NSU students, particularly those involved as members or in executive positions in organizations, have expressed their concern over the space available for reservation to hold events, activities and meetings on campus. Due to limited room availability at certain times in the day, some organizations have had trouble finding space where they requested it.

Alessandra Lopez, president of the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA), said that this concern is not particularly new.

“We actually presented this issue to President Harbuck and Dean Williams at our semesterly dinner with them,” said Lopez. “It was also brought up at the town hall. Dean Williams even said (to President Harbuck), ‘We need more space.’”

He also mentioned that this problem seems to increase more in the winter semester, due to the necessity of rooms required to conduct Shark Preview interviews and events.

“We talked about creating a task force of students to go around campus at different times and see what rooms are available on a consistent basis, and if they’re available, why aren’t we using them or why aren’t we being told to use them?” explained Lopez.

The university has been made aware of this issue, and various offices are working to combat it. One such effort is a multipurpose space that will be built in the new residence hall, which is on target to open in fall of 2019.

“I think the students will like that [the new residence hall] will have more programatic space, and we were very intentional about that. Dr. Harbuck has been exceptionally responsive to the limited program space on campus,” said Aarika Camp, associate dean of student services and adjunct faculty member in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and Fisher College of Education. “We’re looking at a huge multi purpose room, we’re looking at smaller study rooms, just because right now it’s a challenge to find a space that’s not as big as the arena or Miniaci... but just for a hundred people.”

Daniel Alfonso, vice president of facilities management, said that the university is also looking into adapting existing spaces for student use.

“We heard the complaints,” said Alfonso. “We have been looking at space options that we want to convert into space that can be used for various uses.”

The second floor of the UC, on the north end by the stairwell, as well as the north end by the desk on the first floor, were both places Alfonso said they were looking into opening for reservation by student organizations.

Lopez also brought up the idea of possibly implementing a technological system that would show students what rooms are available at what dates and times, similar to reserving a seat on an airplane.

“Why can’t we have something like [a smart selection system] — as long as it’s before the 10 business days? It’s been frustrating for me that I’ve been going back and forth for two and a half weeks [trying to find a room that’s available],” said Alfonso. “I can’t see what’s open and I’m sending blind spots. We need something where you put in the date, put in the time and it shows what’s open.”

Alfonso also said he would be open to the idea of looking into this further in the future, and believes it could benefit students, although it would take time and money to implement. Both Lopez and Bobby Borgmann, director of campus life and student engagement, said that they are hopeful that this lack of space will not hinder student organizations from forming or meeting in the future.

“I wouldn’t say it’s discouraging students from starting clubs,” said Borgmann. “But I think it may discourage students from having events, just because the spaces that they want may not be available.”

Bobby Borgmann, director of campus life and student engagement
News Briefs

Broward College Central Campus to hold emergency training April 13
Broward College Central Campus will conduct a "full-scale mass casualty" training on Friday, April 13. The training will be taking place from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Those at the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus of NSU may see emergency vehicles and personnel on site. The training will sound and look as if the scenario is real. The NSU Community is advised not to call 911 for the drill.

Author Paul Pellinger to hold book signing April 24
Peter Pellinger, author of "Recovery Unplugged: Music is our Medicine" will host a book signing in the Rick Case Arena Club Room on April 24. Pellinger has been helping those with drug addictions for over 25 years. Recovery Unplugged is a new approach in helping addicts struggling with addiction. The event will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. To reserve your seat, email rsvp@muckerlewis.com

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Livestream announced that Cambridge Analytica has obtained data on up to 87 million Facebook users. The company is accused of harvesting personal information of Facebook users. It is unknown if this information was used to affect the 2016 U.S. Presidential election or the U.K. Brexit referendum, according to BBC.

Brazil’s ex-president to be jailed for corruption charges
The Brazilian Supreme Court has ruled that former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva will be jailed while he appeals his charges. Lula faces a conviction of up to 12 years for accepting a bribe from an engineering firm, according to BBC. Lula stated that he feels these charges are politically motivated to prevent him from running in the next presidential election.

Colorado meteorologists predict above average activity for 2018 hurricane season
Colorado State University meteorologists are predicting "slightly-above average" activity in the 2018 hurricane season, according to CBS Miami. The meteorologists predict 14 named storms, seven hurricanes and three major hurricanes as or above category three. NOAA will release their forecast in May.

Three wounded in shooting at YouTube headquarters
A female suspect opened fire at the YouTube headquarters on April 3 before killing herself, according to USA Today. San Bruno Police Chief Ed Barberini said, "There is currently no evidence that the shooter knew the victims of this shooting or that individuals were specifically targeted." There is one victim still in critical condition.

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Students have criticized the functionality and efficiency of the housing process in the past, and as a result NSU implemented a new system this semester for students to select their housing assignments, versus the traditional process of giving housing their preferences and hoping that they receive their first choice.

Aarika Camp, associate dean of student services and adjunct faculty member in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and Fischler College of Education, said that this new housing selection system put all responsibility on the students when it came to selection. In the past, students gave the housing system a list of preferences regarding building, room style and roommates, and housing did their best to accommodate all of these desires. Camp said that students became frustrated or upset when their first choice of living style was not available to them.

“Students hated us assigning them. They were like ‘we don’t want to live with who you put us with.’ Okay, then pick how you want to live and what room type you want to live in,” Camp said.

Now, students have the ability to look at the system, see what is left, and pick from the remainders. Selection dates were decided based on credit hours, and students who had completed their housing contract were given information as to which buildings may be open for their residence ahead of time.

