Parkland: Inside Building 12 premieres at Dave’s Paragon Theaters

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Starting on Thursday, Oct. 25, Paragon Theaters in Davie and Coral Springs will show “Parkland: Inside Building 12,” a documentary about the recent mass shooting in Parkland directed by filmmaker Charlie Minn where ticket proceeds will be donated to charities including, Parkland Cares.

This film gives an in-depth look at the massacre last Valentine’s Day inside building 12 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, approximately 30 minutes away from the NSU campus. Through direct eye-witness accounts, Minn hopes to give a voice to the victims of these attacks and for audiences to hear their stories.

According to Minn, this film focuses on the voices of the victims who were inside the classrooms.

“We’ve heard from people who were outside the building and the activists, but they weren’t there. The people ducking from bullets, getting shot, watching their classmates die in classrooms. These attacks and for audiences to hear their stories. The graphic depictions of the attacks in the film through visualization simulations, cellphone videos and personal stories hold nothing back. However, like Minn’s other films—77 Minutes, 49 Pulses and A Nightmare in Las Vegas, it doesn’t mention the killer’s name once. Minn feels that the mentioning of the killer’s name draws attention away from the victims and, in the media, could create copycat killer’s looking for attention and recognition.

This isn’t the first film where Minn focused on mass shootings; of his 28 films, 18 of which are available on Amazon, he has covered five other mass shootings in the United States alone including the attacks at the Orlando Pulse nightclub and in Las Vegas. Each of these films have fast completion rates as Parkland took only four months to produce. There are those who believe that this film has come too soon, as the victims are still healing from the attacks. But Minn believes that it is never too early to create these films when attacks like these are still happening. According to a mass shooting mapping tool created by Vox, so far in 2018 alone, 282 people have been killed and 1,131 wounded in 276 mass shootings in the US, including Parkland. Mass shootings in the United States has become one of the most politically charged conversations mainly focused on gun control and security measures in schools. In this film, Minn takes politics out of the equation and focuses on the story and the events to allow viewers to experience these events for themselves.

“I work in a visual medium and I believe that by seeing [these first-hand accounts], you grow to understand it better than just hearing about these events, that’s essentially a radio broadcast. There’s no human connection with that,” said Minn.

“Parkland: Inside Building 12 isn’t political. It’s a story about humanity and gives a much needed voice to the victims and their families.”

Last Tuesday, Minn presented clips from the film to Professor Katz’s class at NSU in the Alvin Sherman Library. These students were shown several clips from the film and discussed with Minn the topic of mass shootings and his previous works. According to Nimiini Mathews, a freshman behavioral neuroscience major, the clips were “absolutely riveting and truly allows a viewer to experience the horror of being trapped in a mass shooting.”

NSU student recognized at Florida Blue Health Innovation competition

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Fiorella Marquez, a graduate student in NSU’s clinical mental health counselling program, beat out students from across the state and won a prize at the Florida Blue Health Innovation competition on Oct. 10.

Marquez was the only student from NSU who was selected to compete in the Finals at the GuideWell Innovation Center in Orlando. Of the 12 teams that competed, five were awarded prize money. Marquez was among these five winners, as well as being one of two students to receive an honorable mention for outstanding efforts.

For the past years, the Florida Blue Health Innovation competition has challenged college-age students to create and pitch solutions to a wide variety of problems. The focus of this year’s competition was anxiety and depression, and how to better support the management of mental illness.

“This has been a seven-year journey for us,” said the director of the USF Center for Entrepreneurship, Michael Fournier, at the event. “Back then, we saw that we had so many great universities in Florida and we thought, how can we do something to impact health care in the state, the nation and be an example for the rest of the world. We are looking for solutions to big problems here.”

According to USF’s Florida Blue Health Innovation Competition’s page, “The American Psychological Association estimates there are 40 million American adults (18 and older) who have some type of anxiety disorder. Similarly, researchers believe there are more than 14 million Americans who suffer from depressive disorders. It is evident this is a growing and highly prevalent health issue in our society today.”

“I wasn’t expecting it, to be honest. When I saw all the other competitors and their innovations I was like, ‘let me just hide my app,’” Marquez joked. “But something inside of me was like, ‘I’ve made it so far, it has to be for a reason.’ I was shocked… I looked at my parents and the passion that went into each one,” he said. “This is an incredible group of students this year.”

Dave Pizzo, market president of Florida Blue, expressed that the 2018 competition had brought up many amazing innovations. “It was heartwarming to listen to all your presentations and the passion that went into each one,” he said. Marquez’s project, called UoK, is an application she developed that has compiled resources for support information about the management and treatment of anxiety and depression. It also has hotlines, GPS to find mental healthcare providers in the area and more. She hopes to expand the app to make it available on Apple and Android phones, but is waiting until after she graduates in December to work on it further.

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Duke and Duchess of Sussex
Expecting First Child

Come Spring of 2019, there will be a new addition to the royal family. The Duke Harry and Duchess Meghan of Sussex issued a statement through the palace that they are expecting a child together. Since marrying in May, the couple just launched their first joint overseas tour in Australia. The couple will also be visiting New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga. Despite zika concerns in Tonga and Fiji, the couple have made no changes to their scheduled tour since announcing the pregnancy.

