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Irish Film Festival

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The College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and the Alvin Sherman Library is partnering with the Irish Film Institute and the South Florida Irish Studies Consortium to host the 12th annual Irish Film Festival. All the films being shown are independent films made by rising Irish filmmakers, including Nick Kelly and Maurice Sweeney. The film festival will start on Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. with the documentary “Lomax in Éirinn.”

According to David Kilroy — the interim chair for the Department of History and Political Science and the Department of Literature and Modern Languages within the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences — “the goal of the film series is to highlight Irish-made films that don’t get a huge release in or get a lot of attention in the U.S. [This year] we have two documentaries and one feature, and they run a range of issues.” Last year’s featured films were “No Stone Unturned,” “Older Than Ireland” and “A Date for Mary.”

The first movie, “Lomax in Éirinn,” focuses on music and anthropology in Ireland. The documentary shows parallels between traditional Irish folk music, country music and blues music. According to the Irish Film Institute, “American Musicologist Alan Lomax [traveled] to Ireland, guided by piper Séamus Ennis began recording and collecting traditional Irish songs and music. Released as the album "[Ireland]", and credited with the folk and traditional music revivals of the 1960s and 1970s, these recordings sparked Lomax’s ambitious journey to gradually record the folk music of the world.” Lomax works to archive the music of these traditional bands and show how this music has interacted with other genres. “Lomax in Éirinn” will be featured on Monday, Nov. 4 in room 4009 in the Alvin Sherman Library at 7 p.m.

The documentary “I, Dolours” tells the story of Dolours Price, who was one of the Irish Republican Army’s first female leaders. The documentary is “about a volunteer in the Irish Republican Army, the IRA, which carried out a campaign against British forces in Northern Ireland. There was a long conflict there, and the IRA was at the center of it until the 1990s,” said Kilroy. “There was a huge effort to figure who was a part of it and why, and to record their stories before they passed away. She was a particularly interesting case. Of course, the IRA was seen by the British and by a large population of Northern Ireland as a terrorist organization and a lot of their tactics were indiscriminate.”

The Irish Film Festival will be going on until Nov. 10 with the showing of “The Drummer and the Keeper.” For more information on the films go to lib.nova.edu/irishfilms.

First-hand presentation on internships and research opportunities

By: Rick Enser
News Editor

On Oct. 30, the Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography in conjunction with the Office of Career Development will be hosting an event titled Trick to the Treat of a Research or Internship. The event will be held in the Carl DeSantis building from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Students who attend will hear first-hand experiences regarding internships and research opportunities in science-related fields.

The researches and internships being presented at the event are being showcased by undergraduate students at NSU, who within the past year, have had the opportunity to find and be involved in these experiences. The showcase is a platform for the undergraduate students presenting how they came upon the internship, what their requirements were, how they met their requirements and what they did at the opportunity. “They basically serve as a resource for other students who may want to pursue such an internship in the future” explained Dr. Aarti Raja, associate professor of the Halmos College of Natural Sciences and Oceanography.

Raja and the Halmos College pulled together all the students who are presenting and guided them on how to set up their presentation, however, after that the event is in the hands of the Office of Career Development. Career Development is not only available to give advice on the process of finding an internship or research opportunity at the event, but also are providing some snacks and treats. Additionally, Career Development is archiving the information being presented, so if a student is unable to attend, they have the chance to visit the Office of Career Development and have information that is being presented available for reference and advice.

The presentations span a variety of fields and any student who is interested in a science-related field can benefit from attending.

“It is hosted by the Halmos College and we do serve biology internships, but even with that there is a vast variety, anywhere from research in a lab to shadowing physicians and even internships where they worked in pharmaceutical companies,” Raja explained. “We do see a variety, so as long as a student is interested in what lies out there in terms of opportunities and is involved in these internships it is a good idea for them to attend this event.”