If students wanted to live in a certain room, they were encouraged to log on to the system as early as possible given their group and date. In addition, if students wanted to live with other students, they were strongly urged to communicate with them beforehand to have the highest chance of getting in a room together.

While students may not have gotten their first preference, said Camp, they did get housing. Any students who were required, for example by scholarship, to live on campus were given rooms.

“It may just not be a single, one bedroom, one bathroom apartment by yourself,” explained Camp. While some students did appreciate some aspects of this new system there was hope that refinement and experience from this year will help the process go smoother in the future.

“I like how we have the ability to pick our floor and then, really, the roommates kind of work out from there,” said sophomore elementary education major Katelyn Lanciano. “However, I do think that there are more effective ways to complete the process that NSU should look into in order to make it easier for both students and faculty [involved in the housing process].”

This housing change came after the decision to move graduate students out of Rolling Hills and off campus, putting undergraduate juniors and seniors in their place. The new housing process included the Rolling Hills apartments, and eligible students were able to sign up according to availability.

Camp said that the decision to move graduate students out of Rolling Hills was very difficult, but was made with the student body’s best interests in mind.

“You’re a junior by credit status, but you may be 18 or 19. It’s thinking about I’m going to make that 19-year-old live in [off campus housing] versus a graduate student,” she said. “That’s really what it came down to.”

According to Camp, graduate students will be able to return to on campus housing, provided the new residence hall construction is completed by fall 2019. Overall, the adjustment of the housing models was adjusted to accommodate the influx of new students that are expected to enroll in the 2018-2019 school year.

Deanna Voss, dean of undergraduate admissions, explained that admissions works closely with housing to ensure that the number of admitted students does not compromise the available residence halls’ capacity.

“The planning process goes hand-in-hand with many areas of the university, including housing,” explained Voss.

If students have questions or concerns about housing or admissions, they are encouraged to reach out to the respective offices for more information.
Creating a study plan and sticking to it

By: Jessica McDonald
Contributing Writer

One of the things that I have noticed during my time as an Academic Success Coach within the Tutoring and Testing Center is that a lot of students who are learning how to study adaptively in higher education say something along the lines of “I wish that I had a mandatory study hall,” or “I know what I need to do to get good grades, I’m just too lazy to actually do it.”

A lot of students find themselves creating all sorts of goals and plans for studying, but end up “unsuccessful” to follow through for a variety of reasons, the main reason being that they feel they have no one to whom they need to be accountable. However, we are accountable to ourselves, because we are the ones trying to graduate. I have noticed that students who tend to follow through on their study plans successfully typically have the following skills and attributes. So, if you are one of the students who finds yourself in this situation, consider implementing them in your own study plan.

Establish a routine

Dedicate a specific time of the week that you have designated for studying. For example, on Wednesdays from 3 - 6 p.m., you might decide to utilize a study room in the library and finish all of your homework for the week. And then actually do it. The most successful students are the ones who don’t waiver from the plans they set for themselves. They make it part of their schedule, and they don’t let anything outside of emergencies interfere with that time.

Enlist back-up

Students who have a hard time motivating themselves to stick to their goals often find success if they have a friend, family member, sports coach, professor, etc. to back them up. I have personally seen success in students who want someone to call them out for skipping their study time, for hanging out with friends instead of doing their assignment or for generally not following through on their own goals. A back-up should be someone you trust to know your goals, but also someone who can delicately, yet effectively, remind you of the goals you have yet to meet.

Explore your resources

This is such a huge factor in successfully sticking to your study plans/goals. Students who know what they want, and know how to make it happen, are typically more successful in academia. In that way, you might not know exactly what the final destination is, but as long as you can find the motivation within yourself, you can, at the very least, figure out who to talk to that can give you a starting point to answering any pending questions. Depending on the issue that you’re running into, NSU has resources to help like the Office of Career Development or academic advising.

The Campus Yogurt Shop

TCBY is a unique and lively campus, but that doesn’t mean that Sharks can’t hang together and take an afternoon to explore the South Florida area — even if that just means finding a quiet place to study.

On days when I can’t make it to my favorite ice cream spot for bubblegum ice cream, I find myself driving over to TCBY’s Plantation location for a delicious heaping of soft-serve frozen yogurt. This place is no Jaxson’s Ice Cream Parlour & Restaurant, but in ways that help me understand why TCBY stands for “The Cream Parlour & Restaurant, but in ways that move in more directions than up or down, and cookies and cream and mocha almond fudge.

TCBY even offers options for those who are lactose-intolerant or simply prefer dairy-free treats. These offerings come in the form of sorbets and yogurts made with milk substitutions like Silk almond milks. This way, customers can still enjoy melt-and-creme classics like chocolate frozen yogurt, or take delight in watermelon, mango, kiwi strawberry, orange and ruby red grapefruit sorbets.

You can sample any flavors that you might be interested in trying and you can have almost all of the flavors turned into a banana split, cappucino chiller, frappe chiller, milkshake, parfait, softest fuzz or sundae. Then you can add from a variety of toppings like marshmallows, fresh fruit, hoba, cheesecake, whipped cream, chocolate syrup, nuts, caramel sauce and candy pieces. Soft-serve ice creams are weighted for pricing while other goodies have a standard price.

