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

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

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, private, 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 are 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 week 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 has 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 Fintastic 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 solidify plans and placement into NSU. We hold Fintastic 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 hold 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 area. All of these programs give admitted and interested students a chance to see all that NSU has to offer," said DeNapoli.

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As the school adds more students to its undergraduate population, some students are concerned that it may be too much to handle even with the new facilities and space for incoming students.

"In terms of dorms, there is enough space because of [Mako Hall] but I think that the number and size of classes need to be increased because more and more students are attending NSU each year. It wouldn't be fair if they kept classes the way they are currently because not everyone would be able to sign up to take the classes they need," said Gitanjali Varma, sophomore psychology major.

According to DeNapoli, this will not be a problem as he explained that as the university grows they will make it a priority to keep class sizes small so that students can benefit from the one on one attention that students are receiving currently at the university.

"As the university grows we want to try and stay at about 6,000 undergraduate students and maintain that number because as it stands currently, that is what the university can maintain with the facilities and academic priority it would like to achieve," said DeNapoli.

## New study rooms and upgrades in the Alvin Sherman Library

By: **Alexander Martinie**  
Opinions Editor

**"We just opened up these two rooms last week and students appear to be very receptive [of the rooms]. Everybody has been thrilled with the upgrade,"**

James Hutchens, vice president for information services and university librarian at Alvin Sherman Library

The Alvin Sherman Library will be building eight new study rooms and additional seating on several floors. The renovation is planned to be finished over this summer, with the new and upgraded study rooms to be available for reservation starting in the fall.

James Hutchens, vice president for information services and university librarian at Alvin Sherman Library, said, "We have 25 study rooms in the [Alvin Sherman Library]. We started with 24 rooms then added an additional one in 2015 and we are going to add eight more after our renovation project finishes up this summer. So we'll have a total of 33. What we are trying to do right now is to add technology to the study rooms by working with donors. [Donors]

will endow the room, which means that they will sponsor the room and pay for the upgraded technology and in turn, receive naming rights for the rooms they sponsor.

The new rooms will be built on the second floor of the Alvin Sherman Library where the fixed stacks of academic journals are currently stored. The academic journals will be moved to automated shelves on the fourth floor of the library.

"We will be adding plasma screens which you can connect to wirelessly to each of these rooms. The two rooms that we just upgraded are 3039 and 3061. We just opened up these two rooms last week and students appear to be very receptive [of the rooms]. Everybody has been

thrilled with the upgrade," said Hutchens.

The donors for the rooms are part of the Alvin Sherman Library's Circle of Friends and Board of Directors. According to Hutchens, the Circle of Friends is the library's fundraising group and are spearheading these upgrades because of their love of the library and their understanding that this money will benefit all of the staff and students that use the study rooms, as well as the public."

After several surveys that the Alvin Sherman Library conducted, they found that

students wanted more seating in the library. In response, the library will add 350 seats to the second and fourth floors of the library.

"The Sherman Library and its staff are in the business to have people coming through the doors, we want to make [the library] attractive. Our mission is to be the premier research, cultural and lifelong learning center for both NSU and the community. So we want to be that community hub and we want people to know us," said Hutchens.

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The Alvin Sherman Library is making strides to accommodate more students, through developing more study rooms





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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 threatens 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 month 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. Christan 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.

**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, Srinubabu Gedela. Omics International is among the many “predatory journals” which disperse 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.

**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.

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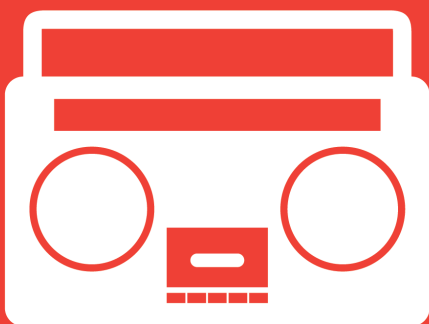
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## News Briefs

**Take part in Teal Tuesdays**

Every Tuesday in April, Sexual Assault Awareness month, the NSU community is encouraged to wear teal in solidarity with survivors of sexual violence. Representatives from several campus organizations will be tabling in the UC on April 9, 16 and 23 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. handing out ribbons.