The event will help any student who is lost in the process of finding an opportunity to do an internship or research. Whether it be not knowing where to go, where to look for one or who to contact, the presentation offers the chance to help through valuable first-hand experience. Raja mentioned, “The biggest takeaway I would want a student to get away from is that the university does provide the students with vast opportunities...I feel like this kind of event brings everything together. It gives students a one-shot look at the variety of things that are available out there. All they have to do is hear them out, hear the people who are speaking about their experiences, and then just see which one interest them the most”.

Students interested in attending the event can RSVP on Handshake.
Bangladesh court sentences 16 people to death

In April, the murder of 19-year-old Nusrat Jahan Rafi in the small town of Feni, Bangladesh shocked the country and led to a series of protests demanding justice for the young girl and highlighted the prolific sexual assault and harassment common in the country. Rafi was murdered after she accused a teacher of touching her inappropriately at an Islamic school in eastern Bangladesh. When she refused to withdraw her accusations, she was doused with kerosene and set on fire. She died in the hospital four days later. Last Thursday, a Bangladeshi court sentenced 16 people, including the head teacher that she had accused of touching her, to death on accounts of her murder. Rafi’s brutal death has become a symbol of abuse against women in Bangladesh.

39 bodies discovered in truck in London

Last week, 39 bodies were found in the back of a refrigerated truck in southeast London. On Thursday, The New York Times released an article detailing the latest findings of the local authorities who believe the deceased are Chinese citizens and appear to have been victims of human trafficking. According to The New York Times, the case shows striking similarities to an incident in 2000 in which 58 Chinese migrants were the most recent victims of a case of human trafficking. According to The New York Times, the case shows striking similarities to an incident in 2000 in which 58 Chinese migrants were the most recent victims of a case of human trafficking. According to The New York Times, the case shows striking similarities to an incident in 2000 in which 58 Chinese migrants were the most recent victims of a case of human trafficking. According to The New York Times, the case shows striking similarities to an incident in 2000 in which 58 Chinese migrants were the most recent victims of a case of human trafficking. According to The New York Times, the case shows striking similarities to an incident in 2000 in which 58 Chinese migrants were the most recent victims of a case of human trafficking. According to The New York Times, the case shows striking similarities to an incident in 2000 in which 58 Chinese migrants were the most recent victims of a case of human trafficking. According to The New York Times, the case shows striking similarities to an incident in 2000 in which 58 Chinese migrants were the most recent victims of a case of human trafficking.

Ancient roman villa reopened to public

The House of Bicentenary, an ancient Roman house near Pompeii, has been reopened to the public in the archaeological park of Herculaneum. The three-story, 600 sq meter home features a collection of frescoes and mosaic floors which were first discovered in 1938. The site was closed to the public in 1983 after falling into disrepair but has since reopened after undergoing 35 years of restoration. According to The Guardian, the town of Herculaneum is much smaller and less well known than the neighboring Pompeii, but is said to have been inhabited by wealthier residents and therefore contained a bigger share of lavish houses.

Tanzania court upholds ruling against child marriage

Last week, Tanzania’s Supreme Court of Appeals upheld a law banning parents from marrying off their daughters as young as 15 years old. The judgment followed the long running opposition to child marriage laws in the country and across the globe which human rights activists have been attempting to change for many years. According to a United Nations estimate, two out of every five girls are married before their 18th birthday, making Tanzania a country with one of the highest rates of child marriage in the world.
This month, NSU appointed Dr. Andrew Rosman as the new dean of the H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship.

According to President Handbury, Rosman brings extensive experience to NSU, having a proven track record of success in the field.

For the past 30 years, Rosman has been an educator at notable universities including the University of Connecticut, Long Island University and Fairleigh Dickinson University as a faculty member, director of online education, professor and dean of the college of management and the dean of the Silberman College of Business, respectively.

With this newly appointed position, Rosman hopes to accomplish three main goals: to obtain AACSB Accreditation, increase overall enrollment and improve alumni engagement, current and former, through different programs and opportunities.

According to Rosman, faculty and staff have been working towards the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB) accreditation for the college for some time and hope that with this new leadership, they will obtain it within the next year.