Depending on the seasons, and sometimes even what movies are being shown, TCBY will offer special flavors. For example, during the summer when the “Angry Birds” film was in theaters, I remember falling in love with a coconut-flavored yogurt. Last fall, I was able to make my own s’mores combination using graham cracker, marshmallow and chocolate yogurts. No matter what you’re in the mood for, you’re sure to find your new favorite frozen yogurt flavor at TCBY.

Last year, as a species we managed to create adaptable, airless tires, elevators that move in more directions than up or down, and breast pumps that are so thin and discreet that women can fit them in their bras, according to Time magazine. Yet, for some reason, we still haven’t figured out how to make sure that our U.S. working women are paid as much as their male counterparts.

In fact, according to the American Association of University Women (AAUW), American women are typically only paid 80 percent of what men are paid. Because of this, it takes some women until April of a following year to match the salary of the opposite sex. This year, AAUW estimates that this day falls on April 10, also known as Equal Pay Day.

Examining the wage gap

By: Michaela Greer
Co-Editor-in-Chief

What is Equal Pay Day?

According to NBCNews.com, Equal Pay Day was established in 1996 by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) as a means to educate the public about the pay wage gap. NCPE decided to have Equal Pay Day fall on a Tuesday in April of each year to symbolize how far into the year and workweek women have to work to match the salary of a man.

Race and ethnicity matter

Despite campaigning efforts like the one started by NCPE over two decades ago, African American women still make less than their male counterparts, and even less if they happen to be a woman of color. As a matter of fact, AAUW recognizes this discrepancy by recognizing different days for each ethnic group.

This year, those days are as follows, in line averaged cents-on-the-dollar percentages, according to a 2016 comparison to white men’s earnings:

Feb. 22 - Asian American women’s Equal Pay Day (90 percent) 
April 10 - All women’s Equal Pay Day (80 percent) 
April 17 - White women’s Equal Pay Day (77 percent) 
Aug. 7 - Black women’s Equal Pay Day (63 percent) 
Sep. 27 - Native women’s Equal Pay Day (59 percent) 
Nov. 1 - Latina women’s Equal Pay Day (54 percent)

AAUW notes that discrepancies also depend on age, location, education levels and student debt. For a complete breakdown, visit www.aauw.org/TTT/2016-equal-pay-day.html.

How can you enact change

While there is a need for systemic change, individuals, both male and female, can do their part to lobby for change. The AAUW encourages people to fight for fair pay by calling on Congress to rule in favor of equal pay. Though change can exist on a smaller scale as in the form of salary negotiations, pursuit of secondary education and participation in increasing public awareness regarding the gender pay gap.

For more information about NSU’s AAUW chapter, contact Randi Simms at simms@nova.edu or learn about their events by accessing Orgsync.
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Behind the names of NSU’s buildings and colleges

By: Madelyn Rinka
News Editor

Every day, NSU students walk into buildings with the names of people they don’t know much about. To understand more of the university’s unique history, here’s a bit of information about just a few of the benefactors that our colleges and buildings are named after.

Steve and Madelaine Halmos of Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography

In 2016, Steve and Madelaine Halmos donated a financial gift to NSU, with the goal of expanding research in marine biology and creating a scholarship fund for students intending to go into the field. Steve Halmos is a businessman and entrepreneur, according to NSU’s website. He is said to have a deep love for scuba-diving, the ocean and marine life from moving from California to Key Biscayne as a child. For more information, visit news.nova.edu.

Jim and Jan Moran of the Jim and Jan Moran Family Center for Village

According to this website, the Morans and JM Family Enterprises initiated a $6 million challenge to NSU in 2001 to expand the early childhood outreach programs. Jim Moran was an “automotive pioneer,” having had a career in the business that lasted over six decades. Moran started his life without much excess of income, but made up for it with hard work and a strong desire to succeed. Among many other accomplishments, Jim was awarded the NSU President’s Community Award, the university’s highest honor: To learn more, go to jimmoralsd@gmail.com or search results by nova. 

Emeritus Abraham S. Fischler of the Abraham S. Fischler College of Education

Abraham S. Fischler was named NSU President in September of 1970, and remained in the position for 22 years before resigning in 1992. Fischler had a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry from the City College of New York, a master’s degree in science education from New York University and an EdD. from Teacher’s College, Columbia University. After earning his degrees, he went on to become an assistant professor at Harvard University, and later a full professor at University of California, Berkeley. For more information on NSU’s second president, visit news.nova.edu.

James Farquhar of the Farquhar Honors College

James Farquhar, according to NSU’s website, is often referred to as “Mr. Nova,” as it is believed that the university may not have survived without him. Farquhar donated 100 acres to the university, which was just building. Later, in 1989, Farquhar donated $750,000 to NSU after the university was almost forced to shut its doors, as reported by the Sun Sentinel. In addition, the Sun-Tribal stated he and his family independently donated $15-25 million to the university during and after his life. To learn more, visit honors.nova.edu/james-farquhar.

Shepard Broad of the Shepard Broad College of Law

Aside from his millions of dollars donated to hospitals, universities, synagogues and other charities, Shepard Broad has also made quite an impact on NSU. In 1989, according to the Sun Sentinel, Broad gifted $3 million, resulting in the college of law’s naming. In addition, a plaque commemorating Ruth Broad, Shepard Broad’s wife of 57 years, sits behind Hovitz Administration building. Shepard Broad had a difficult childhood in Russia. After losing his parents at a young age and eating bread rations to survive, he immigrated to the U.S. alone. He worked several jobs and went to New York Law School at night. For more information, visit articles.sun-sentinel.com.