Sears Files for Bankruptcy

Once a mall staple, Sears has filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy. With 142 more locations closing, the chairman, Eddie Lampert, is choosing to keep the remaining 687 Sears and Kmart stores open with the holiday season approaching. If the company fails to come up with a solid restructuring plan, it is possible that all Sears stores would be closed permanently. Lampert, former CEO, purchased Kmart out of bankruptcy and hoped to do the same with Sears since their sales started declining in 2010. Before the rise of Target, Walmart and Amazon, Sears was the largest retailer in the market.

Ariana Grande and Pete Davidson Split

The whirlwind romance of Pete Davidson and Ariana Grande seems to have come to an end. Since becoming engaged in June, after dating for only a few weeks, the former couple never held back in showing their affection for each other. Grande used to date late rapper Mac Miller, so rumors had been out that she was never held back in showing their affection for each other. Grande used to date late rapper Mac Miller, so rumors had been out that she was having a rough time dealing with his death. On top of that, Grande seemed to still be struggling having a rough time dealing with his death. On Miller, so rumors had been out that she was never held back in showing their affection for each other. Grande used to date late rapper Mac Miller, so rumors had been out that she was never held back in showing their affection for each other. Grande used to date late rapper Mac Miller, so rumors had been out that she was never held back in showing their affection for each other. Grande used to date late rapper Mac Miller, so rumors had been out that she was never held back in showing their affection for each other. Grande used to date late rapper Mac Miller, so rumors had been out that she was never held back in showing their affection for each other. Grande used to date late rapper Mac Miller, so rumors had been out that she was never held back in showing their affection for each other. Grande used to date late rapper Mac Miller, so rumors had been out that she was never held back in showing their affection for each other. Grande used to date late rapper Mac Miller, so rumors had been out that she was never held back in showing their affection for each other.
On Saturday, Oct. 27, NSU will host The Expo 2018, a celebration of people with disabilities in South Florida. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Don Taft University Center, the Noël P. Brown Sports Center and the Alvin Sherman Library. The theme of The Expo 2018 gives attendees an opportunity to enter in raffles as well. Upon entry to the event, participants will be given a “passport,” and can get stamps at different booths throughout the event. Afterwards, the passport can be used to enter in raffles to win prizes. “Anybody that has any kind of interest or [knows] an individual, friend or family member that has some type of disability [should come to the event],” said Giczkowski. “It’s an event that we host, typically on a Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We focus on the Davie and Plantation area to provide safe and fun way to celebrate Halloween. NSU community members will decorate their cars and tables and hand out candy to attendees.” “It’s an event that we host, typically on Halloween, so that there’s a safe environment for families to trick or treat with their children. We work on the Davie and Plantation area to promote it,” said Daren Capircio, director of SLCE. “We ask student organizations and departments on campus to decorate a car, open up the trunk, we provide them with candy [to hand out to the trick or treaters].” Since a large population of Broward county lives in apartment complexes, Trunk or Treat at NSU allows parents to give their children a trick or treating experience that they may not otherwise have in their complex. Families are encouraged to attend regardless of where they live, as this event has been created to provide safe Halloween fun to everyone in the community. "It’s important for community awareness, for NSU students’ awareness, it’s a great event to just come out and experience the fashion show, and the talent show, it’s an entertaining day," said Giczkowski. The theme of The Expo 2018 gives attendees an opportunity to enter in raffles as well. Upon entry to the event, participants will be given a “passport,” and can get stamps at different booths throughout the event. Afterwards, the passport can be used to enter in raffles to win prizes. "Anybody that has any kind of interest or [knows] an individual, friend or family member that has some type of disability [should come to the event],” said Giczkowski. “Anybody that has an interest or has a person in their life that is affected should definitely come out and see. Everybody walks away with learning something new or seeing something they never expected.” The event is free, family-friendly and open to the public. Parking will be available at no cost. For more information regarding the event, visit sharkdining.nova.edu. For inquiries about volunteering for the event, reach out to NSU’s Office of Student Disability Services for details.
That Time I... Went to Pride

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I’m straight and I went to Pride in June 2018. For some odd reason, when I tell people I went to the parade they look at me like I’m crazy because they think it’s an exclusive event for only the LGBTQ+ Community, which I find is a huge misconception. Attending the Pride Parade in New York City was one of the most memorable and inclusive experiences I had in 2018 because that’s what the LGBTQ+ Community celebrates on Pride day: Equality.

Color. Color surrounds you as an unlooker. I was right behind the barricade with a group of my friends as the floats passed by and was overcome with color. The different colors of our skin and the different colors that proudly fly off people’s flags and attire encompassed the assemblies of people in the parade and behind the barricades. I was surrounded by music, yells of encouragement for the LGBTQ+ Community, glitter, and my favorite: free mini pride flags from TD Bank.

The best thing that I saw during this time was the support that the community was giving from the people on the floats and behind the barricades. The barricades

Animal Byproducts

Animal byproducts can be found in almost anything. From marshmallows and candy bars to lipstick and soap, it’s difficult to get around them. If you’re avoiding animal products, whether it’s because you’re a vegan, vegetarian, religious or if you’re avoiding animal products for any other reason, here are a few animal byproducts and where they’re frequently found in everyday products.

Gelatin

Gelatin is a substance made from boiling animal carcasses, specifically the bones and hides. Most commonly seen in America’s beloved Jell-o, the protein is also found in光学s, personal care products and some foods, according to Gentle World. Technically these substances can also be created from plant sources, but it is not necessary for companies to designate where they source theirs from. If you have questions or concerns, it is best to call the company’s help line for answers if they’re willing to give them to you.

