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Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority Inc. to hold Out of the Darkness Walk

By: Emma Heineman
Features Editor

On Nov. 11, the sisters of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. (LTA) will hold the 10th annual Out of the Darkness Walk. The 5K walk is held in partnership with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and is open to students and the Broward County community.

The walk at NSU started 10 years ago when LTA adopted the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention as their local philanthropy. Oriana Lopez, the chair for the walk and a sister of LTA, said, "There are so [many] people that suffer from suicide... College can be really stressful, and we don't realize how many students have these suicidal thoughts."

Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the walk starts at 9 a.m. It takes place in Fellows Way, the location between the Carl DeSantis building and the Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Theatre. The walk will leave from Fellows Way and will end back in the same spot.



Out of the Darkness

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After the walk finishes, the activity portion of the event will begin. This year, members of various organizations will perform. This includes a dance performance, poetry readings, a singing performance and a speaker. A butterfly

release is also scheduled to take place with all of the children who attend the event. Each butterfly represents a life lost to suicide.

Additionally, organizations will table to promote suicide awareness and provide various

resources. Roma Robinson, a graduate student at NSU said, "The topic of suicide on a college campus is very taboo. People need to talk about suicide. If you are struggling you can always get help, and people here will always listen to you."

To sign up, you can visit afsp.org/broward. Participants can choose to be walkers, team leaders or virtual walkers. You can sign up as an individual, as a team or join a team that is already established. Additionally, the site allows you to set a goal for fundraising at any amount.

Last year, the event raised \$65,000 and this year they are aiming to match or surpass that amount. Students who want to get involved or want more information can reach out to the event chair, Oriana at ol109@mynsu.nova.edu or Roma Robinson at rr1440@mynsu.nova.edu or visit afsp.org/broward.

Women Empower Expo coming to Fort Lauderdale

By: Madelyn Rinka
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The third annual Women Empower Expo (WEX) will take place on Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center.

The event will bring together thousands of female leaders, entrepreneurs, artists, executives and industry leaders to collaborate and learn. The event has taken place in Fort Lauderdale and Washington D.C. previously, and a new additional location to the expo is set to be announced in 2019.

"Our mission is to equip women with not just the tools and knowledge to take their careers to the next level, but also introduce them to that community of support. At WEX, what really sets us apart is the energy in the room," said Alexa Carlin, founder and CEO of WEX. "Everyone is so collaborative, so inviting, and you really get to meet women who are successful, in their chosen career paths from all different industries, from people investing and working in cryptocurrency, to women working in construction, to women in tech, to women who are speaking about running a blog and running a business and being a mom."

WEX was founded in 2016 after Carlin noticed a need for a way for like-minded women to get together and share their successes,

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Alexa Carlin



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Carlin created the Women Empowerment Expo in 2016 to bring together inspiring and passionate women from around the nation.

passions, advice and inspirational stories.

"Through this journey of trying to find light at the end of the tunnel, that's when I really started to find the passion to share my story. I always asked myself, 'why did this happen to me?' and the minute that I said 'why did this happen for me?' that's when everything started to change," expressed Carlin.

The event will feature short, 30 minute sessions, which allows for flexibility in planning, so that each attendee can customize their experience to their own needs and interests. Additionally, on the main stage, there will be three keynote speakers (as well as more

additional speakers) who will be giving speeches about their success to inspire the audience. Featured speakers will be Marci Zaroff, ECOLifestyle entrepreneur, visionary, educator, innovator and expert; Courtney Adeleye, Mane Choice founder and CEO, Elena Cardone, co-founder of Cardone Capital and empire builder and Carlin herself.

Additionally, beyond the main stage, there will be over 20 panels and break out sessions on a variety of topics. The event will also feature over 70 exhibitor booths, which range from health foods to local businesses.

The 2018 WEX will also introduce the "Teenpreneur" event, which is new to the expo. The event, which benefits Speak loud Inc., will feature six teenage girls from grades 6-12, who will share business ideas they have had with participants and attendees. The goal is to give them the opportunity to gain confidence in business pitching and raise seed capital. As future business leaders, these girls will be given the chance to show off their blossoming and established entrepreneurial skills.

"Any woman who is passionate and determined to turn her ideas into reality should be at WEX. It's only once a year in each city, and that one day can literally change your entire life. I always say you're one connection away from changing the trajectory of your life. It's that person that wants to turn her ideas into reality, that really wants to feel passionate and empowered and also supported," said Carlin.

Students can use the code "student" for 35 percent off general ticket prices. Non-student general, social and VIP packages are also available to purchase. General tickets cost as low as \$30, while VIP tickets may cost up to \$99. For more information, or to buy tickets, visit www.womenempowerx.com.

News Briefs

NSU Using Mako Sharks to Predict Florida Election Winners

Nova Southeastern's Guy Harvey Institute has tagged four sharks to predict winners in Florida's 2018 midterm elections. The sharks representing the race to the Governor's mansion are the DeSantis Shark (for congressman Ron DeSantis) against the Gillum shark (for Mayor Andrew Gillum). In the shark race for U.S. Senate, we have the Nelson Shark (for Senator Bill Nelson) and the Scott Shark (for Governor Rick Scott). The most interesting part of this project is that voters can follow each shark's progress in real time via this website. (www.ghrtracking.org/flrace). For more information, visit nsunews.nova.edu/nsu-using-mako-sharks-to-predict-winner-of-florida-governors-race-and-race-for-u-s-senate/.

NSU to Serve as an Early Voting Site for the 2018 Election

Registered voters will have the chance to vote early in H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business & Entrepreneurship in rooms 1048 and 1049 on NSU's Fort Lauderdale/Davie campus. Each polling location will be open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. during the early voting period starting from Oct. 22 and ending on Nov. 4. "NSU looks forward to hosting an early voting location for the Broward County community," said Dr. George Hanbury, NSU's president and CEO, according to NSU News. "Our central location in the county allows for ease of voting for our students, faculty, staff and neighbors to engage in a time-honored civic duty." Before, early voting was not available at colleges.

JDRF One Walk to kick off at the arena

JDRF will be hosting a special kickoff event in the Rick Case Arena on Nov. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. JDRF is the leading global organization funding Type 1 diabetes research and is committed to making life healthier for people with Type 1 diabetes. Dr. Lisa Kenigsberg, a Pediatric Endocrinologist and Medical Director with Broward Health will be speaking at the event. Those who wish to attend must RSVP to arousseau@jdrf.com by Nov. 1. For more information about the organization and fundraising, visit jdrf.com.