How to apply to graduate and how to register for the commencement ceremony

By: Michaela Greer
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Whether you’re a senior or junior on the cusp of graduating from NSU, or a sophomore or freshman who’s simply curious, there are some things you should know about NSU’s graduation and commencement application. This should begin with that fact that yes, if you’d like to graduate, you will need to apply to do so. Here’s what you need to do to get the ball rolling.

Commencement and graduation are not synonymous

Though the terms graduation and commencement tend to go hand-in-hand, they do not mean the same thing. According to University Registrar G. Elaine Poff, the confusion happens often.

“There are two applications that a student must fill out,” said Poff. “Some students confuse the degree application [Degree/Diploma Application] with the commencement application [Commencement Participation Form] but they are different.”

The distinction lies in the definition of the terms. Poff explained that graduation implies the completion of the necessary program requirements. Commencement is the celebratory ceremony which recognizes those individuals who have completed a particular program. At NSU, these ceremonies occur in the months of May and June, depending on the program.

Degrees must be conferred before graduating

According to Poff, in accordance with NSU policy, students who wish to officially graduate must fill out and submit the Degree/Diploma Application which can be accessed here: http://www.nova.edu/registrar/services/ degree-conferential.html.

“After a student submits the form, it is reviewed by the Office of the University Registrar and forwarded to the chair of the appropriate program,” said Poff. “If the chair of the academic department approves the degree, then it is conferred.”

Jillian Barbosa, commencement coordinator, added that degrees are conferred on a monthly basis. The student will then be invited to participate in the commencement ceremonies.

“After the degrees are conferred, the student will receive an email to complete the CPP form [Commencement Participation Form],” said Barbosa.

Once the form has been submitted, provided that it has been received by the required date as published by the Office of University Registrar the student’s name, major and hometown will be added to the commencement program. For example, this year, traditional undergraduate students must submit the forms by April 13 if they wish to do so online. Students are encouraged to work with the Office of the University Registrar to ensure that the forms have been properly completed by stated dates as those change based upon programs and other criteria.

Poff mentions that if the Commencement Participation Form is received before the commencement ceremony, but after the posted date, the student will still be allowed to participate, though their information will not appear on the official program.

There are fees associated with degree conferrals

Students are required to make a payment for the degree assessment which is based on his or her program of study. Fees range from $100 to $275.

This fee does not cover the price of regalia which must be purchased separately through the NSU Bookstore’s partnered vendor Oak Hall Cap & Gown via a link included in the commencement invitation email upon conferral, or directly through the NSU Bookstore. Undergraduate University regalia package cost $54 and $83 respectively, minus taxes and shipping costs. Doctoral students may choose to rent their regalia for $174 or purchase for $1021.

You may be able to walk despite the fact that you haven’t graduated

However, Poff mentions that a person does not need to complete the program by that time to participate in the commencement ceremony.

“If the student will have completed the program by the end of the summer semester, they may be able to walk during the ceremony,” said Poff. “But, students who complete the program in the fall semesters, have to wait until the winter semester to participate.”

Students are encouraged to work closely with their academic advisors toward completing the necessary program requirements. For more information about the degree conferral process or commencement ceremony request, visit www.nova.edu/Registrar/index.html. Students are asked to email their academic advisor or commencement@nova.edu if they experience any discrepancies with their information.
Romantic comedies are one of the covered genres of the movie world. Sitting down and putting on a light-hearted, wholesome comedy with a semi-sweet romance to drive the plot is, arguably, the best way to relax after a stressful day. But, there are a ton of movies in this genre that some people haven’t heard of but still deserve some much-needed love. Here are ten “diamonds in the rough” of the rom-com world.

### “Crazy, Stupid Love” (2011)

**Starring:** Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone, Steve Carell

Recent divorcee Cal (Carell) navigates the world of middle-aged dating and meets a young playboy Jacob (Gosling) who helps him get back on his feet. It also follows the lives of Cal’s wife and children as they go through this rough time. This may seem like a very sad drama but trust me, it is comedy gold.

### “Getting that Girl” (2011)

**Starring:** Escher Holloway, Gia Mantegna, Lucas Elliot Elbert

Set in a California high school, this indie gem lets you watch this unexpected love story develop between social outcast (Holloway) and new girl Mandy (Mantegna). This underground love story truly captures the essence of what it’s like to date in today’s culture and shows the truth of what new relationships can be like in this generation, without all the Hollywood fluff.

### “What’s Your Number?” (2011)

**Starring:** Anna Faris, Chris Evans, Ari Graynor

Ally Darling (Faris) is struggling to find true love and a date to her sister’s wedding. After realizing she has 15 past lovers, she vows not to sleep with another man until she is sure he is the one. As she takes a path down memory lane with her neighbor (Evans), she not only finds a date to the wedding, but also finds herself along the way. This sexually-confident firecracker pushes the envelope of how a woman is supposed to act and how she wants to be. It begins the question, what's your number and why should it matter?

### “Just Friends” (2005)

**Starring:** Ryan Reynolds, Amy Smart

When Chris Brander (Reynolds) returns home for the holidays, he’s on a mission to prove to his hometown bullies that he’s not the overweight loser he used to be. In a quick turn of events, he tries to win the heart of his high school crush (Smart). This movie is for anyone who has been stuck in the “friendzone” and for anyone who prays to get out of it. As anyone who returns home for the holidays knows, craziness can ensue, but this movie definitely pushes that bar to the extreme for comedic success and it scores.

