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On Thursday, April 4, S.E.A Board will host NSU’s Got Talent, a talent show for NSU students to show off their unique skills. This year, the event will feature 10 to 13 student acts. The annual event will run from 8:11 to 10:30 p.m. at the NSU Sharks Fountain and is free and open to all NSU students to come out and support their fellow sharks.

The annual event draws inspiration from the popular television music competition franchise, the X-Factor. Gonzales said, “We try to bring it to NSU with our own little twist. We have a big X we are planning to use again.”

There will be monetary prizes for the top three contestants. First place will receive $500, second place will receive $300 and third place will receive $100. Gonzales said, “You can use that money to put in a registered student organization’s account to help build up an RSO. You can also get it in the form of an NSU bookstore giftcard or a Barnes & Noble gift card.”

For more information about how earnings will be awarded, students can refer to the rulebook, located on the S.E.A Board page on SharkHub. The winners will be decided by a panel of judges made up of individuals from campus life, PVA, faculty and more. Additionally, there will be refreshments at the event. If students have any questions about the event, they can contact Julissa at jg2857@mynsu.nova.edu.

NSU’s Shepard Broad College of Law recognized

By: Christina McLaughlin
Co-Editor-in-Chief

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This month, NSU’s Shepard Broad college of law was ranked 56 nationally for their health law program and ranked 20 for their legal research and writing program by U.S. News and World Report. Schools ranked in specialties such as these law programs, are organized based on the amount of nominations received by law school faculty members nationally.

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We have a growing program and to move into the top quarter of the county with this new ranking is very exciting to us,” said Garon. “These rankings mean that [faculty] are not only recognized but well respected by our peers across the nation. Within the health law community, we generally agree with most of the rankings of the individual schools and I believe that the same can be said for the legal research and writing program,” said Kathy Cerminara, professor of law within the health law program.

Although the U.S. News and World Report only publishes national rankings of programs and universities, NSU has also unofficially earned state-based recognition as well. In Florida, NSU’s health law and legal research and writing programs earned No. 2 and No. 1 honors respectively.

“Legal writing in particular is one of the most important skills that new attorneys leave law school with. We have long had great respect for our legal writing program by the judiciary and attorneys in the community. Having these national rankings reinforce how good the quality of the education is for our students and reinforces the value the students bring to their employers. Perhaps more than new candidates [for the law program] seeing these rankings and making NSU one of their choices, it will give additional ammunition for our graduates who are looking for jobs leaving law school,” said Garon.

There are many factors that go into deciding a school to recommend to U.S. News and World Report but what this shows is that as NSU is gaining more national attention for the quality of the faculty from their teaching, scholarship and their national service, so are their programs.

“We should encourage students with an assurance that health law professionals and legal writing professions are strong and recognize that what we are doing here in our program is high quality. The students should be proud and it should motivate them in a sense to come here when they might not have otherwise considered NSU,” said Cerminara.

For the future, both of these programs hope to climb in the ranks of U.S. News and World Report and gain more notoriety and recognition for their programs as NSU becomes more widely known and recognized.

“My hope is that we will continue to climb in these rankings and continue to add additional rankings over the next few years as NSU continues to rise nationally. What I think these rankings do, it is adds external recognition for what we have always known about the program. For [potential] students particularly interested in Health law program, [they can see that there is] national recognition for it. There is a lot of reasons why students come to NSU for law school and they come particularly for the concentration areas and health law is leading the way for us so that is what draws students toward the program,” said Garon.

According to Cerminara, the health law program at NSU offers courses within the broad area of health law to provide students the opportunity to explore an in depth look into the field. This program also allows for students to work interdisciplinarily with the pre-professional and professional health programs also offered at NSU’s Davie/Fort Lauderdale campus.

“We are increasing our interprofessional activities with both medical schools and with other health profession divisions like the college of psychology, which makes us stand out amongst the other law schools. We are expanding our clinical opportunities that interact with the health law students so they can have a nice broad exposure to all factors of health law. That way, they are ready for anything they encounter and interact with their careers,” said Cerminara.
Quebec bill called out for breaching religious freedom

The government of Quebec has proposed a bill that bans public employees from wearing religious symbols at work. According to the New York Times, “The Quebec premier, François Legault, has said the bill, which also applies to Catholic canoeists, Jewish skull caps and Sikh turbans, was necessary to preserve Quebec’s secular values and identity. It is expected to pass in the Quebec legislature where his right-leaning party has a majority.” Religious rights advocates are calling this bill a breach of religious freedom.

Canada gives asylum to refugee that sheltered Edward Snowden

Vanessa Mae Bondalain Rodel, a Filipino refugee who sheltered Edward Snowden in Hong Kong, has been granted asylum in Canada. According to the New York Times, “Five other asylum seekers who sheltered Mr. Snowden are awaiting decisions on their applications in Canada. Among them is Ajith Pushpakumara, from Sri Lanka, who said he had fled to Hong Kong after being tortured for deserting the military and faces the possibility of execution if he returns to his native country.”

