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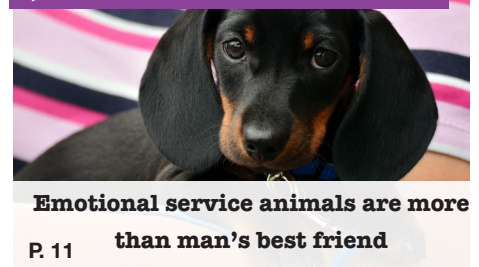
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## S.E.A Board to Host Annual NSU's Got Talent

By: **Emma Heineman**  
Features Editor

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 Shark Fountain and is free and open to all NSU students to come out and support their fellow sharks.

The event starts at 8:11 to commemorate the creation of S.E.A Board which was created in 2011.

Julissa Gonzalez, the traditions chair of

S.E.A Board this semester said, "NSU's Got Talent is an annual event, and it is open to all NSU students, undergraduate and graduate. [Some students will also be performing] with non-NSU students. We have bands, rapper duets, a magic act, poetry, art and more. It's open to any talent you have. It's open to anyone, and I love that about it."

The event draws inspiration from the popular television music competition franchise, the X-Factor.

Gonzalez 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.

Gonzalez 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 popcorn and snacks at the event. If students have any questions about the event, they can contact Julissa at [jg2837@mynsu.nova.edu](mailto:jg2837@mynsu.nova.edu).

## NSU's Shepard Broad College of Law recognized

By: **Christina McLaughlin**  
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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.

"We're very proud of the recognition that peer faculty members from other law schools have for our program here at NSU. With NSU's legal research in writing program being 20th in the country is really a tremendous testament to the work that our faculty to do in the classroom and as thought leaders nationally. For our health law program, we are seeing a similar recognition. 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 John Garon, dean and professor of NSU's Shepard Broad college of law.

According to Garon, both of these programs' successes are in a direct correlation to their faculty members. Both programs include professors who speak at national conferences, have lead national legal writing organizations and other related accolades. These recent accolades however, are said to have been in direct response to the leadership of faculty.

"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 ranking 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.

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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, is it adds external recognition for what we have always know 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 towards 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 in their careers," said Cerminara.

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### 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 crosses, 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 Bondalian 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.”

### Gibraltar bans releasing helium balloons

In an effort to protect marine wildlife, Gibraltar, a British territory at the tip of Spain, has banned the release of helium filled balloons. According to the New York Times, “On the British mainland, the Marine Conservation Society, one of the organizations that have lobbied the authorities to ban balloon and lantern flights, said the amount of balloon garbage in Britain had increased by 32 percent over the past decade. “Balloon debris can be a major choking hazard for animals across land and sea,” said Laura Foster, the head of clean seas at the society. “But the hazard is easy to prevent, she said, and the society supports local authorities that plan to introduce bans on the intentional release of balloons and lanterns.”

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## The value of a free t-shirt

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

Maddie Uilk, a senior criminal justice and legal studies major, will conduct her third annual t-shirt drive for Davie Elementary School’s children. The drive asks the athletic department for t-shirt donations and will take place from April 1-12.

During Uilk’s freshman year at NSU, Davie Elementary contacted NSU athletics for volunteers, and Uilk enjoyed helping the children enough to volunteer regularly as part of her Razors Edge leadership hours. Specifically, she worked with Ms. Silver’s class, where she noticed a few needs of the students.

During her time there, Uilk said, “I realized Davie Elementary is actually a really impoverished school. I noticed kids lacked basic necessities. A lot of the kids would show up in the same shirts they’d been wearing for a couple of days.”

After talking to staff about this, Uilk found out about 80 percent of students at Davie were on free or reduced lunch, meaning that percentage of students are at or below state poverty level. She wanted to help, and eventually, she figured out how.