Career Development to host Speed Networking

NSU Alumni Association has teamed up with Career Development to host Student-Alumni Speed Networking in the Carl Desantis Building Atrium on Nov. 5 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.. Students will be able to gain networking skills and make connections with the alumni. Alumni in many different careers will be present. For more information about the event and networking, call the Office of Career Development at (954) 262-7201.

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Typhoon Yutu Strikes Guam

Typhoon Yutu hit the Northern Mariana Islands on Oct. 24, destroying over 100 homes. The White House issued a state of emergency for the Northern Mariana Islands starting on Oct. 24. According to a White House press release, "The President's action authorizes the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to coordinate all disaster relief efforts which have the purpose of alleviating the hardship and suffering caused by the emergency on the local population, and to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act, to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in the municipalities of Rota, Saipan, Tinian, and the Northern Islands." FEMA was authorized to provide Federal assistance to the relief efforts, with the Federal government providing 75 percent of the funding for the relief efforts.

Ireland Votes to Overturn Blasphemy Law

The referendum is set to affect Article 40 of the Irish constitution, which states "The publication or utterance of blasphemous, seditious, or indecent matter is an offence which shall be punishable in accordance with [the] law". This law went into effect in 1937, since then no one has been prosecuted in accordance to it. This referendum is part of the Irish government's attempt to modernize their constitution.

Protestors Cause Google to Drop Berlin Campus

Google's plans to build a 3,000-square-meter facility in the Kreuzberg district of Berlin was halted by protestors against the gentrification of the area. Google then gave the land to two nonprofit organizations. Activist Konstantin Sergiou from the No Google Campus Alliance group told CNN, "We are happy to see that a small neighborhood which is organized and connected in the spirit of solidarity and equipped with a reasonable critique of tech-capitalism and its effects on local communities is able to successfully stand up to one of the biggest companies worldwide."

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Futures Summit

By: **Christina McLaughlin**
Co-Editor-in-Chief

On Nov. 7, the Memorial Healthcare Systems and the NSU College of Pharmacy present the second annual Futures Summit, free to NSU students, at the Rick Case Arena from 5 to 8:30 p.m.

This event will provide students the opportunity to interact and meet top professionals in the field while providing a comfortable atmosphere for all parties involved.

"This event is different than the average career showcase. Employers are given exposure and the opportunity for business to business engagement and students have the opportunity to be in this atmosphere," said Dr. Scott Kjelson, director of student transitions and assistant professor at NSU.

Kjelson stressed that this event along with any other networking opportunities, is an integral part of the college experience.

"[The Futures Summit] is that missing link that you can't find in a book. Taking advantage of these networking opportunities as early as possible is the number one goal that should be in the mind of every student," said Kjelson.

The Futures Summit is open to all students interested in and willing to gain exposure and

meet new people. Kjelson said that this event while primarily centered around the healthcare field, is not exclusively healthcare based.

"Just because someone works in one field doesn't mean they don't have contacts in others and if you open up to that opportunity for that network and resources, you will find more opportunities," said Kjelson.

This year's Futures Summit is in conjunction with the Shepard Broad College of Law, Business School, College of Pharmacy and NSU's Public Health and College of Osteopathic Medicine which gives businesses and students alike the opportunity to work together and create networking opportunities.

There will be a 120 companies and businesses tabling at this event including big names like the DEA, CVS, Walgreens and all military branches. This career showcase will also include panel discussions with professional figures, professional headshot opportunities and amenities of music and catering services.

"My favorite part of [last year's] Future Summit was the panel discussion. It included discussions from pharmacists of different fields such as academics, hospital, retail, clinical

and more. Their input on their experiences and methods of moving up within the pharmacy field was motivating and encouraging as a student," said Amanda Palmieri, a graduate pharmacy student.

This event was created to help students gain exposure to companies and fields they normally don't have exposure to and raise money for the colleges that are involved in this event. This year, 20,000 was donated through sponsorships from businesses that are involved in this event. The sponsors are charged for exposure to the students and the community while the students also receive benefits.

"Being able to offer [exposure] to a company that would be of interest to them and to get something that can benefit us and our students [through donations] is a win-win," said Kjelson.

In the future, this event plans to grow on campus and encourage more partnerships with businesses of various fields.

"We want to create value for those connections so our students find that value and are able to identify how to become ideal candidates for the specific positions they are interested in," said Kjelson.

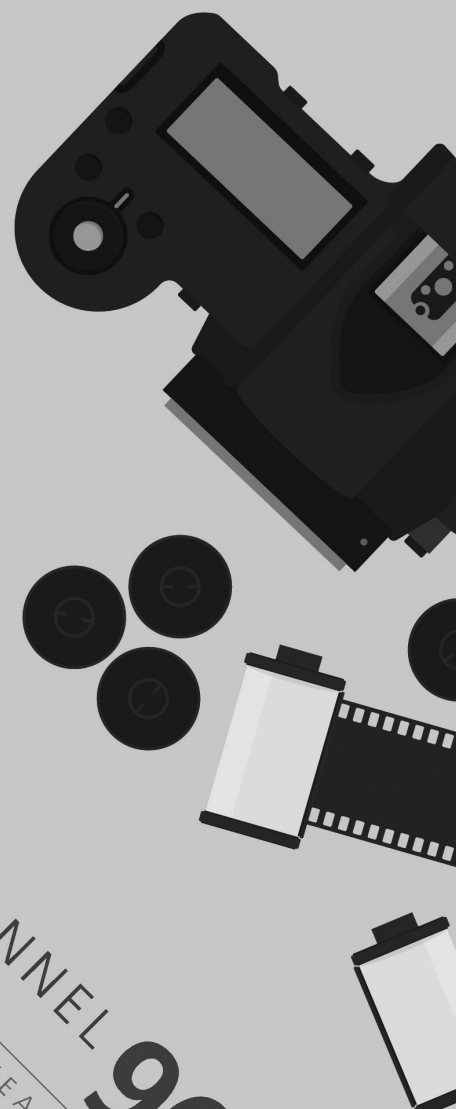
Students are asked to RSVP online at pharmacy.nova.edu/summit/index.html as soon as possible since the event will sell out fast.



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Race Casting

By: **Kelsey Bruce**
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Art is a reflection of humanity— its faults, its merits, its impacts. So, when mainstream art does not reflect truth in humanity or when it does not holistically represent humanity, individuals may feel left out or question artistic integrity. One widely relevant case of questionable artistic integrity involves race casting. Whether casting a film or theatrical production, directors take varied approaches to considering both race's relevance to the overall production and its sociopolitical implications. Of course, which approaches further marginalize minorities and which contribute towards inclusion and equity are still in question.

