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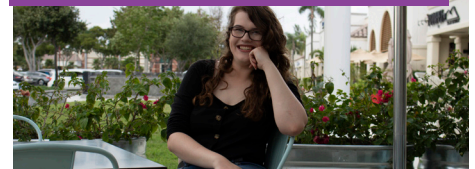
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## Irish Film Festival

By: Alexander Martinie  
Opinions Editor

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 bluegrass 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](http://lib.nova.edu/irishfilms).

## First-hand presentation on internships and research opportunities

By: Rick Esner  
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 what 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 that 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.



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**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 be 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 found dead, also in a refrigerated truck, in Dover, Britain's busiest port.

**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.

**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 neighbouring Pompeii, but is said to have been inhabited by wealthier residents and therefore contained a bigger share of lavish houses.

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# Huizenga college of business and entrepreneurship welcomes new dean

By: Christina McLaughlin  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

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 and has 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, recent 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 preeminent programs that help [NSU] distinguish themselves in the marketplace with possible offerings of meaningful, market-driven and specialized masters programs.

“[By having 1,000 undergraduate students] it gives us a critical mass that not only [brings] 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.

“I’d 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 that not only complement the traditional business background, but also challenges them to reinvent themselves,” said Rosman.

## News Anchor

Stay up to date with national events.

### Official withdrawal from Paris Agreement commences

Last Wednesday at an energy conference in Pittsburgh, PA, President Trump officially announced that the administration is preparing to formally withdraw the U.S. from the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change. Trump claims that the Paris Agreement “disadvantages the United States for the exclusive benefits of other countries.” The agreement has had about 196 nations sign, vowing to reduce planet-warming emissions. The U.S. was committed to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 26-28% by the year 2025 based on 2005 levels. The earliest that the administration can start the withdrawal process is Nov. 4 and would go into effect one year later the day after the presidential election of 2020. This means if Trump is re-elected, the withdrawal will certainly go into effect. However, if another candidate is elected, they would have the opportunity to re-enter the agreement on Jan. 20, 2021.

### Sheriff of Broward County removed

Florida Senate voted on Wednesday confirming the removal of Scott Israel from his position as Sheriff of Broward County. Israel was charged with incompetence and dereliction of duty for events that occurred before and after the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland in February of last year. Governor Ron DeSantis blames Israel for missed signals and systematic failures at the Broward Sheriff’s Office that may have prevented the shooting. In particular, DeSantis cited the inaction of Israel’s deputy, Scot Peterson, who was the school resource officer on duty at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School who did not respond to the gunshots fired and never stepped foot into the school that day. Israel announced that he has the intention to run for the position again next year.

### Penn State fraternity suspended after teen found dead

Last Tuesday, Penn State University in University Park, PA announced an interim suspension of the Alpha Delta chapter of Chi Pi fraternity after a 17-year-old male, John Schoenig, was found dead in an off-campus house last Saturday at around 9:30 p.m. However, the house where the incident occurred was not the fraternity’s official university campus-house. According to the Centre County Coroner, Schoenig was pronounced dead at the scene and his cause of death is pending toxicology. The university stated that Schoenig was visiting the area and not a student at Penn State. This comes two years after the death of sophomore John Schoenig at Penn State due to a hazing ritual by Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

## News Briefs

get the scoop on events happening on campus

### Veterans week

From Nov. 9-15, the Veterans Resource Center will host a Veterans week at NSU. Each event throughout the week will be a form of recognition and celebration of the veterans who have served our country. Some of the week’s events will include a veterans charity 5k, the NSU veterans appreciation homecoming basketball game, a veteran luncheon and a speaker series. The full itinerary and list of events can be found on NSU’s website. For more information, contact [VRC@nova.edu](mailto:VRC@nova.edu).

### Annual “Anything That Floats” raft races

On Nov. 5, NSU will host the annual “Anything That Floats” Raft Races from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Gold Circle Lake. As a tradition of NSU’s homecoming week, student clubs and organizations will compete using homemade rafts for cash prizes

of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500. The awarded money will go directly to the winning team to benefit their respective organization. The registration deadline is Nov. 1, and students can register online at [nova.edu/rafrace](http://nova.edu/rafrace). For more information, students can contact Tec Clark at [tclark@nova.edu](mailto:tclark@nova.edu).