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The value of a free t-shirt

By: Kelsey Bruce
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Laugh Your Fins Off

On Friday, April 5, at 7 p.m. Tiffany Haddish will perform at the Rick Case Arena in the Don Taft University Center. Haddish is an Emmy Award-winning comedian, known for hosting Saturday Night Live and for her role in TBS’s “The Last O.G.” Student tickets are $25 until the day of the event, and the price will increase to $40 on the day of the event. Guest are $40 before the day of the event, and $50 on April 5. For more information on the event or to buy tickets, visit sharkfins.nova.edu/laugh-your-fins-off-coming-diffany-haddish-april-5.

Tunnel Vision Experience

NSU Residential Life, Campus Life and Student Engagement and Title IX are coming together April 8 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. to create the Tunnel Vision Experience in Commons 123. The event is an interactive live and visual art washthrough that will raise awareness for sexual assault. The garden will take groups of students throughout the exhibit rooms, and those waiting can explore the outdoor education tables.

On the Basis of Sex

The NSU Shepard Broad College of Law, the NSU American Association of University Women and the NSU Office of Human Resources will host a screening of “On the Basis of Sex,” on Monday, April 8 from 4-7 p.m. After the screening, Professor Kate Webber-Nutall will lead a discussion on topics from the movie. For more information, go to sharkfins.nova.edu/nsu-law-hosts-film-screening-on-the-basis-of-sex-ap-8.

27th used book sale

The Alvin Sherman Library will host its 27th semi-annual used book sale from Wednesday, April 10 to Saturday April 13. A wide variety of gently used hardcover and paperback books, as well as non-print materials such as CDs, DVDs, blu-rays, audio books, video games and more will be available for purchase. The majority of the items are $3, with some of the proceeds going to the Donald E. Riggins Library Education Assistance Fund. For more information about the sale and presales, call (954) 262-4542.

NSU’s 5th annual pre-health day

NSU students who are interested in the healthcare professions are encouraged to attend the 5th annual pre-health day on Saturday, April 13 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Carl DeSantis Building in room 3000. Attendees will be able to hear from current professionals about their journey, explore careers with those working in the field and much more. Space for this is limited, and students can sign up on Handshake.

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NSU’s Green Sharks Sustainability Club is hosting their fifth annual Earth Day celebration with a tabling event. The event will take place on April 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in front of the Alvin Sherman Library.

The theme of this year’s Earth Day celebration is showcasing the diversity of sustainability. Topics that will be explored at the event will include recycling, sustainable farming, public health, conservation of resources, water and air quality, renewable energy, social justice and building efficiency.

According to Justin Gaffney, the vice president of NSU’s Green Sharks Sustainability Club, “The Chemistry Club will be at [the event], talking about green chemistry and what it is and how it reduces waste. It is going to be like Community Fest in that you can just walk around. [Sustainability] is not just picking up trash, even businesses can have good sustainable practices. Reduce, reuse, recycle, that’s really the key aspect of it.”

The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, to protest oil spills, pollution, toxic waste dumps, deforestation, extinction of flora and fauna and overall the destruction of the environment. It drew support from both the Democratic and Republican parties.

According to Earth Day Network, an international network of environmental activists that organizes world-wide environmental movements, “The first Earth Day had led to the creation of the United States E.P.A. and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts.” By showing the diversity of sustainability at this year’s Earth Day celebration, NSU’s Green Sharks Sustainability Club plans to continue the original purpose of raising awareness of environmental issues.

“This event is open to all NSU students, faculty and staff. We are not a very sustainable campus, we do waste a lot. That is something that we [as a university] need to focus on. But I can’t say that without saying that I do see that we are focusing on it now. We are wrapping up Recycle Mania now. We had our biggest record ever. Over 200,000 pounds of waste [was] recycled,” said Gaffney.

The Green Sharks Sustainability Club is looking for organizations to come and table at the Earth Day celebration. To sign up to table at the Earth Day celebration contact Gaffney at jg2702@mynsu.nova.edu.
Let me explain a bit. I've had two romantic relationships thus far, and both were unhealthy, the first because my significant other was 19 and in college while I was 15 and a sophomore in high school and the second because my significant other created hardship in ways the books I read never dared to venture. My second S.O. was the first person who sexually assaulted me.

