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As NSU's undergraduate admissions are receiving the final number of accepted students who will attend NSU next year, they are confident they are on track for NSU's Vision 2020.

Vision 2020 is a mission that the university created to be recognized by accrediting agencies, the academic community and the general public as a premier, not-for-profit university of quality and distinction that engages all students and produces alumni who serve with integrity in their lives, fields of study and resulting careers by the year 2020.

Part of that mission involves that the next college recruiting season, the incoming class of 2024 will include 2,020 students. With this in mind, NSU's office of undergraduate admissions is hoping that this year's incoming class of 2023 will be a sign of what to expect from the class of 2024 in terms of recruitment and other parameters to ensure to meet their goal.

According to Anthony DeNapoli, dean of undergraduate admissions and international affairs, comparing this work to last year's statistics at this time, NSU is up 30 percent in committed students and a 25 percent increase in admitted students. In total, there are about 13,367 applications from the incoming freshman class. However, these numbers will change and continue to change until they are finalized in early May. Overall, this year NSU expects that this incoming class will be about 1,575 students.

"We are seeing that students are choosing NSU over other top schools they've applied to. This is because of NSU's reputation, our premier programs like the dual admission program and our ability to be thinking and looking towards the future while preserving our core values as a university," said DeNapoli.

One of the many reasons that students are choosing NSU is to do with the recruitment practices of the university. NSU advertises locally and holds special programs for incoming students like Shark Celebrations in hot spot locations across the country for admitted students and Fristamic Friday's among other programs for parents and high school counselors.

"We held our nineteenth Shark Celebration which gives students a chance in hot spot locations across the country to attend a reception and celebrate their acceptance to the university as well as solidly plans and placement into NSU. We hold Fristamic Fridays on campus which gives the local community a chance to see the university through tours and expanded site visits similar to a miniature open house. We held a parent night for the tri-county area and most recently, this past Wednesday night, we held a Broward Scholars reception for students in our local class. All of these programs give admitted and interested students a chance to see all that NSU has to offer," said DeNapoli.

The incoming Class of 2023 puts NSU on track to Vision 2020 goal

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Australia passes law to punish companies for violent posts on social media

Last Thursday, the Australian government passed sweeping legislation which enforces social media companies with massive fines for failure to rapidly remove “abhorrent violent material” from their platforms. According to the NY Times, the law follows up less than a year after a gunman, believed to be an Australian white nationalist, posted a hate-filled post online before using Facebook to live-stream the massacre of 50 people at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Christian Porter, Australia’s attorney general, explained in a statement that weaponizing these platforms should not be allowed. The new law specifically targets videos containing footage of terrorist attacks, murders, rape or kidnapping. Social media companies that fail to remove such content could face fines up to 10 percent of their annual profit. Additionally, company employees could be sentenced to up to three years in prison.

Mormon church allows children of LGBT parent to be baptized

Last Thursday, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced a reversal in policies barring children of same-sex couples from important religious practices including baptisms. The church still does not condone homosexual marriage, but it takes a step back, allowing children of parents who identify themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender to be baptized without approval.

Belgium apologizes for violent colonial era actions

Last Thursday, Belgium’s Prime Minister Charles Michel formally apologized in front of a plenary session of Parliament for the country’s role in the kidnap, segregation, deportation and forced adoption of thousands of children during its colonial rule of Burundi, Congo and Rwanda.

Coming nearly 60 years after the countries gained independence, the apology demonstrates Belgium’s efforts to redress the many harms from its colonial history.

U.S. wins $50 million judgement against fake research publisher in India

Last Wednesday, the Federal Trade Commission announced that it has won a $50 million court judgment against Omics International of Hyderabad, India, and its owner, Vinadhya Geedla. Omics International is among the many “predatory journals” which disseminate online publications with little to no scientific credibility for a fee. According to the NY Times, some academics who are described as editors on the journals’ websites are not editors, and are not even aware that their names are being used. The decision is seen as a victory by the scientific community whose credibility is eroded by the imposters.