### 2019 BLSA panel

On Nov. 15, the Black Law Student Association (BLSA) will host a panel discussion based on one of New York’s most infamous cases, the Central Park Five Jogger case. Earlier this year, a drama mini-series was released, sparking nationwide interest in the details of the case in which five innocent young men spent years fighting their wrongful convictions. The panel presentation will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. in the NSU Shepard Broad College of Law Large Lecture Room 200 and will focus on the case from a legal perspective. Attendees will have an

opportunity to learn more about the case and see how the trial process is applicable to our justice system today. Students can register online or contact Jordana Rostant Nunes at [jrostantnunes@mynsu.nova.edu](mailto:jrostantnunes@mynsu.nova.edu) for questions or additional information.

### 10th Annual Broward County Out of the Darkness Community Walk

On Nov. 10, the 10th Annual Broward County Out of the Darkness Community Walk will take place on NSU’s main campus. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the 5K will start at 9 a.m. The event is co-sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Awareness and Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. The walk will begin and end at Fellows Way, the area between the Carl DeSantis Building and the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center. To register or donate visit [afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=2420](http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=2420).

# 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 Beach 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://angelhouseseniors.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.



By: Madelyn Rinka  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

## Ovlo Eats

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*NSU is a unique and lively campus, but that doesn't mean that Sharks can't band together and take an afternoon to explore the South Florida area — even if that just means finding a quaint place to study.*

Ovlo Eats is truly a hidden gem near campus. Tucked away in Lucky's Market Plaza, this eatery's relaxed atmosphere, refreshing drinks and creative food is sure to satisfy any visitor.

Walking into Ovlo Eats is instantly pleasant. Upon my 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, steak, Atlantic salmon, shrimp, roasted pork or grilled tempeh, each of which come with two sides. They also offer a variety of sandwiches like the "ratatouille," Ovlo banh mi, pork and broccoli rabe and several other sandwiches that come served on a lightly toasted artisan bread and with one side.

Their sides aren't just your usual canned vegetable or bland salad either. The "not french fries" are fingerling potatoes "treated like tostones" and fried until crunchy, and are an exciting departure from the usual french fries that can be found on seemingly every other menu. They also offer options such as lemongrass roasted carrots, vegetable minestrone, curried lentils and a few different salads.

When I visited, I ordered the Ovlo banh mi, vegan-style, with the "not french fries" and a pomegranate iced green 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  
News Editor

How do you stay safe in the new technological era? Do you cover your laptop camera with a little piece of black tape just to make sure the government is not “watching you?” Maybe you refuse to turn on the fingerprint or facial 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 is 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 surefire 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.

According to the United States Department of Homeland Security, the first step to protecting yourself against cyberattacks is to recognize the risks and familiarize yourself with the three major pieces of terminology associated with them. The first of which are hackers, also known as attackers or intruders. These are groups of people who are seeking to exploit weaknesses in computer systems, normally for the intention of use. The next piece to know is malicious code or malware, which is a broad term defining any piece of computer code used to attack a computer. The final term is vulnerabilities, which are any type of weaknesses in a computer system itself that allows a hacker to access the system.

With the problem of cybersecurity becoming more prevalent as technology progresses, governmental institutions around the world are stepping in to protect their people.

In 2018, President Trump signed into law the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Act, or CISA, which focuses on combating cybercrime, as well as protecting government websites and federal networks. The United Kingdom has the National Cyber Security Centre, which responds to cyberattacks by helping to minimize damage and helps in the recovery and the prevention of further attacks. Even the United Nations has an office dedicated to the protection of computer systems through cybersecurity, The Office of Information and Communications Technology, which works to implement effective security measures and proactively has individuals and organizations report discovered security issues and vulnerabilities.

With October being National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, NSU is holding a cybersecurity event on Oct. 30. The

event will feature the CEO of 24By7Security, Inc. and present information about preventing cyberattacks. Those interested in learning more about cybersecurity can register for the event on Handshake.

