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NSU’s student population continues to have concerns following the university’s Feb. 23 announcement which stated that the Rollings Hills graduate apartments would be used during the 2018-2019 school year to house the university’s growing number of undergraduate residential students.

According to Aarika Camp, associate dean of student services and director of residential life and housing, the change would allow NSU to house up to 373 undergraduate students in the Rollings Hills apartments.

“Juniors and seniors, if they were able to reside in [Founders, Farquhar and Vettel (FFV) and the Cultural Living Center (CLC)], would have had less than 100 spaces available to them, and would have had to share bedrooms due to the number of rising sophomores that are remaining on campus next year,” said Camp.

However, undergraduate upperclassmen like Akdana Foigel, a junior pursuing her bachelor’s degree in communication, said that the move to Rollings Hills comes with its own set of complications.

“This change will affect me enormously as a student-athlete,” said Foigel. “My main concern is money. Rollings Hills is much more expensive than CLC — where I currently live — and my scholarship doesn’t cover that difference that difference between the residence hall rates ... I have been looking for off-campus options, but without a car it’s just hard.”

Foigel stated that if she decided to stay on campus in the Rollings Hills apartments, she worried that transportation to their classes, meetings, internships and practices would pose an issue. She said that without a car, based on the current Shark Shuttle routes she estimates that she will lose 80 minutes of her day using the buses.

Undergraduate students moving to Rolling Hills

NSU is expecting a record-high enrollment of incoming students this fall, causing a housing “crunch,” as termed by Brad Williams, vice president of student affairs and dean of the college of undergraduate studies. The university was forced to make the tough decision to not offer graduate students on-campus housing at Rollings Hills. “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,” said 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. “That’s really what it came down to.”

NSU to build new residence hall and parking garage

NSU plans to begin the construction of a new residence hall, in public-private partnership with an Atlanta-based company called Rise. The new hall will be located where the practice soccer field, just outside of Leo Goodwin Sr. Residence Hall, sits. It is expected to hold 500-600 rooms for upperclassmen. After this residence hall is opened, which is projected to be in the fall of 2019, the housing model is expected to return to normal, with graduate students being offered housing at Rollings Hills again.

Hybrid dining service to launch in the fall

The implementation of a new hybrid dining service is expected to begin in the fall. According to Ador Shekar, director of operations, the idea behind this new hybrid service is that, during certain meal periods, an “all you care to eat” section of the UC will open, where students can pay a flat rate and eat for the duration of the predetermined period. This is expected to make dining easier for students with dietary restrictions, as they will have full control over what is put on their plate.

Guy Harvey Institute hoping to expand to tracking more marine life

In 2014, a tiger shark named “Andy” was tagged off the coast of Bermuda by scientists at the Guy Harvey Research Institute (GHI), and has since become the longest tracked tiger shark on record. They are hoping to expand their tracking beyond the current 150 sharks of various species including tigers, mako and oceanic white tips. To follow the GHI’s future endeavors, go to ghi.noosa.edu/sharktracking/ for updates.

Teaching hospital to be built in the empty University Park Plaza

A new relocation and replacement of Plantation General Hospital is set to be built in the former space of the University Park Plaza. Plantation General Hospital will keep its emergency room in its current location open even after the new hospital is built, and will remain a fully functioning hospital until then. The land was sold to Hospital Corporation of America, but still plans to have close ties with NSU as a teaching and research hospital. The hospital, which is expected to take 24 months to construct, will also serve as a fully functioning medical care facility for the South Florida community.
EDITOR'S NOTE

"All changes, even the most longed for, have their melancholy; for what we leave behind is a part of ourselves ..." - Anatole France

To our fellow Sharks,

When the fall and spring seasons change, there is often an element of wonder and excitement that comes with the transition. However, there also tends to be feelings of sadness that accompany the transition. For us, this is exactly the case, as we prepare to hang the banner over to the next co-editors-in-chief of The Current.

As we reminisce on the past year, we feel honored to know that you have trusted us to report the news, feature your stories and share your opinions. Thank you for participating in the discussions on student reporting, opinion and the arts. All community members are invited to contribute.

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Ayllón to perform at the Miniaci May 4

Ayllón will be having a concert in The Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center on May 4 at 8 p.m. Ayllón is a múscica criolla singer from Lima, Peru. She has been called the “Tina Turner from Peru” due to her big stage presence. Tickets can be purchased at MiniaciPAC.com.

Feeding Children Everywhere: Million Meal Pack to take place on NSU’s Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus

Feeding Children Everywhere and AARP are partnering together to have volunteers package four million meals during the summer. On Sunday, April 29, volunteers will be packaging one million meals at NSU’s Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus. The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement is looking for a Support Team of 120 students and faculty to lead and facilitate the event. For more information or to become a member of the Support Team, visit feedchildreneverywhere.com/aarp-support-team.

OrgSync transition to take place

OrgSync will transition to a new platform for the NSU community with heightened security and more user-friendly features, according to MiniaciPAC. Students with multiple OrgSync accounts are asked to merge them into one account under their mynsu.nova.edu email. Students with accounts linked to a nova.edu email or any other email are asked to change their email accounts linked to nova.edu email. Students with accounts linked to a nova.edu email or any other email are asked to change their email accounts linked to nova.edu email. Changes to accounts must be made by April 30.