“It’s the most prestigious accreditation for business schools and represents only 5% of business schools in the world. It focuses on the mission [of the university], it focuses on the quality of the faculty and continuous improvement in the program. I think those are all things we can compete on very strongly,” said Rosman.

The second item of business on Rosman’s dashboard is enrollment. Rosman believes that a business school has two main responsibilities: to make sure that the students within the college are competitive in the marketplace and to round out the other existing majors at the university making them more distinctive in their respective fields.

“At NSU, there are 18 professional schools, with most having a heavy focus on the health sciences. My job is to understand and ultimately implement how the [H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship] fits into NSU and how it can make the biggest contribution to the university as a whole.”

As it stands, the College of Business has roughly 600 undergraduate students and 1,700 graduate students. Rosman hopes for the university to implement minor and major fields of study that can benefit both business-related majors as well as non-business majors. Rosman also believes any student can benefit from having a background in business and management strategies.

“Imagine you are a biology student that decides that you don’t want to go pre-medical, but you have this degree. What can you do? If you want to instead work in the pharmaceutical industry, having a business minor would be helpful. If you have a marketing minor with a biology major you can help with cutting-edge marketing for a particular company. A performing arts major with a business minor can follow their passion, but connect it to business like a dance studio for example,” said Rosman.

At the undergraduate level, Rosman plans on increasing student enrollment by focusing on skills and career placement, his goal being 1,000 undergraduate students. At the graduate level, he is focusing on some preeminence programs that help [NSU] distinguish themselves in the marketplace with possible offerings of meaningful, marker-driven and specialized masters programs.

“[By having 1,000 undergraduate students] it gives us a critical mass that not only brings in revenue and recognition for the university, but helps with career placement. You need to have volume and quality students to attract potential employers. We want NSU to be a prospective student’s first choice, not a safety school,” said Rosman.

Rosman also plans to promote internships, global studies and other academic exposure opportunities possibly building them into the existing curriculum, similar to the existing ExEL and Razor’s Edge Shark Cage programs.

“It’s like to provide our students with skill sets to diversify them. Most companies now require employees to adapt to changes in the marketplace. We want to focus on teaching our students skill sets not only to complement the traditional business background, but also challenges them to reinvent themselves,” said Rosman.
Volunteering is a great way to expand your horizons and learn through doing

By: Kelsey Bruce
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Volunteering is a great way to expand your horizons and you learn much through doing so. Finding opportunities related to your career can help you develop relevant skills and further prepare you for graduate or professional school. While there are great volunteer opportunities on campus through different organizations, it’s always worthwhile to venture out of your comfort zone and explore different areas. Plus, you can choose between opportunities that require a periodic commitment or one-off events to suit your schedule. Here are a few organizations to get you started.

Fort Lauderdale Beach Sweep
If you’re interested in environmental science or ecology, this could be an enriching experience. Helping clean up our beaches benefits ocean-dwelling species and raises awareness of how significant an impact human waste production has. Fort Lauderdale Beach Sweep happens the second Saturday of every month from 7 - 11 a.m. Volunteers meet at The Hub, 300 S Ft. Lauderdale Blvd and can park at 240 Las Olas Circle, Ft. Lauderdale before 11 a.m. You can register upon arriving or via their Facebook page.

Good Karma Pet Rescue
If you’re an animal lover, volunteering with Good Karma, a pet rescue non-profit organization, is a wonderful way to nurture animals in need without having to adopt one. Good Karma has multiple volunteer positions such as transport providers for animals who need to go to the vet or to a new foster home, newsletter writers who can contribute articles to a monthly newsletter, social media content creators, home visitors to ensure animals are going to a good home and more. The Good Luck Cat Cafe, a coffee shop that allows guests to also cuddle and adopt cats, also accepts volunteers willing to be scheduled weekly to watch over the cats (and kittens) in the cafe. If interested, you can apply at https://www.goodkarmapetrescue.org/volunteer.