Carrageenan

Another insect product, carmine, is a bright red pigment created from tiny cochineal bugs. Sometimes even marketed as “natural coloring,” the bugs’ pigment can be found in beauty items like blush, eyeshadow and lipsticks, and in foods with red dye.

Glycerin and Glycerol

Glycerol(e) and glycerin, like tallow, are ingredients found in soaps, cosmetics, personal care products and some foods, according to Gentle World. Technically these substances can also be created from plant sources, but it is not necessary for companies to designate where they source theirs from. If you have questions or concerns, it is best to call the company’s help line for answers if they’re willing to give them to you.

Pearl Essence

Pearl essence, also called guanine, is obtained from the scales of fish. According to PETA, the glitzy ingredient can be found in cosmetics, shampoos, makeup and nail polishes that have a shimmer sheen.

Castoreum

Castoreum, or cancer (which is not the same as castor bean oil), is a secretion from muskrat or beaver genitalia which can be used in perfume, incense, cosmetics and foods with “natural flavoring.” Fortunately, according to Snopes, while castoreum is not completely off the market, many companies have discontinued its use in their products. To be sure, it’s a safe bet to contact the company and ask about their sources.

Studying Abroad: Is it worth it?

By: Emma Heineman
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Studying abroad is one of the most exciting opportunities offered to college students. The option to explore a new country, try new foods, immerse yourself in culture, all while working towards your degree, attracts many students but comes with many apprehensions. Let’s start with a few of these fears.

Cost

Cost is the largest factor students worry about when deciding whether to study abroad. Often, the financial burden swamps them to opt for normal four-year coursework to avoid any complications. While traveling abroad can drain a student’s financial resources, there are many opportunities for scholarships and grants to help students pay for it. For more information students can visit the Office of International Affairs on campus to learn if there are scholarships that work for them.

Homesickness

If students come from out of state, the feeling of missing home, friends, and family may already be a familiar struggle, but for those who didn’t leave their home state for college, traveling abroad can be a scary thing. Regardless of if they are out-of-state in-state, students often fear that in foreign country they will not have the comforts of home and the support of family and friends; however, technological innovations such as Skype and FaceTime make it easier to stay connected during your time abroad.

Degree Applicability

Many students worry that taking time to travel abroad will hinder their ability to graduate on time. Some majors make it easier to travel abroad due to the credits needed while others make the time away seem like a stressful set back. It is important to consider what classes you could take to continue your major while abroad. If it’s too much of a commitment to study, there are also summer options available which do not interfere with the academic year. This allows students concerned with their studies to still have the experience of studying abroad.

While there are many concerns to consider before choosing to study abroad, there are a lot of benefits included that shouldn’t be overlooked.

Travel

What college student doesn’t want to travel? Studying abroad allows students to step out of the comfort zone to experience new things in addition to continuing their studies. There are so many places choosing students can choose the location they wish to go or is the more interesting to them. Students can opt to stay with a host family or with other study abroad students, both options which allow the student to acclimate to their new environment. Outside of just school, travel, new foods, sightseeing, and making connections are just a few of the options open to students.

New language

There is no better way to learn a new language than to immerse yourself in it. Of course, most countries speaks English in addition to their official language, so you will never be without someone who understands what you are saying. Being around those who speak a different language greatly decreases the time it takes to learn it. For students interested in cultural or international degrees as well as language degrees, study abroad options can be the perfect way to get some hands-on experience.

Resume booster

While boosting your resume should not be your only reason for wanting to study abroad, it certainly is a plus. Only two percent of college students travel abroad for a semester meaning it sets students who do participate in this experience far above those who don’t. Graduate schools, professional schools and future employers love to see study abroad on a resume because it speaks to the worldly attributes of the applicant. Also, studying abroad is sure to give you some great stories to share with in an interview or include in a personal statement.
Social media is a common way to get to know someone in this day and age. A majority of people in society own a phone and use apps like Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat. The act of posting a picture, video or a reply online has become a common practice to communicate with others around us. Although it is fun to share one’s interests and values with others around the globe, employers have the ability to see these posts, which could impact your first impression in a job interview or determine if you would even get a call back.

Employers today are aware that it is almost inevitable for a employee candidate to possess a social media profile in 2018. This causes some businesses to ensure and enforce that employees’ profiles should display to the public. As a result, employers screen the social media of potential employees just as often as they screen a candidate’s resume. According to U.S. News, CareerBuilder reports that screening the business wants to display to the public. In the moment, these people consist of racism, shaming, discrimination, documented 17 different stories of people getting fired because of their social media. The posts consisted of racism, shaming, discrimination, prejudice, abusive incidents involving children or the elderly and insensitive posts about current events or people. In the moment, these people broadcasted their beliefs online to connect with one’s interests and values with others around the globe, employers have the ability to see these posts, which could impact your first impression in a job interview or determine if you would even get a call back.

Employee candidates under the age of 21, for instance, should refrain from posting pictures of illegal activities, like drinking alcohol. Your actions and opinions that are documented on your social media, which puts the reputation of the company you want to present at risk. U.S. News finds that, according to CareerBuilder, there are 11 factors that come into play when businesses have rejected a candidate. A few of these include: Provocative or inappropriate posts or information, drinking or using drugs, discriminatory comments related to race, gender or religion, bad-mouthing their previous company or fellow employee and unprofessional screen names or handles.