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The Alvin Sherman Library will host a scholarship workshop using Foundation Center resources on April 16, from 4 - 5 p.m. Attendees will get the opportunity to learn about resources available for scholarship searches, tailoring your searches to fields of study and more. The sessions are free and open to the public. Register at lib.nova.edu or call 954-262-4613.
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House expands domestic violence gun control

Last Thursday, the U.S. House of Representatives successfully passed legislation that will expand law enforcement’s ability to restrict gun purchases by convicted domestic abusers. The legislation will also close the “boyfriend loophole” and restrict gun purchases by individuals under a court restraining order or conviction of abuse, assault or stalking of a domestic partner. According to the New York Times, despite threats by the NRA to track and publish how lawmakers voted on the issue, 33 house Republicans crossed the aisle to vote in favor of the Democratic bill. The bill passed with a vote of 263 to 158, but legislators including Elise Stefanik opposed the bill due to the unlikelihood that it will pass the republican controlled Senate.

Justice department report reveals Alabama prison conditions

Last Wednesday, the Justice Department released a 56-page report on the Alabama prison system. According to the NY Times, the report is the first major civil rights investigation by the department to be released under President Trump. It uncovered the conditions in the state’s massively overcrowded and understaffed facilities, including “some of the highest rates of homicide and rape in the country” with “troubled and violent conditions.” According to the report, the major prisons were found to be at 182 percent capacity with some facilities with less than 20 percent of allotted positions filled. While the state claims to be actively addressing the issues, litigators from the Equal Justice Initiative and the Southern Poverty Law Center who have focused on these institutions for the last two years have disputed the assertion.

College student murdered after mistaking a vehicle for her Uber

After mistaking her suspected killer’s vehicle for her Uber driver, University of South Carolina senior, Samantha Josephson, was found dead last Friday in a wooded area in rural Clarendon County, SC. Rideshare companies including Uber and Lyft have since released statements about working with colleges and local law enforcement across the U.S. to make the public aware of fake rideshare drivers. Uber has urged individuals to follow safety tips outlined on their website including making sure to get in the right car by checking the car, license plate, driver photo, and driver name before entering the vehicle. Lawmakers have also spoken out, proposing the Samantha L. Josephson Ridesharing Safety Act which would require drivers to clearly identify their ride-hailing vehicles by displaying illuminated signs when active.

NSU’s first Fins Festival: Photo Story

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On March 30, NSU hosted the first “Fins Festival,” a small-scale carnival that was situated on the overflow parking lot by the student dorms. The event was free to all NSU students. Upon entry, students received an access wristband, a raffle ticket for prizes, a snack ticket and a celebratory t-shirt.

From 4 to 11 p.m., students could enjoy a variety of carnival rides, including: bumper cars, a zipline, a bungee cord trampoline, the “Cyclone,” giant hamster balls, a gladiator fighting ring, a mechanical shark, a giant inflated slide and a Disney-teacup style ride. Games included a “monkey jump rope game,” a hammer strength test, a ring toss, horseshoes, and a version of tic-tac-toe.

Want to see more photos?
Head over to nsucurrent.nova.edu for more of this photo story!
After a week of midterms, it was Friday night, and I was packing for my trip to Spain. Typically, my spring break consists of enjoying beaches in Florida, so I never thought I would be enjoying the beaches of another country. I was extremely excited because I have never left the country before, and I didn’t know what to expect. I learned that the international airport process was surprisingly easy. I assumed international travel would be a lot more complex. Our first stop was in New York, and my friends and I had a two-hour layover. This basically means that I am going to tell everyone that I explored NYC, even though I was stuck in the airport. I even bought souvenirs to make it seem more believable.

Next, we were on our seven-hour flight from NYC to Madrid, Spain. I really thought being on a plane for more than five hours would be miserable, but it was actually very nice. Once we got to Madrid, we dropped our luggage off at the Airbnb, and then began our adventures.

