored once and Suzuki tallied two RBI from her home run.

Women’s Track and Field

Senior Amira Benfdir provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II National Championship in the triple jump on March 23. Junior Kamaria Johnson tossed 45.78 meters, while senior Jasmine Elston placed fifth in the triple jump. On the track, sophomore Nisha Ingalls had top-10 finishes.

Men’s & Women’s Track and Field

Senior Amira Benfdir provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II National Championship in the triple jump on March 23. Junior Kamaria Johnson tossed 45.78 meters in the hammer throw while senior Maddy Kenyon was just shy of a season best in the javelin. Sophomore Zaheem Anderson set a personal-best in the long jump, 6.67 meters, while senior Jasmine Elston placed fifth in the triple jump. On the track, sophomore Nisha Bryant ran a season-best 12.77 seconds in the 100 meter dash and freshman Michelle Baeuer and graduate Thomas Ingalls had top-10 finishes.
Skyla Osceola is a freshman exercise and sports science major who played on American Heritage School’s varsity squad for four years. As a senior on the squad, she averaged 16 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds per game.

As a freshman, how has your transition from high school to college been?

“Coming here was probably one of my best decisions ever. I know it’s pretty cliche to say that but I’m close to home and my family. I have great teammates and coaches that love me and they’ve pretty great and they’ve really helped me stay on top of my grades in that class.”

What do you think you’d be doing?

“I’d still be in school but I’d probably focus more on preparing for my coaching career and being with my family.”

How has this season been for you?

“The practices are definitely different; more intense. They [the workouts] demand more on preparing for my coaching career and more serious problem: obesity on an even larger scale. To think that food companies use sport events to promote their unhealthy products it’s ironic and should be prevented because it can lead to associations between sports and junk food. If you see an unhealthy food ad in between periods, the probability of you misinterpreting the unhealthiness of the food is much higher, according to the Pediatrics study. Some countries, like Chile, are addressing this issue by reducing advertising of unhealthy foods during sporting events and programming. If we don’t regulate the ads kids see, we might even face a more serious problem: obesity on an even larger scale.

By: Diego Galvez
Sports Editor
The struggle is real... but it’s not yours

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The Learning Channel, commonly referred to as TLC, has brought us some of the “binge-iest” reality television shows like “My 600-lb Life,” “My Strange Addiction” and “Say Yes to the Dress.” When this channel debuted in the early ’90s, it was meant to be an educational channel, a “place for learning minds,” which featured shows involving information-based segments on a variety of topics like home improvement and nature. Today, it has definitely strayed from that path.

All of the shows now are either reruns around lifestyle or fashion and most, if not all of these shows, are reality television, which isn’t the best source of information. It’s interesting that it is owned by Discovery, Inc. which is all about educating people about the natural world with their other channels like The Discovery Channel, Animal Planet and the Travel Channel. So why did they all of a sudden let this channel drop the ball from it’s main purpose? Short answer: ratings. They are letting this channel run amok to make some money and close the gaps on the other channels don’t.

According to The Futon Critic, in 2017 TLC had the best ratings compared to other cable networks with the women’s demographic on Saturday nights. The average demographic hit are people ages 18 to 54, though they mainly target women in that age range. The main reason they succeed is not only because of the people they try to watch their reality shows, but also because they aren’t risk taking with anything with their shows. For example, with the recent success of “90 Day Fiancé,” they added similar spin-offs to keep those viewers interested with “90 Day Fiance: Happily Ever After.” Shockingly, this isn’t the only time they’ve followed trends in ratings to create a “fresh” spin-off that will keep viewers hooked. It seems like TLC has a thing for family units and “different” family lifestyles. They have a total of 16 shows over the years with a ring of spin-offs. The most common involve polygamy lifestyles like “Sister Wives,” “Three Women, One Husband,” “My Five Wives” and “Seeking Sister Wife.” Any show on TLC that does fairly-decent on ratings automatically gets a spin-off within a year dependent upon to turn around time.

This pattern isn’t just for shows about polygamy, either. “Say Yes to the Dress” has become one of the channel’s largest money makers with 10 spin-offs like “Randy Knows Best,” “Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta” and “Say Yes to the Proem.” There might be no answer to why this channel is so obsessed with these seemingly random topics, but it definitely has made them a successful moneymaker for their boss.

I understand that when you watch a television channel they all have a main topic, like Syfy follows science fiction and Animal Planet follows anything animals, but for a channel with basically no description, it’s time they fix up the fact that they have no genre other than reality. They recently released a new tagline, “Everyone needs a little TLC” to try and change the narrative, but, guess what: it’s not the best cover-up of the truth. Give us your binge-worthy reality shows, but don’t pretend that’s not your only offer to your viewers.

Feminism is for men, too

By: Nicole Chavannes
Copy Editor

There are many controversies about feminism and men. People sometimes hear the word “feminist” and want to run in the opposite direction of the word. They think feminism means they must stop being a man-hating. Though the word itself, with its root being “ferm” can point to putting women above men or valuing women more than men, feminism is actually a fight for equality. Historically and statistically, women have suffered more from inequality and been disproportionately affected by inequality, but that doesn’t change the fact that inequality hurts men, too.