Dunn for their guidance and support. This would not have been possible without you.

We’d also like to thank our staff for their dedication, often going above and beyond to serve the NSU population that we love so much. Thank you to our advisors Michelle Manley and Megan Fitzgerald-Durns for their guidance and support. This would not have been possible without you.

Thank you to every NSU representative who agreed to take time out of your day to sit down with us for an interview, especially veterans like Daniel Allison, vice president of facilities management, and Aaskha Camp, associate dean of student services and director of residential life and housing, whose offices we basically lived in this semester.

Of course, we couldn’t leave without helping to create one more issue — that tends to happen when you love what you do — so we hope that you’ll enjoy the Orientation Issue which publishes on May 15. It was a pleasure and a privilege serving you.

With wishes for an amazing summer,

Michaela and Jenna
College of undergraduate studies, in a Mar. 13 article, Camp said that students who have had to move farther away still can receive help to do so.

Instead of submitting the standard Rolling Hills Graduate Students Movers Request form, students should contact Victoria Myer, assistant director of housing operations, or email vmyer@nova.edu for additional assistance.

Myer stated that as of April 15, 19 students had utilized the moving services with one student moving beyond the 5-mile radius.

“We were able to not only assure that the student was moved 8.5 miles away, but this was done on less than 24-hours notice when we are asking for five business days to arrange the services,” said Myer.

According to NSU’s guidelines, students must request the appropriate services by filling out the Hills Graduate Students Movers Request form at least five business days in advance. Students must be present when the items are moved and are also responsible for packing. Camp said that all boxes have been sealed with tape.

Still, graduate students Brittany Chabot and Cassandra Caruso said that the biggest problem lies in the sequestering of an off-campus living space.

“This has put a great burden on the ease of handling this semester. Not only have I been working daily to get an apartment, but also have to find the time to move everything over to my new place once acquired and I am not almost done with grad school,” said Chabot.

Staley said the specials available at local apartment complexes which NSU secured were her greatest disappointment.

“For myself — and I’d imagine the average person,” she explained, “Even though you’ll still be developing those transferable skills.”

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Even though there is no expected impact to humans, some aquatic and marine species may be sensitive to free chlorine. Anyone who has aquariums with sensitive species are advised to speak with specialists or pet supply stores about potentially dechlorinating their water. In addition, people with questions about kidney dialysis should direct their inquiries to their doctor or dialysis expert.

For more information about chlorine or chloramines in the water supply, visit davie-fl.gov or call 954-327-3742.

Disinfectant chlorine temporarily added to the Town of Davie water supply, citizens told not to be concerned

NSU students and staff have expressed some concern over the taste and smell of the water coming out of the university’s taps. This unusual water isn’t just news for NSU — the entire Town of Davie has temporarily returned to using free chlorine as a part of their annual preventative maintenance from the middle of March to the end of April, according to the town’s website.

This routine procedure is common practice for water suppliers that use a chloramine treatment, a disinfectant composed of chlorine and ammonia, and is recommended periodically by the Florida Department of Health. It is regularly practiced once or twice a year, for a two to four week time frame, and returns to normal taste and odor afterward.

Potential health effects of the chlorination process are only listed after long-term exposure above the maximum contaminant level according to the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations. However, the process can create slight variations in color, smell and taste of the water during this time, which have been noticed by faculty, students and staff.

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Despite the undesirable taste and smell in the water, the NSU community is advised not to be concerned. According to the EPA, chlorine and chloramines are used as a water additive to control microbes.

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Alynda Fajgelj, junior communication major

The Office of Career Development will hire an additional two peer advisers of the Office of Residential Life and Housing.

They’ll work on different projects for the office as well as going out and doing Career Development presentations with clubs and organizations on campus and classes,” she said. “So there’s definitely a lot of opportunities.”

According to Morrissey, this opportunity is open to all students but could be a good fit for students who are interested in a future in career counseling.

“This is one of the rare opportunities for undergraduate students to be able to counsel people,” she explained. “Even though you’ll be talking about careers and not mental health, you’ll still be developing those transferable skills.”

In addition to professional development and hourly pay, students who become peer advisers can also receive FLEX credits.

Students will apply for the position through JoxB, but the listing is not yet posted. Students can express interest in the position or request more information by contacting Ashley Rizotto at arizotto@nova.edu.

Career Development to expand their Peer Advisor program

By: Jenna Kopeck
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“We have tried to extend services and support that many institutions would not ever consider. For example, movers can be quite expensive, it is important to put situations in perspective for students. While students may be inconvenienced to a certain extent, we truly try to be as accommodating as possible.”

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

Izgara Express is a great place to go for a tasty bite off campus. If you’re searching for a place to devour some delicious Mediterranean food, look no further than this eatery located in Plantation only 11 minutes away from NSU’s Fort Lauderdale/Davie campus. With fresh Mediterranean food, friendly prices, incredible service and a relaxing environment to visit with your family or friends, Izgara Express should be on your list of favorites. This place is a casual restaurant and has a healthier menu, catering to everyone from picky eaters to vegetarians and vegans.