A perfect world to describe my experience in Madrid would be “wandering.” We would walk around until we found something to do. We found the El Retiro Park which was gorgeous and massive. “The Lake” was my favorite part of the park because of the beautiful architecture and street performers that surrounded the water. You could even pay a few euros to rent a rowboat to get on the water. Our wandering also applied to us finding food everywhere — every restaurant we stopped at, my friends and I got the meal of the day. The meal of the day in Madrid is so commonly seen and it typically means that you get a three or four course meal for like, $12. I can easily say my favorite dish was from a restaurant called La Finca de Susana. It was a rice dish with paellaigal, tomato, and a fried egg and tempura. It looked crazy, and I thought at first they had given me the wrong plate. But it was one of the best dishes I have ever had in my life. My favorite pastime was shopping in the city. My friends and I would walk into all kinds of shops, my favorite being Ali-Hop where I bought a cute backpack for only 10 euros. After all the fun in Madrid, our next stop was to Ibiza.

Our main goal in Ibiza was to see stunning beaches andInterestingly. Once we landed, we quickly realized it was off-season on the island. It felt like a desert, and everything was closed. We spent hours walking the coast of the beach, and we only saw a handful of open restaurants.

But we later found out that on Wednesdays the island is extremely dead. The next morning, we woke up to the livelier version of Ibiza. For that day, my friends and I took a bus to San Antonio so that we could see the glorious sunset. On the last day of Ibiza, we spent the day relaxing on the beach.

After spending a week in Spain, I wanted to stay and forget my life in America. It felt as if the Spaniards have their values in the right place. They seemed to be in more of the moment and have a higher appreciation for their interpersonal relationships. Overall, this trip was transformative because it taught me how to take the positives in my life and appreciate my family and friends even more.

As a Career Advisor, I noticed that often times students worry about not having related experiences to the jobs they are applying for. They forget that even though they do not have relevant experiences, they are still able to cater their transferable skills to the employers. These are the skills and abilities that are applicable across different areas of your life, personally and professionally.

The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) has released an article about college students’ career readiness. The article’s main goal is to provide information about closing the gap between universities and employing organizations in regards to the skills that new college graduates should have when entering the work field. They found the following to be the top three skills that college students should have in order to land a job: critical thinking; problem solving; oral/written communications and teamwork/collaboration.

Inspired by the book of Neil Pasricha, “The Happiness Equation: Want Nothing + Do Nothing = Having Everything”, I would like to encourage students to feel hopeful even without related experiences. Pasricha emphasized the concept of how people try new things. Visually illustrated below, Pasricha claimed that people often learn new skills in a linear way, meaning that students need to feel like they are able to perform the task first before they want to do it and eventually do it.

Pasricha argued that when people do this, they end up not being able to learn new things. So, Pasricha suggests changing this linear way to a circular way. As illustrated below, Pasricha wants people to just do it, which eventually leads to learning the skills needed to perform the task. Then they start wanting to do the task with the newly learned skills, and the cycle repeats.

Following this idea breaks you out of Imposter Syndrome, where you think you are not qualified for the job when you actually are. When I was in my first year of college, I thought I would not be able to perform the task of an executive board member for an organization and that I should wait until my second or third year. Escaping from this toxic mentality, I ran and was elected. This position then led me to multiple amazing opportunities and experiences throughout my undergraduate career. The lesson here is to take risks, do not be afraid if you quality or not because most of the time, you are qualified; it is just a matter of extracting and catering the relevant skills that you gained from your past experiences.

Whether you are searching for a job or internship, make sure to look out for the skills that the job is asking from you. Reflect on the skills that you have gained from your different experiences. I would also suggest looking at skills listed on job descriptions that you wish to possess. These could be technical skills like computer knowledge, social media experience or project management. Likewise, skills like communication, time management, leadership and adaptability can also help you score a great job or internship. List the skills that you might be missing, and use the opportunities to volunteer, perform research, acquire internships or work part-time to gain the missing skills. Remember, you are more qualified than you think you are.
It’s impossible to deny that people possess different amounts of power in different facets of their lives. When another person enters that equation, the original person’s power might look different than the new person’s. An individual might have more or less power in different areas, and sometimes, those areas can directly affect a relationship — or any nature — between the two.