What happens if you already have a job?

Even if you are employed, you and your social media profiles are not given immunity to employer screenings. Being employed means you no longer represent yourself on social media, you also represent your company. The same social media rules that apply to employee candidates still apply to people who are currently employed. Any red flags that are raised due to what you post online could result in you losing your job. On July 13, 2015, Rolling Stone documented 17 different stories of people getting fired because of their social media. The posts consisted of racism, shaming, discrimination, prejudice, abusive incidents involving children or the elderly and insensitive posts about current events or people. In the moment, these people broadcasted their beliefs online to connect with other like-minded people who share those beliefs; however, they failed to realize their bigotry was seen by their employers. As a result, 17 people were fired, but that’s only from one article in 2015. It is now 2018 and an even more people have gotten fired due to what they post on social media because they forgot that they represent who they work for.

Make your social media more professionally appealing

Although employers screening your social media is intimidating, there are ways to make sure your social media keeps its professional appeal. Stay away from controversial topics and make sure there are no red flags on your profile that could haunt you in the future. A bonus point for you, and your company, would be to appropriately talk about your company’s achievements. Keep your posts to a minimum and keep private or explicit moments in your life off the internet. Your professional reputation on the internet will prevent your posts from affecting your paycheck.

The fall season always has me focusing on two things: Halloween and all things spooky. But nothing is spookier than searching for a job when your resume doesn’t reflect how amazing you are. It’s called a resume is a snapshot of what you’ve done, where you’ve studied, and an overview of what you bring to the table. Nothing describes you better on your resume than having strong FrankenBullets, a term coined by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

FrankenBullets can help you take resume bullet points to the next level. Not only are you taking the best parts of your positions, but now you’re also taking a look at the job description. As surprising as it may seem, sometimes the job or internship description can help you write the perfect resume for them by using your own words!

Gather the key points and skills from the job description that the recruiters are looking for, then take the best chunks of your experiences, and combine them to create something new. One stellar, tailored FrankenBullet.

Step 1: Take a look at the job description and pick out the most important parts.

Here’s an example of a job description you might see for a student assistant position here at Nova Southeastern University. Try to look for keywords that can help you write your FrankenBullets later.

Nova Southeastern University (NSU) is looking for a student assistant to work at the front desk in the Office of ______. The primary goal? Fostered the development of relationships between the University and its constituents. This position is a great opportunity to help build upon public relations and fundraising skills, as the student will be raising support for NSU. callers will be working in a team-oriented environment to further the development of the student. Students are expected to act professionally while building relationships between the University and its constituents.

Step 2: What have you done that involves the skills they’re looking for?

Dig back and write down the key projects, research, or job duties that involved these keywords mentioned in the job description. We can start building FrankenBullets from there.

Each FrankenBullet should start with a strong action verb. For example, if you are a Resident Assistant, you’ve communicated and built relationships with the students on your floor, so you may want to use verbs like “Fostered bonds” or “Counseled students”.

Also think about the what, the how, and the why to your bullet points.

What was the project or accomplishment that you want to write on your resume?

How were you able to achieve this goal?

Why is it worth mentioning, and can you explain the end result?

And make them relevant to the job position:

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Spooky Tattoo Ideas

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If you want to step away from the less traditional Halloween ideas you could get creative and come up with anything. Some quicker tattoos you could get include a potion bottle and movie characters. A potion bottle is the perfect Halloween tattoo for anybody who loves witches. Witch-lovers could also get a broom stick, a wand or the classic witch’s hat. If you want to get really spooky, you could get different Halloween character tattoos. You have an endless amount of options when it comes to characters, but if you wanted it to be extra frightening, I suggest getting a Michael Myers, Jigsaw or Chucky tattoo. With the new Michael Myers movie coming out, it’s the perfect Halloween to get this tattoo. With the right shading, your tattoo can look very ominous and realistic. “Jigsaw” is a classic Halloween movie, and the title character’s face is one you can’t forget. If you want to be reminded of this classic movie character every day, this is the perfect tattoo for you. This tattoo can be really realistic if you have an artist who is good at detail. Another idea you could get inked is the Chucky Doll. This character has been around for decades and scares a lot of people. You could simply get Chucky’s face tattooed, or you could get his entire body. However, I suggest including the knife Chucky holds if you decide to choose his entire body because it makes him ten times scarier.

As you can see, there are a lot of paths you can take. It is important to do your research before you get your spooky tattoo and make sure you are going to a shop that is clean and has good reviews. I hope you all have an amazing Halloween and make it one you will never forget.