The main menu stays the same for lunch and dinner. However, the specials vary every other day. My favorite special is the mouth-watering shimp shawarma with the special “Izgara Sauce” — a secret ingredient used in most of their foods, giving their dishes a unique taste in every bite. I usually order the Falafel Pita or the vegetarian shawarma. Those dishes are the tastiest things on the menu.

If you are trying to eat on the healthier side, this restaurant is the right choice for you. The Izgara House Salad with lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, corn salad with a little tahini and lemon dressing is absolutely delicious. Their hummus — a thick spread of ground chickpeas, sesame seeds, olive oil, lemon and garlic — paired with the grilled pita bread is also a popular dish at the restaurant. They also offer a vegetarian pita with eggplant, Israeli salad and hummus tahini.

People are drawn to this restaurant by not only their great, fresh food but also the calming atmosphere and soothing music that is always playing. If you can’t dine in, Izgara Express also works with Uber Eats and Grub Hub for food deliveries so you’ll never have to miss out. Izgara Express also offers a 10 percent NSU discount, which makes the already price-friendly restaurant even friendlier.

Exposure to light isn’t the only thing that alters our mood. Our social media platforms are the best places to get your day started. Our personal brand logo that you can include in your portfolio. According to the New York Post, employees are involved in, who their friends are, how are they connected and their social networks. One study from Cornell University specifically indicated that, when people are in cooler environments, we are more likely to make mistakes than when people are in areas at the “optimal” temperature of 77 degrees Fahrenheit. This isn’t necessarily because you may be uncomfortable in the warm, but mainly because we are more easily distracted when the temperature is low.

So, if you want to do well on finals, you should take advantage of your geographical location in ways which are backed by science such as with light sources and temperatures. Go outside and be in the sun because it can help to make you calmer — ergo happier — as well as more energized and more capable of focusing on what is important.

Izgara Express

3251 S. Pine Island Road
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33324
Monday - Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Izgara Express is closed on Sundays
$10 - $18

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Izgara Express, located in the Turtle Run Plaza, is only 11 minutes from NSU’s Fort Lauderdale/Davie campus.

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One of my favorite dishes at the shawarma is this which features chicken, beef and falafel with a side of fresh fries.
University Rankings: Do they matter?

By: Christina McLaughlin
Contributing Writer

The university has made some changes in response to improve their ranking in US News. Graduation and retention rates are a major contributing factor in the college search website when thinking about graduate school. Even though there might be some disparities between what a college is ranked as or what they are classified as, it doesn’t mean that a university is less than another. Not every university is a perfect match for each student, even if it’s ranked No. 1. So do college rankings really matter? Maybe not, but it wouldn’t hurt to start at a college ranking website when thinking about graduate school.

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Summer safety

By: Jeun Son
Contributing Writer

Summer can be the most exciting season, especially for college students, since it typically means time away from school. While some students spend this time working, interning or taking summer classes, others prefer to spend their time resting or vacation. If you’re in the group who enjoy summer filled with travel, swimming and sunbathing, you should also be wary of a few unseen dangers that are slightly unique to the season. Here are some suggestions for keeping safe over the summer:

Stay hydrated

This is really important for staying safe during the summer. Hot weather will cause dehydration and that is a trip to the emergency room if it gets out of hand. According to the American Heart Association, keeping the body hydrated helps the heart more easily pump blood through the blood vessels, which helps the muscles work efficiently.

For most people, water is the best thing to drink to stay hydrated since the sugars and additives in sodas or juices make it less efficient to the body as plain water. However, sports drinks may be useful for people doing exercise in very hot weather as they help replenish lost electrolytes and other nutrients.

Avoid vigorous exercise in very hot weather

According to Johns Hopkins Medicine, heat stroke can happen to anyone who overexerts themselves on a hot day. If the temperature of the day rises too much, it is better to stay out of the sun. Also, try not to walk or run barefoot when temperatures rise as doing so can lead to injuries involving severe burns.

Additionally, they advise that people wear swim shoes around pools and in public showers to reduce the risk of athlete’s foot. It’s especially important to wear them when visiting a beach to prevent injuries from hidden sharp objects and keep feet comfortable on hot sand.

Be wary of the sun

It is natural to want to get out in the sun during a warm summer day, but according to the American Cancer Society, ultraviolet (UV) rays from the sun are the main cause of skin cancer. Too much exposure to these rays can also cause sunburn and premature wrinkles. Shielding skin with clothing, broad-spectrum sunscreen as well as staying in the shade can help lower the risk of skin damage caused by the sun.

It is also good to know what sunscreen is the best to use. The American Cancer Society suggests choosing a sunscreen with a SPF of 30 or higher. The SPF number is the level of protection the sunscreen provides against ultraviolet rays, though higher SPF numbers don’t necessarily equal more protection. Additionally, it is important to keep in mind that no sunscreens are waterproof or sun-proof and manufacturers are not allowed to claim that they are. For best results, reapply sunscreen at least every two hours a day and after swimming or sweating.