**Pre-health personal statement workshop**

If you’re applying to pre-health programs over the summer, this workshop was designed with you in mind. On April 11, NSU will host a pre-health personal statement workshop from 12 - 1 p.m., in the Carl DeSantis Building, Room 2072. The workshop is designed for all pre-health areas. Interested students can RSVP on Handshake.

**Fashion show for a cause**

The National Pediatric Cancer Foundation in collaboration with NSU’s Office of Advancement will host a fashion show benefiting children with cancer on April 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Rick Case Arena at the Don Taft University Center. Student tickets will be offered at a discounted rate of \$10. All proceeds will benefit NPCF. Visit nationalPCF.org/FashionFtLauderdale to purchase tickets.

**Scholarship and award workshops**

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/awards or call 954-262-4613.



News  Anchor

Stay up to date with national events.

**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 spoke 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**

By: **Mario Lorrimer and Kathleen Crapson**  
Business Manager and Chief of Visual Design



PRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM M. LORRIMER  
Bumper cars are a classic carnival staple.



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Michael Lynn, junior communications major and Mario Lorrimer, junior business management major, duke it out in a gladiator battle.



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The Cyclone can only be described as a hybrid between a merry-go-round and a swingset.

Want to see more photos?

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.

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## That Time I....

## Went to Spain

By: **Ethan Lozano**  
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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 word 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 every day. At 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 pineapple, tomato sauce, a fried egg and tempura. It looked crazy, and I thought at first that 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 Ale-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 and sunsets. Once we landed, we quickly realized it was off-season on the island. It felt like a deserted, 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 more in the moment and have a higher appreciation for their interpersonal relationships. Overall, this trip was transformative because it taught me how to see the positives in my life and appreciate my family and friends even more.

## The college mental health crisis

By: **Alexander Martinic**  
Opinions Editor

Research shows that college students are experiencing higher rates of stress and psychopathology than ever before. The American Psychological Association reported in a survey of college counseling center directors that 95 percent of those surveyed agreed that "the number of students with significant psychological problems is a growing concern in their center or on campus." Anxiety and stress are the main concern amongst campus mental health professionals, followed by depression, then relationship problems.

An important part of dealing with mental health on campus is to utilize the on-campus resources for mental health. According to the

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), "On-campus health clinics and counseling offices offer services for dealing with everyday concerns... On-campus resources are a good place to start when you first develop a mental health problem, but they probably won't be able to provide long-term help. The counselors can help you find a long-term therapist or doctor in the community."

NSU students have access to 10 free sessions per year with Henderson Student Counseling Services. Both part-time and full-time NSU students are eligible for these services. Students can make an appointment by calling Henderson Student Counseling Services

at 954-888-6911 or by visiting their office at the University Park Plaza on University Drive.

As the demand for mental health services on campus grows, colleges around the country are adding new ways for students to access mental health services. At NSU, Henderson Student Counseling Services has a crisis hotline that can be reached 24/7. The number for the crisis hotline is 954-424-6911.

According to Time Magazine, in 2018 "UCLA offered all incoming students a free online screening for depression. More than 2,700 students have opted in, and counselors have followed up with more than 250 who were identified as being at risk for severe depression,

exhibiting manic behavior or having suicidal thoughts."

For students with severe mental health concerns, NAMI has a few suggestions for how to ask for accommodations. First, identify the help that you will need. Then, register with the Office of Student Disability Services and provide the appropriate documentation. For more information, students can contact NSU's Office of Student Disability Services at 954-262-7185.

While concerns over mental health on campus are growing, there are still places where students can reach out for help if they need it.



## Career Corner



## Transferable Skills

By: **Cesar Mendros**  
Career Development



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Cesar joined the Office of Career Development in July 2018, as a Graduate Assistant Career Advisor while he pursues his Master's degree in College Student Affairs at Nova Southeastern University. With his new Career Advisor position, Cesar is thrilled to advise students in achieving their dream job.

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 listed 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 = Have 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 qualify 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.

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month: who's got the power?

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

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 — of 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. To determine whether that potential is rectifiable 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 that 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 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 fixable cases, Bennett said, "Communication is key to ensuring that there's real conversation about what [power differentials] look like [moving forward]."