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Music is an art, and it’s not every day you listen to an artist that sings and plays every instrument in one song. Tash Sultana is an Australian singer-songwriter musician considered to be a one-woman band. Tash Sultana’s style and genre of music is considered a mix of psychedelic, alternative and reggae rock. At the very young age of 3, Tash Sultana’s grandfather gifted her a guitar, and since then she has mastered 20 instruments including bass, flute, saxophone, percussion and trumpet. Unable to find a regular job, Sultana began busking, or street performing, in Melbourne, launching her career in the music industry. Sultana released her first EP “Notion” in 2015, which included the song “Jungle,” voted number three on the Triple J Hottest 100 and featured on FIFA 18. With the album four out of five stars, commenting “she shows us she can go toe-to-toe with Hendrix, Erykah Badu, India. Arie and plenty more...” the perfect Halloween tattoo for anybody who loves witches. Witch-lovers could also get a broom stick, a wand or the classic witch’s hat. If you want to get really spooky, you could get different Halloween character tattoos. You have an endless amount of options when it comes to characters, but if you wanted it to be extra frightening, I suggest getting a Michael Myers, Jigsaw or Chucky tattoo. With the new Michael Myers movie coming out, it’s the perfect Halloween to get this tattoo. With the right shading, your tattoo can look very ominous and realistic. “Jigsaw” is a classic Halloween movie, and the title character’s face is one you can’t forget. If you want to be reminded of this classic movie character every day, this is the perfect tattoo for you. This tattoo can be really realistic if you have an artist who is good at detail. Another idea you could get inked is the Chucky Doll. This character has been around for decades and scares a lot of people. You could simply get Chucky’s face tattooed, or you could get his entire body. However, I suggest including the knife Chucky holds if you decide to choose his entire body because it makes him ten times scarier.

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Since it’s October, Netflix has debuted a new category for their members to enjoy: Netflix and Chills. This Halloween-themed section is guaranteed to satisfy viewers’ spooky needs during this holiday. There are plenty of options in this section including animation, family movies, haunting series, drama and the classic horror and thrillers to quench your creepy appetites. This section offers plenty of classics, but here are some unopened picks to get your spooky season on!

**HUSH (2016)**
Starring: Kate Siegel, John Gallagher Jr.
Keywords: Slasher, Suspense, Silent
Memorable Quote: “Get the tarps out of the car, begins.
Santa Clarita, California. One day, Sheila turns out this dinner party is run by a rich sadist...cutbacks.”
Keyword: Zombie, Satire, Comedy
Starring: Drew Barrymore, Timothy Olyphant
Memorable Quote: “Maybe you ought to move away from the table. You’re gonna make an awful mess”

Starring: Jason Blum, McKenzie Westmore
Keywords: Psychological Thriller
Memorable Quote: “It’s just like a heavy metal concert...it’s raucous, it’s a rock and roll party!”
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**AND THE DEVIL (2017)**
Starring: Kandido Uranga, Eneko Sagardoy
Keyword: Re-telling, Folklore, Period Piece
Memorable Quote: “We feel it physically; we feel it mentally. It resides in our body. It makes us anxious. For poignant reflection. As a Tony Award-winning actor for his role of Jerry Lee Lewis in Broadway’s “ Million Dollar Quartet”, much of his music is energizing: “It’s rowdy, it’s raucous, it’s a rock and roll party!”

**HOLIDAYS (2016)**
Starring: Madeleine Coghlan, Savannah Kennick
Keywords: Anthology, Unique, Twisted
Memorable Quote: “I REMEMBER YOU (2017)
Starring: Johannes Haukur Johannesson, Agusta Eva Erlendsdotter
Keywords: Mystery, Creepy Children, Crosses
In Iceland, a psychiatrist works with Eva Erlendsdottir
Memorable Quote: “Ian is no longer with the company due...cutbacks.”

**COBRAINE (2009)**
Starring: Dakota Fanning, Tich Hatcher
Keyword: Parallel world, Animation, Wish
An 11-year-old girl moves to a new town and discovers another world inside her home. This fantasy world may be her fantasy but it has some dark, spine-chilling secrets.
Memorable Quote: “So sharp, you won’t feel a thing”

**LITTLE EVIL (2017)**
Starring: Evangelina Lijny, Adam Scott
Keyword: Comic, Evil Stepson, Antichrist
Gary marries Samantha, a single mom and the woman of this dreams. But there’s one problem: her six-year-old son may actually be the Devil.
Memorable Quote: “Relax? We’re in a corn field! What good thing has ever happened in a corn field?”

**Move with the melody: Levi Kreis to perform at NSU**
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Those eager for another taste of live music in their lives need only look to Levi Kreis’ salon concert at NSU’s Performance Theatre at Don Taft University Center Thursday Oct. 25, which includes an hour-long reception at 6 p.m. Free for NSU staff and students and only $20 to the general public, Kreis’ performance will surely provide the sense of peace and reflection that only meaningful music can inspire.

Kreis’ melodies come from vulnerable explorations of the human heart — its tendencies to love and hurt and keep beating. More than that, it’s about forgiveness: Kreis shares, “The hardest thing for me to do was write an album that was about forgiveness. We’ve got people who are guilty of mistreating us in some way — it only burns us up inside until it resides in our body. It makes us anxious. We feel it physically; we feel it mentally. We feel it spiritually.”

Kreis’ divorce inspired his writing, but as he says, “music is there to unify us, [and his] job as a songwriter is to take [his] own life experience, to understand the human core of emotion.” So, Kreis’ album is about more than just his own experience. It’s a universal ode to the pain that goes hand in hand with any form of love.

If attending Kreis’ show, audience members may most feel the unifying feeling Kreis strives for through the song he is most proud of, “Stained Glass Window.” To him, this song expresses that “we are just one of a myriad of colors and love is the light that is shining through each and every one of us.” Still, the show will not only be a place for poignant reflection. As a Tony Award-winning actor for his role of Jerry Lee Lewis in Broadway’s “ Million Dollar Quartet”, much of his music is energizing: “It’s rowdy, it’s raucous, it’s a rock and roll party!”

Kreis guarantees that anyone who comes to his show will take something from it, whether personal or musical. Don’t miss out on a musical experience that will re-sync your soul.

