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Call for applications for the Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship

As of Sept. 25, applications for the Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship are being accepted. The $1,000 memorial award is presented to an international student leader during the annual Student Life Achievement Award (STUEYS) ceremony in memory of the late Correa. Recipients must be non-citizens who exemplify cultural celebration, awareness and unity and have impacted the NSU community.

Juan Pablo Correa was a business administration major at NSU and an active student leader who passed away following a hit-and-run accident in 1996. Correa left a huge legacy created through his involvement in the president of NSU’s International Student Organization. He enjoyed helping fellow students, especially those who came to NSU from other countries. His work as the organization’s president largely influenced his recognition as the 1994-95 Student of the Year.

Brad Williams, Vice President of Student Affairs, Dean of the College of Undergraduate Studies and visionary of the STUEYS, said that Correa was “a very, very special young man who was constantly trying to make life better for international students.” The first Juan Pablo Correa Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Angelique Nixon, a Bahamian native studying business and manager of the student-run radio station RadioX. Last year, Leydi D. Arboleda was awarded this prestigious award for her involvement in the NSU community.

“I’m so proud of my son because, although physically he’s not with us, he’s an inspiration to so many of the people at Nova and to his family. What is happening here is because of his good deeds.”

- Sara Cardenas

Students who are currently enrolled may apply or he nominated for the 2018 Juan Pablo Correa Scholarship award by completing the OrgSync form found at orgsync.com/37641/forms/65992. Each application will be reviewed by the Student Life Achievement Awards voting committee pending the 20th annual STUEYS award ceremony. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 10. For more information about the scholarship, contact The Office of International Affairs or email Renei Bollibon at rb2005@nova.edu.

Sig Delt brings back Battleship

Sigma Delta Tau will host its second annual Battleship event on Oct. 6 at NSU’s competition pool to raise money for Jewish Women International (JWI), an organization dedicated to empowering women, preventing domestic violence and educating women about safe dating.

“It’s definitely not your typical Greek event,” said Mykenzee Munaco, marine biology major and philanthropy chair for Sigma Delta Tau.

The event will consist of about 20 teams of three in competition to sink each other’s kayaks in the competition pool; the team that wins the most rounds will win a trophy and the title of Battleship champion.

Jenae Klingsick, president of Sigma Delta Tau and senior marine biology major, said that the organization is proud to hold the event as strays from typical fundraising styles and venues.

“No one’s really hosted any events at the competition pool before, so we’re kind of the first organization to do that. We’re hoping we can really promote it and get it really popular,” said Klingsick. Klingsick said that the sorority welcomes all students to the event to watch or participate.

“We don’t want just Greek teams and any organization on campus,” said Klingsick. “Even if people aren’t in an organization but they just want to make a team, we’re very open to that. We want the whole school to participate.”

Munaco said that the preferred deadline for team registry is Oct. 4, but that team registrations may be accepted after the deadline based on availability. She said she hopes that the students will come out to the event for a unique experience.

“It gives you a rare opportunity to participate in something with a bunch of organizations you may not usually cross paths with,” said Munaco.

Creating a team costs $30 while general admission is free. The sorority also offers a “VIP Ticket” for $10 that gives participants food and entry into a raffle. Contact Mykenzee Munaco at mm4201@mynsu.nova.edu for more information.
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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.

Located in FATVillage in downtown Fort Lauderdale, BREW Urban Café Next Door is a hidden gem as far as coffee shops go. The coffee shop is tucked away in the C&I Studios, off of Flagler Avenue.

When you first walk through the front entrance, you will see a small lobby with hallways on either side that lead to the coffee shop. The coffee shop is a large room with high, wood beam ceilings. The first thing you will notice is the giant wall of books behind the counter, the vintage-style furniture and natural wood decorations. There is even a half wall made entirely of windows that looks into the adjoining studio, so viewers can observe when a photo shoot is taking place. It's definitely a hipster's paradise.

BREW Urban Café Next Door offers many different coffee options for the self-described caffeine addict, all at affordable prices. Some flavors of coffee include: cinnamon, maple, lavender and the seasonal pumpkin spice. With a variety of flavors of tea, such as Earl Grey, pomegranate, green and a citrus blend, there is sure to be something for everyone, including those who don't like coffee.

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By: Gabrielle Thompson
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Getting a credit card in college is risky, but necessary if you hope to build your credit. If you use credit cards responsibly, you can build credit during your college years and be more likely to qualify for loans for the purchasing of a house or car once you've graduated. The trick is knowing how to apply for your first credit card, then educating yourself on how to use it responsibly.