Uilk put all of this information together her sophomore year and took action. She realized NSU students, especially athletes, acquire many free t-shirts throughout the year and spoke to her volleyball coach about doing an athletic-wide t-shirt drive. Then, she spoke to other sports’ coaches to get them involved. She mentioned that even if every athlete gave only one t-shirt, the drive would still produce a couple hundred shirts. Its first year, Uilk’s drive received upwards of 400 shirts, and the second year it reached upwards of 500. To top the numbers of previous years, Uilk’s goal this year is to collect 620 shirts.

As for why the drive has been so successful, Uilk explained, “It creates a ripple effect.” Donating one shirt leads to noticing more unused t-shirts; plus, it encourages others around you to do the same. Before the drive, Uilk said Davie Elementary was often forgotten about, but with her efforts, people have begun to notice and contribute to its students’ needs.

If you are interested in learning more about the drive and possibly contributing t-shirts, email Uilk at mu134@mynsu.nova.edu.



Students at Davie Elementary show off their new NSU swag.

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## News Briefs

### 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. Guests 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-featuring-tiffany-haddish-april-5/](http://sharkfins.nova.edu/laugh-your-fins-off-featuring-tiffany-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 walkthrough that will raise awareness for sexual assault. Tour guides 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-Nuñez 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-apr-8/](http://sharkfins.nova.edu/nsu-law-hosts-film-screening-on-the-basis-of-sex-apr-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, audiobooks, 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. Riggs 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.

### Second apparent Parkland suicide

On Saturday, March 23, a Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School student was found dead after committing suicide. As of Monday afternoon, the student's death was still under investigation. According to the New York Times, "Ryan Petty, who lost his daughter Alaina during the massacre at Stoneman Douglas on Feb. 14, 2018... alluded to the boy's death in a Twitter post late Saturday, in which he wrote "17+2" with an emoji of a broken heart."

### Jake Patterson pleads guilty to murder and abduction

Jake Patterson was accused of abducting middle-school student Jayme Closs in Wisconsin. Last Wednesday, Patterson pleaded guilty in his arraignment hearing. If convicted, the minimum sentence is life in prison. According to the New York Times, "Mr. Patterson pleaded guilty on Wednesday to the two homicide counts and kidnapping; the burglary charge was dropped. Mr. Jones said Mr. Patterson rejected the other options his lawyers offered him, including trying to persuade the court to set aside his confession."

## News Anchor

Stay up to date with national events.

### Puerto Rico bans conversion therapy on minors

The governor of Puerto Rico, last Wednesday, signed an executive order that bans conversion therapy of gay or transgender minors in Puerto Rico. Rossello said in a press conference, "I firmly believe that the idea that there are people in our society who need treatment because of their gender identity or whom they love is not only absurd, it is harmful to so many children and young adults who deserve to be treated with dignity and respect."

### Infowars helps Florida man stalk victims of Sandy Hook shooting's

Infowars host Alex Jones, who has spent the past seven years since the Sandy Hook shooting claiming that the massacre did not happen, has been connected to Floridian Wolfgang Halbig, in Halbig's stalking of the families of the Sandy Hook victims. According to the New York Times, "Infowars gave Mr. Halbig a camera crew and a platform for fund-raising, even as Mr. Halbig repeatedly visited Newtown, demanding thousand of pages of public records, including photos of the murder scene, the children's bodies and receipts for the cleanup of 'bodily fluids, brain matter, skull fragments and around 45 to 60 gallons of blood'."

## Green Sharks hosts Earth Day celebration

By: **Alexander Martinie**

Opinions Editor

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, pollutions, 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.

"I've seen a lot change [at NSU]. 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](mailto:jg2702@mynsu.nova.edu).

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# That Time I.... became a survivor, not a victim

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

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"Love 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 mortality 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.