However, a minor 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.

## International day of human space flight marks 58 years of manned space travel

By: **Alexander Martinic**  
Opinions Editor

Since the dawn of humanity, people have looked towards the stars in wonder. When people finally found ways to safely travel in space, it was a momentous achievement that greatly advanced science in all disciplines and is celebrated internationally by the United Nations.

In April 2011, the United Nations declared April 12 International Day of Human Space Flight, to — according to the United Nations General Assembly resolution — "celebrate each year at the international level, the beginning of the space era for mankind, reaffirming the important contribution of space science and technology in achieving sustainable development goals and

increasing the well-being of States and peoples, as well as ensuring the realization of their aspiration to maintain outer space for peaceful purposes."

The International Day of Human Space Flight marks the day that Yuri Gagarin, a Soviet astronaut, became the first human to travel in space. Gagarin became the first person to go into space after completing a 108 minute orbit in the Vostok 1 spacecraft on April 12, 1961. On May 5, 1961, the first U.S. manned space flight took Alan B. Shepard, Jr. into the suborbital flight, lasting close to 15 and a half minutes. Another flight took place in July of the same year and

lasted around the time. Both flights were part of Project Mercury in the 1950's. It was with the expansion of this project that President Kennedy famously said, "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things — not because they are easy, but because they are hard."

According to NASA's Project Mercury Overview, "These manned space flights were accomplished with complete pilot safety and without change to the basic Mercury concepts. It was shown that man can function ably as a pilot-engineer-experimenter without undesirable reactions or deteriorations of normal

body functions for periods up to 34 hours of weightless flight. Directing this large and fast moving project required the development of a management structure and operating mode that satisfied the requirement to mold the many different entities into a workable structure." Project Mercury lasted up until 1963, and consisted of six missions.

While much has been done in expanding the knowledge of things outside of Earth's atmosphere in the last several decades, there is still more to be explored.

## Shark Cage Spotlight: Alesa Chhabra

By: **Emma Heineman**  
Features Editor

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

Alesa 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.

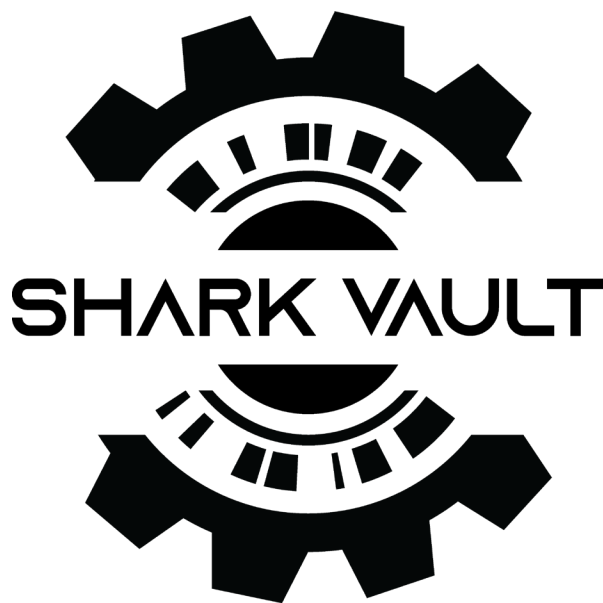
### What are some of the advantages of being a Shark Cage student?

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.



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

I am pretty introverted, and I keep to myself. But [the program] has allowed me to break out of my shell and really take advantage of the opportunities presented to me.

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

For students applying, I think the most important thing is just to be yourself. You don't have to fit any certain mold to be an entrepreneur, and I think your differences bring

diversity, which will allow for you to be a better entrepreneur and solve issues that will benefit other students. For the people who are first-year students, I think it's important to think about the small things. They are some many things that go into opening your own business, and a lot of times you only look at the big things. You'll notice that there are so many little things that you glaze over, and without them, you can't have a solid or smooth opening.

### What inspired your business plan?

My business is called Shark Vault, and it's a business that stores students' belongings for the summer months and also includes transportation and delivery to and from campus. What inspired me is that I am an out-of-state student. I'm from Chicago, and it was a problem I faced. It's something that I noticed a lot of other students having problems with too.