Firewall Americorps Mentor
Firewall Centers provide tutoring services to high-need students in elementary, middle and high school, and you can be a part of it. Mostly, volunteers regularly assist students with homework, but they also facilitate activity days, host end of quarter parties and organize supply drives. To volunteer with this organization, simply fill out an application at https://firewallcenters.org/get-involved/

Angel House
This organization is a family-oriented assisted living home for seniors that aims to “find the ideal balance of privacy, accessibility, comfort, security and activities designed to entertain and nurture.” Volunteers are involved in activities, art and crafts and more to create this environment for residents.

Those interested in volunteering with Angel House can fill out a volunteer application at https://anglehouseseniors.com/caregivers-%26-volunteers.

If you haven’t seen anything that catches your eye, be sure to contact your ExEL advisor to discuss opportunities more relevant to your interests.

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Walking into Ovlo Eats is instantly pleasant. Upon our recent visit, we were greeted at the door with menus and smiles and were guided along as first time patrons. The overall vibe of the restaurant is very chic and clean — with some slight adjustments, you could easily imagine the same space to be a yoga studio or a hip coffee shop. Ovlo Eats has exposed brick, neon signs, hanging plants, natural decor and more, the perfect combination for a trendy outing with friends (to be recorded for Instagram).

The food itself is much like the atmosphere: clean, fresh and creative. Their menu boasts unique salads like the farro, watermelon and feta or the chopped vegetable salad that’s anything but boring with ingredients like shaved fennel, corn, edamame and more. If you’re looking for something with a little less green, their entrees allow you to choose from proteins such as grilled chicken breast, monk, Atlantic salmon, shrimp, mashed pork or grilled tempeh, each of which come with two sides. They also offer a variety of sandwiches like the “ratatouille,” Ovlo banh mi, vegan-style, with the “not french fries” and a pomegranate ice cold tea. The prices were middle of the line, and my entire meal set me back about $19. However, they are a no tipping restaurant, so the prices on the menu are exactly what you’re expected to pay (although the service does not seem to be impacted by this), and I walked out with plenty of leftovers. The food is bright and exciting, and feels healthy without sacrificing flavor and texture — by the time I left, I felt satisfied, but not weighed down. My meal was something unlike anything else I’d had in recent memory, and while I’m eager to reorder it, I’m equally interested in trying some of the other menu options. Additionally, for those with any dietary restrictions and allergies, Ovlo Eats is happy to accommodate for vegans, vegetarians and gluten-free lifestyles upon request.

Like the neon sign that hangs on their wall, Ovlo Eats certainly has the right to brag about their “food with thought.” If you’re looking for a fresh restaurant near NSU to hang out with friends and enjoy some delicious dishes, Ovlo Eats is just the spot for you.
Cybersecurity: Be aware in the age of technology

By: Rick Esner

How do you stay safe in the new technological era? Do you cover your laptop camera with a little black plastic tape just to make sure the government is not “watching you”? Maybe you refuse to turn on the fingerprint or face recognition setting on your phone. While these acts may make you feel more secure in technological endeavors, such as googling or playing games, actual cybersecurity is a little more complex than that.

It’s close to impossible in the modern era to avoid the use of computers and the internet, and those who are at risk of having poor cybersecurity are open to an attacker putting dangerous malware on their computer, having their information stolen or their files altered. While there is no sure way to guarantee that you will not be attacked, there are plenty of measures you can take in order to protect yourself in the best way possible.

In the early hours of June 28, 1969, the New York Police Department, after a physical attack by the Stonewall Inn for the second time in a week. The raids by police against LGBT people were frequent and brutal. Transgender people and drag performers were taken aside by officers and forcibly strip-searched to check their sex. People found engaging in activities as innocent as holding hands or dancing together were arrested for indecency. Stony be born temporary reprieves for the gay community.

What made Stonewall especially popular was its allowance of drag queens and dancing, which other places thought would make them too much of a target for police. The owners of the bar, the Genovese crime family, had paid off police to know when the establishment would be targeted. This gave them time to hide illegal activities such as the alcohol they served or the blackmail they occasionally ran. But the two raids of that week had no warning, so there were no symbols in the bar that both attacks. The police arrested around 13 people and roughed up many more. People of the bar and neighborhood, fed up with constant state-sanctioned abuse, gathered quickly around the scene. When an officer manhandled a lesbian patron, hissing head against the door of the police wagon, the crowd began shouting and throwing small objects.