Personally, I used an Apple Mac as my computer and an Apple iPhone as my smartphone device, which is extremely difficult to be hacked or have information leaked. If you do not own an Apple product, another great preventative measure you can take is installing digital security or antivirus products, such as Norton or McAfee. Protection against attacks may seem tough, but the more you know about the topic, the more prepared you will be to deal with any sketchy attempts at cyberattacks online. Stay aware and be safe in this new and advancing technological age.

# The Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots

By: Tava Boeckel  
Contributing Writer

In the early hours of June 28, 1969, the New York Police Department raided 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. Shady bars became 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 books they occasionally ran. But the

two raids of that week had no warning, so there were large crowds in the bar both times. 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, hitting her 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, pennies 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 department removed 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 with 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 Berna, a political science professor and researcher of civil rights conflicts states that, “What made Stonewall so revolutionary and so important is 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

more days, even expanding to the offices of the Village Voice 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 Berna.

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.

# The hidden truth of NSU’s cat population

By: Christina McLaughlin  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

It’s Halloween, a time that some associate with black cats and other mysterious creatures that lurk in the shadows. At NSU, we are aware of the feral cat population that lingers around outside the dorms and other popular campus locations, such as the University Center or the parking lots. Now, whether you are the type to try and feed or pet these seemingly innocent creatures or you tend to stay away, there is some important information that you should know.

There are two types of cat populations in our NSU community: feral cats and stray cats. Strays are domesticated cats with an owner, but wander or are let out to explore. Feral cats were either once strays, but have since adapted to the natural environment or those who have never had or had little interaction with humans, and more specifically, were born in nature. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC), there is an estimated 60 to 100 million homeless strays and feral cats in the United States, with an estimated 9.6 million of which live in Florida. Feral cats are a non-native, invasive species in the landscape as technically,

cats aren’t native to the United States.

Domesticated cats are descendents of the wild cat of Africa and southwest Asia and were domesticated by the Egyptians roughly 4,000 years ago. Those wild instincts are still very much intact in their nature and behavior, as even cats who are well fed still hunt and kill various small game such as mice, lizards and especially birds. A study published in 2013 found that cats in the United States kill an estimated 1.3 to four billion birds annually, with 69% of these kills caused by feral cats. It is also estimated that a single free-ranging cat may kill 100 or more birds and other mammals per year. But we don’t only have to look at statistics to see the impact that these predators can have on the environment. Over 100 years ago, one cat named Tibbles on Stephens Island in New Zealand single-handedly eradicated an entire species of the previously undiscovered Lyall’s Wren, a new species in the Wren family.

“Most people think [when they see stray or feral cats] that ‘awe, it doesn’t have a home, it’s not going to make it. But, that is just a

totally incorrect assumption. Cats are the most carnivorous of the carnivores. They are one of the most efficient predators we have on the planet and they can definitely sustain themselves. We don’t want them to kill everything, but they are going to kill no matter what,” said Paul Arena, assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences.

Now, cat’s don’t only pose a threat to wildlife through hunting practices, but they pose a threat as harborers of diseases.

“These animals harbor diseases that can be transmitted to humans and other mammals. Different types of parasitic worms, rabies and toxoplasma can be transmitted. By attracting or interacting with these animals, there is a higher chance of the disease to transfer,” said Arena.

In light of these issues, the FWC has enacted the Feral and Free-Ranging Cats policy which serves to protect native wildlife from predation, diseases and other impacts presented by feral cats. This has encouraged places like Broward County to enact two Community Cat Management programs with a focus on

sterilization: the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) and the Return to Field (RTF) program.

More specifically, NSU has been working with Broward County, alongside the Broward County Animal Shelter, as part of this community cat program for the past four years. To date, NSU has successfully TNR’d 30 feral cats on campus. This involves the humane trapping of these community cats by residents or in this case, physical plant employees, which then bring the cat to the Broward County Animal shelter to be sterilized, vaccinated for rabies, ear-notched and then returned back to NSU’s campus.

Students interested or who have questions about Community Cat Programs are encouraged to email CommunityCats@Broward.org for more information. For students interested in learning about NSU’s feral cat population and their involvement in the program, they are encouraged to reach out to Seth Mangasarian, director of physical plant by email at smangasari@nova.edu.