Rebecca Abraham, who also has a doctorate in finance and is a professor at the H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship, expressed her concerns for first-time cardholders.

“When banks compute your ability to afford a mortgage, they take into account all debts,” said Abraham. “If a person has too much debt and has student loans on top of that, most likely they will not be able to purchase a house.”

According to Abraham, the best way to approach credit cards — especially for those with student loans — is to have a small balance that you pay off regularly, which helps establish your credit. “At the same time, [students] want to be careful [that] their balances and debt aren’t too high, because that affects their ability to borrow for a significant purchase like a home or car,” she said.

When choosing their first credit card, students should stay away from persistent offers that arrive in the mail.

“Usually you’re flooded with companies you’ve never heard of who are offering cards. Just throw those out,” Abraham said. “Don’t do business with somebody you’ve never heard of.”

Instead, opt for trusted companies like banks where you currently hold accounts or where someone you know and trust has banked.

“If you don’t have a bank account where someone you know and trust has banked, your credit will be virtually nonexistent which isn’t a good place to be in either.

“Students should think long term. According to U.S. News & World Report, your FICO score is made up of several factors, the most influential of which are your payment history and debt. Your FICO score is derived from information obtained by the nation’s three major credit reporting industry and used by lenders to determine risks of lending and interest rates.

However, if you shy away from using credit cards and have no payment history, your credit will be virtually nonexistent which isn’t a good place to be in either.

“I think students should [have a credit card]... but with a very small balance that they pay off regularly so they don’t incur interest,” Abraham said. “It gives a lender the feeling that this person has taken out revolving credit, has paid it off and is creditworthy.”

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A day to celebrate for American businesswomen

Anne Fiedler, who has a doctorate in management and master’s degree in business administration, believes that since women represent 50 percent of today’s workforce, they should not be afraid of being part of the business world. She explained that women’s involvement in the business world is also important for the economy.

“In the past 50 years there has been a dramatic increase of mothers in American families being the sole or primary provider for the family. Therefore, it is important for women to have their share of high paying jobs in the business world.” — Anne Fiedler

Regardless of the significant number of employed women, equal pay has yet to be universally achieved, according to American Business Women’s Association (ABWA). This is not only an issue in the business sphere, but in almost every occupation in America. The National Women’s Law Center’s (NWLC) statistics show that women “are only paid 80 cents for every dollar paid to men.” At the end of every year, the payment inequality is substantial.

“It is disappointing to learn that the wage gap continues to exist. At the current rate of progress, women will not achieve equal pay until 2119,” Sims said. One of the NWLC’s suggestions toward removing the pay gap is to improve and perfect the Equal Pay Act, which disparages wage gap between sexes, that has been lawful since 1963.

Although the number of businesswomen has increased significantly throughout the past 20 years, there is still room for more women to take initiative and join the business world. By empowering each other, women could put an end to pay inequality.

“Equal pay is not only the moral thing to do, but it is the law,” said Fiedler. September 22 goes beyond a regular celebratory day, it is a reminder for businesswomen to get together and empower other women to aim high and work to make their goals happen all throughout the year.

Trading beef for broccoli: Advice from a vegan

Do your research

In order to avoid being blindsided by curious questions like “Where do you get your protein?” read up on meat-free sources of protein and vitamins like B12. There are plenty of ways to get all the nutrients you need while on a vegan or vegetarian diet. Peanut butter, bread, tofu and even spinach and broccoli contain proteins that’s crucial to your health. If that’s not enough to convince you, look up vegan protein that’s crucial to your health. If that’s not enough to convince you, look up vegan protein that’s crucial to your health. If that’s not enough to convince you, look up vegan protein that’s crucial to your health. If that’s not enough to convince you, look up vegan protein that’s crucial to your health. If that’s not enough to convince you, look up vegan protein that’s crucial to your health. If that’s not enough to convince you, look up vegan protein that’s crucial to your health. If that’s not enough to convince you, look up vegan protein that’s crucial to your health. If that’s not enough to convince you, look up vegan protein that’s crucial to your health. If that’s not enough to convince you, look up vegan protein that’s crucial to your health. If that’s not enough to convince you, look up vegan protein.
By: Jessica McDonald Contributing Writer

Understanding boundaries and personal space
According to the United States Institute of Peace, “individuality is associated with values like self-sufficiency, individual responsibilities and personal autonomy. Collectivism, on the other hand, is the norm in societies that tend to emphasize ‘we’ over ‘I.’” Americans tend to lean towards individualism, meaning that others don’t return that same level of desire, “They may have a lot of different factors influencing how comfortable they are interacting with others.”