Within minutes, it escalated into a full-blown riot with hundreds of people. The crowds fought back against the police with stones, punches and whatever else they could get their hands on. The police, along with their prisoners and a writer for the Village Voice, barricaded themselves inside The Stonewall Inn. A member of the Genovese mob had somehow broken through the barrier and attempted to burn down the building. Firefighters were able to put out the flames shortly after. The Tactile Patrol Force of the New York's police department moved the barricaded people from the bar, and the police only walked away with wounded pride.

While the police thought they had closed the bar, it opened again the next night along mass protest along the street the bar was on. It filled Christopher Street and adjoining blocks with people chanting, dancing and observing the partially charred building. Dustin Bema, a political science professor and researcher of civil rights conflicts states that, “What made Stonewall so revolutionary and so important is that gays said we’re not going to be repressed and degraded anymore. We’re not going to be harassed by the police. What Stonewall did was take homosexuality out of the privacy of one’s home and put it into the public. Gays said we’re here and we’re not going anywhere.” These protests and clashes with police lasted a few days, even expanding to the offices of the New York Police newspaper, which had printed derogatory slurs about the initial riot. “From drag queens across the spectrum, from the students to the elder gays across the spectrum, gays formed one community at the time and stood up and said ‘we’re here, we matter,’” said Bema.

The unity enacted at Stonewall was on a level rarely seen today of community support across age, race and gender. Those at the riot collectively felt that they were past their breaking point and wanted to fight against the brutality they faced for daring to be themselves. This year was the 50th anniversary of the riots, sparking movements across the world. Looking back on the atrocity we faced in the past allows us to be thankful for how far we’ve come. It also inspires us to keep working towards equality.
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By: Kathleen Crapson
Chief of Visual Design

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Veterans Week

November 9 - 16, 2019

November 9
11:00 a.m.  Veterans Charity 5k, Tarpon River Brewery
7:00 p.m.  NSU Veterans Appreciation Homecoming Basketball Game

November 10 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Broward County’s Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk,
Fellows Way

November 11 - Veterans Day
8:00 a.m.  Veterans Breakfast, Faculty Club, RSVP at VRC@nova.edu
12:00 p.m. Veterans Appreciation Lunch, Flight Deck

November 12 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Student United for Returning Veterans
Letter Writing and Care Package Collection,
Don Taft University Center, Spine

November 13 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Top Gun Volley Ball Tournament and Cookout,
Sand Volleyball Courts, FFV Pavilion

November 14
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  Speaker Series: Women Veteran Alliance of Broward County, Rosenthal Student Center, Room 218
5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  Mock Interview/Networking Event,
Carl DeSantis Building, RSVP at VRC@nova.edu

Nov. 16
S.O.S. and The Mission Continues Service Trip

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Vinny Lijoi is a senior business management major and a distance freestyle swimmer on the NSU Men’s swimming team. Lijoi is originally from Bradenton, FL and previously spent three seasons swimming at Thomas University before transferring to NSU in his junior season. Two weeks ago, Lijoi was honored as the Sunshine State Conference Swimmer of the Week.

What got you involved in swimming?
“[The 2008 Olympics] inspired me. It gave me unrealistic ideals of getting into the pool and being so wonderful, so when I eventually did get in the pool and got smacked, reality set in. I got into swimming when I was 12, and my first competition was when I was 13; I got smoked, but I’ve built up from then and got a lot better.”

Who or what inspires you to get in the pool?
“I guess I inspire myself sometimes. Just watching my friends get really good and seeing them get better inspires me to also get better and push myself. I think that’s what carried me to where I am today, and I feel that it’s carried me pretty far.”

What is your favorite thing about being a swimmer?
“The people that are around me. It’s good to have friends when you first step on campus that are always around you all the time. I think that is a big benefit; that and when you get to a point that you can beat people [in competitions] is fun too. I tell a lot of people ‘you can do it for fun but it’s more fun to win.’”