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# SOUNDBITE



## “Walking on a String” by Matt Berninger feat. Phoebe Bridgers

By: Kelsey Bruce  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Phoebe Bridgers has a voice like liquified moonstone chilled over diamond ice. Met with Matt Berninger’s soul-sought fiery raspiness, the sound produced is wholesome and warm, like a vocal ambrosia. In their most recent collaboration “Walking on a String,” Berninger and Bridgers deliver an atmosphere of hope and connection in the face of loneliness and the cyclic anxieties that anyone human will recognize.

The pair came together serendipitously. According to Rolling Stone, the director of “Between Two Ferns: The Movie,” Scott Aukerman, requested a track from Berninger who wrote the lyrics with his wife. He then ran into Bridgers who was working under the same

producer Berninger intended to work with, Tony Berg, and they decided to turn the work into a duet.

The piece works with elements of country, folk rock and indie rock to create a unique, magnetic sound that draws listeners into a sanctuary state of mind. Musically, the track starts off soft and gentle, building with deep, graduated drumming and twangy strumming paired with Berninger’s deep, slow voice singing poignant lyrics such as, “I try to worry for your soul but I forget to all the time/I’m in a twisted web and I can’t pull my head from it.” As it carries on, Bridger’s clear, powerful voice chimes in, and Berninger rejoins, the

combination of their voices full of dimension like a rising fire. Berninger and Bridgers sing solo and simultaneously throughout, alternating who sings the harmony and who is the lead, depending on the verse. They manage to make the entire track feel harmonious and peaceful, with neither seeming rushed in their parts. As the excitement and energy in the track rises with edging electric guitar and thundering drums, their voices also rise to the occasion sounding all the more passionate and robust.

“Walking on a String” truly touches on how we as people feel lost in the isolation we create for ourselves, exemplified in lines like, “I know that I was dead before you touched my

lonesome skin” and “In a web, I can’t escape it,” but the track rounds off these desolate feelings with the hope in its chorus, “Into the garden by the hand/Anyone who knows what love is will understand/You’ve always had me walking on a string.” Those listening can feel the frustration that comes from being an outsider, dissociated from one’s own life. At the same time, listeners can feel the relief and ecstasy that comes from connecting with people and places in the midst of that frustration, or, as Berninger told Rolling Stone, “It’s also just a love song between a spider and a moth.”

## OFF SHORE CALENDAR

### Open Mic Tuesdays

Oct. 29 | 8 p.m.  
@Marina84 Sports Bar & Grill | Ft. Lauderdale, FL

### So You Think You Can Dance! Live

Oct. 30 | 7:30 p.m.  
@Au-Rene Theater at The Broward Center for the Performing Arts | Ft. Lauderdale, FL

### Halloween Boo Bash

Oct. 31 | 5 p.m.  
@Pompano Citi Centre | Pompano Beach, FL

### The 34th Annual Ft. Lauderdale International Film Festival

Nov. 1-17 | Various times  
@Savor Cinema | Ft. Lauderdale, FL

### The Neighborhood

Nov. 1 | 7 p.m.  
@Revolution Live | Ft. Lauderdale, FL

### Rainbow FunFest

Nov. 2 | 2 p.m.  
@Miramar Regional Park Amphitheater  
Miramar, FL

### iHeartRadio Fiesta Latina

Nov. 2 | 8 p.m.  
@American Airlines Arena | Miami, FL

### Miami Dolphins vs. New York Jets

Nov. 3 | 1 p.m.  
@Hard Rock Stadium | Miami Gardens, FL

## Short stories to send a shiver down your spine

By: Alexander Martinie  
Opinions Editor

H.P. Lovecraft once wrote in “Supernatural Horror in Literature,” “The oldest and strongest emotion of mankind is fear, and the oldest and strongest kind of fear is fear of the unknown.” The suspense of horror stories is quite thrilling and plays on our fears of the unknown. If you are looking for some short stories that will send shivers down your spine, here are just a few of my chilling recommendations.

### “The Monkey’s Paw” by W.W. Jacobs

With the classic telling of the old saying, “Be careful what you wish for” in mind, W.W. Jacobs’ “The Monkey’s Paw” tells the tale of a man who wants to cheat fate but winds

up messing up in the worst way possible. The story begins with Sergeant-Major Morris bringing home to Laburnam Villa a cursed and mummified monkey’s paw from India. Morris claims that the paw grants wishes, but the wishes never turn out quite right. So... what would you wish for?