Pennsylvania State's Cleo House Jr., Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator of Theatre lists four main categories of racial casting:

Nontraditional casting

The nontraditional approach to casting entails minimal concentration on an actor's race. For example, "Annie" (2014) casted an African-American girl Quvenzhané Wallis as little orphan Annie, traditionally a pale, freckled redhead.

Cross-cultural casting

Cross-cultural casting aims to cast actors in roles they would not typically be cast in based on their race. One instance of this kind of casting is the Broadway production of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" (2008) by Tennessee Williams which involved an all-black cast.

Color-blind casting

The color-blind method does not remotely consider actors' race in casting a role. This might mean casting a white person over an Asian person when the character in

question was written as Asian or vice versa.

Given Circumstances

In this case, directors must follow specifications on casting given by a playwright which might require casting a person of specific race for a role or restrict race in casting for one or more characters.

All of these approaches play a hand in ensuring racial representation as well as equal opportunity for advancement in the entertainment industry. Many activists criticize color-blind casting, firstly asserting that it is intrinsically impossible. Further, they claim it erases the need for accommodating cultural differences and for actively working against historic discrimination in the industry.

Author Jenny Han, who wrote "To All the Boys I Loved Before" faced this issue when approaching production companies for a movie adaptation of her book. She has stated companies' interest dropped once she expressed that she wanted her main character, Lara Jean, to remain Asian-American on-screen. Clearly, the companies she originally approached did not wish to consider race in their casting method, instead preferring to subscribe to a color-blind focused angle. Still, in a interview with The New York Times, Han expressed the importance of representation in casting, saying, "there is power in seeing a face that looks like yours do something, be someone. There is power in moving from the sidelines to the center." Given this, one can discern a growing belief that acknowledging race in casting is of utmost importance: it is a means of redistributing power in an environment where power has been skewed in such a way to overarchingly benefit white actors.

Knowing When to Change Majors

By: **Ethan Lozano**
Contributing Writer

When choosing their major, many students don't think about it as a process they will ever have to go through again. But some students eventually discover that the major they chose just isn't for them. There are numerous options in choosing a major and finding the best fit can be a daunting task. If you are thinking about switching and are stressed out about this topic, then hopefully reading this will help guide you in the right direction.

There is going to a moment in your academic career when you are studying for an exam at 3:30 a.m. and you are contemplating every decision in your life. One of those decisions is going to be your major choice, and the other is going to be about your last Starbucks order. In that sleep-deprived moment, it may seem like switching majors is the only savior in life. You shouldn't want to your change major just because classes are getting difficult. Not performing well can be a factor in your reasoning to switch, but it shouldn't be the primary reason. There are numerous topics to consider when changing major. You should evaluate what career goals and evaluate what major can help you achieve those goals. If you don't know exactly what your career goals are, then figure out what careers align with your passions. If you need any help with figuring out the best major for your career, talking with an advisor from the Career Development office can be a great resource. But always remember that a major is not a career contract. If you are undecided about switching majors, then make a pros and cons list. Before you begin the process of switching, make sure you are secure in your decision.

As someone who has switched majors many times before, I can tell you that switching majors is a big step, but it isn't the

only step. It is always best to switch majors as soon as reasonably possible. Switching majors late in your education can prolong your undergraduate experience. But switching majors late in the game doesn't mean that it is the end of the world. There are definitely possibilities that you could still graduate on time. Also, do a little bit of research to see if any of the class requirements from your previous major are similar to the ones of your new major. For example, many STEM majors share a few math classes, resulting in a slightly easier transition. The most important step in switching majors is to make an appointment with your academic advisor. This step is very important because you do have to fill out some paperwork to officially switch majors. Your academic advisor can help plan out your schedule for your new major. Make sure to tackle your list of prerequisites first because you don't want to sign up for classes later in the future only to find out you can't take certain classes yet. Overall, be proactive in the process of switching majors because it is going to be beneficial in the future.

Deciding to switch majors can be very stressful, but don't worry because there are countless people who are in your shoes. Again, remember that your current major isn't a lifelong career commitment. Our passions and goals are always evolving, so don't be surprised if your career goals change as well.



Ally's Comfort Café

By: **Chandler Donckers**
Contributing Writer

On the outside, Ally's Comfort Café looks like your everyday greasy spoon. But once you walk in, you are greeted with the smell of pancakes on the griddle, Halloween decorations on every wall, and a waiter saying to seat yourself wherever you would like. The range in customers they serve is wide. With people coming straight from business meetings to the regulars of Davie, Ally's Comfort Café brings people together with their great food, reasonable prices and family-oriented atmosphere.

With such a big menu, it can be difficult to pick just one thing. When I went, I couldn't limit myself to just one thing, so I ordered a croissant sandwich with bacon, egg and cheese, a single chocolate chip pancake, and a tall glass of orange juice. As soon as the waiter wrote it down, he told my friend and I that he would be back with our food in four minutes. Sure enough, exactly four minutes later, he came back with our orders. There were no issue with my order and as soon as I bit into my sandwich,



Ally's Comfort Cafe lives up to its name-- the great food and atmosphere makes it the perfect spot to hang out with friends. PRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM C. DONCKERS

I knew I wouldn't be able to finish it. The sandwich was so rich that I could only imagine how good the pancake would be. Ally's is known for their specialty pancakes, so if you are feeling adventurous, you can try their tres leches pancakes, peanut butter cup pancakes, blueberry cheesecake pancakes or even cinnamon bun pancakes.

Though Ally's closes at 2 p.m., I arrived at 12 p.m. which seemed to be just in time before the mad scramble started. After my friend and I put our orders in, the lunch crowd dashed in and the humble café soon became a booming restaurant.

Located in Davie, about 15 minutes from campus, Ally's Comfort Café is nestled in between a Dairy Queen and an optical store. Though the getting there may be difficult to manage for students without a car, whatever struggle one has to go through to get to Ally's is surely worth it.

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THE HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN

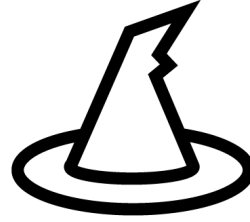
Most people know that Halloween falls on Oct. 31 of every year. The season is celebrated with trick or treating, cute (or scandalous) costumes, candy, scary movies and haunted houses. What most people don't completely understand, however, is the history behind this haunted holiday.

BY: MADELYN RINKA

2,000 YEARS AGO: According to History, Halloween's origins date back to the Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago in modern day Ireland, with their festival of Samhain. Their new year, celebrated on Nov. 1, marked the end of summer and the start of the cold, dark winter— which was greatly associated with human death in ancient times.



