In preparation for the 20th annual Student Life Achievement Awards, affectionately known as the STUEYS, the NSU Office of Special Events and Projects under Campus Life and Student Engagement issued a call for nominations on Sept. 25. Students, faculty and staff members are invited to nominate candidates through Jan. 10.

The event serves to recognize students, professors, staff members, registered organizations and alumni who embody and demonstrate NSU’s eight core values. Each student, professor and staff member is eligible for nomination, and every person within the NSU community can nominate someone for nomination, and every person within the NSU community can nominate someone for one of the 13 available categories including student of the year, professor of the year, administrator of the year, arts and entertainment, sports, student affairs, campus life, campus safety, academic affairs, and special events and projects. Nominators of the candidates are never revealed.

The Office of Student Events and Projects will announce the date draws nearer. Until then, those seeking additional information can call 954-262-7283, email specialprojects@nova.edu or visit nova.edu/safspecialevents/stueys to nominate an individual or group.

NSU is set to hold “Chromatic,” an exhibit by Linda Behar from Oct. 18 - Nov. 28 in the Don Taft University Center. The opening reception will be held from 5-7 p.m., where guests will be able to view a presentation and introduction of the series, as well as an interactive portion of the exhibit.

Every fall, NSU hosts an artist in gallery series, as well as an interactive portion of the exhibit. In response, Behar created “Chromatic”: an exhibit to showcase the beauty behind variety, feminism and the non-conforming figure. But Behar’s work doesn’t just focus on the physical aspect of females. After finding a study conducted by the U.S. government in the 1940s meant to outline the ideal female form, she began experimenting with video game software to explore the 3D figure. However, through this study, she realized that the posing of men and women tend to be very contrasting and for no viable reason.

“When I was playing with this software, I realized that it’s not just the woman’s body — it’s also about the pose,” Behar said. “You have female poses and male poses. How can this kind of cultural pressure on the way that you are still in place?”

In response, Behar created “Chromatic”: an exhibit to showcase the beauty behind variety, feminism and the non-conforming figure. “The research of feminism is just equality for women,” said Lopez-Moreno. “If you believe that we should have equal rights, then you should come to the show.”

Admission is free and open to the public. In addition to her exhibit, Behar will hold a lecture from 4:30-5 p.m. on Oct. 18 and a workshop on Oct. 19 from 12:00-1 p.m. For more information, call 954-262-7620 or visit cahss.nova.edu/arts/art-exhibitions.html.
that conclude that traveling to Cuba as an U.S. official is hazardous. The U.S. also announced a travel warning for Americans who plan to travel to the island.

Human rights groups urge UN to add Saudi-led coalition to blacklist

Al Jazeera reported that the United Nations may add the Saudi-led coalition onto their blacklist following the release of their annual report on children’s rights violations. This comes as human rights groups pressure the organization to look at cases of child deaths in Yemen. In the 2016 report, former UN chief Ban Ki-moon removed the coalition from the blacklist, amidst threats from Saudi Arabia to cut funding sent to the UN for countries such as Syria and South Sudan. Children’s rights groups, who are seeing first-hand accounts of the atrocities from the war in Yemen, were disappointed to find that the UN would waive the Saudi-led coalition from the list, despite the mounting evidence of human rights violations.

Nobel Prize in Chemistry awarded for 3D visuals of biomolecules; Nobel Peace prize awarded for anti-nuclear weapons campaign

Three scientists were awarded the 2017 Nobel Prize in Chemistry on Oct. 4 for developing a way to view biomolecules three-dimensionally. Their work provides insight to cell processes and the anatomy of proteins, DNA, RNA and viruses. According to the New York Times, the trio’s technique has allowed scientists to use cryo-electron microscopy as a way to analyze structures of mosquito-borne viruses, such as the Zika virus. As the science community continues to assemble detailed images of such viruses, they move closer to producing antiviral drugs. According to the BBC, the Geneva-based International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) received the Nobel Peace Prize for its work to achieve a “treaty prohibition” on nuclear weapons over the last ten years. The prize comes during a time when North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has tested nuclear weapons and missiles and President Donald Trump has threatened to destroy the country. The group works to prevent nuclear warfare, stating that it is directly punishes and murders civilians, which cannot be allowed.