Read the full text here:

[http://www.shortstoryamerica.com/pdf\\_classics/jacob\\_monkeys\\_paw.pdf](http://www.shortstoryamerica.com/pdf_classics/jacob_monkeys_paw.pdf).

### “Out of Skin” by Emily Carroll

For those of you who are not fans of old and long-winded horror stories, Emily Carroll’s graphic novel “Out of Skin” is for you. This fear-inducing graphic highlights the life of an elderly

woman living in the woods and her descent into madness after discovering a mass grave in front of her home, a breaking point for a woman who has already lost many people in her life. She begins to hallucinate and see the girls from the graves everywhere around her. At the end of the first part of the novel, you’ll be left wondering: did she do it?

Read the full graphic novel here:

<https://www.emcarroll.com/comics/skin>.

### “The Shadow Over Innsmouth” by H.P. Lovecraft

There is no way that we could talk about horrifying short stories without bringing up the work of the infamous master of eldritch horror,

H.P. Lovecraft. “The Shadow Over Innsmouth” is by far one of my favorite horror stories. Featuring ancient sentient nonhuman species and a murderous cult, this short story written in the early 1930s has all the makings of a terrifying investigative horror story. This story follows Robert Olmstead into the town of Innsmouth as he tries to uncover the mystery of the town, but not before he succumbs to the ancient rulers lurking in the dark depths of Innsmouth.

Read the full text here:

<http://www洛夫craft-stories.com/story/the-shadow-over-innsmouth>.

## How to achieve the artsy aesthetic on a budget

By: Kathleen Crapson  
Chief of Visual Design

It’s a universally acknowledged fact that art supplies are expensive, but if there’s anything I’ve learned from my artistic endeavors, it’s that you don’t have to break the bank. Here are some insider tips and tricks on how to get crafty for less.

### Step 1: Stalk Hobby Lobby or Michaels ads

For the best results on saving money, purchase your supplies when Hobby Lobby or Michaels has a 40% sale on brushes, paint or paper. If not, check the coupons on their websites for the perennial “percent off a regular priced item” coupon.

### Step 2: Buy the “good stuff”

Make sure that before you commit to a purchase you know exactly what tools you need.

Research the type of art you want to create, and then purchase the right tools for your media — this way you don’t waste any money.

### Paper

As someone who’s bought sketchbooks, bristol paper, watercolor paper and a myriad of other books, my tip is to buy mixed media paper. If you are just starting to dabble in drawing and painting, mixed media paper will help you have the flexibility to work in both wet and dry media. Besides, I just bought a 40 page Strathmore book of it for \$11.99 on sale at Hobby Lobby, which is the same price for 20 pages of bristol paper (on sale, too).

### Media

Depending on what suits your fancy, paint is really where you’ll have to make an

investment, but the best way to save money on paint is buying only five colors: red, yellow, blue, black and white (an optional sixth being purple — you’ll thank me later). Get acquainted with your paints, and swatch them to create beautiful little guidebooks of tints and shades. Some retailers sell paint in little kits of these colors, too. Try to look for Liquitex or Winsor & Newton sets, as these are medium to high quality paints. Right now, I’m really loving Liquitex acrylic gouache, which is a much more blendable version of designer gouache. The main difference between media is whether the paint is opaque. The least opaque paint is watercolor, then acrylic gouache, then gouache, then acrylic/tempera and lastly oil paints, which are fully opaque. Before committing to a media, watch artist tutorials to get a feel for their joy — or frustration — with a certain type of media.

### Paint Brushes

Spending your money on good paint brushes is non-negotiable. Frequently, good projects are ruined by the brush hairs breaking out of the brush’s ferrule and landing in your paint. I recommend picking out mixed-media Princeton brushes in a variety of sizes, as these brushes work for a variety of different media, and as a beginner, you may find that you want to venture into a different media than you anticipated. Also, be sure to buy flat or square top brushes because they are the most effective for line work and detailing.

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**5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** ▶ *Speaker Series: Women Veteran Alliance of Broward County, Rosenthal Student Center, Room 218*

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# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK:

## Vinny Lijoi

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



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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?