Students are given a 25 square foot storage space for the summer. Not only do we store it, but they can drop [their belongings] off in May, and we will deliver it to the storage units. When they move back in August, we will bring their belongings back. It's really convenient because [students] don't need to go to the storage unit themselves, which for students who don't have a car on campus is invaluable. I am open Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Sundays from 6-9 p.m. in the Commons, and students can come in and ask me any questions and put down a deposit.



## My experience entering Glossier Miami

By: **Farhan Shaban**

IT and Social Media Manager



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As part of the Second Ave entrance, Glossier welcomed guests with this fruit cart.

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 plants and fruits arrangements, every corner of the store is set up for an Instagram-worthy photo op.

Consumers have the opportunity to test any product before purchasing. The products are laid out in two different rooms based on their line and type, with makeup testing tools on the center of the tables. Leading to the bathroom is a passageway decorated to represent their new mango-scented Balm Dotcom lip balm: the corridor had sounds of the tropical rainforest with mangos and vines hanging on the walls and ceiling.

Fans are also crazed about the store opening

since its newly-launched Glossier Play product line will be available at this store. The Glossier Play line gives its makeup artists who want to glam up an opportunity to "play" with their looks with its vivid colors and glittery makeup, rather than using their natural makeup products. There is also an exclusive keychain tailored towards the Miami store, also designed to replicate the Miami Art Deco theme of the store. With every purchase of a keychain, Glossier will donate \$5

towards the Lambda Legal organization, which helps support the legal rights of LGBTQ people and people who have HIV. Products range from \$10 for smaller products to \$60 for makeup up sets and fragrance. The store will be open up until April 28 at 222 NW 26th Street (between 2nd and 3rd Ave) Miami, FL 33127. Store hours are Sunday to Thursday from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Friday to Saturday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.



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

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## Estate Sales

By: **Kelsey Bruce**

Arts & Entertainment Editor

Whether you're looking to furnish a new apartment or 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 or a relative's belongings, usually because of 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 of things 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 sells 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](http://estatesales.net) or [estatesale.com](http://estatesale.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

By: **Kelsey Bruce**

Arts & Entertainment Editor

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 learning reading and get to rock out instead, all thanks to their substitute teacher Lloyd Webber (Merritt David Janes). While Webber may have failed in his rock career, he succeeds in showing his students how to let loose and be confident in their own skin.

In its musical form, it only gets better. Lucky for us, it's coming to Miami's Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County from April 9-14.

Layne Roate, who plays Ned, said "School of Rock" is best explained "in the song 'Teacher's Pet' when Dewey changes the lyrics from 'rock is the reason, rock is the rhyme' to 'rock got no reason, rock got no rhyme.'"

For Roate, his favorite moment to act is one where his character finally stands up to being pushed around by both his girlfriend and Dewey. He gets to tell the idealistic Dewey that "not everybody is going to be a rock star," and while Roate described it as "a poignant point in the show," it stands to reason that his character



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provides some much-needed grounding to a musical that's mostly fun and games.

More than that, the quality of any show is always bound to be greater when the cast genuinely enjoys working with one another, and Roate said, "It's a blast." The cast is a mix of Broadway veterans and first-time child actors who compose "a whole faucet of talent."

To anyone who wants to check out "School of Rock", Roate said, "If you've seen the movie, you'll love it. If you haven't seen the movie you'll love it. It's a feel good story that's really funny, and [it's sensational] to be able to watch these kids put together a band. It's a show for everyone."

## OFF SHORE CALENDAR

**5th Annual Art & Soul**  
April 11 | 6-9 p.m.  
@CIRC Hotel | Hollywood

**Tony N' Tina's Wedding**  
April 11 | 7 p.m.  
@Broward Center for the Performing Arts | Ft. Lauderdale

**Sunset Kayak Tour**  
April 12 | 4:30-6:15 p.m.  
@Hugh Taylor Birch State Park | Ft. Lauderdale

**Food in Motion**  
April 12 | 5-11 p.m.  
@Peter Feldman Park | Ft. Lauderdale

**9 To 5 The Musical**  
April 12 | 7:30 p.m.  
@Amaturo Theater | Ft. Lauderdale

**Uptown 5K on the Runway**  
April 13 | 8-11 a.m.  
@Ft. Lauderdale Executive Airport | Ft. Lauderdale

**Festival Marketplace Spring Car Show**  
April 14 | 8-11 a.m.  
@Festival Marketplace | Pompano Beach

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# SOUNDBITE

## “Things Still Left to Say” by Mal Blum

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

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.