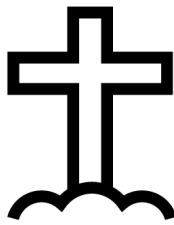
1000 A.D.: In 1000 A.D., the Catholic church declared Nov. 2 All Souls' Day, invented to honor the dead. Many believe this was an attempt to replace the Celtic festival with a church-approved replacement holiday. It was celebrated similarly to Samhain, with bonfires, dressing up as spirits like angels and devils and throwing parades.



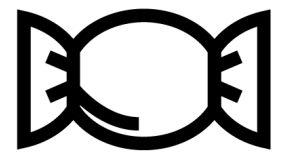
LATE 1800'S: The idea of trick-or-treating came from both Irish and English traditions of dressing up and going door to door. By the late 1800's, Americans attempted to make the holiday friendlier, and more of a harmless celebration than one of ghosts and dangerous spirits. Since then, the modern Halloween we know has come into full bloom, with parties, costumes, neighborly fun and more.



43 A.D.: By 43 A.D., the Roman Empire had invaded and overtaken most of the Celtic demographic. Feralia and the day to honor Pomona, two Roman holidays, were combined with Samhain. Feralia was a day in late October celebrated to honor the passing of the dead. Additionally, the day to honor Pomona, the Roman Goddess of fruit and trees, was likely where the tradition of bobbing for apples came from.



1500-1800: In New England, the concept of everything Halloween was very much frowned upon, due to rigid religious belief systems. However, soon after different ethnic groups began to merge, an Americanized version of Halloween, featuring ghost stories, harvest celebrations, mischief-making and other activities. Later, after more Irish fled to America to escape the potato famine, the new population helped spread the idea of Halloween throughout the nation.



Very Superstitious, Nothing More to Say

By: **Samantha November**
Contributing Writer

All Hallow's Eve marks the end of Spooky Season, but here are some superstitions that you might want to be wary of year-round. Don't worry, you don't have to be superstitious— well maybe just a little-stitious.

BLACK CATS

They're cute, they're cuddly and apparently they're unlucky. Crossing paths with a black cat is believed to be a symbol of bad luck, especially when they cross from your right to left side. Ironically, at one point in time the Egyptians worshipped cats and viewed them as magical creatures. They mummified them, made sculptures and other art, and even built the famous Great Sphinx of Giza in their honor. Around the 14th century, black cats began getting a bad reputation, due to their dark coloring. In the 16th century, a period of witch trials began in Europe. People believed that black cats were witches' familiars, or "animal assistants." Europeans also went as far as to say that the cats were the witches themselves in disguise, allowing them to travel through the

town unnoticed. Black cats haven't been able to shake the stigma, clearly, becoming a staple of Halloween.

BREAKING A MIRROR

The Ancient Romans were the first to create glass mirrors. They also believed that breaking a mirror was very, very unlucky. According to the Romans, if someone was to look into a broken mirror, the distorted reflection would taint that person's soul. All hope wouldn't be lost, however, because this affliction supposedly only lasts for seven years.

WALKING UNDERNEATH A LADDER

Walking underneath a ladder shouldn't sound appealing by any means, considering the possible dangers that could present themselves. But this action is unlucky for a very different reason. Prior to the late 1800s when hanging prisoners was still practiced, there was a specific

technique used, called the "short drop." With a noose around their the neck, the prisoner had to climb a ladder and jump off from the top. Eventually, gallows were used, rather than trees, but prisoners still needed to climb ladders to reach the scaffold. Many people presume that the souls of those who died this way stayed underneath the ladder afterwards.

THINGS IN THREES

Have you ever noticed how death comes in threes or heard the saying "three times a bridesmaid, never a bride?" Triphilia is the belief that bad luck happens in threes. While there is no way to prove or disprove this theory, the origin of this superstition is simply the result of human nature. The number three is thought to symbolize balance and in some cultures is it is considered lucky. By limiting the number of "unlucky" events, people feel more comfortable in such an unpredictable world. Just in case, remember to never light three candles in the same room, knock three times in the room of a sick person, or spill glasses of water three times!

FRIDAY THE 13TH

Paraskevidekatriphobia, also referred to as friggatriskaidekaphobia, is the irrational fear of Friday the 13th, the date synonymous with the unluckiest day of the year. But is it really that irrational? In 2018, it happened in April and July. I would like to point out that there are 13 weeks between April 13 and July 13. This superstition has origins linked to Biblical events, such as the Last Supper (13 people attended and it took place on a Friday) and the Crucifixion (took place on a Friday). While the superstition seems to have been around forever, prior to the latter half of the 1800s, Westerners didn't really pay attention to Friday the 13th. Pop culture has had a lot of influence over the day's relevancy and a prime example is the movie "Friday the 13th," released in 1980.



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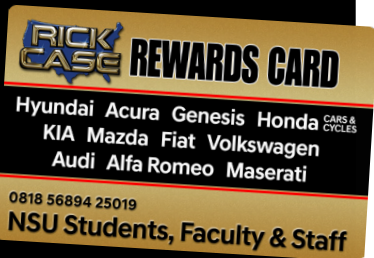
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Last-minute Halloween costumes

By: **Taylor Murphy**
Contributing Writer

As a child, choosing Halloween costumes was simple. Anything works at a young age, and kids don't worry about looking cute because everything is cute on kids. But as you age, Halloween costumes become super complicated. Most of the time, your costume will fall into one of three categories: sexy, basic or dorky. Not only are costumes complicated, they are expensive. When we were younger, we might not have understood why our mothers took two wire hangers and twisted them together with white material draped over them for angel wings, but now we do. According to the National Retail Federation people spend \$74 on average for a completed outfit. For college students who don't have the money to splurge on a costume, Halloween seems a bit dull. But it doesn't always have to be this way. No matter how old you get, Halloween shouldn't be a lackluster holiday. This is when the creative juices should begin to flow.

By creative juices, I mean DIY Halloween costumes. Some people may protest, saying making their own costume is too time-consuming or that they have no ideas. But they're overthinking it. Your Halloween costume doesn't have to be a complex cosplay, and unless you have the skills, I'm not telling you to go out

and buy a sewing machine. With items as simple as pipe cleaners and oversized t-shirts, you and your friends dress up as Teletubbies. Dress in all black with a ski mask, and you can call yourself a ninja. Grab a beige or nude skirt with a white top, put some sprinkles on top and cut out a cherry as a headband, and you're a cute ice cream cone. Buy a scary mask to pair with a cute outfit, throw some blood on it, add a rubber knife and you'll suddenly look like you're straight out of a Purge movie. If you want to be more creative, get a cute raincoat with matching boots and an umbrella. Cut out some raindrops, and glue pictures of hot guys on it. Tie the raindrops to the umbrella and "It's Raining Men!" If you don't feel like creating a real costume, use a plain shirt and write "Error 404: Costume Not Found" in bold black marker. Plus, there are thousands of other ideas on websites like Pinterest, so fear not! No matter how old you get, celebrating Halloween is never over.