US Expels Cuban Diplomats after mysterious illness

Fifteen Cuban diplomats were expelled from the U.S. on Oct. 3 after a mysterious attack sickened U.S. diplomats in Cuba a few months before with symptoms like hearing loss, headaches, dizziness and cognitive issues — to name a few. A U.S. official told CNN that around 50 attacks were allegedly carried out targeting American diplomats. Officials are still investigating what type of attack the Cubans could have carried out, they are not sure. According to CNN, the State Department issued a statement stating that Havana’s U.S. embassy staff will be reduced by 60 percent following reports that conclude that traveling to Cuba as an U.S. official is hazardous. The U.S. also announced a travel warning for Americans who plan to travel to the island.

Catalonia to declare independence after police violence; Spanish King calls referendum illegal

As Catalans in the northeast region of Spain prepared to vote on the independence referendum on Oct. 1, many were met with violent police clashes in polling stations and in the streets. According to the BBC, Spanish police forces arrested and spinalched a Spanish court order that suspended the referendum and, in doing so, injured civilians along the way. In response to the violation of rights and freedoms, thousands of Catalans took to the streets to protest police violence. In an address to the nation, Spanish King Felipe ViI denounced the vote for independence as illegal but did not mention the police brutality witnessed within the region.

The College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences will present “Reign of Terror: An Evening of Gothic Stories,” a two-night event on Oct. 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre located in the Don Taft University Center, with discounted tickets for NSU students. Due to the university’s closure because of Hurricane Irma last month, the play “Man of La Mancha” was canceled but it replaced with this new event for audiences to enjoy instead. Organized by the faculty members of the Department of Performing and Visual Arts (PVA), students have the opportunity to enjoy a night of spooky stories, monologues and musical numbers with an overall theme of horror. Faculty members hope to continue this event in the future because it has provided them with, an associate professor and part director of the event Daniel Gelbmann put it, “an interesting and fun collaborative experience.”

There are four directors involved in this theatrical event, The Mak & Band, directed by Jessica Collado, will perform a collection of music selections and themed songs from “Harry Potter” and “28 Days Later,” as well as a musical review of the Mike Myers “Halloween” story arc.

Bill Adams, an associate professor within the department of performing and visual arts, will direct the singing portion of the night with the works of the Broken Tread” and “The Addams Family,” a few spooky musical renditions to look forward to. Gelbmann and Mark Duncan, associate professor and chair of the department of performing of visual arts, directed monologues of original compositions that will also be featured in the event.

According to Gelbmann, audiences are invited to, “come see a can’t-miss-style night of horror performances - minus the food and drinks.”

This show is intended for mature audiences due to the adult themes and language it may contain.

Students can buy tickets with a valid NSU ID for $7 at the door or digitally via the online Black Box office at web.ovationtix.com/itn/ p/980972.

CAHSS presents ‘Reign of Terror’

By: Christina McLaughlin

The Current presents ‘Reign of Terror’

In issue 6 of The Current, we ran our regular “Seriously Kidding: A satire column” with the “NSU faculty petition to cancel hurricanes.” In this story we created a fictional professor, Brad Ketchup, who worked in the College of Osteopathic Medicine as a way to poke fun at individuals who may be feeling stressed about scheduling changes in classes. We would like to make it clear that Brad Ketchup was purely fictional character created for this purpose, and satire and is in no way affiliated with or meant to portray the feelings of any faculty or staff of the Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Additionally, in the “What to do if your coworker is being distant” article printed in Issue 7 of The Current, we referred to Kristin Stover as an assistant professor of NSU’s College of Psychology. Stover is an adjunct faculty member within NSU’s College of Psychology.
NSU to host inaugural Sharks Employee Fest
NSU announced Oct. 3 that it will host its first Sharks Employee Fest for faculty and full-time employees. The event includes free food, free drinks and free games. The event is located at Gold Circle Lake and will take place on Oct. 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

College of Psychology announces ADHD lecture
On Oct. 20, the College of Psychology will host Russell A. Barkley, clinical science practitioner and educator, for a presentation about ADHD. Barkley has published 23 books, rating scales and clinical manuals, as well as made appearances on “Good Morning America” and “60 Minutes.” The presentation will be from 3-5 p.m. followed by a meet and greet.

Health and wellness workshop coming Oct. 18
Marilyn Gordon, registered dietician and nutritionist, and the NSU Wellness team will host a workshop about making healthy meals in college on Oct. 18 from 12-1 p.m. in Commons 126. The event will focus on making Healthy Shark Approved meals with limited kitchen space. There is limited space for the event, so students should sign up at the RecWell front desk or contact wellness@nova.edu for more information.