By: Monique Cole Contributing Writer

What to do if your roommate or coworker is being distant
Understanding your roommate’s boundaries is very important. I would rather have a roommate who was respectful of my boundaries than one who wanted to be friendly with me,” said Stover.

Antisocial, asocial or other?
There are many factors that contribute to how a person communicates, but there is a difference between those who are antisocial or asocial.

“Antisocial suggests a person who commits actions that are against societies’ norms. So, we would say a person who, for example, hurts others, has very little respect for others [and] is perhaps a potentially dangerous person. A person who has less of a drive for social interaction than the average person would likely be described as antisocial or asocial,” said Stover.

“Remember that there can be other reasons a roommate or coworker might act distant. Big responsibilities, stress or personal problems can also play a role.”

“A good way to start distinguishing or determining what the case is with your colleague or with your roommate would be to start by making small, very manageable gestures indicating that you would like to interact with them. A shy person when their comfort level has been reached (will be able to) overcome and calm their hesitation and interact with another person,” said Stover.

Solving the problem
Regarding an asocial roommate, “There are a lot of ways we can approach increasing our connection with other people. One way is to remember to be an inclusive person and start making small offers and attempts to include your roommate or coworker in some of your social activities. Another way to deal [with this problem], particularly in the roommate scenario, is to create or ask for maybe one night or afternoon where you can meet for coffee … set your expectations at a very manageable level and try to work from there,” said Stover.

Stover advises that if a coworker’s silence is affecting work ethic or causing problems, different methods should be utilized.

“When in doubt, consult with others. Not gossiping, but going to the person who is your direct supervisor or mentor and discussing your impressions on how the communication deficiencies that you are experiencing with this other individual are impacting your work,” said Stover. “A team approach towards improving communication skills have far better outcomes,” said Stover.

Stover’s final advice
“My main advice for anyone would be: If you have a roommate who is less interactive in a social way than you would like them to be, but is respectful of your boundaries and understands your needs as a person, then you’re not in the worst place,” said Stover.

Stover also wants students to know that it is normal to try and ignore change.

“As a person of good faith, we all want to have emotional reactions and connections with other people. And being that person that opens yourself up and puts yourself out there to try and establish a relationship is a really good place to be. You can’t take it personally when others don’t return that same level of desire,” said Stover. “They may have a lot of different factors influencing how comfortable they are interacting with others.”

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Finding Fitness: Pole Dancing

By: Christina McLaughlin
Opinions Editor

Pole Fitness is one of the hottest new trends on the block. Pole Dancing, which is typically associated with gentlemen's clubs and other exotic dance venues, is turning over a new leaf as a fun, refreshing way to work out.

Studio 595 in Davie is an alternative fitness studio which combines multiple aerial style fitness classes such as Pole Fitness, Aerial Silks and yoga, among others.

One great thing about this new workout style is that it can try out their classes and see how you like it. It is a lot less expensive than gym memberships and can be far less intimidating than a gym setting.

In the comfort of their own space — without the encouragement students to learn at their own pace — they can try out different classes and see which ones work for them the best.

Pole Fitness is a very holistic workout. It combines flexibility, upper body, lower body, dance, cardio and core work to create the ideal workout for everyone, Zeldin said.

Studio 595 calls themselves an open to everyone establishment, so anyone is welcome to try out classes as long as you are a participant. Spectators may be present, but at Studio 595, they focus on participating in pole and other classes as an art form and encouraging students to study at their own pace in the comfort of their own space — with the fear of judgment from others.

As college students, new experiences are always welcome, especially in fitness and hobbies, but gym memberships can be costly. Studio 595 offers opportunities for new clients at a discounted price for three classes. That way, you can try out their classes and see how you like them. For more information, call Studio 595 at 954-861-8889.

OUT OF THE SHARKZONE

Dwayne Wade signs veteran's deal with Cleveland

On Sept. 24, NBA player Dwayne Wade agreed to a buyout contract with the Chicago Bulls, putting him on the open market in need of a team. Wade received multiple offers from teams such as the San Antonio Spurs and the Golden State Warriors. However, he ultimately turned them down to play with his former teammate, LeBron James, with the Cleveland Cavaliers. According to ESPN, Wade signed a one-year “veteran’s minimum” contract for $2.3 million.