Whether you are going to a party or actually trying to trick-or-treat, make sure you're enjoying yourself in your one-of-a-kind, do-it-yourself, creative costume!

Throw a Spooky Party on a Budget

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Halloween doesn't have to break your piggy bank.

Let's be real, college students don't have an abundance of money to spare for throwing the best Halloween parties. Here's some simple tips as to how you can throw your own budget bash.

Get Lit

Just lighting can cost hundreds of dollars. There's a few lighting options that will not break your wallet, however. Gather as many empty paper towel rolls as you can and cut two eye slits into each roll, and place two glow sticks or flameless mini votive candles inside the roll. Now, you have glow in the dark eyes that help set a creepy mood when the lights are dimmed. Another inexpensive lighting project is filling a water balloons with glow sticks, putting the water balloons in a stockings and hanging them from the ceiling.

Pump it up with Pumpkins

Pumpkins are great to use as decorations. Turning a pumpkin into a drink dispenser or a punch bowl is a nice way to integrate Halloween into your party, and you'll save money since pumpkins are always on sale this time of the year. An additional craft involves using chicken wire to make different shapes which can be a way to integrate some horror into a room. Chicken wire is malleable and may be manipulated into

ghosts, spider webs or bats. For an even spookier atmosphere, drip wax from red pillar candles over white pillar candles to make the white candles look bloody. A cool entrance piece for your party is a witch hat with streamers flowing from it. Halloween candles also set a creepy tone. The best thing about all these decorations is that they can be found at Dollar Tree.

A Theme Come True

Themes can make or break a party. The great thing about Halloween is that there are hundreds of themes to choose from. A costume party is a nice way to spark people's creativity and to create conversation. Another fun theme is a find the killer party. The premise is that someone has just been killed and that the killer is one of the party-goers. Your guest will have fun finding out who did it. Music can also set a creepy mood. There's a Spotify playlist for pretty much everything, so whether the party is a "The Walking Dead" theme or a "Bates Motel" theme, you can find a playlist for it.

Throwing a party on a budget can still be fun. It does not have to be the best party ever; you just need good music, friends and food. All you have to do is make the most of the experience.

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Not-so-scary movies that won't keep you up at night

By: Madelyn Rinka
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Do you want to celebrate the spooky season with movies and television shows, but don't want to risk a good night's sleep, your ability to look in a mirror after dark or your trust in corn fields? Then this list is for you—have a chill night in and watch some of these flicks.

Hocus Pocus (1993)

Starring: Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, Kathy Najimy

Set in Salem, MA, this classic movie follows new-kids-in-town Max and Dani. The siblings accidentally get caught up with the Sanderson Sisters centuries-old coven. Along the way, they meet an undead victim of the sisters and a talking black cat named Binx. If you've never seen "Hocus Pocus," this movie is an October must.

Halloweentown (1998)

Starring: Debbie Reynolds, Kimberly J. Brown, Judith Hoag

Aggie Cromwell comes into town right before her granddaughter Marnie's birthday. Fearing that Marnie will lose her secret witch powers, Aggie tries to teach her how to use them before it's too late. However, Marnie's mother Gwen isn't thrilled with this, so Aggie leaves to go back home—to Halloweentown. Marnie and her siblings sneakily follow and discover a dark evil is brewing in the town.

Charmed (1998-2006)

Starring: Holly Marie Combs, Alyssa Milano, Brian Krause

Three sisters (originally Prue, Piper and Phoebe) discover they have old family powers, which they inherit right after they move into their family home and find the Book of Shadows. Each with a special ability, they must combine their magic to harness the Power



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If Netflix and Thrills isn't really your thing, cozy up with some apple cider and popcorn next to these not-so-scary movies and television shows.

of Three, used to banish evil and protect the innocent. Despite their differences, the sisters learn to work together, battle dark forces and, of course, navigate their love lives throughout this series.

Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)

Starring: Danny Elfman, Chris Sarandon, Catherine O'Hara

If you're not sure whether you're in the spooky or Christmas spirit, this movie is for you. A claymation classic by Tim Burton, its plot follows Sally, a human ragdoll meets Frankenstein's monster, who falls for Jack Skellington, the Pumpkin King of Halloweentown.. While getting a big head (or skull?) Jack tries to take over Christmas after Halloween is over. The result, as expected, is a not-so-merry, scary Christmas.

Sabrina, the Teenage Witch (1996-2003)

Starring: Melissa Joan Hart, Caroline Rhea, Beth Broderick

Sabrina Spellman is visited by her aunts, who reveal that the seemingly average teen is actually a witch with magical powers. While living with them and a talking black cat named Salem, Sabrina learns to control her magic—and get through high school.

Coraline

Starring: Dakota Fanning, Teri Hatcher, John Hodgman

Coraline, a young girl with rebellious tendencies, falls down a rabbit hole of sorts and finds herself in an oddly perfect alternate universe where all of her problems suddenly vanish. Her dreams come true and her parents are perfect—aside from having buttons for eyes. Her Other Mother invites Coraline to stay with them forever, but when she turns down the offer, her dream quickly turns into a nightmare.

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this week in sports history



By: **Christina McLaughlin**
Co-Editor-in-Chief

From the original Ancient Grecian olympics to last year's Super Bowl, sports have been around for millenia. Today's public, however, often don't know the history of some of the nation's favorite sports. Here you can find some relevant, monumental, and inspiring games that have changed the future of sports forever.

OCT. 30, 1945

Wesley Branch Rickey signed Jackie Robinson to a minor league contract with the Montreal Royals, the Brooklyn Dodgers League affiliate at the time. Robinson became the league's batting champion and led the Royals to a league championship. He would later become the 1947 MLB Rookie of the Year and the First African American to play in the MLB with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

OCT. 31, 1908

The Fourth Olympic Games, the 1908 Summer Olympics, closed in London, United Kingdom. There were 110 events in 22 sports and 24 disciplines including swimming, archery, polo, sailing, water motorsports, tug of war and shooting. The 1908 Games represented 22 Olympic National Committees with Finland, Turkey and New Zealand made their

first Olympic appearances. The host country received a total of 146 medals with the United States and Sweden following behind with 47 and 25 medals, respectively.

NOV. 1, 1924

The Boston Bruins officially joined the National Hockey League, becoming the first United States-based team and expansion franchise to enter the League. For their debut season, they played in the only surviving rink into the 21 century, the Boston Arena. The Arena is the world's oldest indoor multi-sport facility that is still in use today. In their debut season they finished in sixth and last in league standings.