Night Owl Study returns to HPD
Students who like to study late at night can now go to the HPD Assembly Building II Study Center, located between the HPD library and garage. This program is only available to students and they must show a valid NSU ID. The hours for the program are Sunday through Thursday 12-7 a.m., Friday 9 p.m. - 10 a.m., and Saturday 12-10 a.m.

National Writing Month Workshops kick off Oct. 21
In recognition of National Writing Month, the Alvin Sherman Library will host workshops by authors beginning on Oct. 21 with Victoria Landis’ “Show and Tell ends in third grade.” The event is from 2-3:30 p.m. RSVP at public.library.nova.edu or call 954-262-5477.

Students can serve the community right on campus
Students can earn service hours at the “Crafternoon: Stitch it Forward with Head Huggers” SLCE event on Oct. 13 in the Alvin Sherman Library, room 1077 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Participants will knit or crochet soft caps for people who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy. No experience is necessary to attend the event. Students can find more information on SLCE’s Orgsync page.

Students to tour Great HealthWorks
The Office of Career Development is hosting a site visit to Great HealthWorks, a health supplement company, on Oct. 19 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Transportation and lunch will be provided to those who attend. To register for the visit go to app.jonshandlehair.com/events/78348.

NY Times Reporter and Author Gina Kolata coming to NSU
As part of NSU’s Distinguished Speaker Series, Gina Kolata will speak at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center on Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. Kolata is an acclaimed writer for the New York Times’ and has been a Pulitzer finalist twice. Her reports on science and medicine have influenced social policy. Attendance is free but students must pick up tickets at Farquhar Honors College Office of the Dean in the Mailman-Hollywood Building, which will be available Oct. 9. For more information 954-262-8236.
Living hope: Catching breast cancer early

By: Aldana Figel
Contributing Writer

Did you know that one in eight women will develop breast cancer at some point in their life? Did you also know that women perform self-checks at least once a month? Many people aren’t aware of this information, which is why October has been declared national Breast Cancer Awareness month. This serves to remind women that checking on their health is a necessary step that could potentially save their lives.

Breast cancer in real life

Jamie Freedman, a senior and law studies major at NSU, was only 18 years old when her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, three years ago.

“After being misdiagnosed multiple times by many doctors, my mom found out she did indeed have breast cancer but was able to go on new experimental medicine that has not only changed her life but everyone around her,” said Freedman. “Though my mom goes a treatment every month to keep the cancer away, it is not growing or spreading anymore and she is doing fantastic.”

Mammograms are another way to detect breast cancer signs. According to the NBCCF, this examination allows specialists to detect a breast lump before it can be felt. It is recommended that women who are 40 years or older have a mammogram every one or two years.

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How to perform the self-examination

Monthly breast self-examinations can help determine whether there have been any changes in your breast tissue from one month to the other. Here’s a condensed version of the advice the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) offers:

1. Cover the entire breast and armpit, just as in the shower, in front of a mirror or when lying down.
2. When in the shower, circle your fingers from the outer edge of your breast toward the side of your chest.
3. Stand in front of a mirror and observe both of your breasts’ shapes; it is likely that they will look slightly different in size and position, so are your social media content and how much information you put out into the cyber world. One exercise to evaluate yourself is to look at your online profiles as if you were someone looking to cause harm to you. Then, create your criteria of private information. Consider the things that you want to keep to yourself. What is personal to you and what is available to the public? For example, De Santis suggests keeping information like your location private.

In addition to social media, there is also a personal responsibility to maintain your private information, such as your Social Security Number, credit cards and other important documents. This includes requesting a copy of your credit report so you can review it and check for fraud as well as knowing how to freeze your credit card in case it is lost or stolen.

Being situationally aware is important, and enhancing your level of awareness can cause you to be safer and more prepared to help yourself and others. It is a vital skill that can lead you to more proactive and strategic decisions that contribute to your well-being.
Career Advisor

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We all want to get better at time management. Whether you’re a freshman trying to find a part-time job, a junior busy with on-campus involvement, a freshman taking college courses for the first time or a career-changer juggling a family, chances are you’ll often feel like you need more time to accomplish everything. So, before that mid-term panic sets in, use these tips for success to manage your busy schedule.