A Chicago Cub collides with nachos

During the Cubs-Cardinals game four series, this week, the Chicago Cubs shortstop Addison Russell dove after a foul ball in the stands, straight into a fan’s plate of nachos. While fans knew that sitting in an un-netted area provided its own risks, Russell brought out a brand-new plate of nachos for the fan a couple of innings later. According to NBC, when Russell was questioned about his actions, he said “You don’t want to get in the way of a man and his nachos.” Thus, for his efforts, he was honored with a special award of nachos.

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Sports

Cross Country

The men’s and women’s cross country teams competed in two meets on Sept. 25 and Sept. 29. At the Treviessa Di Schoeck Invitational in Nashville, Tennessee, the men’s team placed fifth overall and the women’s team placed nineteenth. The teams competed again at the FLRUNNERS.COM18 Invitational. Overall, there were four runners that finished in the top ten, leading to a first-place finish for the men and a second place finish for the women.

Top finishers for both races were graduate student Scott Gwinn on the men’s side and freshman Michelle Bauer on the women’s side.

Mens’ Soccer

The men’s soccer team traveled to Flagler College’s home field for a match on Sept. 25, and watched in a let-down to get down to business. Junior Darwin Lom gave the Sharks their first of four goals within six minutes of the start of the game. The final score was a convincing 5-1 win against the Saints. In the Sunshine State Conference opener game against Florida Tech, the Sharks suffered a tough 1-3 loss when facing one of the conference’s best offensive attacks in a game on Sept. 26.

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Pole Dancing

Studio 595's pole dancing as an alternative fitness activity for anyone to enjoy.

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Pole fitness is a very holistic workout. It improves your mental health.

“Not everyone climbs [the pole] on their first day so having those beginner classes allows people to learn at their own pace,” Zeldin said.

According to Zeldin, the environment in these classes allows for a mental exercise component as well. These classes are music-based and are very expressive which helps with confidence, self-worth and other components to improve your mental health.

“The more movement and rotation of your joints and other body components can help people with less active careers such as desk jobs,” she said.

One great thing about this new workout regime is the focus on what some people consider “the problem areas” of the body that tend to water weight and body mass.

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Donald Trump should stick to playing 18 holes and commit to keeping one shut.

By: Michaela Greer
Co-Editor-in-Chief

In addition to picking a fight with North Korea’s leader, Kim Jong-Un, President Donald Trump decided to add his unsolicited two cents to the conversation surrounding the recent kneeling protests within the sports world. On Sept. 22, while addressing an Alabama audience, instead of talks of relief efforts for Puerto Rico following the devastation of hurricane Maria, the president chose to lash out at NFL players who “take the knee” during the national anthem. He called on team owners to take action by getting the “son of a bitch” off the field,” suggesting the firing of NFL players who participate in the protest.

This was at least the second time for the month that the White House has called for the firing of persons who exercised their rights to free speech in the name of equality and justice. In a conference on Sept. 13, press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders mentioned that she was unsure whether the president was aware of tweets made by Jemele Hill, where the ESPN host called the president a white supremacist. However, Sanders did say that she thought the host’s comments were a fireable offense. Two days later, Trump took to Twitter to personally call for Hill’s firing.

Here’s the thing: as Americans, we have the right to free speech and freedom of the press. So, perhaps Trump’s press secretary should take a few moments to educate the president about what the first amendment means and what type of comments are protected. The president cannot insist that a person’s actions are a fireable offense just because someone says or does something that the leader doesn’t like. If that was the case, I’m sure former president Barack Obama might have tried to have Trump silenced for repeated remarks made throughout his presidency, including the suggestion that Obama was the “founder of ISIS” and not a U.S. citizen. You know where leaders can do that? North Korea. But since the president has been busy making comments about the nation, I’ll just chalk his ignorant comments up to a bout of momentary confusion.

Since we’re talking about America and its culture, I must insist that based on history, the combination of athletes and protests, seem to me, as Americans as they come. Who could forget how track and field athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos stood atop the medal platform, arms raised in a black power salute during the playing of the national anthem at the 1968 Mexico City Games? How about when Vince Matthews and Wayne Collett got barred from the Olympics when the athletes refused to face the flag in 1972? Too far back for you? Okay, how about when the NBA suspended basketball star Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf for refusing to stand for the anthem in 1996? Then there was the time in 2004 when Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado sat in the dugout during the anthem following the 9/11 attacks. Surely the president remembers when the Phoenix Suns owner, Robert Sarver, requested that the Los Suns players wear special jerseys to protest newly passed immigration laws in 2010?