NOV. 2, 1934

The 1934 MLB All American All-Star team led by Connie Mack with future Hall of Famers Earl Averill, Babe Ruth, Jimmie Foxx, and Lou Gehrig started an 18-game tour against Japanese Big-Six University League at the Meiji Jingu Stadium. According to the players and league representatives, Babe Ruth brought the two nations together and prevented talks of war during this tour because of his popularity in both nations.

NOV. 3, 1899

James J. Jefferies, nicknamed "The Boilermaker," beats "The Irishman" Tom Sharkey in a full 25 round decision rematch to defend his first title. The fight took place in Coney Island, Brooklyn, New York and finished with a record of 12-0-2 for his season.

NOV. 4, 1959

Ernie Banks, Chicago Cubs shortstop, nicknamed "Mr. Cub," won the second consecutive National League Most Valuable Player award. Banks spent his 19 career seasons with the Cubs from 1953-71 and was the first Black MLB player that the Chicago Cubs signed.

NOV. 5, 1994

George Foreman, known as "Big George," challenged Michael Morrer for the World Heavyweight Title. In Las Vegas, Foreman regained the title he lost to Muhammad Ali 20 years prior. Foreman was the underdog of the match. At the start, Michael Moorer outboxed his opponent, but Foreman launched a comeback in the 10 round with a knockout. Through this title fight he became the oldest fighter to win a Heavyweight Championship at 45.

On The Bench:

The line between "fan" and "fanatic"

By: **Alexandra Herlihy**
Sports Editor

The majority of the population of the world follows sports at some level, whether it be professional or collegiate sports. You can often see people walking around with a baseball cap donning the logo of a team, or a sweatshirt from that team's championship win. These are "fans." Fans enjoy watching a sport and following a team for fun. Then there are the people who are in the news for trashing a city or blaring music and cheering at a hotel when their team is staying there. Those are "fanatics," and they take things too far.

There have been multiple instances in where fans of a sports team will trash a city in response to a big and important game. Take for instance, the Vancouver Riot of June 15, 2011. The riot was over the Stanley Cup final of 2011. It was the Vancouver Canucks against the Boston Bruins. The riot started immediately after the

seventh game of the Stanley Cup Finals when the Bruins won both that game and the Cup as a whole. Violence started when fans of the hockey team set fire to a stuffed bear, the mascot of the Boston Bruins. The drunken Canadians flooded into the streets and set cars and garbage cans on fire, smash windows and dance on overturned vehicles. There were reports of four stabbings and 58 injuries during that one night. People were looting department stores, and police eventually had to start to use flashbangs. Another instance is when the Philadelphia Eagles won the Super Bowl. The citizens of the city went wild, since it was the first time the team won the Super Bowl. Similar to the riot that happened in Vancouver, citizens had climbed light posts, flipped over cars and trashed the city during their celebration. This kind of mayhem shouldn't be caused by an outcome of a sports game.

Not only is this just uncalled for, it's very dangerous. This sets a precedent that should not have been set in the first place. This kind of behavior teaches people that it's ok to go completely wild after something they like or don't like happens. People should not worry about going outside when the local team loses or wins a major game. Not only that, people shouldn't be getting hurt, or looting, or setting things on fire when this happens. Celebrations and riots like this have been repeatedly referred to as just purely uncalled for. The teams themselves often don't condone this behavior. So why do it? Why ruin the place that you live just because a local sports team lost a game? This is what separates a fan from a fanatic. Fans might post something online about being disappointed, fanatics resort to violence.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: Emily Stewart

By: **KaliVictoria Wilson**
Contributing Writer



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Emily Stewart propels through the water with the help of her team.

Emily Stewart is on the Women's Rowing team and is a sophomore at Nova Southeastern University. She is majoring in exercise science and double minoring in business and physical education. Stewart is also from Niagara Falls, Canada and was able to row at the Head of the Charles in Boston this year.

What drove you to row during college?

"I really fell in love with rowing in high school. The thought of coming to the states and competing in the NCAA division was really cool to me. I had really good coaches throughout high school that really drove me to love the sport. Basically I had really influential coaches that really made me find my passion for the sport and I wanted to continue that from high school at the NCAA level."

What inspired you to row?

"The concept of the sport is really cool. Everyday you want to push your limits, and to me that is a really cool idea. My parents signed me up for rowing and ever since I found a passion for it"

Is there another athlete you look up to that rows as well?

"There's a few. Being from Canada, Carling Zeeman, the single sculler, she's very well known. I was lucky enough to have her first coach be my coach. That was two summers ago, so I think that was really cool to have someone

who knew her personally...Gevvie Stone. She's an American single sculler, and she is also really well known, she's going to medical school currently and still competing at the top of her game. That's pretty awesome to see people do both."

How do you mentally or physically prepare before races?

"Mentally, it's important to trust your training and know that you've done everything physically to prepare for it. And just trust that when things get hard that you've trained your body and it can handle it. I try to just focus on what the task is at hand. So like if it's a 2000 meter race, I know that with 2000 meters I have to stay with the boat and do my best."

What has been your favorite moment of the season so far?

"So far, traveling to Boston with a few teammates and knowing that the whole team supported us through that was a really good feeling. The season just started so there's a lot to look forward to still but I really do enjoy traveling with the team."

What are some of your goals as an athlete?

"I obviously have set goals for myself personally but my goal is to get this team to be the best we can and hopefully make it back to the NCAA championships at the end of the season. I want us to be all on the same page and work as hard as we can and give our best."

Are there other activities that you are involved in besides rowing?

"I am the athletics senator for student government. So I'm a member of the student athlete advisory committee and the undergraduate student government; and I'm a member of the exercise science organization and then rowing."

What has rowing taught you?

"I think rowing has taught me a lot. It's helped me find who I am as a person. It's taught me the importance of team work, of trusting other people. I think that coaches have taught me a lot and I'm forever grateful for the lessons I've learned because I've come a long way since I started rowing."

The History of the World Series

By: **Alexandra Herlihy**
Sports Editor

Before the championship game we know today, there have been some different versions of a postseason championship game for baseball. In 1884, the Providence Grays of the National League outplayed the New York Metropolitan Club of the American Association in a three game series called "The Championship of the United States". Some newspapers across the country pegged the Grays as "World Champions" and the name stuck. For the next six years, the series was played with some variations, like the amount of games. Some years, it was played with six games, others were played with 15 games. Then, in 1891, the American Association mysteriously folded, which forced a suspension of the series. The following year, the National League acquired four of the teams that were a part of the American Association and expanded to 12 teams to try and promote the sport. The entire season was split into two halves; the first half winner playing the second half winner for the championship. This way of playing the series was not popular, and was dropped in 1893.