## Calming playlist

By: **Lena “Gabby” Holmes**  
Contributing Writer

Music can make you feel like you are on a beach in Aruba, in the middle of a sandstorm or anywhere in between. It can be hard to relax after a stressful week, so here are a few songs that can help make the process a bit easier.

“**She Will Be Loved**” by Maroon 5

“**Beneath Your Beautiful**” by

Labrinth ft. Emile Sandé

“**Clare De Lune**” by Claude

Debussy

“**River Flows in You**” by Yiruma

”**Funny (Live)**” by Tori Kelly

“**Chasing Cars**” by Snow Patrol

”**Fix You**” by Coldplay

“**Get Here**” by Oleta Adams

“**Chasing Pavements**” by Adele

“**Rain**” by SWV

“**February 3rd**” by Jorja Smith

“**Little Do You Know**” by Alex &

Sierra

“**3:00 AM**” by Finding Hope

“**Better Off**” by Ariana Grande

“**Ain't Nobody Takin My Baby**”

by Russ

“**Fallin' All In You**” by Shawn

Mendes

“**You Give Good Love**” by Whitney

Houston

“**Strangers**” by NEZZA

“**Lemonade (Ukulele Version)**”

by Jeremy Passion

“**If You See Her**” by LANY

“**Say You Won't Let Go**” by James

Arthur

“**Kiss Me**” by Ed Sheeran

“**We Don't Have to Take Our**

**Clothes Off**” by Ella Eyre

“**You Are the Reason**” by Calum

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# ON DECK

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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 | 1 p.m.  
Boca Raton, FL

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

## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

@ Florida Tech  
April 12 | 3 p.m.  
Melbourne, FL

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

## MEN'S GOLF

Vs. SSC Championship  
April 14 - 15 | All Day  
Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club / Saint Leo, FL

## WOMEN'S GOLF

Vs. SSC Championship  
April 14 - 15 | All Day  
Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club / Saint Leo, FL

## TENNIS

Vs. St. Thomas (FL)  
April 10 | 4:30 p.m.  
NSU Tennis Complex

Vs. Eckerd  
April 14 | 10 a.m.  
NSU Tennis Complex



# This Week in Sports History



By: **Emma Heineman**  
Features Editor

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

### Golf hall of fame is established

On April 9, 1941, the Professional Golf Association established the first golf hall of fame. Eventually, the hall merged with the Pinehurst Hall in the 1980's. According to thought.co the requirements for male golfers is a combined 15 tour wins among the PGA Tour, European Tour, Japan Golf Tour, etc.; or at least two wins in majors the Players Championship. Additionally nominees must be 50 years old or retired from competitive golf for a minimum of five years. The Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) was formed in 1951 and combined with the men's hall of fame to create the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1998.

### First radio broadcasted sporting event

On April 11, 1921, a Pittsburgh radio station KDKA, broadcasted the first radio-covered sporting event. The event was a lightweight boxing match between Johnny Ray and Johnny Dundee and was announced by sports editor, Florent Gibson. Gibson narrated all 10 rounds of the match from Pittsburg Motor City Square where it took place. Although there was no official winner, it marked a momentous step in radio and sports history.

### Portrisi becomes the first woman to win a marathon

On April 12, 1896 Stamasia Portrisi became the first woman to win a marathon. She won in the 1896 Olympics in Athens, Greece. The Olympics featured 14 nations, 43 events and 241 athletes. The olympic games are modelled after the olympics in ancient greece from 776 BC to 393 AD. After 1503 years, the games made a comeback in the 1896 olympic games.

### TASS denounces US boycott of Moscow Olympics

TASS a Russian News Agency, denounced the U.S. boycott of the 1980 Olympic games. U.S. President Jimmy Carter issued a boycott of the games to protest the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan which were to be held in Moscow, Russia. Many nations including the U.S. decided to boycott the games and refused to participate or send athletes.