If you can travel back to freshman year, what advice would you give yourself?
“When I was 18, I was immature. I was red-shirted too, so I learned [that season] that it’s not fun to watch. I can’t say [to myself] you should have done better in this class or that class, but I can say just keep your head up.”

What are some of your other hobbies and passions?
“Video games are fun, listening to music and watching YouTube and Netflix series are fun. Cooking is another thing I like to do. Just different things you can do in different places. Recently I’ve been playing ‘Red Dead Redemption 2’ and ‘Marvel’s Spider-Man,’ both of those games I finished. One game I’m looking forward to is ‘The Last of Us Part II,’ it’s going to be a great game. On Netflix, David Chang just released this new show called ‘Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner,’ where he has those three meals with a celebrity. ‘The Chef’s Show,’ ‘Big Mouth’ and a lot of comedy shows are all great too.”

Is there anything about swimming that you’ve learned that you carry with you in your daily life?
“I’m not dissing college in general, but college helps me deal with [issues] better. I think swimming teaches failure. Something that school doesn’t teach very well is that failure isn’t the end of the world. In swimming, there are times where you just screw-up and sometimes people give up from that mistake, which isn’t healthy. Swimming teaches you to push through stuff, knock stuff down and believe in yourself a little more.”

What are your plans after graduation?
“To get a job, get an apartment and get a life. In that order. I want to get a job somewhere in business management, sales, or marketing; something in that field, but I’m still thinking about it.”

October 28
Bobby Orr scores final career goal
Bobby Orr scored the last career hockey goal against the Detroit Red Wings on Oct. 28, 1978. A former Canadian ice hockey player, Orr played for the Boston Bruins and the Chicago Black Hawks before retiring from the game in 1978, ending his 12-year career in the National Hockey League.

Serena Williams wins third season
Serena Williams won her third season after going six to three at the Women’s Tennis Association Championship in Turkey on Oct. 28, 2012. Her final match was six to four against Maria Sharapova.

October 29
Muhammad Ali makes debut
Muhammad Ali made his professional fighting career debut, beating Tunney Hunsaker after six rounds in Louisville, KY on Oct. 29, 1960.

Lewis Hamilton qualifies for Formula 1 Championship
Lewis Hamilton, a British Formula 1 driver, finished in ninth place in the Mexican Grand Prix at the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez on Oct. 29, 2017. This allowed him to qualify for the Formula 1 World Drivers Championship.

October 30
Jackie Robinson signs with Royals
Jackie Robinson was signed to the Montreal Royals on Oct. 30, 1945. The Royals were a minor league team in Quebec, and that year, the Royals won 95 games.

October 31
Earl Lloyd makes debut with Capitals

Venus Williams defeats Shaun Stafford at the age of 14
Venus Williams made her professional debut at the age of 14, beating NCAA champion Shaun Stafford on Oct. 31, 1994. Williams went 6-3 that year at the Bank of the West Classic.

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A simple tweet has caused a mostly symbiotic relationship between the NBA and China to turn derailed. It all started with the posting of a tweet by the Houston Rockets general manager, Daryl Morey, tweeting out his support for the protests in Hong Kong, saying, “Fight for Freedom. Stand with Hong Kong.”

This is a sensitive issue for the Chinese people because the government disapproves of the protests and what they stand for. As a result, Morey’s tweet has sent shockwaves throughout China, leading the NBA to make comments that seem to go against Morey and assume a more neutral political stance. The issue with this is that the NBA is notably a league that prides itself on its social justice initiatives and supporting the protests in Hong Kong was seen by many as being an awkward scene in what many described as being an “awkward” score.

The NBA didn’t just stop there. The basketball league issued a clarification that the tweet was simply thought to show support for the protests in Hong Kong, for it was the wrong translation. It didn’t help that the NBA was infuriated, leading the NBA to make comments that seemed to support that the tweet was simply a translation error. The NBA’s official stance was not to comment on Morey’s tweet anymore, and its executives and players, who were scheduled to have the Los Angeles Lakers play the Brooklyn Nets in a pre-season game in China, were deflated. The NBA noticed the reaction, and responses that defended Morey’s tweet were not indifferent on the issue of Hong Kong.