### “A Few Best Men” (2011)

**Starring:** Laura Brent, Xavier Samuel, Kris Marshall

This international comedy on Netflix follows the days leading up to a spontaneous wedding. The groom, David (Samuel), and his best mates try to get through the over-the-top stressful wedding despite all the craziness. With some odd goldfish and a Ram, nothing but comedy legends are born in this outrageous Australian-based rom-com.

### “Mr. Right” (2015)

**Starring:** Anna Kendrick, Sam Rockwell, Tim Roth

Free-spirit Martha (Kendrick) falls for the perfect guy (Rockwell) after a one night stand and the feelings are reciprocated. One problem: he’s a hustler with a twisted sense of humor. As the so-called Mr. Right shoos away bad guys and tap-dances into Martha’s heart, we get a full dose of comedy in this unique love story.

### “Chasing Amy” (1997)

**Starring:** Ben Affleck, Justin Long, Amy Adams

Holden (Affleck) and his friend Banky (Lee) are comic book artists from New Jersey. On one night out with some friends after a comic-con in New York, Holden meets Alyssa (Adams) who happens to be his dream girl, but she’s a lesbian. This movie breaks down the barriers of sex, love and friendship in a world with some comedic genius that is so pure, it’s almost too real.

### “The Ugly Truth” (2009)

**Starring:** Katherine Heigl, Gerard Butler

Abby (Heigl), a conservative television producer of a morning show, meets the misogynistic personality behind the network’s new segment “The Ugly Truth.” Mike Chadway (Butler). Turns out, she will be running this new segment. As these two strong personalities collide, hilarity ensues as Mike tries to help Abby in her own love life.

### “Just Go With It” (2011)

**Starring:** Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston

Plastic Surgeon Danny (Sandler) foolishly tells his girlfriend a white lie which leads him and his assistant (Aniston) to orchestrate an elaborate scheme to fool his girlfriend and have fun as a “family” on an Hawaiian vacation in the process. Any Adam Sandler movie is a good pick for a night in, especially this comedy which perfectly blends drama and family fun all into one.

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**By:** Christina McLaughlin

**Opinions Editor**

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**Unspoken rules about movie theater etiquette finally spoken**

**By:** Madelyn Rinkia

**News Editor**

Whether you’re an occasional movie-goer or practically a seasoned film critic, there’s a set of unspoken rules that you should follow while at a theater. For those among us who might need a little more help on their movie-going etiquette, here’s some explicit expectations most people around you have when you enter a theater.

### Give your reviews later

Many people, when going to a movie, want to get immersed in the action on screen — but that gets to be a little difficult when the man in the row behind you is constantly talking about his opinions on the film. This, of course, does not refer to natural responses like surprised “woah” or gasps, because sometimes you can’t help it. Plain and simple — wait until later to talk about the movie.

### Wait until you’re outside

Regardless of how much you loved or hated a movie, don’t blab about it to your friend the row behind you is constantly talking about. Even beyond that, just put them away or in front of you. Don’t rest your legs on their seat. Just like or in front of you. Don’t rest your legs on their seat. Just like

### Skip a seat, if you can

This one doesn’t necessarily apply to every movie-going situation, but if you find yourself in a fairly empty theater, don’t sit right next to the only other person in there. If you get to reserve your seat in yourself, try not to reserve it directly beside another group of people. Of course, this doesn’t apply if the theater is almost full and you just need to find a place to sit, but if you can avoid it, don’t make a stranger share your armrest.

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**OFF SHORE CALENDAR**

**An Evening with the Four Fresh Men**

April 11 | 7:45 p.m.

@Broward Center for the Performing Arts

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**Art of Wine and Food Series**

April 12 | 6 p.m.

@NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale

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**Food in Motion**

April 13 | 5 p.m.

@Peter Feldman Park

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**Pineapple Jam**

April 13 | 6 p.m.

@Historic Stranahan House Museum

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**Movie Night**

April 13 | 8 p.m.

@ArtsPark

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**Do not touch anyone — period**

Yes, theater seats are close together, and the rows may not leave a ton of leg room, but that’s no excuse to touch or hit the person next to or in front of you. Don’t rest your legs on their arm rest, lean into their personal space or tap your feet against the back of their seat. Just like when you’re on a bus or airplane, there’s nothing worse than being seated in front of someone who constantly touches your seat. Be polite and respect everyone’s bubble.

### Actually turn off your cellphones

It seems obvious to almost everyone that no one wants to hear your ringtone during a movie, whether you paid $12.99 for it or not. There’s a reason movie theaters have so many advertisements and reminders before the showing that tell you to silence your phones — but even beyond that, just put them away completely. If you’re not really getting into the film, don’t just pull out your phone and scroll through social media, even if it is silent. The light can be distracting to everyone in the dark theater.
Summer calls for binge-watching shows

By: Bianca Galan

Contributing Writer

Kenyo

By: Susvina Daryanani

Contributing Writer

Summer is almost here, and everybody has their own plans. Some are going to travel, some will work and some have a bucket list of all the things they want to do. But, what about those who only want to watch some series? The Cure is here to help you out. Netflix has released many different shows in the last few months and this is your moment to watch at least there other things that inspired your music?

“Thank’s the main inspiration for the content of the show. The musical inspiration comes from a lot of the music that we are currently listening to. For example, the composer – Pasek and Paul who wrote this piece and share it with people and not just ‘Wow, naturally we need to do this.’ We make finally and spat out an entire song in an hour, write then one day we just sat down at the piano brainstorming the ideas for what we wanted to create the songs, deciding what issues were creating the songs, deciding what issues were about the issues and struggles of our creating the songs, deciding what issues were addressing them.