Yes, you read that right: first. Since then, I've experienced sexual assault upwards of 10 times, some by my ex-S.O. and others, from one another person I met back home and a couple by people I've met on this campus. Each time, I felt degraded and pitiful. Each time, I found myself questioning whether or not I did something to cause my assault, and those doubts were largely driven by the way people around me reacted. In each instance, even if there was an initial condemnation of my sexual assailant, their friends and even acquaintances seemed to forget their actions like last week's gossip. People said to me — directly and indirectly — what happened to me wasn't as significant as I was making it out to be. That I was being overdramatic or immature.

I found myself questioning how and why this happened. Why would my friends act so supportive at first and then proceed to associate with a person who had intentionally traumatized me forever? Eventually, I came to a few conclusions. One, that people tend towards convenience and self-service. But there was another factor that I've only realized recently, self-talk, research and therapy at Broward's Nancy J. Cottomer Center's Sexual Assault Treatment Center. That is, those "friends" pitied me but did not respect me or my situation. They viewed me as a victim and felt sorry for me as long as they could muster. But sorrow itself only lasts so long.

To elaborate, pity implies an intrinsic accompanying sense of superiority. To feel bad for someone, you have to assign a little less value to that person's life than your own. While feelings of superiority stem from variable roots, one huge possibility in my situation was that bringing rape somehow made me lesser. Perhaps I found myself tucking myself in at night with everyone." Loved hurts." I've heard this phrase all my life. I've read love story upon love story interwoven with love and pain, with couples who went through mystical battles and betrayal only to cement a stronger love in the end. From what I understood, you couldn't have love without pain. You had to sacrifice everything — your morality for a vampire or your beliefs for a kingdom. Maybe those stories, that romanticization of hardship, was part of why I never saw red flags in my relationships until I found myself tucking myself in at night with crimson sheets.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), smoking is one of the leading causes of death around the world. It is a growing trend in today’s society, so it’s essential to educate the public on its harmful effects. The Juul, an e-cigarette, has become one of the most popular vaping devices in the nation and is frequently abused among youth. This device, which resembles a USB flash drive, is easily accessible at local stores and supermarkets, contributing to the growing problem.

As with the most common e-cigarettes, the Juul uses a cartridge containing nicotine, flavoring and other various chemicals. The liquid contained within the cartridge is heated inside the chamber of the e-cigarette device, turning it into a light vapor which is then inhaled. The liquid inside of a single Juul pod contains nicotine salts gathered from tobacco leaves. The salts are absorbed into the body at a rate equal to that of the absorption of nicotine from any other combustible cigarette on the market. According to the Center for Disease Control and Science, the average Juul smoker enjoys this type of inhalant because it does not cause inflammation of the chest and lungs like those from combustible cigarettes.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it has been determined that aerosol is the main inhalant in one bit of a Juul and that its components have heavy effects on the human body. One component of aerosol is nicotine, which has been shown to have detrimental impacts on the body, with one major impact being addiction. Hence, youth who have used the e-cigarette often have a higher probability of using normal cigarettes. Nicotine also interferes with brain development in individuals under the age of twenty-five. Youth who use e-cigarettes are exposed to e-cigarettes through peers or other individuals likely to develop developmental issues. Additionally, e-cigarettes contain volatile organic compounds and ultrafine particles that are not able to be isolated by various protective mechanisms in the breathing system and, consequently, seeps into the lungs. These particles result in a persistent cough and various breathing problems among smokers. Heavy metals such as tin, nickel and lead, as well as carcinogenic chemicals from the aerosol, accumulate in the body and result in cancer, such as lung cancer which has high mortality rate. The flavoring in the e-cigarette contains diacetyl, which has also been shown to cause serious lung disease.

One of the most serious and concerning issues regarding e-cigarettes on the market is that they are currently advertised as being free of the aforementioned chemicals, including nicotine. Nonetheless, they are still found to contain a considerable amount of the chemicals.

According to the National Center for Health Research, e-cigarette manufacturers have until August 2022 to submit their FDA applications for approval. In the meantime, these hazardous devices are continuing to saturate the market.

According to the CDC, youth who use e-cigarettes are likely to smoke cigarettes in the future. A 2018 report by the National Academy of Medicine established that e-cigarette smoking among the youth increases the frequency and the number of cigarettes smoked in the future. The CDC and other governmental and non-governmental organizations have suggested various ways in which parents and teachers can combat the use of these products among the youth. Legal policies established by the FDA may take a long time to take root, hence it is advisable for parents and teachers to talk about these products with their children and watch out for their use.

Community service is beneficial to more than just the company or person you are volunteering for. Not only are you helping someone else by volunteering your time; you are also helping yourself.