The NBA just can’t afford to be too supportive of the Hong Kong protests because they do quite a bit of business with China. Many experts predict that, with China pulling back its support for the NBA, the NBA’s total revenue will go down by up to 15 percent. When considering how much the NBA generates on a yearly basis, that 15 percent could turn into a hundreds of millions, or even billions of dollars, lost in profits. Players, employees, and the teams themselves could end up losing significant amounts of money as a result.

This all came at a very inconvenient time for the NBA as well because, as the scandal evolved, they were scheduled to have the Los Angeles Lakers play the Brooklyn Nets in a pre-season game in China. Viral videos have shown in-size advertisements for the game being taken down by the Chinese government. The game teetered between occurring and not occurring, but in the end, they played the uncensored pre-season game, with many experts predicting that it was an “awkward” scene.

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I really hate taking night classes; I have no idea why I am even taking one right now. By the time I get to that class, I am exhausted and bored beyond belief. I can barely keep my eyes open, let alone pay attention and actually understand what the heck is going on.

My friends convinced me to take both general chemistry I and II at 2 a.m. on Tuesday nights. Now I know I should not have succumbed to the peer pressure. I should have said, “No, I’ll take an earlier class and learn something.” But no, I was weak-willed and went with the opinions of my friends. Now, I sit in a lecture barely understanding what is going on around me. I’ll probably just start doodling in my notes — which ends up being the majority of my notes — or maybe do some work for another class or quietly sob onto my keyboard as I try to follow along in the textbook and PowerPoint. I might try writing an article on how much I hate taking night classes (Fourth wall? What fourth wall?). Well, I guess better not take another night class ever again if I value what is left of the silver of sanity that I have.

I am sitting in my chemistry class, a very confused look on my face, typing out this Water Your Thoughts while my professor aimlessly rambles on about acid and base reactions and something that he called the heart of this chapter, not exactly sure what he meant by that.

North America is home to remarkable ecosystems that have evolved species found nowhere else in the world. This makes it most urgent that we protect these species from human threats that have developed. Nature has created intricate relationships amongst these creatures which are being disrupted by human activities like mining, land development and hunting. This causes the rare environments we’re ammonia to with.

We are failing these species with our collective inaction against threats. Every protection for them is a hard-won battle, but over the past few years, many have been rapidly reversed. According to a 2019 analysis by The New York Times, in cooperation with Harvard University and Columbia University, 85 environmental regulations have been or are in the process of being removed. This makes it harder for us to protect species in need across the United States. In Florida, one of the most widely used animals in sports mascots and media is the Florida panther. This animal provides predator of local herbivores, which keeps populations and woodlands flourishing. This order has greatly been thrown off balance over the past 50 years with the decline in panther populations. It is estimated that less than 100 of these felines still exist in the wild, which is a drastic decline from the thousands estimated a century ago. Their main threat is the development of their habitat by humans. The land that they live on has been overtaken to accommodate Florida’s growing population. With the Everglades protections shrinking and clean water bills far from being passed, the destruction of this crucial environment is taking down the entire food chain starting with its top predator, the panther.

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According to Insider News, at least 18 transgender people have been killed this year, and the American Medical Association is calling these murders an ongoing epidemic. Moreover, numbers could be higher than 18 other due to the intentional or ignorant misgendering of victims. Not only are transgender people still far from being accepted and recognized by society, but their lives are also constantly endangered.

Furthermore, healthcare isn’t readily available for transgender individuals. To be simply recognized by their name and gender on legal documents, transgender people must dish out money and jump through legal hoops for changes on their birth certificates and changes on their licenses. Some states, such as Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Wisconsin, Arizona and many more, actually require the individual to have a “sex change operation,” which is the largest private sector insurance companies — often provided by employers — have gone out of their way not to cover, according to the Human Rights Campaign. Moreover, some transgender individuals don’t want surgery for a multitude of reasons, whether financial or personal.