In 2014, Emma Watson announced the HeForShe campaign in a speech at the United Nations, urging men to fight against inequality and discrimination against women, but also pointing out that men are affected by gender inequality as well. While Watson’s campaign received criticism – after all, men had been “involved” in the conversation about inequality long before Watson stepped up to the plate – she made valid points on the benefits of feminism for men as well as women.

As a result, men are often emotionally stunted, unable or unwilling to express themselves, and internalize their struggles with the point of being disproportionately affected by mental illness. According to the American Association for Suicide Prevention, men in the U.S. commit suicide 3.5 times more often than women, and males accounted for 7 out of 10 suicides in the U.S. in 2016. Men can also be victims of sexual violence, and are often judged and deemed weak if they reveal they’ve been sexually assaulted. However, I will say that when a man might be ostracized or victim-blamed following assault, it’s more likely that people will believe his claims immediately. When actor Anthony Rapp accused Spacey of trying to seduce him 30 years prior, Netflix announced the very same day that it’s show “House of Cards,” which Spacey starred in, would be canceled after the sixth season. According to BBC News, The International Academy of Television Arts announced it would no longer give Spacey a special Emmy award in light of “recent events,” and a week later Spacey was completely removed from the film “All the Money in the World,” which was already in production. In a matter of days, Spacey’s career was ruined. Meanwhile, it took almost 50 women speaking out against Bill Cosby over several months before the public said, “Hmm, maybe he did do it.”

The reason feminism often seems to focus on women is because, historically, we’ve been the most affected by gender inequality. However, the movement – aside from extremism, which you’ll find in any movement – has never been focused on belittling men or punishing men. It’s important to acknowledge that women aren’t the only ones who suffer. Most of us suffer, to some degree, from our prescribed gender roles because they’re ultimately limiting and harmful. It’s important that we all feel able and welcome to express our vulnerabilities, take care of our mental health and practice self-love; we all deserve it, equally.

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We have all encountered difficulties in our lives. Big or small, these difficulties are undeniable and often unexpected. They make our lives harder than usual, but that’s part of day-to-day life. But, are we complaining more than we should? Has this “struggle” become more of a complaint rather than an actual sacrifice that is important to-day life. But, are we complaining more than necessary? We should? Has this “struggle” become more of a buzzfeed post that was published in 2014 and began to be used as a joke or refer to petty problems. With this correlation, every time someone uses the phrase “the struggle is real,” people automatically assume that is about an important problem or a so-called “first world problem,” a term that was added to the Oxford Dictionary Online in November 2012. This term refers to issues in First World nations with an absence of more pressing concerns. Some of these First World problems include the speed of the internet, cell phone coverage areas or bad-tasting trains. These problems are so unimportant and irrelevant that the fact that people use them just to complain is absurd. The struggles people have in other countries, especially in developing ones, are very real for them. In Eastern and South Africa, for example, they have to face the struggle of undernutrition that has affected 34 percent of children under five, according to UNICEF. Or Greece who has the second worst unemployment rate of the world with 24.62 percent, according to Forbes. If we use the phrase in that type of context, then I believe we are using it correctly and we should recognize them and try to find a solution to it. However, if we keep using it as we do now, it diminishes the real context away from it and making a joke about how our lives are so “hard” when they are not nearly as bad.

Yes, sometimes life can be tough and can make us face big issues that we are not used to. This is where the struggle could actually be “real” and might involve a sacrifice that goes beyond what we are used to. However, if you think that waking up in the morning to learn or to work, and get paid for it, is a struggle, I would suggest being a productive member of society and trying to make the world a better place instead of just staying in bed and complaining about these trivial things. Try to make it a better place not just for you and your loved ones, but for those who are actually struggling and can only imagine having the life that you live as well.
Seriously Kidding
A satire column.

Girl who constantly claims to hate everyone confused at lack of friends

By: Jenna Kopeck
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Nida Fren said that she was born knowing that she would hate everyone she meets.

“Yeah, I’m just not like other girls I guess,” said Fren. “People just really annoy me.”

Fren said that this constant annoyance causes her to wear shirts such as “I’m not racist, I hate everyone.”

“I’m a humanist,” she continued, “constantly bring up the fact that she’s the type of girl to wear Converse instead of a cheerleading uniform and to inform everyone that looks like me how she would play golf that she wouldn’t understand someone like her.

“She sounds kind of crazy to most people, but this is just who I am. It’s my life,” said Fren.

There is one part of Fren’s life that is crazy

To many, a “summer body,” “fitkin body” or “beach-ready body” is attained by spending weeks at the gym toning abs. To others, a “summer body” is literally being a human who inhabits a body in the season of summer, as it should be. People should not focus on the ridiculous goal of losing weight and changing their physique to find their happiness.