### President Taft throws out first pitch

Ceremonies surrounding the opening day of baseball have been around since 1890, but it wasn't until 1910 that a U.S. president was asked to throw out the first pitch. On April 15, 1910 William H. Taft became the first president to throw out the first pitch at a baseball game, pitching the opening ball for the game between the Senators and the Philadelphia Athletics. He returned in 1911, and a tradition was born.

## On The Bench:

# Seriously, we are still abusing student athletes?

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

As March Madness comes to a close apparently two abuse scandals are wide open in two women's basketball programs. On March 27, Georgia Tech's head coach was fired for creating a toxic culture for the players in the program. On Tuesday, another head coach from University of North Carolina was placed on paid administrative leave due to issues raised by student-athletes and other sources. Now, it isn't entirely clear on exactly what happened in each of these cases for the coaches to be placed on leave or fired from their positions but I think that is besides the point. The fact that there are still cases like this that are still coming out is the problem.

A student athlete has a lot of expectations placed on them during their time in college. This isn't a small feat and it is expected that with all these responsibilities, these students will be supported by their coaches who they admire and spend a significant amount of time with. In these cases, the opposite is true and these athletes are placed in a tough situation. Their coach is someone they are forced to have a close

relationship with and they can't get out of these relationships without their scholarship being on the line. This is why it is so dangerous when a coach is abusive to their athletes. If a student stands up for themself or even reports their coach, the coach can retaliate by punishing their athletes with strenuous activity or even threats to their scholarship. If a student is not producing a coaches desired outcome, a coach could also threaten and punish their athlete. This should never be allowed. Everyone is allowed to have a bad day and you shouldn't punish a student for not being perfect or standing up for themselves. They are not slaves to their coach. They have rights to protect themself from threats which is even outlined in the NCAA guidelines.

Now let's say an athlete is in this position of daily abuse. Why would they want to excel in their sport? Why would they want to put forth the effort if they are conditioned to be belittled or abuse. The answer is they wouldn't. If you are abused in any situation you are scared and feel unmotivated, the same goes for athletes.

In any other environment such as office

culture, classrooms or anything else, people can report abuse without fear of retaliation yet athletes can't. The fear of losing a scholarship or upsetting their coach is too strong which is why most of these cases take such a long time to be discovered.

I understand that some coaches are tough and hold a "tough love" relationship with their athletes which is perfectly fine. I myself have also experienced this tough love coaching style and it worked for me. But even in this case, tough love doesn't mean name-calling an athlete or physically hitting them. It means telling them that they can do better or encouraging them to try harder.

College sports are a high stress environment as it is with scholarships and other reputations on the line. When you add abuse to the table this is only a recipe for disaster and means that not only will the athletes suffer, but so will the program and the success of the program for that matter. Coaches, stop abusing your student athletes. Treat them properly and you would be surprised by the success of your program.

## OUT OF THE SHARKZONE

### Terry Francona gets 2-year extension

Terry Francona, the manager of the Cleveland Indians, signed a new contract. His job as manager has been extended until the 2022 season, from the original 2020 end of his contract. According to the Associated Press, "Since being hired in 2013, Francona has led the Indians to three consecutive AL Central titles and the World Series in 2016, when Cleveland lost Game 7 in 10 innings to the Chicago Cubs. The Indians, favored to win the division again in 2019, have made the postseason four times, had a winning record six times and have the AL's best record under Francona."

### Players stand with Moise Kean after racist abuse

Italian soccer player, Moise Kean, was "subjected to a torrent of racist abuse from the other team's fans" after scoring a goal against Cagliari, according to the Associated Press. Sources stated that, "Cagliari captain Luca Ceppitelli tried to protect Kean, rushing to his side and pleading with the fans to stop. Instead, Ceppitelli appeared to almost be hit on the head by a bottle thrown from the stands."

### Tennis matches time reduced for Olympics

The time of matches for the men's tennis singles final at the next Olympics will be shortened to three-sets match. This is being done to reduce player's workload. According to the Associated Press "It means all matches across the men's and women's singles are now best of three sets with tie-breakers. "In another alteration, the men's and women's doubles matches will have a Champions Tiebreak to 10 points when the score is 1-1 in sets, like in mixed doubles."