Specifically, the Trump administration has gone out of its way to erase transgender rights and, by extension, transgender individuals themselves. In an interview on MSNBC, transgender advocate, Lavert Cox mentioned a leaked memo from the Department of Health and Human Services that entailed defining gender and sex extremely specifically so as to remove any legal protections for transgender individuals. According to Tiffany Jones of Macquarie University, the administration removed LGBTQ+ webpages from the White House website, fired LGBTQ+ Liaison officers and rescinded transgender rights granted during Obama’s administration, such as protection against federal contractor discrimination and Obama’s interpretation of gender identity under Title IX’s definitions, directly impacting transgender students.

More than that, the Human Rights Campaign states that the Trump administration inaugurated a trans-friendly policy in 2017, which sparked several lawsuits against its constitutionality. However, in January, the Supreme Court lifted injunctions on the ban, thereby allowing the Department of Defense to enforce it even while litigation ensues, a process that has begun as of April 12. The ban disallows transgender people in the military from transitioning, and it bars transgender individuals from joining.

Clearly, transgender people are systematically oppressed within our country, and that overarching discrimination validates transphobic individuals who may hurt transgender people by doing anything from excluding them to misgendering or deadnaming them to assaulting and even murdering them, all because of their gender identity. We are not doing enough to alleviate the pain this community continues to face, and moving forward, we need to pay more attention to the legal, vocational, medical and personal struggles those in the transgender community face lest we let their situations grow even worse.
Not everyone can be a graphic designer

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As I write this headline, all I can hear is Collette from the Disney Pixar film “Ratatouille” yelling “anyone can cook!” at Linguini. And as much as it pains me to contradict one of the finer films of the 21st century, this principle isn’t applicable to all fields.

To get to the heart of my vitriol, let’s rewind a few years. In high school, my ideal major didn’t exist, mainly because I had no idea what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. Much like I am now, I was on the staff of the school newspaper all four years, and I always had my nose in a book. One day I thought, “book covers are pretty, why not learn how to make them?” So, as bored high schoolers do, I began dabbling in Photoshop.

In an era where everyone can own some form of electronic device, it’s undeniable that photography, art and graphic design have become more accessible. Since anything that has the word “Adobe” in the title is expensive, I decided to enroll in multimedia classes to gain access to the software. As I learned design principles, I heard this article’s headlining phrase everywhere from those around me with more experience. The prevailing thought was that “not everyone can be a graphic designer.”

At first, it felt insulting that I wasn’t part of their “exclusive club” of graphic design experts. However, I realize now that they were not intending to be hurtful, but to show the true nature of the skills necessary to call yourself a graphic designer. As someone who has now been doing this for about seven years, the industry has proven to me that graphic design is an umbrella term for having an artistic eye, developing software skills, being your own photographer, illustrator and copy editor, marketing yourself and your creations and making sure that t-shirt designs aren’t in JPEG format when you send them to a printer (Free tip: they really should be sent as PNGs).

The righteousness of the phrase in question is a response to a pattern of novices and non-designers alike assuming that graphic design is a fun and easy career. Here’s the thing: it’s not. Our job as graphic designers is to streamline a ton of visual, and actual language, and make it look effortless. Perhaps this all just means we’re maybe doing our job too well.

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"One of the things that I like to do in the fall is to make my own pumpkin pie, and I bring it to campus to give out to my friends. It’s something I’ve done for a while."
- Ramson Munoz, sophomore biology major.

"Waterworks was one that I did, and it was something I was looking forward to, and honestly it was really fun [and] really exciting. I got to go with a couple of friends."
- Antonella Lalinde, freshman theatre major.

"I really like Waterworks, that’s a lot of fun. We get to go outside at night and it’s not too hot and there’s just a lot of fun activities that you get to do."
- Roberta Brugger, junior biology and neuroscience major.

"I went to Waterworks and it was really fun; the music, the fact that you can interact with people you don’t know, and I was surprised how much fun I had. It was my first time going and I plan to go next year for the experience."
- Franco Morales, sophomore finance major.

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