Community service is beneficial in both high school and college. Most high schools require 100-200 hours of community service to graduate. Having a robust background in helping others sets you apart as an applicant on college and even job applications. In college, service hours are what distinguishes you from other scholarship, jobs and graduate program applicants. Some college admission officials even mentioned that an applicant’s service hours have been why they were accepted over another applicant. They see volunteers as the type of people who are interested and actively involved in making their community a better place and will work to improve the college community as well. Community service can also help by being a personal essay topic. What better way to show off your abilities than by being able to talk about the ways you have connected with and improved your community. Lastly, the company or people you do community service are often key people to ask for letters of recommendation. Because they can speak to your abilities to devote yourself in a cause, they can give an accurate painting of your character that can beef up your application.

Not only does community service look good on college applications but also on resumes when applying for a job. Especially when it comes to a long-term community service record, employers are pleased to see dedication, commitment and good teamwork skills. In addition, community service can lead to experience in a volunteer’s area of interest. For example, volunteering at a hospital if you are pursuing a career in healthcare sciences is a great way to show your hardworking nature and passion for the field you are applying to. Volunteering is a great way to develop the necessary skills needed to work in your desired field.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, volunteering gives its participants an insight to professionalism and the workplace because they get exposed to different work areas and learn how to interact with everyone.

Community service has been said to be a great stress reliever. Helping others generally leads to an overall positive change in mood. It can boost your self-confidence, provide a sense of accomplishment, and help to develop one’s sense of identity and pride.
Florida is a state widely known for its numerous and voracious invasive species that you can see anywhere you look. Even on and around NSU’s own campus, you can find many different invasive species. Here are some facts about some of the most prominent invasive species, along with some suggestions for Florida residents on how to help combat the spread of invasive species throughout their nonnative habitat.

The Green Iguana
Often known simply as the “iguana,” the Green Iguana is a reptile native to Central America, South America and the Caribbean. This animal lives all around Florida and is prominent here at NSU. When many students first come here, they assume iguanas are native to Florida because of how common they are. However, this could not be further from the truth. Green Iguanas all over Florida – mostly South Florida – eat residential flora, destroy landscaping and leave infectious droppings on furniture, pool decks, lawns and the like. Through their feces, they can even transmit salmonella. Recently, they’ve been posing a more dangerous threat.

“Many of our natural water paths – the Everglades, for example, which used to be [a] huge sheet of water in the central part of the state – now has all been channeled into these canals, which is bad enough. But now we have the green iguanas that are burrowing in, and they’re actually undermining the stability in those canals,” said David Kerstetter, an associate professor in the department of marine environmental science.

These iguanas eat mostly native Floridian vegetation and pose a threat to the native species that use the vegetation they consume as habitat, such as the endangered Miami Blue butterfly.

Egyptian Goose
You may have seen these geese around campus – and as it turns out, they are invasive. Native to sub-saharan Africa, where they pose problems to farmers, they are known for causing widespread destruction to crops and are known as one of the most common exotic birds found in Florida. Males can be quite aggressive while mating, so if it’s ever necessary to remove the bird, calling a Wildlife Removal Company is recommended.

They are also known for defecating in recreational waters and in public areas, posing a possibility for health issues to humans.

Vervet Monkey
Although not seen at NSU, the Vervet Monkey has been a serious problem in South Florida since the 1950s, when they were released into the wild from a tourist attraction. They are originally from Southern and East Africa. Attracted to food whenever they can get it, they are extremely opportunistic feeders and feed on the ground or in trees whenever possible. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has made it illegal to directly feed these monkeys, which includes placing garbage bins in areas directly accessible to them. Vervet monkeys can also carry transmittable diseases such as Herpes B.

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**Shark Cage Spotlight: Sal Centanni**

**By:** Emma Heineman

**Features Editor**

The Razor’s Edge Shark Cage Scholars Program is a combined bachelor’s and master’s program for first-time college students interested in becoming entrepreneurs. According to NSU’s website, the program provides meaningful learning experiences inside the classroom as well as outside the classroom through curriculum created by real-world professionals. It even allows students to start and run their own businesses.

Sal Centanni is a sophomore business management major in the Razor’s Edge Shark Cage Program. He recently opened The Lemonade Stand, his own business here on campus, The Lemonade Stand is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. outside the Alvin Sherman Library.

What interested you in the Shark Cage program and why did you apply?

When I was looking at other schools, they all had business programs, but none of them had [a] risk of you creating your own business on campus. It’s no risk. Who gets to start a business with no risk? It’s unheard of, so that’s why I applied.

What are some of the advantages of being a Shark Cage student?

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**What inspired your business plan?**

The first day of the program, we had to give an elevator pitch where you have to give a 60 second pitch about your business. I was so worried, and my neighbor said to me, “just do a lemonade stand,” and I didn’t have any ideas so I decided to [pitch] a lemonade stand. I pitched it, and they actually liked it because it’s pretty simple. It is just a simple lemonade stand with two separate flavors. Little girls do their lemonade stands at the end of their driveways, and I thought it would be easy, but there is a lot that goes into it. I have to get my food handlers safety and everything like that.