### Canadian Women's Hockey League to disband

The Canadian Women's Hockey League will disband as of May 1. According to the Associated Press, "Laurel Walkzak, chairwoman of the league's board of directors, said that the C.W.H.L.'s management had realized in the past few weeks that funding would not be available to continue next season."

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: Sydney Lageyre

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



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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 baseball is boring to watch 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 something that is unexpected that came out of this season?**

I've been here all three years and this year

there are nine newcomers so it's pretty much a whole new team. The team itself has changed a lot this year. Last year we weren't as close as we are this year. This year we are more of a family. We really take everything as a whole. We lose together and win together. That's something [in the program] that we've been working towards and we've finally hit the right strides to get there.

**What inspires you in your sport?**

I have an older sister who inspires me. She is a senior now and plays at a different school. Great players inspire me like the girls that I watch on TV inspire me to be great. Coach Lemaire is super passionate and she inspires me everyday. She has such a pure love for the game and you don't see that often. It makes you find your purpose in loving the game too.

**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.

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### When Broadway comes to town

By: **Samantha November**  
Contributing Writer

As someone who considers themselves to be a “Broadway musical playlist enthusiast” herself, I’m especially delighted that Dear Evan Hansen came to Broward County. Beginning its three-week run at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on March 26, the show is without a doubt one of my favorite musicals. The soundtrack is exquisite—“Waving Through A Window” is a showstopper.

If I’m being honest, I personally haven’t attended more than a handful of musicals, but I do listen to the playlists on my Spotify a lot—and when I say “a lot,” I mean daily. What I

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.



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## 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 of being prohibited from falsely yell “fire” at a crowded theater, freedom of speech is seen as a necessity, rather than a privilege. Freedom of speech is simple and the constraints to it are reasonable and agreed among everyone. Except they are not.

On college campuses freedom of speech is tricky. We live in a day and age where universities

gloat about their diversity and ability to connect students from different cultural backgrounds, religion, sexual orientation and so on. There has been constant backlash between different demographics and their opinions regarding society. Some of them are inoffensive, like the opinion that the Patriots should not have won the Super Bowl one more time. While others bring into question where we can establish a concise line between strong controversial opinions, offensive comments and hate speech.

Freedom of speech has played a magnificent role in the media in the context of politics. Unsurprisingly, according to the Washington

Post, U.S. President Trump signed an executive order to ensure that colleges are not restricting freedom of speech for students on campuses. While conservative college students considered this a victory towards the Republican agenda, Trump guaranteed to limit federal funding for universities that violated the executive order.

Despite it sounding like Trump is trying to give certain political “advantages” to young Republicans, such headlines should not have been that controversial. First, because Trump should not receive a pat on the back for trying to enforce the presence of the first amendment in institutions that already follow it. Second,

because freedom of speech or lack thereof, should be a bipartisan issue at this point since freedom of speech affects all of us regardless of political ideology. Third, because there is no feasible way to enforce something that is loosely defined as freedom of speech, which could be interpreted differently for each individual. Perhaps, the major lesson in Trump’s executive order fiasco is to have the ability to learn to see the situation beyond a Trump vs Hillary or Republicans vs Democrats issue, but rather as a way to encounter a middle ground between freedom of speech in the two polarizing sides.

## 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

is written by the winners. Many think that the war was started over just slavery, but it wasn’t. Slavery was one of the topics, but what they fought over was government interference. The confederate states did not want the Union telling them what to do and they certainly didn’t like the insane taxation that the Union imposed. This is fully explored in the article “slavery and the civil war, not what you think,” by the Huffpost.

Now this is where it gets a little grey. Many modern-day supporters of the confederacy claim that they weren’t fond of slavery. They also claim that they treated their slaves fairly—but slavery still existed. The Union wasn’t so innocent either. They didn’t free the slaves until a year and a half after the war started, when it 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 benefitted 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.