How have you come to decide what actors you do want to be in the show? What has How long have you been working on writing the music?

“We started this in December. We started brainstorming the ideas for what we wanted to do and then we put 1 day we sat at the piano and wrote at 10 different shows in the last few months and this is your moment to watch at least there other things that inspired your music?

“We started this in December. We started brainstorming the ideas for what we wanted to do and then we put 1 day we sat at the piano and wrote a whole song by myself just because I would kind of run into writer's block and then I wouldn't touch it and then I would sit and keep brainstorming and get something out of the world and then mold it into something beautiful. So, I've defined music, 发布于2017年，他第一次在纽约大都会歌剧院进行录音，单曲《The Thirst》在2018年9月发行。

Kenyo lived in the Dutch Caribbean, on the small island of "The [songs] are going to be memorized the way we're going to have, it would have more extravagant lighting and more of the technical aspect that would get more of the atmosphere.”

It's going to be at Villain Theatre which is in Miami. It opens April 12 and it runs two weekends so [April] 12-14 and 19-21 at 6:30 tickets are $25 but there are student rate tickets. If students want to bring their Shark Card to the theatre then they'll get the student rate of $15.

They were really good with this project... "Not for a new project. All our attention is on publishing a quality song. Finally, the song ‘Infront A Me’ targets the typical St. Maarten, showoffing the beautiful island. Kenyo has a touching, inspiring and positive heart in his music and creates relatable music and lyrics. When Hurricane Irma hit St. Maarten, Kenyo debuted a touching song in relation to the recovery of the island, “Starting All Over Again.” The name says it all. The lyrics and video for the song touched many people who were affected by Irma. This video got 2,000,000 views on YouTube, gaining new fans every day. Kenyo had the opportunity to go on stage and perform in different islands such as Aruba, Anguilla and St. Maarten, gaining more attention and fans across the Caribbean. His most recent song, “Infront A Me” targets the typical St. Maarten, soca vibe, Kenyo’s goal is to get his name out there with his commercially used hashtag, #Theworldwillsaymyname. He is working on producing his first album in April, which his fans are looking forward to. Whether you are from the Caribbean or not, Kenyo Baby has a unique voice in his music that will attract you to his songs.

You can follow Kenyo with the username @iamkenyobaly on Spotify, YouTube and Apple Music.
Daniela Obando is a sophomore exercise and sport science major from Tegucigalpa, Honduras. She was redshirted her freshman season. Now, in her sophomore year she plays alongside her teammates on the women’s tennis team.

What was your biggest challenge for you coming from Honduras?

“I’ve been playing tennis since I was four so I used to travel a lot. I used to be away from home for months and I played tournaments every other week or weeks in a row, so it wasn’t a challenge missing my family. Of course I was going to miss them, but I was used to it. The biggest challenge was the language because I didn’t speak English before and I learned it in three months, that was my biggest challenge.”

What was one of your main concerns coming here to NSU as a student-athlete?

“I think that for every student-athlete it’s just, at the beginning being scared of classes and time-management. And when you are on the court, playing classes and having to balance a good GPA and performance on the court. So, that’s the challenge that I face and will be facing for the four years that I am here, so I would think that would be [my main concern].”

How well have you adapted to the NSU tennis team now that you are a sophomore?

“It’s been good. We have so many international girls, so the point that we only have one American that’s not easy because we have different cultures. But we all get along together and in the end, it’s never going to be easy for any team to get along with everybody. But, I feel like right now we have done such a good job and we are improving every day together.”

How do you balance your academic life with your athletic life?

“It’s tough. First of all, getting advice from a professional. We have so many resources that we can go to and that is one of the first strategies I use. And then I just give my best trying to balance everything. Sometimes I don’t even have time for my social life. Most of the time, it’s just tennis and classes.”

This being your last semester of your sophomore year, which semester has been the toughest for you?

“This one. Last year wasn’t eligible to play so I wasn’t competing or traveling with my team, which is sad because I lost like a whole year. But, by not competing you are not as tired as we are right now because of the season. So, the first year I had time to focus on my classes a little bit more than tennis. But now that I’m competing again, I feel like this semester has been the hardest and you further you go the harder it gets.”

How do you keep yourself motivated?

“For first of all, my sport. I feel like it’s not easy, so you have to do it, you have to love it. Tennis has given me so many opportunities like being here, traveling, meeting new people and it’s really amazing. I’m thankful for every person that is in my life and has helped me get through tough situations. So, I feel like I’m motivated it’s just like trying to improve every day, and if you are in love with something — like I am with my sport — you will keep loving no matter what the situation is.”

You and the tennis team have had a pretty good season so far, can you talk more about it?

“There have been some tough matches, every match that I go to — even though I have won most of them — it’s been very challenging because I’am playing with someone I haven’t seen in your life, so I don’t know what to expect from them. Tennis matches go so fast you have to try to figure out how you are going to play against them. I feel like I’ve gotten more confident though and my team has been playing really well.”

Does a particular match stand out to you?

“One match that I’m really proud of myself and really happy that I won was a match against Barry University because right now they are one of the best tennis teams in the country. It wasn’t an easy match. I got the first set in that match, and I was just playing point-by-point. I was being very positive and believing in myself and I want the match in two sets. Of course, I’ve been happy with all the other matches but this one for me had more weight because I got to beat the best team in the country. We lost [the match] as a team, but at least I got my point, so I was really happy about that.”