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 four times, some by my ex-S.O. and accomplices, one from 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 assaulter, their friends and even acquaintances seemed to forget their actions like last week's gossip. People told me — directly and indirectly — that 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, through a lot of self-talk, research and therapy at Broward's Nancy J. Cotterman 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 situations was that being raped somehow made me lesser. Perhaps

people perceived me as passive or weak, or maybe they believed I deserved what happened to me, either because I should have known better than to trust the person in question or because I came off as too "inviting." Either way, the people around me felt sorry for my loss, but they never did anything to give back what was taken — my dignity and my sense of security in the world around me.

At first, I accepted pity. I wanted support wherever I could get it, and I didn't really notice the quality. Then, I realized that those people had a lot in common with my assaulters. They didn't respect me and dehumanized me and my experiences. To them, I was a poor animal, and for a while, I agreed. But I've realized I am so much more. It has taken an inconceivable amount of strength for me to work through my trauma and redefine my identity outside of victimhood, and I have a backbone like no other. For all my bravery and determination, I've given myself a new title, one that rejects pity and it's innate disrespect: survivor.

## The Juul is Not Cool

By: **David Prudovsky**  
Contributing Writer

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), smoking is one of the most popular methods of drug intake 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.

### Ins and Outs of the Juul

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 particles of 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 Vox Journal for Health and Science, the average Juul smoker may enjoy this type of inhalant because it does not cause inflammation of the chest and lungs like those from combustible cigarettes.

### Ok, I understand smoking is bad. So, what are Juul smokers inhaling?

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), it has been determined that aerosol is the main inhalant in one hit 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 or are

exposed to e-cigarettes through peers or other individuals are likely to develop developmental issues. In addition to nicotine, the aerosol contains 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. Hefty 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 consists of 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 helps you too

By: **Lena "Gaby" Holmes**  
Contributing Writer

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 can distinguish you from other scholarship, job and graduate program applicants. Some college admission officers 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 great 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 to 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.

Annie Warnimont, an experiential learning career advisor at NSU, said, "Volunteering gives its participants an inside to professionalism and the workplace because they get exposed to different work areas and learn how to interact with everyone."

Warnimont explained that these experiences can be invaluable— for instance, community service can help people gain better

communication and management skills in a work environment. This can lead to volunteers making connections and potentially continuing on with that same company.

Community service has health benefits as well. Community service has been said to help fight depression because it keeps the volunteers in constant contact with people which can help with the social isolation often associated with depression. Additionally, volunteering at animal clinics or daycares can be a cathartic way to spend your time. Volunteering has also 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.

## Invasive species

By: **Laurel Gallaudet**  
Contributing Writer

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.

"So 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 habitation, 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.

Kerstetter said the main way people can help is by being responsible and not releasing their pets into the wild.

If you or someone you know owns exotic pets they may no longer want, surrender the animal through the FWC Exotic Pet Amnesty Program. Through this, owners may turn in their exotic pets no questions asked, with no fees, whether they were obtained legally or illegally. Once turned in, the FWC finds new owners who have all the correct permits, habitats etc. to properly care for exotic animals, making sure that they are still taken care of.

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## Shark Cage Spotlight: Sal Centanni

By: **Emma Heineman**  
Features Editor



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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 program] where you could open a 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?

I couldn't say enough good things about the program. It makes my college experience actually worth something. Being in the businesses classes, you learn the little things like marketing, but you don't really know how to apply them. [The program] forces you to apply them. You need to know marketing, budgeting, finance — everything. It [gives] me



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"Make sure to stop by Sal's stand to try one of his two delicious flavors."

real world experience. In the program, we get to talk with people who are really successful like executives, CEOs and billionaires. If I wasn't in the program, I would never have talked to them. It changes your mindset from a high school mindset to really being a professional.

### What are your future aspirations?

That's really hard. I thought I wanted to

do something in real estate, but now I have no idea what I want to do. I'd like to [possibly] do something in business law and work in the corporate field.

### 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 [was] 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.

### 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.

## Experience Memphis

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

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. Everyone's really on the page page in bring 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 your 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



The cast of Memphis at Actors' Playhouse at the Miracle Theatre.