**What is the most important thing you have learned through the program?**

[That] nothing is a big deal. I learned that, especially with my grand opening on Tuesday. I [wait] so worried that I wouldn’t be on time or that something was going to happen. The night before, I literally didn’t sleep, thinking that something would go wrong. It all ends up working out in the end anyways. It never doesn’t work out, so I need to stop stressing. That’s one of the most important things I’ve learned. Whatever happens, happens.

**What advice do you have for students applying or in their first year of the program?**

If you need help, don’t be afraid to ask. There are 40 of us, and most of us have been through the process. At first I was freaking out about all the little things [about my business], but we all have student mentors. I finally decided to call her, and she helped me with everything.

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**By:** Laurel Gallaudet

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Experience Memphis

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If rock and roll or forbidden love entice you, you’ll want to experience “Memphis” at Broward Center for the Performing Arts. A high-energy musical loosely based on a real interracial relationship in the 1950s, “Memphis” portrays timeless emotion and powerful history though balanced, honest means. It focuses on a white DJ Huey Calhoun (Eddie Egan) who was the first to play Black music on the radio in Memphis and singer Felicia Farrell’s (Gabrielle Graham’s) meeting of romance and rock. The Current spoke with Egan to get a little inside knowledge:

What sets Memphis apart from other musicals that one might see?

“It’s probably one of the biggest-scale musicals you can put up on the stage. The story’s massive. The music ranges across a bunch of different styles from rhythm and blues to rock and roll to gospel. It’s got some really high-energy, high-octane dancing to match the exciting new sounds through the era. It’s really big in scale in almost every way a musical can be.”

What’s your favorite part of the show to act?

“I don’t want to give too much away, but there’s a really fun moment later in the show where my character has almost a protest breakdown on live TV. It’s really fun to live through that intense of a moment. That’s probably my favorite part to do.”

What kind of audience do you think can relate to “Memphis”?

“That’s what is great about this show. I think there’s something in it for everyone. I wouldn’t want to discourage anyone from coming, but there is some language some parents might not want their younger children to experience. But it’s all very important and crucial to telling the story and setting the time period in a realistic way. It really is the kind of musical that connects to a really wide range of people. That’s why it’s still getting done all around the country today.”

Working with this musical, you’re constantly with your fellow cast members. How is it working with them and spending so much time around them?

“It’s great. I’ve made so many friends in just these few weeks getting the show put up. It really is a joy to go to work everyday. Everybody’s really passionate about the message of the show. It’s created a really fun and exciting work atmosphere. Everybody’s really on the page in bringing their heart to it because it’s a story that relates to a lot of things that are messed up in the world right now that we are all figuring out, so it’s nice to have that release.”

In your own words, what is the message of “Memphis”?

“I think it’s really about following your heart, following your joy, your love — even if outside sources are telling you that you’re wrong for dreaming what you’re dreaming or you’re wrong for loving who you’re loving. It’s really important to find the joy and not listen to all the naysayers who might be stuck following the status quo more than they should be.”

What would you tell someone who is considering attending Memphis in Ft. Lauderdale?

“I would tell them to get ready for a roller coaster of an evening. They’re going to laugh, they’re going to cry, they’re going to learn something. They’re going to leave wanting to dance out the aisles and humming the tunes on the way out. It’s a really fun show with a lot of heart.

Be sure to grab your Memphis tickets by calling (305) 444-9293 or at www.actorplayhouse.org.

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When most of us hear the name “Mimi” in regards to music, we often think of Mariah Carey, but there is another Mimi to watch out for.

Mimi Rehman, also known as “Hi I’m Mimi” or also just “Mimi,” is a 17-year-old Swedish singer and musician who has released a few self-recorded songs on YouTube, Spotify and SoundCloud. This young, rising artist’s music is simple in its lyrics and has a soothing melody and rhythm perfect for relaxing and even trying to study. According to Genius contributor, Flor Ana Mireles, “Mimi...in your neighbours garden” explores “feelings connected with moving on from a past relationship and working on growing and moving on and away from certain things and people.”

Mimi may be young and a lesser-known artist, but the quality and sound of her music are great. I recommend listening to all her songs, particularly “A Little Love,” and of course, her latest release “in your neighbours garden.”

Flor Ana Mireles
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OUT OF THE SHARKZONE

DeVos faces criticism over cuts to Special Olympics funding.

Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has faced criticism over her proposed cuts in the federal funding for the Special Olympics. This year, the Special Olympics received $175 million from the Federal Department of Education. There is no information yet on how much of the funding will be cut, but according to the Associated Press, “House Democrats grilled DeVos in a budget hearing Tuesday, with Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., calling the cut “appalling.” Others calling on DeVos to rethink the decision include former Ohio Gov. John, a Republican, and John F. Kennedy, former captain of the U.S. women’s soccer team.” President Trump override DeVos and stated that no funding would be cut.