"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."

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## THIS WEEK IN SPORTS HISTORY



By: **Alexander Martinie**  
Opinions Editor

**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

Earl Lloyd made his basketball debut with the Washington Capitals on Oct. 31, 1950. Lloyd became the first African-American player in the National Basketball Association.

### 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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# On The Bench:

## The China/NBA Dilemma Is Far From Over

By: **Matthew Frank**  
Contributing Writer

A simple tweet has caused a mostly symbiotic relationship between the NBA and China to turn chaotic and on the verge of collapse. On Oct. 4, the Houston Rockets general manager, Daryl Morey, tweeted out his support for the protesters 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. China was infuriated, 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; not supporting the protests in Hong Kong was seen by many as being a hypocritical move on the NBA's part because of the clear political ramifications the

protests have. The NBA noticed the negative feedback they were getting and issued responses that defended Morey, but were 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 allowance of the NBA's business in their country, 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 preseason game in China. Viral videos have shown large-scale 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 unceremonious preseason game, in what many described as being an "awkward" scene.

The issues with the preseason game, likely combined with the eventual decrement in his salary and his jersey sales, caused LeBron James of the Los Angeles Lakers to speak on the issue of Morey's tweet. He said that Morey was wrong in issuing his tweet at the time he did and that Morey was uninformed on the issue. Many saw this as being a lapse in judgment by James, but James later tweeted somewhat of a retraction to his initial statement. However, the damage was done. For someone who constantly seems to be

on the right side of many social and political issues, his words just seemed to be out of character. Many pointed out an MLK quote he tweeted out that talked about combating injustice in all walks of life; if he truly believes this, then even the most objective eyes can see that his words on China are a clear contradiction. Enes Kanter, a center for the Boston Celtics, tweeted about his experiences as an enemy of the Turkish state in a way that was heavily critical of James' words and his seeming lack of care for societal injustice. Many others critiqued James' words with similar sentiments to Kanter's.

After all that's occurred, James is still receiving a lot of heat, and the future of the NBA in China is very much up in the air. One thing is for certain, though: this issue is far from being a thing of the past.

## OUT OF THE SHARKZONE

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### Chicago Cubs to replace Joe Maddon with David Ross

The Chicago Cubs announced they will be hiring David Ross as manager to replace Joe Maddon. According to the Associated Press, Ross was a leader in the 2016 World Series win for the Cubs, ending the championship losing streak that dated back to 1908. Despite not having any coaching or managing experience, Theo Epstein, president of baseball operations for the team, wanted someone who would put forth a "culture of accountability."

### U.S.A. Triathlon makes a sponsorship with a CBD company

U.S.A. Triathlon made a deal with Colorado-based Pure Spectrum, a company that makes CBD products.

The move marks the first time an American sports that a national governing body makes a sponsorship involving CBD, according to The New York Times. CBD products were taken off the World Anti-Doping Agency's banned substances list in 2018, which allows for athletes to take advantage of the reported pain and inflammation preventing properties of the compound.

### Conor McGregor returning to MMA in January

Irish MMA fighter Conor McGregor announced his comeback fight on Jan. 18 in Las Vegas, according to the Associated Press. McGregor hasn't fought with the UFC since October 2018, after being banned for six months due to a post-fight conflict and faced a \$50,000 fine.

He is reportedly aiming to rematch Khabib Nurmagomedov, who he lost to last October by submission.

### Marieke Vervoort dies by euthanasia

Belgian paralympian Marieke Vervoort decided to end her life by euthanasia after speaking about it publicly in 2016. Vervoort lived with a degenerative spinal condition that caused constant pain and difficulty sleeping, according to CNN. She received permission to go forward with her decision from three different doctors in 2008. Before retiring in 2016, Vervoort was a decorated athlete, having won a gold medal in the 2012 London Paralympics, as well as several others in both the 2012 and 2016 competitions.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Women's Tennis

The duo sophomore Natalie Espinal and senior Sarah Wardenburg were the only Women's Tennis players to be invited to the ITA Cup on Oct. 17 in Rome, Georgia, and did not disappoint. Espinal was able to defeat the No. 1 seeded athlete, Kim Moosbacher, by a score of 6-1, 6-1. In double plays, Espinal and Wardenburg made their names known, beating the second seed duo from Central Oklahoma. Espinal and Wardenburg's successes have advanced them to the Championship match against Tusculum on Oct. 19, where they captured the DII Doubles National Title.