Get organized

Find a planning system that works with your style and schedule. Some students use a traditional planner, while others use their Outlook calendar to manage commitments. Try downloading an app with an electronic to-do list, or use Wanderlust or Trello. If your current planning system, or lack thereof, needs revamping, make sure to change it up until you find your favorite way to manage your tasks and goals.

Plan ahead

Plan in advance with your academic and career advisors if you are looking for more learning experiences. Don’t wait until your most challenging academic semester to pursue an internship or research opportunity. Your advisors can help you to plan a manageable schedule so you don’t stretch yourself too thin. Remember, not all career-related experiences have to be in a formal office.

Learn when to say “no”

Saying “no” can be difficult. When your schedule is packed, declining offers to avoid overworking yourself is an important skill. Saying no to a family member, friend or organization can be uncomfortable at first, but it may be necessary. Instead, you should emphasize that you want to be fully committed to the person or organization and that this simply isn’t the right time for you. Additionally, you should let them know that you appreciate the offer. If you need help deciding if you should add another item to your schedule, consider asking an advisor or mentor for advice to help you weigh the pros and cons. Sometimes talking it through will help you decide if it’s the right time to commit. Ultimately, you’ll have to do what’s best for you, and people should respect your decision.

Schedule “you” time

Make sure to make time for yourself. Being overworked and overstressed leads to burnouts and can even take a toll on your immune system and physical health. Make time to relax, recharge and restore so you can be more productive when it’s time to re-focus. Need ways to find balance and unwind? Meditate, try a new workout class at RecPlex or set aside a few minutes each day to journal and reflect.

That Time I....

Founded the club soccer team

By: Heather Barkman
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Heather Barkman is a sophomore double major in criminal justice and psychology, and is a forensic studies minor. She is the Health and Wellness Chair of her sorority, Sigma Delta Tau. She has also recently been elected as the Vice President of Administration for the Panhel Council on campus. Along with being the founder and president of the club soccer team, she also serves as the Service Chair on the Club Sports Council.

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I took a year off to focus on my swimming, to this pool [at NSU], so I have been here since I was 16 we moved here, I started practicing in When I was 14, I started the swimming club and swimming… and decided to be more serious. between swimming and basketball. I decided me to go to school. The plan was for us to get a better lifestyle and ideally to get a scholarship for swimming since it was my passion.

How did you discover swimming as your passion?
“When I was 13 years old I used to play basketball, as well, and it was getting serious between swimming and basketball. I decided swimming… and decided to be more serious. When I was 14, I started the swimming club and started going to national competitions. When I was 16 we moved here, I started practicing in this pool at NSU, so I have been here since I moved.”

You transferred to NSU in your junior year.
Where did you go previously?
“When I graduated [from high school], I took a year off to focus on my swimming, to develop the swimming career and improve my English. In 2013 I went to Florida Southern for a year [and] I swam for them. Sometimes, I could not afford to stay there. Even though I was nationally ranked, they decided to not increase my scholarship as much, so it wasn’t a reality for me to stay there. My family could not support me that much. I came back here [locally] and started at Broward College. I did two years because there is a rule that I could not transfer within conference so I had to sit out for two years. I sat for two years, I developed my grades and my swimming, and when I had the opportunity I came back to DIL, to the Sunshine State Conference, which is where I wanted to be, in a beautiful campus.”

How would you describe the experience of getting back into collegiate competitions?
“It was a different experience from my freshman year, coming in as a junior of course, but [also] the team environment, the coach relationship, the athletic department, everyone is unique. That uniqueness [and] support, that we as athletes have here at Nova Southeastern University is incomparable across Division II and I would say is better than some Division I schools.”

What is your favorite aspect of being a Shark?
Definitely the environment as an athlete. Students have a great environment on campus… I enjoy the student part, but I would say that the environment of being part of the Shark family, being an actual Shark and going to the games. People come to the competitions, and all the cheering, all the support, is unmeasurable. It gives me chills even right now. It’s super exciting.”

You claimed the title for Men’s 1000- yard Freestyle at the NCAA Division Championship last year; how would you describe that achievement in a few words?
“Thrilling. It was so exciting to be able to back it up. It was mixed feelings. I did not let my feelings catch up to me, I was there for a reason and I was there to do something, and I did it. Even though I did perform well, I fell short on a couple other races. It’s nothing to be sad about, but something to consider and look on what details can we improve for this year, since we have another opportunity to be better than last year.”