Living a week almost waste-free

By: Madelyn Rinka
Contributing Writer

This year, NSU was ranked 198 on US News & World Report’s list on national universities. Niche ranked NSU as a B+ and Forbes ranked it 121 in their Top Colleges list. These three websites are just a few examples of the rankers’ interpretations. Don Rudawsky, vice president of institutional effectiveness, explained that NSU is aware of these ranking systems and understands that all of these classifications of the university are relevant. NSU tries to be aware of all possible ranking systems of the institution and, depending on their quality, try to improve those rankings.

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When students look at colleges, they search for a variety of criteria including a wide offering of majors as well as average class sizes and other factors that just feel meet their needs for a good college experience. Many incoming freshman are sometimes stumped about where they should look, so they turn to the well-known world of college rankings. Forbes, US News & World Report and Niche are a few places students can look, so they turn to the well-known world of college rankings. Forbes, US News & World Report and Niche are a few places students can turn to find basic information about colleges and see how they fair compared to others. However, there’s just one problem with this: Most of these ranking systems have some version of bias and selectivity, which makes relying on them a little bit difficult.

On to start, US News & World Report outlined the relative weight of ranking indicators that they use to rank each university on their website. For the Best Colleges of 2018, undergraduate academic reputation and faculty resources account for 20 percent. That means that factors such as peer evaluations and class size each account for 40 percent of the school’s overall rating. However, this doesn’t explain what exactly about the class size is rated. Does a school that enrolls more students per year get a better ranking? If so, then how is that fair to small schools that try and keep themselves small as a commodity. Some indicators that go into that ranking and we try to improve under separate list as a private not-for-profit. The university has made some changes in response to improve their ranking in US News. Graduation and retention rates are a major contributing factor in the college search for high school students. Even though there might be some disparities between what a college is ranked as or what they are classified as, it doesn’t mean that a university is less than another. Not every university is a perfect match for each student, even if it’s ranked No. 1. So do college rankings really matter? Maybe not, but it wouldn’t hurt to start at a college ranking website when thinking about graduate school.

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What is “zero waste?” As people become increasingly globally aware, more attention is being paid to the impacts our daily habits can have on the environment. According to the Grassroots Recycling Network, “Zero Waste means reducing, reusing, minimizing waste, reduces consumption and ensures that products are made to be reused, repaired or recycled back into nature or new products.” Some “zero waste” can even fit all the trash they’ve created over several years in a container no larger than a liter glass jar — others simply limit their waste as much as possible.

For a bit of background on my lifestyle: I am not a “zero waste.” I wanted to try it out for a week, because I am already interested in the environment and I thought that since Earth Day is coming up, now would be the perfect time. I have been vegetarian for three years and was vegan around two years ago, originally for the environment, and I am an environmental science major. I consider myself to be pretty environmentally friendly, but I have a long ways to go compared to bloggers who are dedicated to the lifestyle.

Monday

Monday went surprisingly well. I headed out the door with my lunch in a reusable container and my glass Starbucks cup to refill later. I felt like I was on top of the world, until I got back from that night. I started to realize there was trash all around me, like labels on produce, cardboard containers, sticky notes, mesh bags for potatoes. I, accidentally, grab a few paper towels twice that day, but I folded them up (I had just used them to wipe the counter) to reuse them another few times. Besides that, I didn’t have to throw anything out, but I still had a lot to learn.

Tuesday

The next day was a little tougher. Before going to work, I reached for a single package of artemisia, realizing it was going to create garbage. So I already had it, but I decided to take a loss and use it anyways. Later in the evening, I went grocery shopping. I should have felt somewhat discouraged after being unable to find weekly staples like bread, rice, and pasta without packaging.

Wednesday

I didn’t have many problems on Wednesday. Later in the evening, I was practicing my makeup (my sonuery’s formal was coming up) and I was really having difficulties getting it off without makeup wipes. Besides that, all I had to focus on was eating zero waste. For a little bit of insight, this is what I ate in one day to produce zero waste with packaging:

Breakfast: oatmeal with a banana, blueberries (in a recyclable container) and peanut butter made of just dry roasted peanuts.

Lunch: collard green wraps — I couldn’t find tortillas without packaging — filled with rice, beans, quinoa, corn, beans and onion, with paleo mayo sauce.

Snacks: cinnamon sticks, an apple and rice crackers with peanut butter

Dinner: vegetable sandwich on a ciabatta roll, packaged in a recyclable container

Late night snack: rice with grapefruit jam and blueberries

Thursday

When I was making my lunch this morning, I spilled rice all over my counter top. I was in a rush, just getting back from an appointment that morning and heading out to meet up with my friends, and I didn’t want to waste time picking up pieces of rice, so I cranked. I used a paper towel.