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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.actorsplayhouse.org](http://www.actorsplayhouse.org).

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## Thyme to garden

By: **Mario Lorrimer**  
Business Manager

Have you ever wanted to be more self-sustainable or simply live on your own, far away from society, shirking all responsibilities and commitments?

Well, if you knew how to make your own herb garden, you would be one step closer to that lifestyle. Herbs are good for flavor, and they are full of nutrients your body needs. So why not have a seemingly endless supply of them at your fingertips?

### Get a green thumb

To start your herb garden, the first thing to do is know what you want to plant. This may seem like an obvious one, but you need to know this so that you can meal plan. Once you have a general idea of herbs you want to plant and a few foods associated with them, it is time for research. There are many different herbs, and

each have their own growing “sweet spot.”

Parsley likes fairly moist soil, and thyme prefers slightly moist soil. Each herb prefers different conditions. Once you have found the optimal growing condition for the herbs you want to plant, then comes the fun part. You get to roll up your sleeves and play with some dirt. If you are a germaphobe and hate the dirt, I suggest that you wear gloves and keep a 68 ounce bottle of hand sanitizer on standby. Another good growing tip is to save any waste you have from raw fruits and vegetables and ground them up to be used as mulch. This will give your plant a boost in the nutrients department.

### Seeking your sprout

If you go to the garden center of stores like Lowe’s, associates will assist you in finding the perfect soil. You could also simply buy a

young herb plant from any store like Walmart or Whole Foods. However, if you choose to buy the young plant, you still have to transplant it later or once it gets bigger. This brings me on to my next point: if you choose to start with seeds, plant them in a very small pot. This way, you can take care of your plant optimally in the most important stage of its growth.

Once the seed bursts and you see some green, continue to keep a close eye on your sprout. After some time, you can transplant it to a larger pot. Make sure you keep it somewhere sunny if it requires a lot of sunlight, and, most importantly, do not overwater them. Most pots have holes in the bottom to help get rid of excess water that would be harmful to the plant. Though most pots have this feature, you should still be aware and vigilant about the water content you are providing. Also, if you over-water your plant

and leave the water in the tray below the pot, it will become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. So, make sure you clean up any excess water.

### Giving your greens their greens

The last step in having the perfect herb garden is maintenance. As you wait for the juicy and flavorful leaves to mature enough to devour, you must keep an eye on the plant and give it everything it needs. Keep an eye out for weeds because they steal the nutrients that your plant could be absorbing. Another thing to look out for are pests. You’ll want to try to limit the number of pests on your plant. You can either remove them by hand or use pesticides — preferably something natural. Now that you know how to start your own herb garden, go forth and plant. Follow the path that many green thumb masters have followed before you.

## Celebrate the season of renewal

By: **Madelyn Rinka**  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal, a time to welcome the changing weather and melting frost. While Florida might not experience the latter, there’s always a reason to celebrate the season.

### Let things go

Want to participate in some spring cleaning? Rather than Windexing every surface in your apartment or throwing out all of your clothes, consider adopting some practices of the KonMari Method. The method focuses on organizing in categories and deciding what “sparks joy” in your life. For more information on this method, visit [konmari.com](http://konmari.com) or binge “Tidying Up with Marie Kondo” on Netflix.

### Test out new produce

With the northern frost melting away and

the temperatures getting warmer, more produce will be in season. Check back in with local farmers markets throughout the months of April and May, before the popularized summer fruits and vegetables come out. You might be able to find something you’ve never tried before, like rhubarb or Morel mushrooms. Luckily, Florida is full of these markets, and a quick search will bring up plenty in Broward county.