What role does your coach play in your life?
“I would say that he affects my performance directly. I have high belief in whatever he drives me through, he is the mind behind everything. Not only that, he also has influenced me to be better, to reach higher levels of standards outside the pool; in the classroom, in my personal life.”

I feel that [he] not only [does it] for me but for everyone on the team. He found a way to bring everyone together. Every individual that may be different in several aspects, he found a way of connecting all of us, to put us together to race together, and do very good at the end of the season.”

OUT OF THE SHARKZONE

Lions linebacker out with knee injury
During Sunday night’s game against the Minnesota Vikings, the Detroit Lions linebacker Paul Worrilow had to be carted off the field in the first defensive play of the game. According to Detroit Free Press, Worrilow has a sprained MCL and will miss the next two to four weeks. After the injury, the Lions went on to win the game 14-7.

Morris twins acquitted of aggravated assault charges
NBA players Marcus and Markelle Morris have been on trial for two weeks for aggravated assault charges, causing them to miss the start of NBA preseason. According to ESPN, the charges were filed in 2015 when both brothers played for the Phoenix Suns. A Phoenix jury acquitted the brothers this past Tuesday. The brothers both said they felt relieved to be able to return to their teams after the trial ended. Marcus plays for the Houston Rockets and Markelle plays for the Washington Wizards.

Golden Knights’ Nate Schmidt speaks out after Vegas tragedy
Two days after the tragic shooting in Las Vegas, the Golden Knights’ hockey team went out into that community. In an interview with ESPN, Nate Schmidt discussed the “heavy atmosphere” of the Route 91 Harvest Festival, where people were gathered to see if their loved ones were alive. Monday was a “glorified day” for Vegas but on Tuesday, the city was “getting back on its feet.” Schmidt reported the mass surge of volunteers and donations, stating that “it’s an honor to be part of the new fabric sewn onto the quilt that is this city.”

Cam Newton makes comments to female reporter
Cam Newton, quarterback for the Carolina Panthers, said it was “funny” to hear a female talk about routes in the NFL after Charlotte Observer reporter Jordan Rodriguez asked him a question about wide receiver routing in a press conference, according to USA Today. Newton did answer Rodriguez’s question and a Panther spokesperson said Newton apologized to her afterward. Rodriguez released a statement saying she was “disappointed” by Newton’s words and that he did not actually apologize to her. On Oct. 5, the day after these comments were made, Newton lost his sponsorship with Dannon. Since then, Newton released a public apology via Twitter stating that he “learned his lesson,” that his comments were “unacceptable” and asking young fans “not to be like me.” According to CNN, Rodriguez has also publicly apologized about comments she made on Twitter making light of racist comments four or five years ago and for a Tweet using a racist term in 2012.

Did you ever dream of being a National Champion when you were a kid?
“Since I was eight or nine, I always wanted to be a champion but I didn’t know what. I always wanted to race. I may not like to lose but I love to win… I became age group National Champion in Venezuela, but that wasn’t enough; then Open National Champion, that wasn’t enough; I knew there was more, I had the opportunity here of being National Champion; I achieved that, and my goals (don’t stop there). I still have higher standards that I wish to accomplish, and I intend to pursue those goals. It doesn’t stop even after a great year, I do intend to continue swimming to the best of my ability. In swimming, the highest goal is to go to the Olympics. I’ve gone through an Olympic cycle and I didn’t manage to get my hands into the National Team, but I have another opportunity, still being young within the range of age, and I am positive that I will take on another cycle and see how I can perform.”

What are your plans after graduation?
“I would like to go to grad school. I think that swimming has given me a lot, and I would like to give back not only to swimming but if I were able to give back to NSU, for the opportunity that they have given me, I would like to help.”

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Senior psychology major and Venezuela native Franco Lupoli is thrilled to spend his senior year at NSU. Last year was a great one for Lupoli, who claimed the Sunshine State Conference Championship along with his teammates and the men’s 1000-yard freestyle NCAA National Championship. Motivated and driven by his coach, Lupoli is excited to find out what this year has in store.