Friday

Friday marked the last day of my “zero waste” challenge. Everything was going very well — I got used to reaching for a cloth towel instead of a paper one, and using my reusable bags instead of single-use plastics. Looking back on my week, I am pretty proud of myself for sticking to it. Yes, a few times I did cave, but for the most part, I produced as little waste as possible. But going zero waste, by definition, is pretty much impossible to do overnight. I already had items in my pantry that were going to produce waste once I used them up, but since I didn’t purchase them this week, I didn’t beat myself up too much over it. Overall, I’m planning on using some aspects of this lifestyle in the future, like bag-free grocery shopping — one of my great co-workers actually got me a few reusable produce bags, which I will definitely be using from now on —, bulk shopping and recycling. For the time being, “zero” waste may be too difficult in college, but I want to do whatever I can to help the environment right now.
Sing-along karaoke songs

By: Siena Berardi
Contributing Writer

Karaoke nights are a great way to build lasting friendships. You can bond over mediocre covers of classic songs while impressing — or depressing — your counterparts with your musical talents. Here are 10 songs sure to make your karaoke outing loud and proud.

"Don’t Stop Believin’" by Journey
What do sports teams, bar dwellers and your dad all have in common? They probably know all of the words to this ’80s power tune.

"Mr. Brightside" by The Killers
The ultimate anthem of several generations. It’s okay if you only know the chorus, just belt it loud and proud.

"All Star" by Smash Mouth
From the moment it first appeared in Shrek until it’s reappearance in social media meme culture, this jam has flooded our ears and made lasting impressions.

"Teenage Dream" by Katy Perry
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What do sports teams, bar dwellers and your dad all have in common? They probably know all of the words to this ’80s power tune.

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Directed by Brad Anderson and written by Tony Gilroy, “Beirut” is a film that shares a familiar premise with countless other political thriller films on the market: a tense and complicated struggle between two warring sides over a hostage of high importance set in a Middle Eastern country. While the basis of this story is one that has been seen countless times before, “Beirut” manages to stand out from the crowd with the strength of its performances from Jon Hamm and Rosamund Pike. However, the overall experience of watching the film feels a bit unbalanced due to some narrative and historical contexts and it would remain largely the same. This area of the film could be greatly improved with a little more contextual significance.

“Beirut” is a film that is interesting on the surface but doesn’t often do enough to make it a truly great film. While the plot and main characters themselves are handled a lot better than they are in many similar films, the setting and its complete insignificance to the plot or overall context of the film. The setting is Beirut in 1982 during the height of the Lebanese civil war, but the film never tries to actually include any historical context or political tensions of the time period other than some shallow setup for conflict between the Palestinian characters and the Lebanese characters. The plot of the film could be set in various other countries and historical contexts and it would remain largely the same. This area of the film could be greatly improved with a little more contextual significance.

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How to throw a great ‘May the Fourth’ party

By: Nicole Chavannnes

There are musical artists whom the public generally agrees are talented; the ones who can hold impressive, commercially successful, and recent stage presence. Then, there are artists who seem to have been genuinely blessed by God Himself. Who sing melodies that are pleasing to your ears, but were really made to touch your heart in a way that was unexpected, but absolutely needed.

After just a few moments spent listening to the group’s latest album Creation, you’ll understand that E.P.I.C. the Band, unequivocally belongs to the latter.

Listening to the group members tell the story of how the band got its beginnings, sounds like a script straight out of a movie, as each member sits around a table adding their two cents about what they remember. According to the band’s keyboardist and producer Daniel Luis, the idea for the formation of the band came after the friends went to a 2015 concert — a Christian concert which is much like Coachella, according to singer Jessica Nicole Juno. After the friends enjoyed performances by groups like Hillsong United, Luis was inspired to create an instrumental which he later shared with Charles Ryan, the group’s drummer. From there, the two pulled into Justin, Adrian Gonzalez, Nicol Cabrera and NSU’s very own Ricky Gonzalez. Since, the faces in the group have changed slightly — artists have joined for a season and others have been featured very own Ricky Gonzales. Since, the faces in the group have changed slightly — artists have joined for a season and others have been featured with the group. The faces in the group have changed slightly — artists have joined for a season and others have been featured with the group.

By: Samantha Villarroel

Flicks to fill your summer

Finally, it is time to binge-watch all the shows and movies that you missed during the school year. This is the moment we have been waiting for all year. But don’t settle for just the oldies, there are plenty of new releases lining up perfectly the summer. Here’s a list of new shows and movies coming this summer. Enjoy.

‘Sacred Games’ - July 6

Based off of Vikram Chandra novel, this drama explores the corrupted underground world of India’s economic renaissance.

‘Dogs of Berlin’ - No release date yet

A drama about two detectives investigating Berlin’s underworld.

‘Raising Dion’ - No release date yet

Single mother Nicole Reese while raising Dion notices that he has superhero capabilities. Nicole must now keep her son’s gifts secret with the help of her best friend Pat, and protect Dion from antagonists out to exploit him while figuring out the origin of his abilities.

‘Solo: A Star Wars Story’ - May 25

The upcoming story of Han Solo and his journey with Chewbacca and Lando Calishtto.

‘Ocean’s 8’ - June 8

A group of fabulous women are planning to steal a necklace worth more than $150 million.

‘The Incredibles 2’ - June 15

In a mission that will reveal secrets from their past.

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Ant Man and the Wasp joins forces to fight in a mission that will reveal secrets from their past.