Power manifests in many different forms. According to Laura Bennett, NSU’s Title IX coordinator, power might have a basis — real or perceived — in gender, economic status, physical ability, disability, age, established authority and much more. In the context of intimacy, any of these factors might put one partner at a disadvantage. Ultimately, determine whether that potential is recyclable and healthy, one must consider to what extent the disbalance allows for choice and effective communication within the relationship’s context or whether it ultimately prevents those components.

Bennett said, “I think there’s always instances of power difference in relationships. Even when relationships haven’t started, [power] plays a role in how [people] think about each other. Once in a relationship, it can play a larger role and change over time.”

For instance, one person might have an identical amount of power as their coworker — who might be a friend or significant other — in a workplace but later receive a promotion that requires the coworker to report to the individual. In this, and similar cases, where does this imbalance leave us?

For one, Bennett mentioned people often leave power dynamics unaddressed, and “unspoken perceptions or realities of power affect the idea of consent in two different ways: Someone who is in a position of power might not seek consent appropriately, and someone who perceives that their partner has more power may feel that they are forced to [consent] or do not have the ability to say no.”

Power differences sometimes may be rectifiable but often are not. In terms of finance, a couple might communicate clear boundaries that ensure the partner who has less financial privilege is not reliant on or controlled by their partner in that aspect. In a workplace, H.R. or management may shift a supervisor’s duties to prevent an unhealthy power discrepancy between supervisor and an employee who are in a relationship. Still, keep in mind that professional influence may lie outside of a singular institution.

If a person has power within a particular field, Bennett mentioned that person might always be able to influence professional reputation and future job opportunity, regardless of power in the individual’s workplace itself, and this factor adds complexity to the problem of workplace relationships.

In these flexible cases, Bennett said, “Communication is key to ensuring that there’s real conversation about what [power differentials] look like [moving forward].”

Shark Cage Spotlight: Alesa Chhabra

By: Emma Heineman
Features Editor

Alesha Chhabra is a sophomore double major in biology and behavioral neuroscience with a minor in entrepreneurship. She is also a dual admit student in the DO program. Her business, Shark Vault, provides a convenient way for NSU students to store their belongings for the summer months.

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

A lot of people ask me why I did Shark Cage or why I am a bio major, and I think a lot of people forget that medicine is a business. It’s really important to understand both aspects as well as patient care in order to be well rounded. I [also] really like the idea of being able to open my own business on campus. A lot of other universities don’t have that opportunity.

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

We get to network with professionals who are really significant in their fields and have really paved the path for us. We also get to have mentors in our field. They choose someone who is closely suited to our aspirations. So, if I wanted to be a physician, I might be placed with a physician who owns their own practice. They can provide me with advice now, but also at various points in my career. My [mentor] is a gynecologist who owns her own practice.

What are your future aspirations?

I want to be a doctor, but I don’t know what kind yet. I really like working with kids, so maybe something in the pediatric field, but I am also interested in neuroscience. I still have a few more years to figure that out. After the Shark Cage [program], I am also more interested in the administrative side of medicine.

However, a mentor can never give informed consent to an adult, and an authority figure, such as a professor, approaching someone they have preside over, such as a student, has no chance at an equitable foundation on which to build an intimate relationship, romantic or otherwise.

Further, power imbalance may arise in situations people would not expect based on socio political preconceptions. Specifically, Bennett mentions emotional abuse of men by women or emotion abuse in the context of LGBTQ relationships. In these situations, a person who might not reflect power from a cultural perspective may in fact facilitate their own power through gradual manipulation or potent coercion throughout their relationships.

Acknowledging that this power is very real and has a direct affect on a relationship and a person’s autonomy within that relationship is crucial to understanding abuses of power such as sexual assault or other forms of violence.
Glossier, a skincare and beauty product store mainly focused on enhancing natural beauty, opened a pop-up shop in Miami on March 27, and fans have been going crazy about its opening. Sophomore Rosie Hanna said, “I saw it on Instagram and I was in the room with my friend Victoria, and from the moment I saw the post, we went down south.”