By: Aldana Foigal
Contributing Writer

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Fenty Beauty has plenty of shades

By: Samantha Villarroel
Contributing Writer

On Sept. 8, the earth stood still, not because it was International Literacy day, even though that is momentous as well, but because Fenty Beauty was released at Sephora and Harvey Nichols. Robyn Fenty, commonly known as Rihanna, created a beauty line that made an impact in the makeup industry. Fenty Beauty foundation comes in 40 different shades ranging from light neutrals to dark cocoa. No other makeup brand has been able to pull that off. There are lots of people with varying skin tones that have different pigmentation and undertones other than just beige. There are undertones of cool colors like pink, red, blue-yellow and green and warm colors like yellow, peachy and golden. For women of varied ethnicities, Fenty has brought much joy because, with 40 different shades, the possibility of finding a color that would look good on every single skin tone color. It sounds unbelievable, but she did it and it’s called “Gloss Bomb,” a universal lip luminizer.

“Fenty Beauty was created for everyone: for women of all shades, personalities, attitudes, cultures and races,” Rihanna wrote on her makeup line’s website. I think her mission statement is unbelievable, but she did it and it’s called “Gloss Bomb,” a universal lip luminizer.

One of my biggest pet peeves is when people pay to go to a concert and just stand there. If you’re going to a concert to the first place, chances are you actually like the band or artist. Make sure you show them that you’re enjoying their performance. Don’t just stand there — dance and sing along, or at least sway a little-bit.

Stay a little while after the show

Occasionally, especially at smaller venues, the band will come out after the show to meet their fans. This is the perfect opportunity to get signatures and pictures, as well as interact with the band members. Who knows? You might end up having a great connection with them.

Buy your concert tickets early

If you really want to see a band perform, you’re obviously going to be super excited to purchase your tickets. Buying the tickets early gives you peace of mind because you don’t have to worry about them selling out or the best seats being taken. Ticket prices can also go up the closer it gets to the night of the show. Buying your tickets early alleviates the stress of waiting in lines to purchase tickets.

Don’t just be on time, be early

My rule of thumb is to be at the concert venue at least 45 minutes to an hour before the doors open. Yes, it is awful standing outside and waiting to be let in, especially if it is pouring down rain. But if you want to get close to the stage in a general admission style-venue, arriving early is necessary. Even though I mostly go to concerts of lesser-known bands and there are lots of people going, I still enjoy being at the very front of the crowd. Have fun

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Concerts are a great way to unwind from a crazy week and create lasting memories. If you’re prepared, nothing can ruin your night. Remember these few tips and get ready for an awesome night full of good music, friends and a lively atmosphere.

*brightens up your face with that little bit of light*

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"The Biggest Artist" by A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie

By: Miguel Gonzalez
Contributing Writer

Bronx rapper A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie released his first studio album “The Biggest Artist” in September. The young rapper collaborated with R&B artists such as Chris Brown and Trey Songz, also sharing ideas with fellow 2017 XXL freshmen like PnB Rock and YoungBoy while staying “Undefeated” with 21 Savage and hitting the album’s most listened song, “Drowning” featuring Kodak Black.

According to Forbes, the artist entered the room for a listening party at the 40/40 Club where the album was going to be played for the first time and spoke with a humble tone saying, “I don’t know whether to be hyped about it or terrified.”

He mixed this album with a well-picked selection of experienced artists as well as a combination of growing artists since music lovers are continuously interested in the innovations of new artists. Metro Boomin, Cardo and D3 Mustard, who assisted on the production side of the album, have the potential to create further successful singles for Boogie. Metro Boomin especially, since he is arguably the most influential and famous hip-hop producer in the business.

This album is truly a great piece, especially when you are in the mood to feel hyped up. This new generation of rappers isn’t necessarily recognized for their lyrics but for their songs’ rhythm and simplicity. Boogie’s style is one to exalt compared to others from this time.

If you truly enjoy hip hop, this is an album to listen to, as it’s highly enjoyable because of the beats and lyrics presented. A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie should definitely be recognized as the best 2017 XXL freshman.

Midterm tips

By: The Current Staff

Midterms have arrived, but have no fear because our staff is here to give you their secrets to midterm success. If you are stressed about your ever-expanding-to-do list, check out our best tips to crush those midterm exams.

Michaela Greer, co-editor-in-chief, said: “I’m a pretty visual learner so one thing that I find helpful when studying for an especially difficult class is posting the information on Post-it notes above my bed. Since the Post-it notes can only hold a few lines of information at a time, it forces me to condense what I need to learn into its simplest form, in turn making it easier to remember. My wall looks pretty littered to learn into its simplest form, in turn making it easier to remember. My wall looks pretty littered when it turns over alright.”