‘Skyscraper’ - July 13

Former FBI agent Will Sawyer, played by Dwayne “the Rock” Johnson, must save his family from a blazing fire in the world’s tallest building.

‘Mamma Mia, Here We Go Again’ - July 20

Sophie Sheridan (Amanda Seyfried) returns to the island for the musical sequel of the story of Donna, Sophie’s mother and her multiple boyfriends. The story focuses on the Donn’s past relationships.
### On Deck

#### Men's Baseball
- @No. 1 Florida Southern: April 27 at 6 p.m.
- Lakeland, Fla.
- @No. 1 Florida Southern: April 28 at 3 p.m.
- Lakeland, Fla.
- @No. 1 Florida Southern: April 29 at 11 p.m.
- Lakeland, Fla.

vs. No. 5 North Greenville: May 4 at 6 p.m.
NSU Baseball Complex

#### Women's Golf
- vs. NCAA South Super Regional: May 6-9
- Memphis, Tenn./Germantown
- vs. NCAA Division II National Championship: May 15-19
- Houston, Texas/Bay Oaks

#### Women's Softball
- vs. Florida Southern: April 27 at 6 p.m.
- Ad Griffin

vs. Florida Southern (DH): April 28 at 1 & 3 p.m.
- Ad Griffin

#### On The Bench

**Women's Golf**

The Sharks won the Sunshine State Conference Championship Tuesday afternoon in Boca Raton, Fla., five shots ahead of second place, Barry. The team set a new single-round tournament record score of (-2) 286 and senior Michelle Ruiz earned an individual medalist honors by setting the 54-hole tournament record by finishing six-under par. The Sharks next tournament will be in Memphis, Tenn. for the NCAA South Super Regional Tournament on May 6.

**Men's Baseball**

On April 15, the Sharks defeated Lynn with a final score of 16-6. This victory extended the teams winning streak to 12, with four Sunshine State Conference sweeps in a row. On April 17, the Sharks suffered a loss against the St. Thomas University Bobcats with a final score of 7-3, ending the winning streak. The Sharks welcome the Tritons of Eckerd College next for a three-game series. The team hopes to continue the 14-game conference win streak.

#### Out of the Sharkzone

**American woman becomes first to win the Boston Marathon in 33 years**

American Dathan Ritzenhein, two-time U.S. Olympian, won the 2016 Boston Marathon and became the first American woman to win the race since Lies Lisewski Weinland in 1983. According to USA Today, Ritzenhein ran the annual Boston Marathon that was held on April 18 and, after an unofficial time of 2:39:54, she finished first. Ritzenhein, who trains in Michigan, was fourth last year and second in 2011. Meanwhile, Sarah Sellers, a nurse anesthetist, surprised everyone when she placed second despite starting her training in September of last year. She finished with a time of 2:42:04 beating 194 women.

**Manchester City wins English Premier League**

Manchester City won the English Premier League title on Sunday, April 15 after their rival, Manchester United, failed to defeat West Bromwich Albion, according to CNN. The United team managed by Jose Mourinho needed to win against West Brom in order to keep the title race alive. However, the team had a surprising loss at home with a score of 1-0. Manchester City had already beaten Tottenham Hotspur 3-1 on Saturday. Soon after United's defeat on Sunday, the City's Twitter account tweeted: “Our Time. Our City. Premier League Champions 17/18.”

**Line耐心 in Blue Jackets’ Capital game falls, dislocates kneecap**

Line耐心en Steve Barton suffered an ugly split during Sunday’s game between Capitals and the Blue Jackets on April 16. According to CBS Sports, during Game 2, his leg landed on the wrong way, taking him off the ice as the injury Barton had been serious. NHL Director of Official Steve Wakam said that Barton dislocated his kneecap and tore his quadriceps. He will need surgery; however, doctors have already told him that he can come back 100 percent.

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

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**ON DECK**

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Lisette Villarreal is a junior biology major from Steger, Ill. and she’s a member of the women’s rowing team. Villarreal claimed a second-place finish behind the University of Florida in the novice eight race at the FIRA Championships as a freshman. During her sophomore year, she was named to the SSC Spring Commissioner Honor Roll. She raced with Mikayla Switzer in doubles at the FIRA Championships, finishing third and fourth at the Knecht Cup.

How did you start rowing?
“I started rowing my freshman year when I came here in 2015 and I’d never done it before.”

What made you interested in rowing?
“I was at my freshman orientation in the summer and the rowing team had a table during an exposition of all the clubs here at NSU and one of the players, a soon-to-be senior at the time, approached me and some other people I was with said that we should come to the tryouts to see how it goes. So, I went and stuck with it after that.”

How’s your relationship with your teammates?
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What is the most difficult thing about being a student-athlete?
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Taking pictures of a casket

By: Samantha Villarreal
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Funerals are one of the saddest events to attend. They sometimes come unexpectedly and are filled with different moods of reflection, loss and remembrances. Funerals and wakes bring family and friends together to mourn about an individual’s life. Perhaps to some it’s unbelievable to describe the pain they are feeling, but attending an open-casket funeral is something many will never forget and will never forget if there’s flash photography at the wake.