Glossier has U.S. stores in Los Angeles and New York City. Retail locations are exclusive, and they make sure customers don’t forget with euphoric decor. The Miami store was fashioned to reflect the city’s Art Deco architecture by a Toronto-based artist and mental health advocate. Its design consists of tropical fruit murals and other intricate decor of the store. From its 1940s decor and pastel pink color palette to the tropical plains and fruits arrangements, every corner of the store is set up for an Instagram-worthy photo op.

Sophomore Maha Barakat takes a look at Glossier new balm bomo. 

Estate Sales

By: Kelsey Bruce
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Whether you’re looking to furnish a new apartment or knock stock up on joy-sparking decor, an estate sale might just be your shot to get high-quality pieces for relatively low prices. People hold estate sales when they want to liquidate their and a relative’s belongings, usually because of deaths, divorce, bankruptcy or relocation. Essentially, they open up their house to the public, and everyone can explore all they have to offer. Shoppers are likely to find beautiful antiques or eloquent furniture, and sellers make money off they they have no use for. If this sounds like a win to you, choose a sale — or two, or three — to attend, and keep these tips in mind.

Go early

If you want to get lucky, attend your estate sale of choice on the first day, and try to arrive an hour or even more before the sale starts. Some sales operate using a regular first-come, first-served line and some assign entry numbers, but either way, sales often limit how many people are allowed in at a time. Thus, if you want to get the good stuff, try to be the first inside.

Go late

See something you like, but don’t quite have the cash? No worries. Try going back to the sale on the last day. Often, companies or independent sellers will gradually lower the price of items that haven’t sold yet. Still, keep in mind that if you do this, someone else might snag the deal first.

Bring some muscle

If you might buy anything big, make sure you have someone to help you load it up, or inquire as to whether you can pick it up later. Usually, estate sellers will not have staff employed to help its customers with heavy furniture, and if they do, there will be a fee.

Check out what you buy

This may seem obvious, but double check the quality of anything you buy. Smell furniture for anything literally or figuratively fishy, and make sure tools or decorations are functional and not broken. Don’t feel weird doing this, as you don’t want to purchase anything useless or that ultimately does not suit you.

To find estate sales in the area, check out sites like estatesales.net or esales.com. Usually, websites give details as to what the merchandise will look like, and you might even find price estimates. Like anything new, you might feel a little anxious heading in your first time, but once you find that perfect set of silverware or cozy reclining chair, your nerves will be long forgotten.

Drop out and rock out: “School of Rock” comes to Miami

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When “School of Rock” was released in 2003, it was a huge hit with audiences. It’s all about a classroom of kids who get a break from death, divorce, bankruptcy or relocation. Essentially, they open up their house to the public, and everyone can explore all they have to offer. Shoppers are likely to find beautiful antiques or eloquent furniture, and sellers make money off they they have no use for. If this sounds like a win to you, choose a sale — or two, or three — to attend, and keep these tips in mind.

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If you want to get lucky, attend your estate sale of choice on the first day, and try to arrive an hour or even more before the sale starts. Some sales operate using a regular first-come, first-served line and some assign entry numbers, but either way, sales often limit how many people are allowed in at a time. Thus, if you want to get the good stuff, try to be the first inside.

Go late

See something you like, but don’t quite have the cash? No worries. Try going back to the sale on the last day. Often, companies or independent sellers will gradually lower the price of items that haven’t sold yet. Still, keep in mind that if you do this, someone else might snag the deal first.

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I am a weird mix of vulnerable and reserved, a concoction of contradictions that doesn’t even make sense to me most of the time. Like everyone else, I feel like no one could possibly get me sometimes. Until I put my Spotify on shuffle and a Mal Blum song pops up. Every lyric they sing, every reverberating guitar solo and quirky metaphor, skips straight through my ear drum and into my soul. From their poignant, wistful “Iowa” and hopeful, honest “Better Than I Was,” I genuinely believe Mal Blum and I could sit in a shabby diner for hours, sipping coffee and talking about our parallel experiences. Sure, I might be radically off-base in that sentiment, but that’s the power of music. It pulls you to a place ordinary life dares not venture and knows you better than you know yourself.