In 1894, William C. Temple, the owner of the Pittsburgh team, offered a trophy to the winner of a best-of-seven series between the League's top two teams. He also stated that the

winning team would receive 65 percent of the ticket sales, and the losing team would get 35 percent of the ticket sales. This idea lasted for the next three years and would start to build the foundation of the popularity of the postseason. More changes were up ahead, and in 1901, a "civil war" began. The American League was established in 1901, to the dismay of the senior circuit. The two different leagues competed for fan's loyalty and attention. After two years of this pointless fighting, a truce, formally known as the "National Agreement" redefined outlining baseball's employment, salary, and travel requirements. This agreement produced a business blueprint for major league baseball and it resulted in the merger that is still in place today. The first official "World Series" was between the two top teams of both leagues: Boston and Pittsburgh.

Since then, the World Series has been a much-anticipated annual championship, but there have been some years where the World Series wasn't played. The inaugural World Series was a resounding success and represented the healing of bruised egos between the National and American Leagues. The following year, some higher-up executives were still not happy with the merger of the two leagues so the



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Baseball has been known as "America's Favorite Pastime" since 1869.

series was cancelled. The owner of the New York Giants (now the San Francisco Giants), John T. Brush, refused to play the returning Boston Americans (now the Boston Red Sox). Brush regretted the decision later that year, and proposed to continue the series as originally conceived. There was another year where there was no series. In 1994, the series was cancelled due to a player strike. The strike lasted for 232 days and ended on Aug. 11 to not start back

up again for the postseason. Since the entire postseason was cancelled, the World Series was cancelled. Major League Baseball didn't start back up again until April 25, 1995, which caused the originally 165 game season to go down to a 144 game season. Luckily, this was the last strike that had ever happened, and hopefully, that will ever happen. The World Series is technically currently on its 115 year, but a baseball championship has been happening for the past 134 years.

OUT OF THE SHARKZONE

NFL fires official midseason

On Oct. 25 the NFL fired referee Hugo Cruz. According to ESPN, this is the first time an official has been fired midseason during the Super Bowl era. The move comes after the blatant false start Cruz missed in the week six matchup between the Los Angeles Rams and the Cleveland Browns. This would not be the first time that an official has botched a call. It remains to be seen if the NFL will make any more midseason changes to their officiating crews throughout the remainder of this season and in the future.

Utah track athlete murdered

University of Utah track and field athlete, Lauren McCluskey, was found dead in the back seat of a vehicle. The 21 year old was killed by her ex-boyfriend after he ambushed her on her walk home from a night class. According to ESPN, the vengeful murder came after McCluskey ended their month-long relationship when she found out his real age, 37, and his criminal history as a sex offender. Over the course of the two weeks following their breakup, there were several reports filed, extortion attempt, stalking incidents and messages from false phone numbers in attempt to lure McCluskey from her dorm. The murder of Lauren McCluskey has led to the review of campus safety policies at the University of Utah and may cause other universities to follow suit.

Adidas executive found guilty in college basketball corruption trial

According to ESPN, Adidas executive Jim Gatto, former Adidas consultant Merl Code and aspiring basketball agent Christian Dawkins were found guilty of fraud on Wednesday Oct. 24. The three men conspired to recruit basketball players to commit to Adidas-sponsored college basketball programs. The men paid the families of some of the best basketball recruits in the nation to commit to Adidas-sponsored college teams. The Washington Post reported that families were paid anywhere from \$2,500 to \$90,000 in exchange for their sons to commit to North Carolina State, the University of Louisville and the University of Kansas. This is a violation of NCAA policy, and now these universities will face repercussions from the NCAA.

Tennis champion diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis

Australian Open champion Caroline Wozniacki informed the press of her diagnosis on Thursday Oct. 25 in Singapore. The announcement came after her season-ending loss to Elina Svitolina. Wozniacki revealed that she had been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis before the start of the US Open which began in August. The 28 year old athlete hopes her diagnosis does not hinder her career as one of the top women tennis players in the world. Her hopes look to be true as she already won a major tournament since her diagnosis: the China Open on Oct. 7.

IPCC Report needs to be taken seriously

By: **Christina McLaughlin**
Co-Editor-in-Chief

On Oct. 8, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change— the United Nations body for assessing science related to climate change— released a new report that outlines recommendations for policymakers and nations alike to address climate change. This new assessment found that carbon dioxide emissions need to fall to about 45 percent less than the levels in 2010 by the year 2030 and reaching “net zero” by 2050. This will require “rapid and far-reaching transitions in land, energy, industry, buildings, transport, and cities,” according to the IPCC press release.

This report works as a guideline to help policymakers work to create plans to help with climate change in the future and present. The problem is that there are still many politicians that question the existence of climate change, and this report has become something they have tiptoed around. Take President Trump for instance, during the presidential race and up until recently, he claimed it was a hoax and believed that it didn’t exist at all. In a Oct. 15 interview with 60 Minutes, Trump seemed to change his tune, but only slightly.

According to his responses in the interview, he doesn’t deny climate change but believes the issues we are seeing now could be a climate cycle and claims that these scientists who speak about the threat of climate change have a political agenda. “I don’t think it’s a hoax, I think there’s probably a difference. But I don’t know that it’s manmade. I will say this. I don’t want to give trillions and trillions of dollars. I don’t want to lose millions and millions of jobs. I don’t want to be put at a disadvantage,” said Trump.

It’s great that he doesn’t outrightly deny climate change, but there is still a stigma surrounding climate change and with the severity of the problem is only getting



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As temperatures rise, politicians need to make proactive policy changes to improve the environment for future generations

worse we don’t have time to sit around and debate the basis of it, we need to make changes. Trump is still thinking with a business mindset and trying to make the best business decision but this can’t be decided this way. We won’t have a business or booming economy if top economic states like Miami is underwater, as one geologist reported to Business Insider, which could be possible with “between 10 and 30 feet of sea-level rise [estimated] by the end of the century”.

The mindset on climate change needs to be unified among all nations, we need to do something to protect all of us. It’s a politician’s job to think for themselves and the countries and states they represent, but this is different. This isn’t just a nation’s problem it’s a global one. There are not only industries at stake but lives. The more flooding, rising temperatures, increased storms and intensity, the higher the chances are of drastic effects and a hike in death tolls with every change in the climate.