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## Rideshare will be forever changed

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

Last week, a student from The University of South Carolina, Samantha Josephson, was murdered after she mistook 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 from but there are also still some grey areas. The university she attended came up with a "what's

my name" campaign to encourage students to ask their rideshare drivers to confirm they have the right car before getting in and that's great but what if you forget? What if you are inebriated or in a rush and just think okay here's a car and the driver says 'hop in.'" Would anything instantly stop you if you knew you called a rideshare? For most, that answer might be no. I was raised to be an extremely cautious person and every time I call a rideshare I look at the picture and the license plate that the app provides and compare it to the car that arrives. I've caught myself multiple times walking all the way around the car to make sure that the license plate matched. Sometimes I catch myself doing this and I'm

thinking "just hop in, stop being so ridiculous, it's the right one" but the fear that it isn't the right car or it isn't the right person driving is too strong to ignore.

The reason these apps were created was to help those without the ability to drive their car or don't own a car, to get to their destinations with as little hassle as possible but now, that is all up in the air. For college students and many young adults, parents even preach rideshare as part of the don't drink and drive speech. Just "call an Uber and get home safe" they say. Parents and students alike are putting a lot of trust in these apps and with this story, the floodgates have been opened. Every time I get in one, I bet I'm

going to be thinking of Josephson and, to some degree, so will the drivers, well at least the ones who mean no ill will. I've met plenty of drivers who are parents themselves or have this as a side way to earn an income and this incident jeopardizes that. In the aftermath of this murder these apps are quickly coming up with more security and other measures to ensure the safest drive for their customers which is definitely the right move. My only hope is that these changes in safety don't come to little or don't come to late.

## Is there a point to national food days?

By: **Mario Lorrimer**  
Business Manager

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 glorious, 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.

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 Kale 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 possible 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](http://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 Aug. 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.

# SHARK SPEAK

## What did you think of the Fins Festival and how can it be improved for next year?



"I thought that the games and the food were good. Maybe a wider variety [of activities] would've made it even better."

-**Ashish Prasad, sophomore biology major**



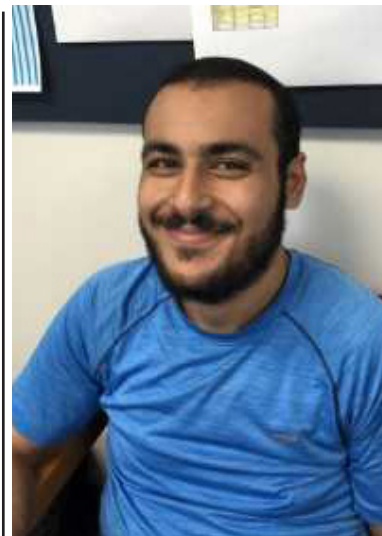
"I really liked it but I think we should've had more free food. The funnel cake and fried oreos were a big hit but they ran out of it. Other than that I had a really good time. Hopefully in the future we can have it as a bigger thing and even more days."

-**Oriana Lopez, junior international studies major**



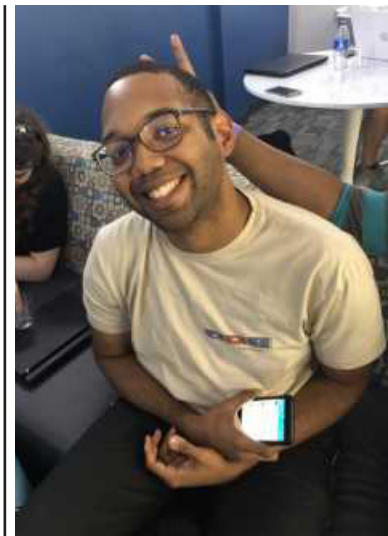
"I think what we could've done better with was having the food last the whole time because I noticed that people were upset that the food ended at eight. People were upset about the food trucks because we didn't know we were actually supposed to pay money-- what were the tickets for, then? I came at six and realized that I didn't need the tickets at all. Other than that, I think it was pretty good."

-**Kai Henriques, freshman behavioral neuroscience major**



"It was pretty good for the first [carnival], but hopefully they can make a couple of improvements for next year's [carnival] to make it better, like a ferris wheel. Overall, me and my friends had a good time."

-**Raphael Khella, senior biology major**



"It was very well set up. I really liked the zipline and the mechanical shark, but I feel as though there could've been more rides. Some of [the rides] were kind of weak— there was a trampoline but the weight capacity was 200 pounds, so we couldn't go on. The games were fine, the music was good, but we just need more rides, in particular."

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