Whether the president likes it or not, athletes do not give their rights away upon the signing of their contracts. Owners cannot simply whisk someone away at the president’s request — even if they are his friends and campaign donors — unless the players have acted in a way which contradicts the explicit requirements of said contracts. It also isn’t against the law for persons to refrain from “standing at attention” during the singing of the national anthem. Therefore, Donald Trump can have many seats; hopefully on transportation en route to areas in need, or in boardrooms working with officials on issues that really need the POTUS’s attention, such as tax reform, relief efforts for Houston, South Florida and Puerto Rico or the systemic discrimination and treatment of minorities that gave rise to the protests in the first place.

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MEN’S SOCCER vs. Barry Oct. 4 | 7 p.m. NSU Soccer Complex

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Yachty is responsible for the song “Marmalade,” which is one of the best songs of this album since he collaborated with Offset and Lil Yachty. Offset appears in the song “Willy Wonka,” a Moroccan-born singer who has a tremendous voice. Other artists he collaborates with were Offset and Lil Yachty. Offset appears in the song “Willy Wonka,” which is one of the best songs of this album since it involves Offset’s outstanding lyrical game. Lil Yachty is responsible for the song “Marmalade,” old, and he even featured her in the video. He showed his charisma, as well as both his serious and funny sides when he rapped “My grandma smilin’ down on me like, ‘Woo, that boy got bars.’ ‘Okay, okay, yes I do.’” “Gemini” sounds like another album with a partying flow, but he demonstrates it has other touching sides in the song “Good Old Days” featuring Kesha where he sings about aging. Another touching song is “Excavate” featuring Saint Clare, which is the song he uses to close the album. It’s inspiring and moving, especially when he claims that his greatest life achievement is his daughter, showing his sensibility as a caring father. After his Grammy-winning album, “The Heist,” it was hard to believe that Macklemore was going to be able to write something as great again, but “Gemini” is strong. While it may have some songs that you probably will forget, it has others that are worth listening to.

Coffee, smoothie, and pastry lovers, you do not want to miss out on the opportunity to visit some of these coffee shops around NSU. Even if you just want to grab a coffee on the go, any of these places offer an awesome menu with a variety of treats. Maybe you’re looking for a place to study other than the library or your residence hall, or maybe you want to take the time to relax, have a study break, and enjoy some good snacks. If so, these are good places to consider checking out.

M&H Café
2875 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328
Offering a colorful menu with plenty of options, M&H Café is a good choice when it comes to lunch or dinner, as well as fresh beverages. Located about five minutes away from NSU, M&H Café is a great place to enjoy a cold beverage and a great meal. Food options include pastries, soups, salads, sandwiches and wraps. They also offer daily lunch specials and happy hour deals on smoothies and bubble tea every day from 4 - 6 p.m. You’ll find more than 60 flavors for smoothies and bubble tea, and you can also choose to mix up to three flavors. Though one thing is sure: it will take you a long time to try every flavor.

Paris Morning Bakery
9400 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328
Located on University Drive, Paris Morning Bakery could become your go-to before or after class coffee shop. The inside has a very cute and welcoming setup and the menu is huge, offering a variety of food so that you won’t run out of things to try. Pastries, cakes, bread and croissants are just some options. In addition to the typical French-style food options, it also offers traditional Korean food. If you feel like trying a new dessert, you can go for a Bingsoo, a Korean dessert made of ice cream, sweet toppings, condensed milk and sweet powders. Or if you go at lunchtime, you can try the Zhiphop, a typical Korean dish served with rice and varied ingredients. Paris Morning Bakery is a great place to spend a morning studying or afternoon catching up with friends.

Ella Café
9743 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation, FL 33324
If you are looking to have a good time in a cozy and cute environment while enjoying a very tasty meal, Ella Café is the place to go. This is also the perfect place for a successful study session. If you happen to be a late nighter, consider trying the “cafe nutella” iced latte. The food options are amazing, but the presentations are even better as you are served on top of cute wooden boards etched with their logo. So, if you order a sandwich, instead of receiving it on the typical plate, you will receive it on the “Ella signature” board.

If you are crazy for coffee, this is your place. Juan Valdez is a well-known Colombian coffee brand that has locations not only close to NSU but also others in Miami. In this shop, you’ll find a flavor of coffee that’s just right for you. From strong coffees to lattes and cappuccinos, to caffeine-free hot beverages, this place has it all. And who doesn’t like to accompany their coffee with a snack? At Juan Valdez, you have a varied menu of salty and sweet snacks, including almogabana, a typical bread from Colombia.