Centuries ago we might have been able to say that what we are putting out into the atmosphere isn’t affecting climate change but with the recent changes in industry and technology that has changed. The Keeling curve, a graph that measures the level of carbon dioxide emissions in the Earth’s atmosphere, has shown a rapid increase in concentrations since the 1950s and ever since then, it has only gotten higher. We need to make changes and those changes start now, not after politicians decide if it’s real or not.



Think About It

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We have all been in situations where we felt we could have said something better or perhaps not said anything at all. However, often after these moments end, we move on and do not give those thoughts any more food. We often do not give most of our thoughts a second thought and this causes us to be reactive. As human beings, it is our initial instinct to be responsive, and in our fast-paced world we are expected to respond quickly. This often leads us to not think about what the other person is saying and give a hurried reply, even if the subject matter requires a little more thought. Although being reactive is not entirely a bad thing, I truly encourage you to be the opposite: proactive.

We live in a world where people are constantly projecting their angers and frustrations on to others. And by doing this, those who receive these negative vibrations only spread them even further. This is not how we grow as a society. This is not how we become better human beings. So many of us want to see change but do not realize

that change can start with something so simple: think, really think.

For the most part, we see and think about things from our own perspective, it is what we understand best. We are slow or close-minded to look at things from the perspectives of others and it is in these moments, I feel that we need to stop and breathe. Perhaps if we were to take a few seconds and breathe deeply in through our noses and out our mouths, we could give our words and responses the time they need instead of the time they receive. We should give ourselves the time to think, “Is it this really how I want to say this?” or “Is this really what I want to say?” and consider the best way to articulate something.

As human beings, we long to be understood but often times fail to understand others. We constantly are reactive as a society and so little of us are learning from this. With that, I leave you some food for thought: be proactive and give your words some thought.

Relax with the trick or treat restrictions

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Trick, treat and now — jail time: these enticing options are the comprehensive list of results any child above 12 might encounter in some American cities. According to Fortune news, several cities across the the country have implemented age restriction laws on trick-or-treaters. Fortune lists reasons for these limits as safety-based, but in reality, laws like this are a danger to teenagers trying to experience a traditional, carefree night of fun and games. While policy-makers claim they are trying to protect communities from debauchery like pumpkin smashing and toilet papering, they fail to consider they are in turn endangering the teenagers their policies target.

Whether or not the majority of law-enforcement officials intend to strictly check for trick-or-treaters age and arrest children 13 or older should not be the focus here. The all too possible potential for corruption should be. The mere fact that a group of 13-year-olds and 14-year olds are vulnerable to a misdemeanor charge for embracing the Halloween spirit and being kids is unsettling. These kind of laws give excess power to any police officer who desires to take advantage, and while one might argue that no law-enforcement official will want to use their energy to complicate a child’s life, the ever-expanding record of police corruption in America indicates otherwise. A simple truth of the world is that power breeds corruption, and dismissing an age restriction law as a silly but small matter is a dangerous mistake.

Every person grows at their own rate.



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This candy holiday should be celebrated by all ages not legally barred from trick or treating by 12.

Age restriction rules overlook developmental differences, and that’s not okay. Even if a 15-year-old is as mature as a typical 15-year-old, there’s no real reason he should be shunned for seeking candy instead of indulging in other less desirable alternatives like under-age drinking, pranking or being antisocial. If those in power want to ensure Halloween is a less chaotic holiday, they should look to constructing alternative functions for teenagers to attend instead of criminalizing their existence.

Overall, laws like these are at best bad news and at worst a way to haunt an innocent child’s future. No child deserves to face potential legal trouble just because they knocked on their neighbor’s door hoping for a chocolate bar. Children on Halloween should only be considered delinquents if that happens to be what they choose to dress up as.

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Wait... what emergency alert?

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A lot of crazy events have happened this past year. With the rise of school threats, it's necessary to have an efficient alert system and NSU has been falling way behind on this.

The speakers throughout campus are extremely hard to hear. The voice sounds so muffled, it's difficult to hear whether something is an emergency or if lightning is near. I can be right by the speaker and still not understand what's happening.

There's also the computer alerts that should show up on all desktops at NSU. During the most recent emergency alert test, three out of the ten computers in The Current's office showed the alert. Every computer in the office is on the NSU Wifi and has the Alertus Desktop app. If it barely works in a small room, how well could it work across campus during an actual emergency?

My biggest issue with the NSU Alert system is text and email notifications. I have signed up for the alerts through the website and for the past year, I have never received a single text or email. I even tried updating the information and I still don't get anything. My parents, who are a thousand miles away in Jersey get the notifications sometimes, but the student who's enrolled doesn't receive

anything. If NSU has every student's email and personal information, why do students need to sign up? What if a student doesn't know you need to sign up to get any sort of emergency alert? I guess they would be left in the dark like many other students on campus. I didn't get a single text or email with the alert system test recently. Only four people out of the twelve in the office at that time got a text or email. Once again, if this small group barely gets a notification, how can it be trusted by the entire student body if something happens?

I will say, the alarms that go off in the Desantis Building and library are actually good. I was in the library during an alert system test last year and I was quite impressed with it. The alarm is loud, the voice isn't hard to understand and you can hear it throughout the building. Those alarms during an emergency could make a huge difference.

As a whole, I do not have the most confidence in the NSU Alert system. There seems to be more issues with it as time goes on. It concerns me that a majority of students don't get any sort of notification even if they sign up. The system does have potential, but it would be a lot more efficient if students actually got an alert.



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The NSU Alert system was put in place to keep students safe and, with faults in functionality, it has become a concern for some students.

SHARK SPEAK

IF YOU WERE TRAPPED IN ONE HORROR MOVIE, WHICH WOULD IT BE AND WHY?



"Probably one of the 'Scream' movies because I think I could really survive that, just hide out the entire time and escape from the killer and be the only person to have survived it. It would be fun and exciting."

- Taylor Haardt, freshman biology major



"I don't really watch many horror movies, but I guess if I was trapped in a horror movie, it would be 'Hush' and I would play the character of the girl trapped in the house while a psycho killer was lurking outside trying to kill me. It would definitely be a thrill trying to outsmart the killer and save myself. Although, I'd end up having nightmares every day."

- Urvi Patel, sophomore marine biology major



"I would choose to be in 'Halloween III', because I really like the movie. The plotline is amazing and the various scary tactics used in the film makes it very exciting."

- Jonathan Zobel, junior business major



"If I was trapped in a horror movie, I would choose to be trapped in 'IT' because I'm not scared of clowns and I would love to be the clown. I know the clown dies in the end but I'd change the story so that I wouldn't have to die."

- Kiahra Barthold, junior marketing major



"I think I would be trapped in 'The Exorcist' because the whole idea of possession is very intriguing and I would love to know something that is so cool."

- Michael Veizaga, senior exercise science major

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