### Take a walk

Even though it’s pretty easy to get outside year round in Florida, any excuse to do so more is a good one. Spring is the time of new growth — head to your nearest park and check out what new blossoms are blooming and which plants are budding. Just make sure not to touch or ingest any plant you aren’t familiar with. Additionally, maybe try out the Japanese practice of shinrin-

yoku, literally meaning “forest bathing.” Forest bathing is the art of simply being in a wooded setting, taking in your surroundings and becoming at peace with nature. If this is something that interests you, check out Dr. Qing Li’s book, “Forest Bathing: How Trees Can Help You Find Health and Happiness.”

### Surround yourself with spring smells

If you can’t find time to head outside and breath in the fresh spring air, there’s no reason you can’t bring the smell of it inside. Consider going to a store like TJ Maxx or Target and sniffing a few of the candles they offer. Scents like spring rain, bamboo or green tea might make you feel refreshed and renewed, while others like jasmine, rose and honeysuckle are more of an ode to spring’s blossoms. Alternatively,

find a completely different scent that reminds just you of spring. If you can’t have candles in your room, consider looking up essential oils — check online indie brands for some unique blends.

### Care for the earth

To help along the new plantlife, try taking some time out of your day to clean up the environment. You don’t need to plan a large scale beach clean up and package a ton of trash to make an impact. Even just going to a park with a grabber and gloves can be the difference between a clogged spring or a harmed animal. Just make sure whatever you’re doing, the property allows for it and that you’re following proper safety measures to insure you don’t get cuts or contamination.

## SOUNDBITE

Mimi

By: **Flor Ana Mireles**  
Contributing Writer

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 Bay, 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 can best be described as short, sweet and calming. Since her YouTube channel debut in 2014, Mimi has released 8 songs, some of which are just ukulele and vocals and others with keyboard and vocals. Some of her more popular

songs include “I Will Be Okay,” “Not Part of the Broken Hearts Club” and “Time.” Mimi is also known on YouTube for her cover of the song “City of Stars” from the movie “La La Land,” which she performs with ukulele and vocals.

Although she is not as active as some other artists, whenever Mimi does release new music, it does not disappoint. Mimi’s voice is very natural, organic and light; and earlier this year, in late January, Mimi released a single titled, “in your neighbours garden” that takes on an ambient and minimalist energy. The song is simple in its lyrics and has a soothing melody and rhythm perfect for relaxing and even trying

to study. According to Genius contributor, Frexie, “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, especially “A Little 60’s Love,” “Someday” and of course, her latest release “in your neighbours garden.”

## OFF SHORE CALENDAR

**Miami Beach Gay Pride Festival**  
April 1-7 | 12 p.m.  
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**Fort Lauderdale Job Fair**  
April 4 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
@Embassy Suites By Hilton Ft. Lauderdale | Ft. Lauderdale

**SOSOS Live at Friday Night Sound Waves Concert Series**  
April 5 | 6-9 p.m.  
@S. Atlantic Boulevard | Ft. Lauderdale

**2019 Riverwalk Run**  
April 6-7 | 10 a.m.  
@Huizenga Plaza | Ft. Lauderdale

**Miss Saigon**  
April 7-12 | 8 p.m.  
@Ziff Opera House at the Adrienne Arsht Center | Miami

**Tortuga Music Festival**  
April 12-14 | 11:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.  
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#### TENNIS

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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 to the federal funding for the Special Olympics. This year, the Special Olympics received \$17.6 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 Julie Foudy, former captain of the U.S. women's soccer team." President Trump overrode DeVos and stated that no funding would be cut.

#### Ovechkin nears eighth 50-goal season

Alex Ovechkin, the captain of the Washing-

ton 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

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

*Diane is a freshman international student from Lyon, France. She is a business management major on the women's tennis team. In the most recent match against the Florida Southern Moccasins, Follin-Arbelet tied the match up in flight three with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Moc's No. 66 Magda Stepnik.*

#### How did you get your start in Tennis?

"I've played tennis since I was five years old. Ever since then, tennis has been my passion."