Everyone knows the intensity of social media and how powerful it can be, but there should be a limit to publicizing an open casket picture. In the instance of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old African American boy who was lynched in Mississippi in 1955, the news came from a cross-country phone call to his mother.

It was his mother’s choice to have an open casket so that the world could see the injuries and conditions of his body was making a Civil Rights statement. She wanted the publications and photographs, but that’s not the case for most funerals.

However, now a family member might pass away and the first thing you see at the wake is a published picture coming from Androids and iPhones so they could publish their new Instagram post. Those moments are precious and deciding to take a picture at the moment could be highly inappropriate and offensive to the family.

Not every moment is a Kodak moment. Surely enough, you’d like to have last image of the person, but it’s best to remember your loved ones while they were living. After the eulogy has been delivered, glance at everyone in the room and you’ll see their emotions and realize there’s a time and place for photographs. Attending a funeral is an unforgettable experience that will be engraved in your mind. Be mindful of the environment, be in the moment and put the phone down. Instagram can wait.

No one ever tells you about the real price of fake nails

By: Skylor Vanderveer
Multimedia Manager

NSU students are opinionated about all kinds of things, from universal social issues to NSU-specific concerns. Sometimes, however, we’re just not just about rant about the smaller things to life to let off some steam. In this column, The Current asks: water your thoughts?

I recently decided to treat myself to a full set of tips for formal. Now that the rush of dressing up is over, I find myself struggling with the simplest things. Having a piece of plastic glued to my nails makes everything a lot harder than it needs to be.

Tips has become extremely difficult. I keep getting my nails stuck in-between the keys at my work computer and it hurts a ton. I also can’t text on my phone like I used to, since the nails are so much longer than normal.

Also, the know change that falls out of my pocket is going to bring someone else good luck because picking it off the floor is a challenge. I can’t remove the sticker off my new Starbucks cup, and don’t even get me started on getting dressed in the morning, especially when I try to put and my pants. Opening cans of soda is a new form of torture. Then God forbid a nail breaks, it’s an incredibly painful.

But, there are positives of having fake nails. They look incredible in pictures; the shine and sparkle catches the flash and looks stunning. It’s also nice to have some length to my usually very short nails. Also, tapping the nails on certain surfaces makes a very satisfying sound. So in the end, while there are a lot of challenges with having fake nails, that probably won’t stop me from booking my next nail appointment.

University to make life more stressful in response to student stress

By: Jenna Kopeck
Co-Editor-in-Chief

If you thought that you wouldn’t have to vote again until the 2020 presidential election, please think again. The midterm elections — you know that other time where you can vote representatives into the government — are coming up in November.

I’m not sure if it’s that most Americans forget or just don’t care, but only around 40 percent of us vote in the midterm elections, according to fairvote.org. In the 2014 midterm elections, voter participation was actually estimated to be 35 percent.

Aside from being embarrassing for the U.S. as a nation, the low voter turnout is also incredibly damaging. Voting is one of the easiest ways to make your voice heard in a democracy; that’s kind of the whole point.

By choosing not to register or choosing not to vote, you’re giving up your say in who you think you and any policies that impact you. That’s the equivalent of a free pass in a democracy. If you really think that the election is not a big deal, you’re not realizing the power of one vote.

Whether you’re incredibly unhappy with the state and actions of the U.S. government or your own-town-people about them, don’t waste the opportunity to do something about it. Voting in the midterm elections isn’t just about choosing a name, it’s about sharing your voice.

Another study conducted by the Why Are We Like This Foundation found that the average American — especially current and incoming college students — suffers significantly negative effects of high levels of stress. The University of Preparing To Get It will implement another graduation requirement that is not only non-essential to their students, but is a significant time commitment.

President of the University of Preparing To Get It, Hay Tess Yoo, said he isn’t “exactly sure” what this curriculum requirement will entail but that it will probably be around 15 hours a week, which follows the trends of other universities across the nation implementing requirements like this.

“One, people, especially students, only have so much time. And since realistically there’s no need to do this,” said Yoo. “I want to make sure that it’ll be a valuable learning experience.”

You theorized that by overloading students with courses and requiring them to take on a springboard for further research. You’re supposed to in school,” explained Mann.

“With that and the university, said that word of this new mystery requirement “literally makes [him] want to die” and that the “incredibly vast and depressing amount of debt” he’s collected over the past two years is the only reason he plans to return in the fall — he doesn’t want to waste the money.

“I like it, I already go to school full-time,” I’ve had an internship and have another one in the works, I work twice the amount experts say you’re supposed to in school,” explained Mann.

“I know I could be doing more but …” Yoo said that he plans to inform students of what exactly the graduation requirement will be at a press conference held during an extremely inconvenient time over the summer.

“Thank you for not being as expensive, I’ll definitely tell them the day before classes begin.”
What are you celebrating on Cinco de Mayo?

By: Diego Galvez
Sports Editor

We are all familiar with the famous Mexican holiday Cinco de Mayo. You probably know it for one of two reasons; either you know the historical context of the day or you know it for all the drinking associated with it and how many Americans seem to misrepresent Mexicans with their stereotypes. But, do Americans know what happened that day or why Mexicans celebrate it?