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**Top picks from Netflix and Chills**
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Former Shark makes a swim for MLB World Series Champions

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A former NSU Shark and his team are aiming to be crowned Major League Baseball's 2018 World Series Champions.

J.D. Martinez, drafted out of NSU in the 2009 MLB First-Year Player Draft, is on a postseason team contending for this year's Commissioner's Trophy. Throughout the regular season, Martinez put up numbers that have many believing he is in the running for the American League MVP.

Martinez is a designated hitter and outfielder for the Boston Red Sox. His talent has transformed the Red Sox in his first year with the team. The Red Sox won 15 more regular season games than they did last season, setting a franchise record of 108 wins. This would be enough for the Red Sox to win the American League East.

To start the ALDS, Martinez set the tone by blasting a three-run home run in his first at-bat. He went on to get four more hits and three walks in the series as the Red Sox beat the Yankees and moved on to the American League Championship Series.

The Red Sox faced off against the reigning champions, the Houston Astros, in the ALCS. The Astros took Game 1, but that was where their luck would run out. The Red Sox won the Championship Series.

Rafael Devers, gave the Red Sox what they needed to clinch the AL pennant. They were advancing to the World Series.

Although he is no longer working directly with the program, Martinez is still impacting the field. Brown and Michael Mominey, former head baseball coach and current director of athletics at NSU, had positive words for Martinez's ability to positively influence the entire Red Sox lineup is what he brings.

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Although awards for MLB’s 2018 season will not be announced until after the World Series, Martinez has already established his place as one of baseball’s best hitters.

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Many Sharks will agree with Mominey’s case for AL MVP: “J.D., no doubt.”

Tune in to the World Series on Fox to catch J.D. Martinez and the Red Sox battle the Los Angeles Dodgers/Milwaukee Brewers on their quest for excellence and a World Series ring.

Postseason baseball is the ultimate spying game

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In the world of baseball, the postseason is the road to the World Series, the most coveted event in baseball where every club wants to be. To get there, however, some teams will take some pretty shady routes to make it. Scouting opponents dugouts at practice, recording signals from catchers and even hacking into other clubs databases to gain a competitive edge. These lucrative methods aren’t new. According to the Society for American Baseball Research, the 1951 New York Giants had a designated signaler, who would hold or toss a baseball in the bullpen which allowed the hitter to know what the pitchers was throwing. To get the actual signal from the clubhouse to the bullpen, the Giants used the same method the Philadelphia Phillies had used a half-century before: a wire.

With today’s technology, the situation has only gotten worse. Pitchers, catchers and clubs alike are all on the defense trying to protect their signals and keep other clubs from learning or “stealing” their signals. According to an article last week in the New York Times, “the Astros are one of baseball’s most tech-savvy teams; everywhere you look at their spring training complex, it seems, you will see a camera.”

This is in part due to the Astros getting hacked by Chris Correa, an Arizona Cardinals official, in 2013 and 2014 to look for trade talks and scouting reports in their private database. Correa has since been banned from the MLB for life but, the fear is still there. Pitchers will refuse to play at certain games, have meetings on the mound during games and change up their signals constantly to keep up with suspicions. This causes many problems such as miscommunication and the dreaded dragging out of an already long game.

The World Series is supposed to showcase the best teams in the league and should feature the clubs that put in the work, not cheat their way to the top. For teams like the Astros, they are trying to protect their assets and even though it might be deemed overkill, it is for the betterment of the team and their season. According to the New York Times the MLB has placed a limit on mound visits during the game but they don’t outrightly discourage the search for technological edges in the game, for defense or foul play. This is a huge problem that the league has been ignoring for way too long and now the problem is to widespread to get a handle on it. Baseball used to be an honest game, “The American Pastime” in fact, but as the stakes to get to the World Series has gotten higher the constant search for a competitive edge even by cheating, has reached its peak.
Creswick founded the very first football (soccer) team during the last couple of meets. Here you can find some relevant, monumental, and inspiring games that have changed the future of sports forever.

**Oct. 23, 1956:**
American swimmer sets world record at Mexico City Olympics

At the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, the American swimmer Kaye Hall set a world record for the 100m backstroke, winning gold. She beat out Canadian Elaine Tanner by 0.5s.

**Oct. 24, 1857:**
World’s first football club founded in Yorkshire

In 1857, William Prest and Nathaniel Creswick founded the very first football (soccer) club, Sheffield FC. They developed new rules and laws of the game and the two gentlemen believed that they could use football to connect people with grace, happiness, and respect for one another. Sheffield FC still plays to this day.

**Oct. 25, 1857:**
Rocky Marciano defeats Joe Louis

In a game against the San Francisco 49ers, Villager player Jim Marshall runs 66 yards on the wrong direction after trying to recover a fumble. Marshall makes it all the way to the sideline, and thinking he made a touchdown, he throws the ball in celebration. It lands out of bounds, which gives the 49ers a two-point safety. It was, and for many people still is, the most embarrassing moment in the NFL.

**Oct. 26, 1951:**
Rocky Marciano defeats Joe Louis

A specialized collar, developed by Q30 Innovations, is being researched by the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital medical Center for its efficacy in preventing damage caused by concussions in sports like soccer. The collar applies pressure to the back of the neck, which “allows the artery in the neck to safely back-fill the brain with blood, turning the blood into a cushion that makes it less likely for the brain to move upon impact,” according to ABC News.