Do you have some type of ritual or tradition you like to do before every match?

“I do. Firstly, what I eat is really important for me because I want to perform on the court as well as I can. So, I try to eat an hour and a half before the match. Then, for the warm up I listen to music so I’m not that nervous. It helps me to release nerves and stress.”

What got you into tennis?

“My family. We are all tennis players. When my mom was playing a Central American game for my country, she was pregnant with me, but she didn’t know at the time. So, I think it was meant to be for me to be in this sport.”

What are some of your short-term and long-term goals?

“Well, of course I’ll keep playing for NSU, giving them everything I have in every match. For my future goals, I want to give a gold medal to my country in the Central American games. The last Central American games we played we were close to getting silver and bronze. So, I’m working for that and then after college, I want to try to play professional tennis to see how that goes. If not, I’ll have my degree already, so I can work, I want to become a sports nutritionist and work with high performance athletes.”

If you weren’t playing tennis, what would you see yourself doing?

“That’s a good question because I’ve been trying to play soccer. I’m really bad. I’m not good at all in this tennis is my other sport. But, I love dancing, so I would probably be doing something around dance … but [honestly] I don’t see myself in any other sport … I don’t know if I would be doing anything else.”

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**Men’s Golf**

The Sharks won third place out of 18 possible spots in the Battle at the Shores tournament held April 3-5. Sophomore Benjamin Hjort hit a 66 in the final round, and juniors Juan Jose Guerra and Finlay Mason took top-10 finishes. The Sharks collected 279 overall on Tuesday that allowed them to switch spots with Barry and into third place. However, Lynn picked up a win at No. 2 doubles. Ana Navas and sophomore Isabella Lowrey picked up a win at No. 3 doubles. However, Lynn picked up eight points in a row to defeat the Sharks.

**Men’s Baseball**

The men’s baseball team took home a victory with a 3-0 score against Rollins on March 31. Senior right-hander Derik Beauprez cruised through six scoreless innings on the mound. Beauprez helped the Sharks win their first shutout since April 7 of last year.

**MEN’S & WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD**

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**WOMEN’S SOFTBALL**

vs. Barry

April 10 | 6 p.m.

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vs. Barry (DH)

April 11 | 5 & 7 p.m.

Ad Griffin

@Rollins

April 14 | 6 p.m.

Winter Park, Fla.

@Rollins (DH)

April 15 | 1 & 3 p.m.

Winter Park, Fla.

**WOMEN’S GOLF**

vs. Lady Panther Invitational

April 8-10

Melbourne, Fla. / Duran Golf Club

vs. Sunshine State Conference Tournament

April 15-17

Boca Raton, Fla.

**WOMEN’S TENNIS**

vs. Palm Beach Atlantic

April 11 | 3 p.m.

NSU Tennis Complex

vs. St. Thomas

April 12 | 2 p.m.

NSU Tennis Complex

**OUT OF THE SHARKZONE**

Lebron calls copyright on Alabama football series ’Shop Talk’

On April 2, the University of Alabama teased a video for a series from the Alabama football program called “Shop Talk” where former receiver Julio Jones and coach Nick Saban are seen having a conversation about various topics while sitting in a barbershop. After viewing the video clip, basketball player LeBron James alleged that the duo had infringed upon copyrights of his own show called “The Shop” where his guests also follow the same guidelines within a barbershop setting. According to USA Today, Uninterrupted business head Jane Favaro noted in a letter to the University of Alabama stating the similarity in concepts, explaining that he believed “Shop Talk” infringed on the copyright of “The Shop.”

ETSU suspects coach Randy Sanders

USA Today stated that Randy Sanders has been placed on paid administrative leave pending an investigation of an unsubstantiated violation of university policy as of April 3. Sanders, former Tennessee quarterback and assistant coach, was hired as a coach for East Tennessee State in December. The new coach came after the university relaunched the program in the 2015 season after a 12-year-long losing streak following the program being shut down for financial reasons in 2003. Sanders replaced former coach Carl Tidwell, who retired.

For the complete version of this week’s Out of the Sharkzone, visit nsucurrent.nova.edu

**ARTICLE OF THE WEEK:**

**Daniela Obando**

**Sport: Tennis**

**Sport Editor:**

By: Diego Galvez

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Daniela Obando was named as No. 233 in the ITF Junior poll.
**Sports**

**By: Michaela Greer**  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

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### Finding Fitness: Swimming Workouts for Non-Swimmers

By: Nicole Chavannes  
Copy Editor

Summer is fast approaching, and with it you might be searching for a cooler workout to refresh your routine. Instead of going for a run around Gold Circle Lake — and starting at the water longingly — why don’t you get your cardio in our RecWell pool? While simply swimming laps for an hour can be easier than on land, while simultaneously the water’s resistance makes any movement more effective than land, while simultaneously dragging beneath the surface for 12 stroke cycles. Do this for six sets, resting 30 seconds between each. Do four sets of the fingertip-drag stroke at a relaxed pace. This means raising your elbows high out of the water as you reach for the next stroke with only your fingertips dragging beneath the surface for 12 stroke cycles. Each set. Rest 20 seconds between each set. Do four sets of a kick drill with 30 second rests in between. Grab a kickboard and rest your arms on it, then swim across the pool using only your legs. Do 25 kick cycles in each set — with one kick of the right and left in a cycle.