Mal has written lyrics that I cannot describe as anything other than feelings I have never been able to articulate. One of my favorites is, “Turn up the heat, turn up the heat/Please, get out the kitchen you’re like vegan cheese/Try as I might you never melt for me,” and another is, “You said I tasted like pain to you/I think that it’s just a mood/But I hope it starts leaving soon.” Even Mal’s feature in “Crying at the Wawa” leaves a huge smile on my face without neglecting the pieces of life that we need to talk about (e.g. mental health). Other lyrics discuss sleeping in parking lots and fortune tellers, both mechanisms which explore red flags in past relationships, our own doubts about the love we give, and a pulsating hope that someday we will find ourselves living a life that feels whole.

On Feb. 15, Mal Blum stuck me yet again with their first new music since 2015. They released a single called “Things Still Left to Say,” and, oh boy, was I ready to listen. Mal has this ineffable way with words that makes even simple phrases reach new depths, and I think the universe has a way of bringing their music into my life just when I need to listen. By some fluke, I didn’t find “Things Still Left to Say” until a few days ago, which happened to be when I needed to hear it most. Questions like “what’s a home?” or “why does everybody else feel closer to me than I can feel to them?,” however difficult those questions might be, are the kind of doubts left burning on the tip of your tongue. They’re the questions you tuck yourself into bed with and forget about in the morning as if they were only a fading nightmare, but their answers are the ones that add a little clarity to life.

Mal does more than ask the tough questions. Somehow, they share their strength. Sometimes we feel defeated. Exhausted. Those times, it’s hard to believe in even something as seemingly small as the next day, but we go on. Why? Because “there are things still left to say.” Despite the hardship and the doubt, we go on because we haven’t finished yet. It’s as simple and mystifying as that.

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ON DECK

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S TRACK**
@ Hurricane Alumni Invitational
April 12 - 13 / All Day
Coral Gables, FL

**MEN'S BASEBALL**
@ Barry
April 9 6 p.m.
Miami Shores, FL

@ Lynn
April 12 3 p.m.
Boca Raton, FL

@ Lynn
April 13 11 p.m.
Boca Raton, FL

@ Lynn
April 14 12 p.m.
Boca Raton, FL

**WOMEN'S SOFTBALL**
@ Florida Tech
April 12 1 p.m.
Melbourne, FL

@ Florida Tech
April 13 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.
Melbourne, FL

**MEN'S GOLF**
Vs. SSC Championship
April 14 - 15 / All Day
Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club / Saint Leo, FL

**WOMEN'S GOLF**
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**TENNIS**
Vs. St. Thomas (FL)
April 10 4:30 p.m.
NSU Tennis Complex

Vs. Eckerd
April 14 11 a.m.
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Sydney is a junior exceptional student education major who was born and raised in Miami, Florida. She is a utility player on NSU’s softball team who has played on the team for three years. She was named to the 2018 Spring Commissioner’s Honor Roll and last year saw action in 47 games with 41 starts and finished with a .210 batting average.

What got you into playing softball?
I have two older siblings so ever since I was little, we’ve always played baseball and participated in Little League. When I was 10, I played softball and baseball for two years and after starting to look into college with my dad, I decided to transition to softball (full-time).

What is your favorite thing about softball?
I’ve always wanted to be an athlete and I played a lot of sports when I was younger. I was always the best at softball and I really love it. I’m a very competitive person and I really like playing on a team.

What is one thing people don’t understand about softball?
It’s a lot harder than baseball. It’s a quicker sport. The girls are faster and the pitchers have more pitches. It’s quicker. People say softball is boring because it’s slow but softball is fast. If you watch softball, it’s intense. Something is always happening.

What do you hope to get out of the rest of your season?
Everyone’s goal is to make it postseason. We have to win these next 12 games and have luck on our side to hope that some of these teams at top right now struggle with the teams that we faced in the beginning to get a chance to play in postseason.