Coffee shop lovers, this one is for you

By: Miguel Gonzalez
Contributing Writer

“Gemini” by Macklemore

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“Gemini” is Macklemore’s newest album and also the singer’s first solo album in 12 years without Ryan Lewis since the two met back in 2006. In this album, Macklemore raps about anything that comes to him. He wanted to make something that he could bump to in his car, and he wanted something that didn’t touch any controversy like his previous album “This Unruly Mess I’ve Made” where he sang about white privilege. Nevertheless, he kept the piano and other beats he used in previous albums.

He is an artist who enjoys collaborating with others who aren’t so well-known like he did in this album in the romantic song “Zara” where he collaborates with Abir, a Moroccan-born singer who has a tremendous voice. Other artists he collaborated with were Offset and Lil Yachty. Offset appears in the song “Willy Wonka,” which is one of the best songs of this album since it involves Offset’s outstanding lyrical game. Lil Yachty is responsible for the song “Marmalade,” which is one of the most popular songs because of his popularity and the song’s similar beat to one of Lil Yachty’s most famous singles “Broccoli.” “Glorious” featuring Skylar Grey, is another outstanding performance with the best video Macklemore has made since “Thrift Shop.” Macklemore dedicated the song to his grandmother, who recently turned 100-years-old, and he even featured her in the video. He showed his charisma, as well as both his serious and funny sides when he rapped “My grandma smilin’ down on me like, ‘Woo, that boy got bars.’ ‘Okay, okay, yes I do.’” “Gemini” sounds like another album with a partying flow, but he demonstrates it has other touching sides in the song “Good Old Days” featuring Kesha where he sings about aging. Another touching song is “Excavate” featuring Saint Clare, which is the song he uses to close the album. It’s inspiring and moving, especially when he claims that his greatest life achievement is his daughter, showing his sensibility as a caring father.

After his Grammy-winning album, “The Heist,” it was hard to believe that Macklemore was going to be able to write something as great again, but “Gemini” is strong. While it may have some songs that you probably will forget, it has others that are worth listening to.

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Coffee shop lovers, this one is for you

Coffee, smoothie, and pastry lovers, you do not want to miss out on the opportunity to visit some of these coffee shops around NSU. Even if you just want to grab a coffee on the go, any of these places offer an awesome menu with a variety of treats. Maybe you’re looking for a place to study other than the library or your residence hall, or maybe you want to take the time to relax, have a study break, and enjoy some good snacks. If so, these are good places to consider checking out.

M&H Café
2875 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328
Offering a colorful menu with plenty of options, M&H Café is a good choice when it comes to lunch or dinner, as well as fresh beverages. Located about five minutes away from NSU, M&H Café is a great place to enjoy a cold beverage and a great meal. Food options include pastries, soups, salads, sandwiches and wraps. They also offer daily lunch specials and happy hour deals on smoothies and bubble tea every day from 4 - 6 p.m. You’ll find more than 60 flavors for smoothies and bubble tea, and you can also choose to mix up to three flavors. Though one thing is sure: it will take you a long time to try every flavor.

Paris Morning Bakery
9400 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328
Located on University Drive, Paris Morning Bakery could become your go-to before or after class coffee shop. The inside has a very cute and welcoming setup and the menu is huge, offering a variety of food so that you won’t run out of things to try. Pastries, cakes, bread and croissants are just some options. In addition to the typical French-style food options, it also offers traditional Korean food. If you feel like trying a new dessert, you can go for a Bingsoo, a Korean dessert made of ice cream, sweet toppings, condensed milk and sweet powders. Or if you go at lunchtime, you can try the Zhiphop, a typical Korean dish served with rice and varied ingredients. Paris Morning Bakery is a great place to spend a morning studying or afternoon catching up with friends.

Ella Café
9743 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation, FL 33324
If you are looking to have a good time in a cozy and cute environment while enjoying a very tasty meal, Ella Café is the place to go. This is also the perfect place for a successful study session. If you happen to be a late nighter, consider trying the “cafe nutella” iced latte. The food options are amazing, but the presentations are even better as you are served on top of cute wooden boards etched with their logo. So, if you order a sandwich, instead of receiving it on the typical plate, you will receive it on the “Ella signature” board.