Jenna Kopec, co-editor-in-chief, said: “Get some sleep. It sounds contradictory to what everyone tells you, but you’ll really kick yourself if you’re getting answers wrong on an exam that you would have known with a clear, rested mind. Do your best to get a couple hours of shut-eye.”

Gabrielle Thompson, features editor, said: “Basically, I mindlessly read the textbook, cry and hope for the best. Most of the time it turns out alright.”

Christina McLaughlin, opinions editor, said: “My best tip for midterm success is not to get overly stressed. Use the square breathing technique: imagine a square in your head and as the ball rolls vertically breathe in and as the ball rolls horizontally, breathe out. Take a step back if you’re getting too overwhelmed. You can always go back to it.”

Jeweliana Register, arts and entertainment editor, said: “Don’t neglect your mental and physical health. As someone who does not function well on less than eight hours of sleep each night, staying up to cram for my exams does not benefit me if I am not well rested for the test. I have also learned that no matter how much studying I need to get done, taking short breaks to go outside or eat a real meal makes the biggest difference when it comes to staying focused and staying motivated. Grades are important, but so is your health.”

Nicole Chavannes, copy editor, said: “Plan ahead. Midterm week schedules are usually a bit wonky, since we don’t have classes and test times vary. My best advice is to familiarize yourself with what your schedule will be ahead of time so you can use the extra time to your advantage. Fit in a couple extra study sessions or catch up on some much-needed sleep so that when test-time rolls around you are well-rested and focused.”

Carli Lutz, chief of visual design, said: “My tip is to plan something to look forward to doing after your midterms. It’s always great to have something to motivate you to get through your exams. Whether it’s stuffing your face full of comfort food after a difficult exam or watching a movie, it’s definitely helpful.”
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Professor passes all students on account of “all answers” being right

By: Jena Kopec

Co-Editor-in-Chief

She’s every student’s dream come true. Nora Ong, professor in the College of Finding the Self, has announced that she will not fail any student who takes her midterm this week because any answer could be the right one.

“She’s every student’s dream come true,” said Ong. “Facts are malleable and you don’t really have to accept them if you don’t want to.”

Ong’s innovative view on the world aligns with a school of thought known as Factual Construction Theory, which has been gaining more traction in recent years. The theory essentially states that even with all the scientific procedures, methods of eliminating bias and attempts at discovering new information, truth knowledge stems from what the individual wants to believe is true, making all the research and effort scholars have put in for decades ultimately moot.

“Just think about it,” she said. “It hasn’t been treating them well so far.”

Ong’s students seem thrilled by her decision, as she is one of the first professors to move in this direction.

“Honestly, I thought I was going to have to learn theories and stuff but now my week has opened up. No studying for me!” said Dylan Ignoracio, pursuing his doctorate in self-centered studies.

Ignoracio said that the Factual Construction Theory is his new favorite strategy for denying information he doesn’t like.

“No one likes to be wrong,” she said. “Why would I punish my students that way?”

In the future, I hope that NSU considers these details when it comes to transportation for students. During Shark Preview and campus visits, students are assured that the Shark Shuttle will provide transportation when needed, which does not seem to be the case within the past few months. I hope to see the Shark Shuttle reinstall the shopper route since so many students seemed to need it. A simple route that goes to Walmart, the Tower Shoppes, Whole Foods, The Fountains and Westfield Mall would eliminate students having to Uber to these destinations or go without them at all. Therefore, while I am happy to see the Shark Shuttle stop at Walmart is back, the system is still broken, so it needs to be fixed.

By: Jeweliiana Register

Arts & Entertainment Editor

Shark Shuttle: It’s still broken, please fix it

There has been an influx of residential students this year, so much so that some residence halls in Goodwin are now triples, and some apartment-style residence halls like Cultural Living Center house four students instead of the usual two. It seems like we should be adding more modes of transportation for students who do not have cars, not taking them away.

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It's not a mass shooting, it's terrorism
By: Christina McLaughlin

In light of recent events in Las Vegas, Nevada, and sadly, in other parts of the United States in the past few years, people come together as a whole and grieve for those we’ve lost. There is no reason for events like this to occur on multiple occasions or in general—but that’s a discussion for another day. When these stories break and the initial shock wears off, people tend to not pay close attention to the statements surrounding these cases. In the case of Las Vegas, we don’t have all the facts yet, but we already know that this event is being called a mass shooting instead of terrorism. Given this event is the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, isn’t the word “terrorism” appropriate?