What is one thing that is unexpected that came out of this season?
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Any superstitions before the game?
I’m extremely superstitious, not just before or after the game. I even have superstitions before every at-bat. If I have a good at-bat I try to remember exactly what I did before. I step into the box with the same foot every time. It’s common in this sport to see these superstitions. I used to switch helmets with girls when I had a bat at-bat [in hopes that my next would be better]. I’m not naive, I know that this won’t change the outcome but I can’t explain it.

What do you plan to do in the future?
I don’t really have a set plan but I would love to coach young girls one day. I don’t know if I want to do it at a college-level but maybe I will work my way up to that. I do want to teach kids with disorders and I’ve always loved volunteering at the special olympics and things like that.

Is there a specific reason for why you want to work with students with special needs or disorders?
I’ve always loved working with kids but I have a younger cousin with special needs. Her name is Gray and she has down syndrome. She is my inspiration in life. She is amazing and inspires me to work with children like her. She is the smartest young girl I’ve ever met and she’s very functioning. I want to help the kids who aren’t as functioning as she is and help them feel the accomplishments that she has felt.

What would you like to say to the fans or the student body?
The softball team loves supporting other teams. We love going to games and heckling the other team. It would be great if the other teams do more of that at our games. I know we are an outdoor sport and [others might see it] as just softball but it’s something that we have fun doing and we hope that other teams would want to join in too.
Us vs. Them

By: Isadora De Abreu
Contributing Writer

Freedom of speech refers to people's right to express themselves without being restricted by the government. The Founding Fathers loved the term—and the first amendment is usually the easiest amendment to remember. In America, other than the good old restriction usually the easiest amendment to remember. “little man.” It’s true what they say, that history They also say that the confederacy represents the supporters of the confederacy claim that they are honoring the soldiers that fell during the war. So, why would so many people still honor and celebrate it? To fully understand and formulate my opinion on this topic has changed, but not by much. On college campuses freedom of speech is tricky. We live in a day and age where universities find so special about Broadway music is how descriptive and detailed it is. I get caught up in the stories and get to know the characters simply through the lyrics. Just by listening to the songs, I feel as though I’ve seen a show without actually shelling out the big bucks to go to the theater. It goes without saying that getting the opportunity to see Dear Evan Hansen live is a big deal for me. I can’t wait to see all of my favorite songs being performed and while I know exactly what the plot is, I’m also looking forward to finally watching the story play out with my own eyes.

Should Confederate pride be a thing?

By: Mario Lorrimer
Business Manager

April is National confederate appreciation month. When you hear the word “confederate,” you automatically think about slavery, oppression and the antagonists of the civil war. So, why would so many people still honor and celebrate it? To fully understand and formulate my opinion, I took to the internet. I read a few confederate, union and middle ground perspectives. Through all that reading, my opinion on this topic has changed, but not by much.

The article “Why do people still fly the Confederate flag?” by BBC says many supporters of the confederacy claim that they are honoring the soldiers that fell during the war. They also say that the confederacy represents the “little man.” It’s true what they say, that history was “convenient” to their cause. Once the slaves were freed, one of the options that the Union proposed on what to do with them was to deport them all. That doesn’t sound like a nation that freed the slaves out of the “kindness” of their hearts.

The fact of the matter is that slavery existed under both flags. There is no clear protagonist in this story. The confederacy chose to stand up to a higher power and fight for what they believe in. The Union just happened to release the slaves along the way because it benefited their goal of controlling all the states. If you choose to fly the confederate flag as a symbol of freedom and honoring those that were lost, go for it. However, I do think that the South needs a new symbol to represent what they feel. The confederate flag was made for independence, but it was also made for white supremacy. The South is increasing in diversity and those that represent different races don’t care too much for racism.