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**Oct. 27, 1961:**
Muhammad Ali’s first professional fight

Muhammad Ali’s first professional fight in his career. He beat out Sonny Liston for the championship in 1960. The fight was a huge success and solidified Ali’s place as the greatest heavyweight of all time.

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**Oct. 28, 1924:**
Less than 20 spectators attend White Sox-New York Giants game

The Chicago White Sox played the New York Giants in Dublin, Ireland on October 28, 1924. During the game, less than twenty spectators showed up. Apparently, the game was poorly advertised and was played while most people were at church. The two teams canceled the game for the next day and left for London a day early. The White Sox did end up beating the Giants 8-4.

**Oct. 29, 1960:**
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**Oct. 29, 1960:**
Albany, New York to host International Women’s Sports Festival

The inaugural Aurora Games, a new women’s international sports, entertainment and cultural festival, will be held at the Times Union Center in August 2019. The six-day event is set to take place every two years. The event will feature athletes from 15 countries, competing in basketball, tennis, figure skating, gymnastics, beach volleyball, and ice hockey. The advisory board is filled with former Olympic champions and medal winners.

Sports officials are making lists of people barred for sexual misconduct

Officials are making lists of the hundreds of people who have been barred, usually for sexual misconduct, from sports federations and those who oversee the development on Olympic athletes. According to the New York Times, “gymnastics recently had 178 people on its list. Swimming had 103. An additional 31 are on the list from taekwondo, 29 from figure skating and 33 more from judo.”

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NSU’s Fort Lauderdale campus is not only home to students but a variety of wildlife, too. Feeding the campus wildlife has become an ongoing problem. The animals no longer hide from NSU students and faculty in the campus foliage, but they forge their natural instinct by getting close and personal to anyone they cross paths with. This problem could not only potentially harm the health of students but the health of the animals as well.

Students quickly fall in love with the cats, feral cats found around campus. Then students start sneaking food to the cats in attempt to coax them into a friendship. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s website, feral cats, like the ones roaming campus, can spread diseases through their defecating. Feeding the cats will only make them feel more at home, and I am not just talking about them finding a cozy place to sleep. The cats can also cause some serious damage to NSU’s beautiful landscaping. The relationship between man and animal has been blurred.

Now the animals expect food from students. Last month, I was eating dinner outside Flight Deck when a duck decided to join me for dinner. The duck would pace back and forth under the table. It then stood a foot away from me and stared at me for thirty minutes, waiting for me to give it some of my salad. This duck had been conditioned to know that humans bring food as a result to campus feeding. Granted, ducks are not considered dangerous animals, but they are not pets.

Because of the “compassion” of a few students, the animals are no longer fearful to approach other students and faculty members on campus. They have invaded residential areas and brought the diseases that they carry with them. The United States Department of Agriculture claims that, “Feeding leads to public health concerns. Too many animals in one place increases the chance of disease transmission to people and among other wildlife.” More and more animal species will now come to campus.

Unreliable Shuttles

The shuttles on campus provide NSU students with easy transportation between various campus locations, Rolling Hills apartments and, on weekends, downtown Fort Lauderdale. While there are several new innovations that are working to achieve a highly efficient system, there is still room to improve.

Nestlucks is one of the major ways which students can access information about shuttle arrivals and locations. While the idea sounds helpful, it is only effective if it works. There is always a problem with my phone or the app itself. The times are always subject to change and not being able to access the information is a huge inconvenience.

There have been instances where, because of the refusal of the app to show the times, I had to wait the entire 20 minute cycle for another shuttle to pick me up at Walmart. One time when the shuttle left me, I defiantly walked back to my dorm. By the time I arrived I was dying of heat exhaustion and internally wishing I had swallowed my pride and waited that 20 minutes; however, I was no less frustrated with the system that constantly inconveniences my schedule.

More drastically, the problem with the shuttles arriving well before their scheduled times also presents a problem to students without their own transportation. Don’t get me wrong, having a free ride to the beach on a Saturday afternoon is great, but paying for a 30-dollar Uber to get back to campus after missing the shuttle is less than ideal.

It is understood that the shuttle schedule cannot be timed to the minute due to the fluctuations in traffic and stop lights. At most, ten minutes allows for these changes. If I were to miss a shuttle because I got there three minutes before the scheduled departure time, then I would have little reason to blame the system. However, a few weekends ago I arrived at the stop approximately 20 minutes before the scheduled time. I not only waited until the scheduled time had passed but waited an extra 10 minutes to ensure that the shuttle wasn’t just running late but I received information the shuttle had, in fact, left the stop before we had even gotten there. This meant that the shuttle left more than 20 minutes before the schedule said it would.

This is not only a huge inconvenience given that the shuttles only come every hour or so but also frustrating. Even if the shuttle comes early, knowing that students rely on them for transportation back to campus should be enough for them to think twice about driving off more than 20 minutes early.

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NSU is not a petting zoo

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Online Courses Workload Is Strenuous

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In search of food. Animals will become aggressive as they compete for food. The feeding needs to stop before it escalates out of control.

Those that feed the animals are not only violating campus policy but potentially harming the animals. The policy was put in place for a reason. Some of the chemicals in certain foods, like bread, can cause deformities and fatal malnourishment. According to the animal advocate organization PAWS, “Most wild animals are opportunistic and will concentrate on the easiest food source available.” This means that these animals will concentrate their diets on the harmful food that is handed to them on campus and will no longer hunt for their own food. Animals may also begin to confuse trash with food and consume someone’s garbage from lunch.