Ovechkin nears eighth 50-goal season

Alex Ovechkin, the captain of the Washington Capitals, is close to marking his eighth season with 50 goals. According to the Associated Press, “Fifty has become Ovechkin’s number to shoot for, even though it’s an almost-unreachable milestone for everyone else. The Russian superstar owns the past three 50-goal seasons and at 33 years old could become the oldest player to reach that mark since Phil Esposito in 1975.” Ovechkin is tied for the thirteenth all-time player with 646 goals.

McGregor under sexual assault investigation

Irish UFC fighter Conor McGregor is under investigation for a sexual assault accusation in Ireland. According to the New York Times, “McGregor has not been charged with a crime. Following the usual protocol in criminal investigations in Ireland and much of Europe, where a formal charge does not necessarily follow an arrest, McGregor was arrested in January, questioned by law enforcement authorities and released pending further investigation, according to the people.” More information to be released, as it is an ongoing investigation.

Former Yale coach expected to plead guilty in bribery charge

Rudy Meredith, a former women’s soccer coach at Yale, was charged with bribery and is expected to plead guilty. Meredith was accused of taking bribes in exchange for calling applicants recruits so they would have a higher chance of getting into the university. According to the Associated Press, “Meredith began cooperating with the FBI last year after investigators set up a sting in a Boston hotel room and caught him soliciting a $450,000 bribe from a parent.”

Athlete of the Week:

Diane Follin-Arbelet

Diane Follin-Arbelet prepares her swing, watch things on Netflix in English to try and learn. It helped me a lot, as it is an ongoing investigation.

What is something about tennis people underestimate?

“In tennis, you have to be strong mentally and physically too because matches can be long and very intense. I think it’s a hard sport because you need a lot of discipline and focus to play well. You always need to improve and work on something because there is no way to really be perfect.”

What does your downtime look like?

“I watch a lot of Netflix. Right now I’m watching Queer Eye. I watch in English with English subtitles and sometimes I watch shows in French when I don’t want to think about translating and just relax.”

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“I want to do yet but chose business because it is general and I think, throughout my four years here, I will find something I want to do. I don’t think I’m going to become a professional athlete but I want to enjoy playing for the four years I have here at NSU. I’m not sure after graduating if I want to go back to France or stay in the United States but we will see.”

Who would you say is your support network?

“My mom and my family. I call my mom almost everyday. I talk to her just to have someone I can talk to that speaks French and I can [vent to] about my day, good or bad. I think it’s a hard sport because you need a lot of discipline and focus to play well. You always need to improve and work on something because there is no way to really be perfect.”

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Has movies and tv shows like on Netflix helped you learn English and get used to the United States?

“Yes, it has helped me a lot. Now I understand English enough to watch the movies [and enjoy them]. Before I moved here I would...
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Summer of my high school senior year, I wanted to chop half of my hair off. All of a sudden in the midst of all changes happening in my life, friends moving away, knowing that my daily high school routine would be forever disrupted made me want to change my hair to reflect on the bigger changes happening in my life. That summer was yet another example of an attempt I had to reorient myself. In middle school, my “High School Musical” obsession and sports interests were factors that shaped my personality and who I was. In high school, listening to The Smiths and reading obscure books, reflected my teenage angst. Similarly, some of us are always trying to reorient ourselves as individuals. Those are more than ice breakers or Tinder bio choices, but they build our individualistic and unique view in the world. We are unique. We are special. Right?

College dorms are the pinnacle of what represents the college experience. But for me, this dream to dorm in college has become a grim reality—it’s too expensive and the price tag is only getting bigger each year.

NSU may have great housing options for students to choose from to fit their needs, but these housing options only work for students if the price is affordable. When I entered my freshman year I paid $9,000 for the Commons Residence Hall. My family and I were able to afford it, I was able to go to the school I wanted and stay in the dorms I preferred—everything was fine. When the next year rolled around, I decided to stay in Commons again and the price changed—a $400 increase. For my friends, this meant finding new housing options that were more affordable for their financial situation.

Fast forward to this semester and we are at an impasse. I thought I had my decision in mind to choose one of the apartments or maybe even the new Mako Hall, which was and still is a construction zone. I expected a certain number in my head based on the prices for options last year and rounded a little for some wiggle room and I was ready to make my decision. Then March rolled around, and an email was sent out to announce the new prices of the dorms for next year and all of us were a little stunned to say the least. Constantly, people were checking the housing website and calculating costs. Understandably so, since everything was a good $500 or more than it was last year and Mako Hall is the most expensive option with $14,150 for a single studio.