Juan Valdez Café
8751 Stirling Road, Cooper City, FL 33328
If you are crazy for coffee, this is your place. Juan Valdez is a well-known Colombian coffee brand that has locations not only close to NSU but also others in Miami. In this shop, you’ll find a flavor of coffee that’s just right for you. From strong coffees to lattes and cappuccinos, to caffeine-free hot beverages, this place has it all. And who doesn’t like to accompany their coffee with a snack? At Juan Valdez, you have a varied menu of salty and sweet snacks, including almogabana, a typical bread from Colombia.

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Jennifer Worth’s “Call the Midwife”

Jennifer Worth’s memoir entitled “Call the Midwife” tells the tales of her experience as a midwife in London’s East End; describing mothers giving birth to simple days of solemn prayer in Nonnatus House; there’s a surprise at the turn of every page. A child has rickets, a mother gives birth in the most unconventional place and a baby is left alone next to a boiling kettle. Whatever the case may be, the midwives are just a phone call away, tending to a variety of concerns needed sun exposure and relaxing nature views.

Pretty parks
Sometimes the fluorescent lighting of dorm rooms and the busy energy in the library can have you itching for the great outdoors. Luckily, we are in a prime spot for many great parks that help you experience nature in a calm environment ideal for studying. Check out Tree Tops Park where you can sit at the picnic tables and study, or take a break and hit the trails. Grab a picnic blanket, your favorite study snack and your notes and head to the park for some much-needed sun exposure and relaxing nature views.

Cute coffee shops
Coffee shops are known by many students as the perfect study spots. With their relaxing atmospheres, Wi-Fi offerings and caffeine fix, coffee shops offer students everything they need to work on schoolwork and study for exams. Some great options surrounding NSU are The Alchemist in Wilton Manors, Wassaic Coffee Company in Fort Lauderdale and Atelier 3 Coffee Bar & Shop in Hollywood. On campus gems
Maybe you don’t want to venture off campus to study, but you find the typical study spots to be full or too loud. Consider studying out by the Gold Circle Lake with a blanket and your favorite coffee. If you are looking for a place to sit, try the tables outside of Flight Deck, complete with a fan and a covering from the sun. Other great places include the lounges in DeSantis, the Parker lobby or the West End Deli in the Alvin Sherman Library.

Sunny beaches
If you are feeling the call of the ocean, consider packing up your textbooks and study guides and bring them seaside. Sometimes the simple sound of the waves can help ease your tension for exams. Head to your favorite beach spot, after piling on the SPF, and set up your study space in a shady area. The answer to your midterm exam may not be at the beach, but shouldn’t you at least check?

How to tackle fall fashion in SoFlo

During this time of year, the weather can be excruciatingly hot. While it’s still a perfect time to soak up some rays at the beach, pumpkin spice-flavored goods can be seen in almost every coffee shop, it’s officially fall in South Florida. Although we may not have a typical autumn weather, the thought of layering in the over 90-degree heat may send you reaching for a lightweight boomer jacket or cardigan can easily transition your simple t-shirt and jeans into a perfect fall ensemble.

Choose a darker wash
The simple switch out of your lighter wash jeans for a darker pair can be great for amping up your wardrobe. Dark wash jeans are great in almost every season, but as we head into “cooler” months, they are perfect for pairing with any blouse or flannel.

Reach for skirts and dresses
When in doubt, always reach for a dress or skirt. With the trend of textured skirts on the rise, finding a button up or zippered skirt you love is easier than ever. These skirts can serve as a statement piece in your fall outfit, so you can easily pair them with a simple top and be ready to go. There are also a variety of options for fall dresses like muted florals, dark textures and fun cutout styles that are perfect for South Florida’s autumn weather.
College can be rough. Add to that a job or two, and there the delusions of social life, as well as extracurricular activities and a student can easily begin to feel overwhelmed. This is especially true if they are attending traditional day-time college classes for the first time. For this reason, it is imperative that both students and faculty keep a realistic goal in mind when it comes to addressing class workload.

Often when students complain about feeling overwhelmed by particular courses, persons belonging to prior generations are quick to share all of the “back-in-my-day” responses stored in their wheelhouses. While there may be some validity to their claims of would-be superiority, naysayers should try to keep in mind that times have changed, and so have expectations of the average college student. A degree that once solidified a graduate’s high marketability now has to be accompanied by testaments of community involvement, additional test scores like the GRE, letters of recommendation and at least three years of experience within those fields, just to be considered. The only way to garner that experience is by picking up extracurricular activities that takes up precious time.