By definition in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, terrorism is a “systematic use of terror especially as a means of coercion.” A shooting is characterized by an abundance of definitions but the one that fits best in this sense of the word is “to strike with a missile especially from a bow or gun; especially: to wound or kill with a missile discharged from a bow or firearm.”

Yes, by definition, shooting may fit the criteria but does it hold the same weight of the situation? The Las Vegas Massacre will go down in history as one of the deadliest and quite possibly the largest single perpetrator action in the past decade. So is it right to deem something that caused such a ripple in our lives simply a mass shooting and call it a day?

We’ve had many shootings in the past few years so it might be easy to just group them and place them in the “mass shooting” box, but events like this shouldn’t be diminished. The fact is, an act of terror is terrorism anyway you slice it. Calling the perpetrator a shooter or a gunman to lessen the gravity of the situation confuses the public and makes it seem like what happened wasn’t that bad. To understand how deeply-rooted an issue this is, let’s discuss some of the past terroristic acts which happened in the past ten years.

On Dec. 14, 2012, Sandy Hook Elementary School fell victim to a single perpetrator, Adam Lanza, who killed 20 children and six tourers with a semi-automatic rifle. If you recall or even look up this event right now, all articles you find will refer to this as a shooting. The 20 children, no older than seven, were helpless to this attack and at the least, this event should be labeled a massacre. But, it’s not; it’s called a mass shooting. This heartless act of taking away innocent children’s lives may fit the definition of a shooting, but we aren’t choosing words with the right connotation.

Closer to home, Pulse, a nightclub in Orlando, Florida, fell victim to a shooting as well. This single perpetrator, Omar Mateen, took the lives of 49 individuals and victimized countless others. This case was first considered a “mass shooting” but once the perpetrator’s identity was disclosed as well as his relation to ISIS was discovered, it was instantly considered “the nation’s worst terror attack since 9/11.” So what makes this different than the other obvious acts of terror? Was it the perpetrator’s pledge to ISIS or was it because of his race?

There is a strong probability that the reason that certain events are called a mass shooting while others are considered an act of terrorism is based on the race and motives of the individual. The two aforementioned events were conducted by predominantly white Americans, but we tend to forget that the Pulse perpetrator was also a natural-born American. Yet, because he was of Afghan heritage and claimed to be an ISIS fighter, he was automatically considered a terrorist.

Since 9/11, we’ve held a lot of prejudice in our hearts. We should not forget that all of those perpetrators had the same motive, to evoke fear and terror in a large group of people. Events like what happened in Las Vegas are acts of terrorism and they should be called just that.

I’m sorry, but we’re way too old to go trick-or-treating
By: Gabrielle Thompson

With Halloween quickly approaching, it’s time to get something off my chest, an important topic that continues to bother me every year around this time. If you are over the age of 13, you should not be going trick-or-treating.

Yes, we all want free candy — especially when you’re a college student who is seriously wondering when your next meal will be. But, dressing up and walking around a random neighborhood is not the way to do it. Let’s be honest here, it’s a little weird when you are trick-or-treating over a dozen five-year-olds who are dressed up as superheroes. If you’re seriously okay with fighting off small children for the last Kit-Kat, you should be a little worried.

Not only should you be worried about your own feelings, but you’re also going to get a ton of backlash from everyone around you.

The kids are going to be angry that you are taking the candy, the parents are going to be angry because their kids are angry and the people giving out the candy are going to be irritated that you’re 18 and taking the candy they bought. They’re probably just thinking, “Why didn’t you just go to the store and buy your own candy?”

If you’re really serious about getting free candy, try going to a costume party instead—one for adults. Costume parties incorporate the Halloween spirit by allowing you to dress up and take all the free food you want, but you don’t have to deal with all the weird looks from strangers.

Of course, there are always exceptions. If you are taking a sibling, cousin or another small child out trick-or-treating, nobody can tell you that what you’re doing is wrong. At that point, you are kind of doing a service. You probably actually want to be dragging around a little kid 8 p.m. on a Saturday, especially since there are way better options. In that case, I’m sorry you have to hang out with our elementary school kids all night.

Halloween can still be a night of decorations, dressing up and candy. Just, please, do not go around knocking on every door in the neighborhood. You’re too old for that.
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