It makes sense why Mako Hall was considered the top tier with all the amenities within each apartment style unit but it left a lot of students wondering is it really worth the extra $2,000+ if some of those amenities were offered off-campus or even available in the other existing housing options but just in a different capacity and price. The jury is still out on this answer, but I think it varies student to student. For me, it didn’t. After an offer with a friend to live off campus and some time to crunch numbers, I decided to live off campus. But what if I wasn’t afforded that luxury like many other students probably weren’t. Based on the systemic categories the school put in place for housing, my only options were to live in Mako Hall or Rolling Hills. Both options cost more than Commons with about a $2,000 difference for doubles or quads and roughly $1,000 difference for singles with Mako holding the higher price tag. Bottom line, that wasn’t something I could afford and not something I was willing to spend if there were other more affordable options available to me.

When I went on a tour of this school a while ago, I was told that I could live on campus for all four years and it may even graduate school. A lot has changed since then, namely we don’t offer graduate housing anymore. I still hear tours advertising that students can live on campus for all four years. I think that should come with an asterisk: only if you can afford it and the steep price-hikes that might come with it.

Since the news that the new Mako Hall dorm will have dishwashers in every unit was released a few weeks back, I have heard quite a few differing opinions about the decision. Some people are excited to not have to wash their own dishes while others are confused by the seemingly extraneous choice to add them to the new building. With a resident capacity of over 6,000, having dishwashers in every room means a new building. With a resident capacity of over $500 or more than it was last year and Mako Hall or Rolling Hills. Both options cost more than Commons with about a $2,000 difference for doubles or quads and roughly $1,000 difference for singles with Mako holding the higher price tag. Bottom line, that wasn’t something I could afford and not something I was willing to spend if there were other more affordable options available to me.

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Here comes the catch. Since the news that the new Mako Hall dorm will have dishwashers in every unit was released a few weeks back, I have heard quite a few differing opinions about this. Some people are excited to not have to wash their own dishes while others are confused by the seemingly extraneous choice to add them to the new building. With a resident capacity of over 6,000, having dishwashers in every room means a huge increase in water usage for the university.

Studies have shown that dishwashers are more effective and productive than hand washing methods, both in terms of energy and water use. However, an issue presents itself when applied to the context of an undergraduate dorm because the calculations for dishwasher productivity are based on fully loaded washes. College students, especially those living alone in a single room or a studio apartment, are not likely to even own enough dishes for a full load. Even between two roommates, the likelihood of having a full set of dishes, enough to run the dishwasher at capacity, is slim. Coming from a family of six, I know how fast a sink of dishes can fill up, but college students just don’t have enough dishes to make having dishwashers an economically responsible choice. If used responsibly, a huge amount of water will be wasted each time a load is run.

The concept behind the idea of water conservation is really just common sense. Whether you fill the dishwasher to capacity before running it or place a single plate on the bottom rack and turn it on, the same amount of water and energy is exhausted with every load. This means that running two half loads instead of one full load uses twice the amount of energy and water. Even if students own enough dishes to have a full load, it’s unlikely that students with busy schedules and demanding class loads will stop to think about the consequences of washing just a few dishes and wait until the end of the week when there are more dishes. It is certainly true that a number of students are excited for the dishwashers in the new dorms, but, unless students step up and take responsibility for their own conservation of water, putting dishwashers in the new dorms is ultimately an economically unsound choice. It’s a choice that could potentially cost and waste a lot more money, energy and water than it saves.
“Emotional support animals” – quotations necessary

By: Laurel Gallaudet
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I love dogs. I mean, who doesn’t? I love cats, and bunnies and hedgehogs. I just love animals. I miss having my own dog sleep with me every night or having an animal to support me when times are tough. So, when I heard about being able to qualify your animals as “emotional support animals” or ESAs with a certificate so you could take them into restaurants, buildings or even have them live on campus with you, my interest was certainly piqued. The first time I heard about them, I was wishing I could bring my dog to college with me. I really miss having my own dog sleep with me at night. I miss having my own dog sleep with me. It’s easy! It sounded awesome. Just a few bucks and I could take my dog with me everywhere! Great! Recently, however, a story popped up on the news about how someone’s ESA bit a child, and it wasn’t just any dog, it was a Pitbull. That’s when I realized the danger of these easy-to-obtain ESA certifications. If my dog, who isn’t trained like service animals, is approached by a person or child who expects it to behave like a well-trained service animal, it will not. This will inevitably reflect badly on animals as a whole, as well as who people actually need service animals. I was furious. This person has now put Pitbulls back in the public’s eye as something bad or something to be feared. This person has also put people who actually need both service animals and ESAs in a negative light. All because the owner’s ESA bit a child, and it wasn’t just any dog, it was a Pitbull. That’s what I’d call selfish. I was all for condemning ESA certifications as a whole. At this point, I was ready to scorn anyone who had an ESA by their side. However, right then was when I learned my friend was trying to get an ESA and had one in the past and for actual reasons. Through her, I saw that some people really do need them. She has panic and anxiety attacks, something I have seen my friends go through and have experienced firsthand and those are nothing to be ridiculed. Panic attacks can be nerve-wracking and terrifying, leaving you in a dark and untenable mental state. But, an ESA that is actually trained could help her calm down, slow her breathing, get her through her attacks and snap her back to reality. I was humbled. These animals are no joke. Through her as well, I was able to learn that here, it is rightfully difficult to get an ESA on campus. All in all, my feelings on emotional support animals have changed quite a bit recently, but I think my final opinion is a good one. Emotional support animals are helpful when used by people who went through the proper process to ensure that they actually need one since their benefits to the affected person are significant.