When students comply with the campus’ animal feeding policy, they are not only protecting their health but the health of the animal neighbors that they love. It is time to stop feeding the campus animals, something that should not have even started in the first place. Next time you come across one of the beautiful members of NSU’s wildlife community please resist the urge to share your lunch. Some self-restraint can keep the campus clean and save an animal’s life.

Online Courses Workload Is Strenuous

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According to an article by the Rasmussen College of Minnesota, one in four students take online classes as a part of an online program or mixed with on-campus classes. Online classes paint a picture of numerous perks. They offer you the flexibility to learn in your space and work comfortably on your own time. Online classes are a great option if you tend to feel lost in crowded classrooms. These courses give students the ability to pause and take thorough notes or even rewatch parts they didn’t quite understand the first time, but along with this flexibility you have to endure the difficulty of a vast course load.

People often ask, “are online classes easier?” The simple answer is no. It is not an easier route. You have to put in additional effort, like organizing your schedule to make time for every reading and assignment along with meeting the requirements for an online course. This increases the pressure. While your traditional face-to-face professors answer your questions in class, usually remind you about upcoming due dates on assignments, and will work with you if you are going to be absent, online professors, expect you to refer to the syllabus and email them if you have any questions, which can take at least one to three days to get back a response from them. This doesn’t help you make progress with your unanswered questions and your workload only builds in the meantime.

When I decided to take an online class for an elective course –that’s not even related to my major – I expected it wouldn’t be as demanding and tedious as my regular classes. However, I was disappointed because the requirements of the online course were quite unnecessary. Along with online quizzes, I had to participate in various off-campus activities and submit one article every week about it. It was extra effort, time consuming and inflexible. The time I had allotted for my readings and assignments for my traditional classes was then utilized at some boring activity I wasn’t even interested in. Thereby, I had to stay up late to do my readings and assignments which eventually ruined my sleep pattern. It felt like my one online class was draining my energy more than my traditional classes combined. I did pass the course with an A, but I didn’t feel that ‘A’ was worth everything I went through.
2018 may finally be the year that a superhero film takes home the Oscar for Best Picture. After multiple commercial flops, like Infinity War and Black Panther, Venom finally gets the formula right. Venom cuts out what has been hindering the genre: gripping plots, heart wrenching backstories, memorable soundtracks, likeable characters, good action sequences and a reason to watch. With all of those gone, audiences are able to fully enjoy what is left.

The movie follows Eddie Brock, a journalist (who would want that job, am I right?) whose TV show specializes in covering crime, corruption and cover ups. After he ignores advice and attempts to expose the crimes of tech tycoon Carlton Drake, who is basically Elon Musk with less of a Twitter problem and a larger ego, Brock loses his show, his job, his girlfriend Ann, his apartment and his life in general. Later he gets a chance to sneak into Drake’s company, where he accidentally fuses with a symbiote named Venom. In Brock’s body, Venom gives Brock enhanced strength and healing abilities. Venom speaks to Brock telepathically and can take control of and morph certain limbs as well as turning into a bulking monster. Brock must learn to live with Venom inside him and work together in order to stop Drake and the symbiote inside of him.

At no point in this movie did the plot seem to make sense, which is a very strategic move. This way, the movie makes and equal amount of sense to someone who watched from the start and to someone who started 30 minutes in. This was likely a marketing strategy for people late to the movie showing. There are also plenty of plot holes, but those are meant to make the movie interactive. If you’re wondering why the evil symbiote took six months to get to an airport, or how Venom survives after being burned alive in front of our eyes, the creators intended for us to use our imaginations and feel like part of the experience.

One thing I hate about superhero movies is the backstories that are required for things to make sense. Venom relieves this problem by putting Venom’s entire backstory into one line of dialogue. “You see, on my planet I’m kind of a loser.” Other movies would’ve told us the origin of the symbiote race, details about their species, where they came from or what their home was like. While some say it enhances the narrative, I believe that kind of nonsense just makes my brain hurt. Why have a touching backstory when you can use screen time to hear a deep voiced symbiote say things like “tater tots and chocolate” or “turd in the wind?”

The soundtrack is where Venom really shines. The soundtrack here does its job by not enhancing the scenes or making me more gripped into the movie. Honestly, the soundtrack being removed completely is the only thing that could make Venom a better movie. Maybe throw in some cricket sounds or a person snoring, just like the theater I was in.

The on-screen chemistry between characters was phenomenal; a perfect reaction between oil and water. It was like waiting in an elevator with a stranger without talking and then going separate ways on the third floor. Brock and Venom had a functioning bond the likes of which hasn’t been seen in a serious film since Zootopia. Venom is talking constantly in Brock’s head, and there’s nothing like a self-proclaimed loser talking to a self-proclaimed loser in their head - I do it all the time. Most of Venom’s dialogue takes place during action scenes where he offers heartfelt, memorable quotes like “duck,” “watch out” or “go left.”

While many may pass this movie up due to bad reviews or because the movie is bad, Venom is actually the perfect movie. What many people see as flaws are actually strengths and these people are too scared to look perfection in the eye. Right before the movie started, I ate my friend’s movie ticket on a dare. It left a bitter taste in my mouth, but not as bitter as the taste Venom left with me. The taste was not bitter because Venom was bad, but because I know it will be a long time before a superhero film like this will grace us again.
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