According to U.S. News, the real history of Cinco de Mayo weaves together as a result of two wars — the French intervention in Mexico (also referred to as The Maximillian Affair) and the American Civil War. On May 5, 1862, the Mexican army won an unlikely battle against French troops led by Napoleon III during the battle of Puebla, which was one of the most important Spanish colonial cities in Mexico at the time. The then-Mexican president, Benito Juárez, decreed that there would be a celebration of the battle held each year on May 5 in remembrance. In the years that followed, Mexicans and Latins who lived in the U.S. began celebrating Cinco de Mayo with parades and speeches of how this battle fits into the larger narrative of abolition. The celebration intensified when the wave of Mexican migration into the U.S. joined the celebration without really knowing about it. They used this celebration to showcase the importance of their culture and to celebrate their Mexican ethnic identity.

Cinco de Mayo is, for Mexicans and Latins, more than just the original intention of celebrating the victory of a battle. It’s a way in which they can be represented and celebrated. Unfortunately, some Americans have also joined the celebration but have twisted it in a way that makes this day more of a celebration of alcohol. In a way, by doing this, they have reshaped the way this day is mostly celebrated; from parades and discussions of the importance of this battle, to a drinking day in which the misinterpretation and stereotyping of Mexicans and Latins is the norm. Such is the case of ABC’s Lara Spencer, who wore a sombrero and adopted an accent on what she called “Cinco de Drinko” in 2014, according to CNN.

This is not the proper way it should be celebrated. There’s nothing wrong with celebrating an important day by having a celebratory drink but those who are celebrating Cinco de Mayo should at least acknowledge the reason they are celebrating and know the true meaning behind this misinterpreted holiday.

Put up the flag, put down the backyard BBQ; it’s Memorial Day

By: Christina McLaughlin
Opinions Editor

The U.S. prides itself on being a country of freedom for all, yet, when Memorial Day rolls around, we act like it’s time to turn up the grill and open up the pool rather than remember those who lost their lives in the name of the freedom we possess. This holiday has become the “nonofficial” beginning of the summer which we mark on our calendar as a time to gather for the first big party of the summer. However, that was never its intended purpose.

Here’s a quick history lesson. At the end of the Civil War in the spring of 1865, so many American soldiers perished that there was a need to create national cemeteries to lay all of these service men to rest. According to History.com, on May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan — leader of the Northern Civil War veterans — called for a nationwide day of remembrance on May 30. This day was meant to “decorate the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion,” as Logan put it. This day became a community get-together where towns and cities across the U.S. would spend the day decorating the graves and saying prayers.

Decoration Day, as it was called, slowly transformed to the Memorial Day we know today.

In 1868, Congress decided that Memorial Day should be held on the last Monday in May and in 1971, it was declared a federal holiday. For years, this day stood for a community coming together to memorialize those they lost during a time of struggle and those that defended their country for the rights they have now. These national cemeteries would be lined with flags, flowers and fireworks shows, but as the years have passed the focus has switched to the fireworks side of it.

These cemeteries are still lined with flags mainly through the work of private organizations and graveyards maintenance crews, so the essence might still be there but the people, not so much. The average American will be at a party, taking advantage of some retail sale or even just enjoying the day off. But, we need to remember those who gave us a chance for that special three-day weekend. Not all of us have a family member who fought in the civil war or in the military in general, but that doesn’t mean we can’t honor them.

As Americans we have a strong pride of our country and under the circumstances of our political climate, it feels like we should stick together more than ever. What better way to do that than to honor those who gave us the freedoms we uphold so strongly in our constitution? You may not spending the day in solemn and mourning, but why not raise a glass to those who fought for us to have the right to a backyard barbecue on a Monday? Or, at the very least, keep them in your thoughts as you enjoy this day of relaxation in the beginning of the long-awaited summer!

Opinions

How do you feel about NSU’s summer course offerings and why?

I personally don’t really take summer classes because they are too expensive at NSU and I also live far away. It doesn’t make sense for me to stay here over the summer when I can pay for the classes with my scholarship during the fall and winter semesters. If you need them, they are good to have, but they don’t work out for me.

- Jenna Fritzhenry, sophomore communication sciences and disorders major

“I think there are plenty courses offered to help students during the summer. The only complaint would be is that it is a bit pricey… but that’s about it.”

- Tyler Schmitt, freshman finance major

“There are not enough. They don’t really offer anything other than certain biology classes. Just in general [they need more classes].”

- Ashley Washington, sophomore biology major

“I think they should be split into five and six-week courses because other [colleges] do that, and we should have the class meetings five days a week. That way you can get the most prerequisites in. I also feel like we should be able to have a break in between. Right now, if you do a summer course, you have no break.”

- Fianna Shaflirovich, freshman biology major

“I don’t mind them. I’ve taken a lot of summer classes before. It’s a good way to make sure you have taken any major or minor classes you need to take before you graduate. I declared a minor late, so it was a good way to finish that up and some classes are online so you don’t have to be on campus to take them.”

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