Modern-day supporters may not be racist but the symbol that they fly was built with it. The same argument could be said for our flag right now, but I guess it gets a free pass because they conveniently “freed” the slaves. Like I said earlier, modern day supporters of the confederacy need to have a different symbol. We are always moving forward and getting better. We may not be able to change our current flag, but we could change the confederate’s. It’s good to represent freedom and honor those who came before us, so maybe it’s time to choose a new symbol for freedom and equality.
Last week, a student from The University of South Carolina, Samantha Josephson, was murdered after she missed a similar car for her Uber rideshare service after a night out. Every time I tell my family that I’m taking an Uber or another rideshare service, this is their worst fear and now, it has finally been realized. This is a tragic loss for the family of this student but also for college students as a whole. How do we know that the next time we get into a rideshare that we will 100 percent arrive at our destination? Sadly, there really isn’t any guarantee. There are some things in this case that we were able to learn but it’s a limited time offer so it’s basically the same thing. National food days are the best time for capitalism to give us what we want or even surprise us with something we didn’t know we wanted.

When it’s national doughnut day, June 7, I will be hunting for doughnuts. When it’s national ice-cream day, July 21, I will be dying for some ice-cream. When it’s national Kole day, the first Wednesday in October, you guessed it, I’m going back to find some more ice cream. If I’m feeling adventurous, I’ll try something new. These days are a great way for companies to introduce new products or redefine existing ones. Most times, special deals are available for the specified food. This makes it even better. If you tell me it’s possible to buy two ice cream cones for the price of one, then I’ll tell you “shut up and take my money.”

These days are hyped up and celebrated like holidays but without the day off. It gives you something to do. It’s even more fun when you and a few friends get together to visit as many Yogurtlands as you possibly can to get free yogurt all day. Maybe that’s taking advantage of the system, but it’s free yogurt. Not only is it fun, it also takes your mind off everything else. In the moment, as you stand in line all you can think about is the free SpongeBob popsicle that you are about to demolish. I think that you should make the most out of any situation. Making the most out of a situation is also automatically easier when free or cheaper things are involved. It’s also a great way to support local businesses. If you hate huge corporations then go out and support your local small businesses. Sometimes, they have great deals too. Capitalism isn’t all bad. Some businesses genuinely care about the community that they are a part of. My advice would be to find those businesses and support the heck out of them. If you want to see if your favorite food has a national day, check out nationaltoday.com. They have a list in chronological order, with a variety of different foods on it. A few that I saw were: national grilled cheese sandwich day on April 12, national chocolate chip day on May 14, national chicken wing day on July 29 and national potato day on August 19. So, if you like food as much as I do, get out there and find out how to get it for free or at a reduced price.

**Is there a point to national food days?**

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Heck yeah there’s a point to national food days (I wasn’t allowed to say the other word, so I settled for “heck”). There’s no better feeling than waking up on March 1, turning on your television and seeing an advertisement for the gluttony, and elusive, Shamrock shake from McDonalds. This isn’t a national food day per se but it’s a limited time offer so it’s basically the same thing. National food days are the best time for capitalism to give us what we want or even surprise us with something we didn’t know we wanted.

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Dental Medicine Research
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- Time Commitment: 5-10 hours per week; summer hours may be available.
- Minimum GPA & Major: 3.0 GPA/ College of Engineering/Computing
- Skills/Experience: Candidates for this project are ideally creative, great problem solvers and able to code the program we will be creating.

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- Student Participation: We are looking for undergraduate students interested in assisting with the collection of scientific papers and journal articles pertaining to the 30+ non-native species of fish found in Florida marine waters.
- Time Commitment: 10 hours per week; summer hours may be available.
- Minimum GPA & Major: 3.0 GPA/ Any STEM major
- Skills/Experience: Biology and Marine Biology

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- Student Participation: College of Engineering and Computing interested in helping create a virtual patient that will be used as a teaching tool for future students.
- Time Commitment: 5-10 hours per week; summer hours may be available.
- Minimum GPA & Major: 3.0 GPA/ College of Engineering/Computing
- Skills/Experience: Candidates for this project are ideally creative, great problem solvers and able to code the program we will be creating.

Marine Biology Research
- Student Participation: We are looking for undergraduate students interested in assisting with the collection of scientific papers and journal articles pertaining to the 30+ non-native species of fish found in Florida marine waters.
- Time Commitment: 10 hours per week; summer hours may be available.
- Minimum GPA & Major: 3.0 GPA/ Any STEM major
- Skills/Experience: Biology and Marine Biology

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