#### What about Tennis makes you so passionate?

"In France, it's an individual sport yet in the United States, it's very different. You have a team to play with and it's a good thing to have. Your teammates are there for you every match all season. I might not know exactly why I have a passion for it but that's one aspect of it I really like."

#### 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 would say are your strengths and weaknesses?

"I have to work on my concentration and

focus during a match. Sometimes I'm really focused and sometimes I get distracted and my serve. I wouldn't say my serve is the best. For my strengths, I feel that when I'm playing I play 100 percent and I give everything I've got."

#### How has it been accumulating to NSU and the tennis team?

"In the beginning it was very hard because my English was pretty bad and I didn't understand anything. But after meeting a girl on my team who spoke French, she helped me a lot and after, like, two months I felt much better. Now it's fine."

#### What teams are you excited to compete against this season?

"Maybe Barry and Lynn University. I think recently Lynn beat Barry so I really want to see how we compete against these teams. I want to see how we will do as a team and individually."

#### What does your downtime look like?

"I watch a lot of Netflix. Right now I'm watching *Queer Eye*. I watch it in English with French subtitles and sometimes I watch shows in French when I don't want to think about [translating] and just relax."

#### 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



Follin-Arbelet prepares her swing.

watch things on Netflix in English to try and learn. It helped me a lot to prepare before I came to NSU."

#### What made you choose NSU?

"My parents helped me a lot to find a university for me. I had a few offers before NSU but after learning more about NSU, looking at pictures and speaking with girls on the team this school became my favorite."

#### I know you are a freshman but do you any plans after graduation?

"I don't know what I want to do yet but I chose business because it is general and I think, throughout my four years here, I will find

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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."

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## How Special Are You?

By: **Isadora De Abreu**  
Contributing Writer

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 reinvent 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 reinvent ourselves as individuals. Those are more than ice breakers or Tinder bio choices, but they build our individualistic and unique views in the world. We are unique. We are special. Right?

Throughout life, we are constantly bombarded with messages about being ourselves in different ways.. However, one of the harsh truths that a hyper-individualistic society hides from us is that we are not that unique or different. I am not referring to the good old criticism that millennials receive from baby boomers for getting “participation” trophies and ruining the economy. It is more about the basic understanding that we are all generally the same. We have the same insecurities regarding the uncertainty of the future, the same existential crisis about the meaning of life. All of us are disappointing, excruciatingly underwhelming and worst of all, simply normal. As David Foster Wallace wrote, “Everyone is identical in their secret unspoken belief that way deep down they are different from anyone else.”



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## Price hikes are ruining the experience

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

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 next year rolled around, I decided to stay in Commons again and the price changed— a \$480 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 \$14,350 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 maybe even into 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.

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## Dishwashers in the dorms: Wishful but wasteful

By: **Emma Heineman**  
Features Editor

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 600, having dishwashers in every room means a large 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.

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## “Emotional support animals” – quotations necessary

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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 rough. So, when I heard about being able to qualify your animals as “emotional support animals” or ESA's 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 and someone responding with “Oh, you should go online and get those fake emotional support animal certificates. It's easy!” It sounded slightly suspicious, but I was only thinking about my

dog. 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-get 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 people who 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

ESA's in a negative light. All because the owner just wanted their dog to be out of a crate with them at the airport. 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 unstable 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

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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-chiefs' 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 as 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 fixable well within an hour. Mariachi bands can leave, disgusting eggs can be spat out and ketchup 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.

## SHARK SPEAK

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.”

-Gates Mariotti, 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, schools 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.”

-Haley Watters, 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 personalized to anyone — you can see that people suffer from psychological trauma 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 options provided are specific to only one case or type of experience. I do believe it should be broadened more.”

-Neira Algazzaz, 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.”

-Nabiha Ahmed, freshman biology major

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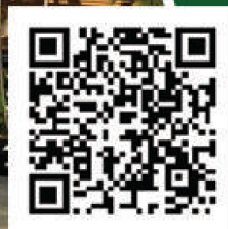
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