Everyone has a beautiful body and summer is a good time to be reminded of this. A person has a beautiful body and summer is a good time to be reminded of this.

Social media plays a large role in the lives

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Self-love is the new summer body

By: Sierra Berardi
Contributing Writer

The amount of pressure that is put on those who don’t fit the “slim and trim” body types is unnecessary. We should work hard to love the bodies that we are in. We should be encouraged to engage in self-love more than we are encouraged to overanalyze our figures. This summer, the beach will be happy with whatever body I bring to it. I’m alive, I’m happy and to me, that’s the perfect “summer body.” It should be the same for you too.

Shark Speak

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WORD “DIVERSITY” AND THE WORD “MULTICULTURAL”?

“I don’t really know. I think ‘diversity’ is having a lot of different cultures within one place. For instance you can classify an area as very diverse. But ‘multicultural’ is more like incorporating cultures. Some places can be diverse where there’s different ethnicities but that doesn’t mean that they bring in their culture. Multicultural would be including each other’s cultures. So like, I’m Arab, and we could include Arabic things and African-American things and Indian things and bring that all together whereas ‘diversity’ is just the people themselves and their ethnicities.”

- Jillian Hart, sophomore biology major

“I think ‘diversity’ could be diversity of culture, diversity of religion, diversity of region/location, but ‘multicultural’ is more specific to the student’s individual cultures. So I think if you’re focusing on NSU, NSU should strive to be multicultural and diverse. Because you can be multicultural but diversity is what really makes the university great. Everyone has different backgrounds so it brings more to the table.”

- Alyssa Garcia, freshman psychology major

“I think ‘diversity’ is more of like people from different backgrounds, where they come from. Whereas something can be multicultural and that’s just including different cultures. For example, you can throw a multicultural party and show like Hispanic culture and Indian culture and that’s multicultural. But if something is diverse, you actually have people of different backgrounds in one place together.”

- Hiba Azeem, public health major

“Diversity is just like the difference within everything but ‘multicultural’ focuses on the differences but also has the aspect of bringing everyone together. So, I feel like with that you can admire everything whereas with diversity is seeing everything as different and disconnected.”

- Jessica Mahoney Melendez, freshman english major

“Diversity is the state of being diverse. It’s having a range of activities happening, it’s basically a melting of a lot happening. Whereas multicultural, the word defines itself, as having different ethnicities and culture and if I can take NSU as an example we have a lot of different nationalities, a lot of different cultures. Diversity can be inside of one culture where there’s lot of differences inside of a culture.”

- Arns Carrenard, senior computer science major

To many, a “summer body,” “fitkin body” or “beach-ready body” is attained by spending weeks at the gym toning abs.

The stigma that people need to look like a Victoria’s Secret or Hollister model in time for summer vacation is completely outrageous. As one who visits the gym several times a week, I understand the desire to look good — whatever your individual idea of this is — when the hotter months roll in, but I try to focus more on how I feel rather than how I look. Instead of blindly aiming to fit a societal idea, I prep for my “summer body” by taking care of myself through moderate exercise and a fairly healthy diet. I indulge when I want to and I do it in moderation. Caring too much about what others think. Losing weight might not solve all of your problems but gaining confidence is the best way to ensure a that a “summer body” lasts through the rest of the seasons.

NSU students are opinionated about all kinds of things, from universal social issues to NSU-specific concerns. Sometimes, however, we Sharks just need to rant about the smaller things in life to let off some steam. In this column, The Current asks: water your thoughts?

Could it be that I just happen to be one of those out-of-the-box thinkers people talk about, or could I simply be crazy to expect that the recipients of emails, text messages, letters, smoke signals, etc. will read the correspondence instead of inquiring about the cliff notes later? Sure, I can in fact, give you the information at a later date. After all, only silly people would think that it’s sufficient to take time out of their day to jot down specific information, go through the troubles of providing you with appropriate attachments, links and other pertinent information, and delivering it straight to your inbox. So yes, Tom, I’ll give you the elevator pitch and then subject myself to your 99 follow-up questions that I’ve already answered. And, I’ll do it all without blowing a gasket because “it’s not that big of a deal” and you’re right, my frustration is completely uncalled for.

Or — and humor me with this one — maybe you could just read that email or article which contains all of the information that you need, sandwiched between a precise header and apt call-to-action. Perhaps then, you would be more informed about what’s happening on our campus. By George, it might be possible for us to conclude a meeting on time — a usual gripe of yours — if you’d only prepared yourself beforehand, allowing us to skip the part where we have to fill you in.

Trust me, I understand that we’re all busy people and sometimes, you may need the summarized version because you just received the information way too late to prepare and you’ve had an awful day. There, there; it would be my pleasure to catch you up on such occasions. But, on those other days — you know, the ones where you had ample time to get your stuff together — do us all a favor and do what’s expected: read the — who am I kidding, if this applies to you, you’ve probably stopped reading... So, if you’re like me, I feel for you. Try your best to hang in there.
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