Yes, students who complain about having to read 40 pages of a book check-full of pictures before the next class should look around and realize where they are. They shouldn’t feel embarrassed by the silence of their peers sitting next to them because sometimes their peers don’t see what the big deal even is. Sure, assignments aren’t always presented at the most opportune times, but as student we should understand that a substantial amount of material has to be covered in a fast-paced eight or sixteen-week course. Assignments will be more challenging in comparison to high school and deadlines are not flexible. Yet, this is necessary to keep the class on route to finishing, and aren’t we all excited for classes to be over? I know I’m counting down the days until I graduate, and the only way for that to happen is if classes progress in a timely fashion.

However, I know that as college students we can really be overwhelmed. So, students who are truly indisposed should consider addressing their concerns with their faculty and academic advisors. Many professors welcome “come-to-Jesus” moments because they are sincerely interested in the students they teach and may be able to offer feasible solutions. Additionally, academic advisors can assist by helping students figure out what is best for them, whether be enrolling in fewer courses the next go-around or by suggesting alternative course combinations which aren’t as taxing. I have been in a classes where a faculty members did not have realistic expectations of students, so I also know what the other side is like. In fact, while school was canceled this month in preparation and after Hurricane Irma, one of my professors insisted on holding class via email. Needless to say, this was quite a stressful and difficult task given difficulties with power outages and the fact that we were experiencing an actual hurricane.

Demands like these are quite frankly outrageous. I implore professors to sit with their syllabi, remember that students have other responsibilities and decide what can reasonably be accomplished, because sometimes when students complain, it really might be the professor who is being impractical.

Therefore, I ask each complaining student and annoyed faculty member to ask themselves this question: Is the other party being uncooperative, or am I being illogical?
We’re too quick to make decisions on public figures

By: Christina McLaughlin
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Celebrities, athletes and politicians are all seen as public figures. Being a public figure in today’s age means upholding to a variety of standards with unwritten guidelines. Sometimes these figures stray from said guidelines and chaos ensues. Reputations are tarnished, jobs are lost and their image in the public eye might never recover. So why is it that some are forgiven for their wrongdoings while others are ostracized for it?

In 2009, Chris Brown accepted a plea deal for domestic violence against his then-girlfriend, Rihanna. At first, Brown was seen negatively after this event occurred but now, it’s old news. Brown regained most of his fanbase and is as popular as he once was before the incident. Brown got a slap on the wrist compared to Rice who lost his career and any possibility of returning to the league. A slew of other public figures have been involved in court allegations, drug-related offenses and other misconduct but only a few are truly repudiated for these transgressions. So where do we draw the line? What dictates what is unforgivable or forgivable?

There are many reasons that could explain why some people get off easy while others don’t. It could involve moral standards, societal value or even basic “money talks” ideology. But, whatever the case may be, I think we tend to ignore the old adage we were taught as children: forgive, but never forget.

Everyone deserves a second chance and it would be impractical to think that public figures wouldn’t make mistakes every once and awhile. The figures who commit crimes should face ramifications, but when the public jumps the gun on a judgment of a public figure, people who are falsely accused suffer. For example, Chris Andersen, former center for the Miami Heat, was part of an elaborate “catfishing scheme”, which caused him to be falsely accused of possession of child pornography. This case is a long story, but the short version is that an investigation found that someone created a fake profile of Andersen, posed as him online and released photos of an underage girl he was associated with. Though he was innocent, the damage was already done. Andersen’s career was on the line and the Miami Heat threatened to release him from his contract.

I think we forget sometimes that these public figures rely on their image as their livelihoods. Without a positive image or an attempt to eradicate the negative image, these people lose their position of influence which makes them ineffective at their job. When we judge a figure based on a one-time mishap or a case of mistaken identity and don’t give them a chance to explain themselves or restore their image, it can ruin someone’s life and put them in a position where they can’t grow as an individual or contribute to society.

On a Scale from 1 to 5, How Would You Rate NSU Events on Campus?

- Jeneil Davis, sophomore biology major

“I will give it a 3.5 because some events are boring and some are hyped up and fun. It really depends on what it is, and if it is related to what I am interested in or not.”

- Brianna King, freshman business major

“They don’t happen often enough, and there’s not that many. Plus, I am on the soccer team so I miss everything. They put them at bad times, not often enough and not on the weekends. I give it a 2.”

- Mackenzie Ramey, freshman marketing major

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- Kylie Galvez, biology major

“I think I will give it a 3.5 because I think there is a lot of improvement for it to work out. The events sometimes are not prepared or they just give out fliers. There’s not much of a wide announcement for people on the weekends would be thought of and I think it would help make it better.”

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