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### On The Bench: ‘Real’ fans, take a chill pill and look at what you are doing

By: Diego Galvez  
Sports Editor

Fans have always been one of the main pillars of sports teams. They support the team, buy tickets as well as team merchandise. They are the ones that pay and subsidize the team to be considered a team. However, there are some instances in which devoted fans of sport bring problems, disturbances and much more along with them. The term “fan” is not always the case, which tend to influence those who support teams to become reckless and could get them thrown in jail.

We all know of one or more of these “hardcore” fans of a football, soccer or basketball team. They want to show the respect for their team in as many ways possible. They have the latest official t-shirt; their computer or phone wallpaper is the logo of their team, and they are always in the loop with the latest updates and news. Alone, they are somewhat annoying, but tolerable fans that really love their teams. However, everything changes when you talk negatively of their team or they are around fans with the same type of ideology.

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### Saving your 'do while exercising: You can have your cake and eat it, too

**By: Nicole Ari Parker**  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Greer poses with her friend enjoying the results of her Brazilian two week into the life of the treatment.

Saving your ‘do while exercising: You can have your cake and eat it, too. Whether you decide to embrace your natural curls or opt to save your hairstyle using any of the above techniques, it’s important to stay active. Whatever you do, don’t let your hair and the excuses that come with it take away from your health.
If you’re out of school, just months away from achieving your degree, are you still in class, no matter what time the professor arrived? Because I knew the professor was coming. Everyone thought I was in class anyway, but I really was late. I really did wait, I wanted to wait, I really did,” he said.

Knot said that the class was very extension, domestic violence survivors in which they approved their ads. Following the controversy, outraged users voiced their opinions on Twitter, complaining that Snapchat was irresponsible and wondered how the ad was even approved to go on the platform. People began questioning the accuracy and perspective in which they approved their ads. In addition, Rihanna spoke out about it through a message posted on her Instagram story where she stated, “This isn’t about my personal feelings, cause I don’t have much of them … but feelings, cause I don’t have much of them … but this will be considered an unofficial transcript for people, especially teens and young adults. Social media has and continues to need rigorous guidelines, especially as the world heads to a digital era where everyone will be able to see and comment everything, good or bad, that a platform does.

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“An actual disgrace to their entire generation,” said Royale Knot, professor in the department of Literally Any College, referencing Snapchat’s recent advertising controversy surrounding Rihanna, and by extension, domestic violence survivors in which Snapchat published an advertising game, which encouraged users whether they would rather slap Rihanna or punch Chris Brown.

The controversy behind this idea surrounds the fact that both Rihanna and Chris Brown dated in the past. Many people would recall hearing about a fight in Brown’s car in 2009, where Brown assaulted Rihanna. Brown later pleaded guilty to one count of felony assault, according to Variety. The event took over the media and is still used as an example of domestic violence and how it can affect anyone.

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Opinions

As a matter of fact, I do have an opinion

By: Madelyn Rinka
News Editor

“‘You are entitled to your opinion. But you are not entitled to your own facts,’” - Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Opinions aren’t facts — they can be based on fact or knowledge, but can also rely heavily on emotions, preconceived notions or belief systems. Everyone has formed a variety of opinions about many different topics, from public figures and celebrities, to global happenings and events — and there’s nothing inherently wrong with that. However, that does not mean that, when in an argument or debate, you have the freedom to fabricate your own facts to support your opinion.

Disagreements are a natural part of human history, ever since our species developed the ability to express their symbolic beliefs onto others to form cultures and belief systems. When you’re in an argument with someone, you are entitled to express your opinions, but it’s not okay to start making things up or denying facts given by the opposition.

Arguing over opinions might not lead anywhere. For example, if a friend thinks cilantro tastes awful, but you think it’s the best flavor on the planet, going back and forth debating it probably won’t lead to any changes on either side, because that’s just the other person’s opinion, and you can’t really back up either side with much solid evidence.

On the other hand, for an exaggerated instance, if one person argues that they think the number six is smaller than the number three, and the other opposes explaining that, value-wise, six is indeed larger than three. Just because the other believes the opposite doesn’t make it true. Regardless of what they make up to support their opinion that six is smaller than three, they are still misinformed.

Bringing facts into a healthy debate is, arguably, the best course of action to change someone’s views on something, given they are open-minded and not too stuck in their ways. Being well-informed about a variety of subjects lends an all-around more knowledgeable person. On top of that, being able to process and accept the knowledge of others speaks even more highly of the person.

Thus, when bringing “facts” into a debate, try to do it as ethically as possible. If you are told a fact by another person, check it for yourself. If one person says “one third of our school is female,” and another person explains “30 percent of our school is female,” and lastly it’s passed along as “a quarter of our school is female,” it is no longer the same fact. Playing fast telephone via a line of conversations can result in miscommunication, so it’s best to check things out for yourself. That being said, facts may be presented with some form of bias. Whether it’s selection bias or bias within the way the data is communicated, not every fact you read online may be entirely true. It’s best to analyze the data yourself or synthesize information from a variety of sources — on both sides — to get as close to the truth as possible.

If you find yourself in a situation where you don’t know much besides your opinions on a topic, it doesn’t make you unintelligent to admit that you’re not well-informed on the subject and would rather refrain from debate. Take this time to listen to the other person, and read up more on it later. The “read up” part is important — don’t just neggarate what someone else said just because it was the first thing you were told.

Overall, just try to be mature and open minded in any argument, and understand that your beliefs aren’t inherently “better” or “worse” than everyone else’s simply because they’re yours. You, too, can be misinformed. But hey, that’s just my opinion.
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