The fine line between prank and problem

By: Aaron Banyard
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While pranks can be a great source of amusement and fun, they can actually be a nuisance to everyone when not prepared properly. There’s a lot to consider before executing a prank, especially if you execute one without realizing that fact can result in disaster. Pranks won’t be enjoyable if they’re extremely common, repetitive or aren’t thought out. Genuinely good pranks are few and far between and certain considerations must be made beforehand. Before I execute one of my artful pranks, I consider what I like to call the Three P’s of Pranking: Pain, Purpose and Passing. These three points are what can make the difference between a hilarious prank and a tragic mistake.

Pain
Pranks that hurt people are not funny. For example, I once had an extremely sensitive friend to whom I gave a boiled egg dipped in chocolate, having her believe it was a regular Easter egg. She cried for half an hour. Since I knew that she was so sensitive, I am fully to blame for the result. Unless one is sure that their victim(s) can handle it beyond a reasonable doubt, the prank should be avoided.

Purpose
The most common question I get after a prank is “why?” While shock and laughter are great rewards, I almost always have a reason as to why I pull a prank. In most cases, I prank people to show I care. The girl in the previous example is one of my favorite people in the world, and she loves Easter eggs. Another example would be me covering my former co-editor-in-chief’s desks in ketchup and salt packets to show them that I missed and appreciated them after winter break. A sure way to know your prank is a bad one is if you either can’t think of why you’re doing it, or if your reason is out of malice. Even if the prank is as small as hiding something from someone or a pie to the face, or an big as Saran wrapping someone’s car (sorry, Jasmine), a prank done with malice isn’t a prank— it’s an attack.

Passing
All good things must come to an end. If your prank doesn’t, it’s trash. All of my pranks end or are feasible well within an hour. Marachi bands can leave, disgusting eggs can be swept out and latchkey packets can be removed. Afterwards we can all laugh, return to normal life and some day down the road say “remember that time?” A good prank shouldn’t have lasting effects on people or the environment. Nothing should be permanently broken, no one should be permanently scarred, nothing should be permanently changed. So when I jumped out of the ceiling dressed as a goblin and shattered the desk I landed on and a rule against kids being in the ceiling had to be made, I violated all three of those guidelines. It goes without saying that prank was a bad one.

There’s nothing wrong with a good prank as long as you take the time to think about it and plan it out properly. Make sure you have good sports and that your prank is in good taste. The most important thing to remember is that the purpose of a prank is to make people happy. With that in mind— be the best fool you can be this April.

With the recent suicides of mass-shooting victims, are schools doing enough to help students with PTSD, survivor’s guilt and related mental health issues?

“Evidently not. The recent tragedies have recently taken their toll on not just survivors, but those around them and schools need to put more resources into psychological services.”
-Galea Marotti, freshman marine biology major

“I don’t think they do, only because they care about these issues for the two weeks after the shooting. Like we saw for maybe a month after Parkland, scholars were all about making sure that everyone is taken care of. But as soon as it’s out of the media, they just stop all the programs in place. I think it is really important that [someone] is reaching out to instead of waiting for a kid to be pushed over the limit.”
-Hailey Walters, sophomore exercise and sports science major

“So I personally feel like not enough treatment is given to these students who actually survived these shootings. More like an umbrella therapy is what they receive, in terms of the psychological issues that they face, it is not specifically targeted, just to say that therapy was given — not personal- ized to anyone—you can see that people are suffering psychologically and how it manifests itself.”
-Jerin Joseph, second year optometry student

“I believe that schools are not doing enough to treat PTSD in students from previous shootings because students come from diverse backgrounds and from different experiences and a lot of the treatment op- tions provided are specific to only one case or type of experience. I do believe it should be broadened more.”
-Nirsha Azagazaz, sophomore biology major

“I don’t think schools are doing enough, and specifically NSU relating to mental health issues. I know we have Henderson, but even that the process is very difficult and they’re backed up. We should definitely have a mental health awareness week or just have open discussions about mental health.”
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