### Men's Soccer

The Sharks got off to a quick start in their game against Eckerd on Oct. 19, with graduate student

Curtis Thorn converting a penalty kick to give Men's Soccer a 1-0 lead in the 30th minute. Two saves by sophomore goalkeeper Brian Lopez kept the Sharks' lead going well into the second half, until Eckerd was able to convert a goal in the 77th minute. With overtime looming and appearing almost inevitable, junior Henrik Berg was able to earn his third goal of the season and guide the Sharks to their fifth win of the year.

### Women's Volleyball

Returning for a home game after 24 days, the Sharks did not disappoint, defeating Barry in four sets. Freshmen Brittany Landrum and Emily Sippel led all athletes with 12 kills each, while Madison Cook set a season-high 32 assists coupled with 11 digs. Women's Volleyball improved to 12-8,

which doubles their win total from the last two seasons. They look to improve this feat when they host Florida Tech on Oct. 25.

### Men's Golf

Men's Golf had many stand out individual performers, as well as a fourth place finish as a team in the Miami Collegiate tournament on Oct. 22. Sophomore Jonny Cachon earned 7th overall as an individual with a (+2) 212 finish; another top-10 finisher, senior Khush Patel tied for 8th place with a (+3) 213 score in his first tournament appearance of the season. Despite using two separate lineups, NSU's A and B teams still put up a fourth place finish; they won't take the course again until Feb. 10, when they travel to Lakeland, FL for the Matlock Collegiate Classic.

## ON DECK

### MEN'S SOCCER

v.s. Embry-Riddle  
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@NSU Soccer Complex

@Rollins  
Nov. 5 | 6 p.m.  
Winter Park, FL



### WOMEN'S SOCCER

@Embry-Riddle  
Nov. 2 | 6 p.m.  
Daytona Beach, FL

v.s. No. 7 Rollins  
Nov. 5 | 6 p.m.  
@NSU Soccer Complex

### WOMEN'S GOLF

Legends Invitational  
Oct 29 | all day  
@Country Club of Orlando | Orlando, FL



### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

@Palm Beach Atlantic  
Oct. 29 | 7 p.m.  
West Palm Beach, FL

@Rollins  
Nov. 2 | 4 p.m.  
Winter Park, FL



@Lynn  
Nov. 5 | 7 p.m.  
Boca Raton, FL

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

@Florida Atlantic University  
Nov. 2 | 2 p.m.  
Boca Raton, FL



### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Stetson Invitational  
Nov. 1-3 | various times  
Deland, FL





## Wait... what?

By: Alexander Martinie  
Opinions Editor

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 1 and 2 at 6 p.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 I better not take another night class ever again if I value what is left of the sliver of sanity that I have.

Now I'm 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.



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## Endangered species

By: Tava Boeckel  
Contributing Writer

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 manmade 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 amongst to wither.

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 predation of local herbivores, which keeps populations strong 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 lived 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.

Located on the coast, the red wolf is one of the most critically endangered mammals

in all North America. While their cousin, the gray wolf, has been successfully fighting their uphill battle in Yellowstone National Park, the red wolf population is at critically low numbers. There are less than 50 in the wild and less than 200 in captive breeding programs. Their coastal environments have been decimated by rising sea levels and improperly built coastal developments. Scientists in the area hope that planting more local flora to stabilize the coast will give the wolves a chance to move more inland.

Residing under gorgeous waters, from California to the Caribbean, is the staghorn coral. Many forget that corals are animals, let alone how important they are for American ecosystems. Corals are a home, nursery, and buffet for most underwater species. Their populations have declined drastically at 80% percent since 1980 due to acidification of the

water. This bleaches the corals into a hollow white shell, taking away the home and nutrition for hundreds of marine ecosystems. This acidification is also tied to unregulated pollution in the air and water.

Some of the repealed laws are setting us back as companies are being allowed to have unregulated waste disposal and regulation procedures. I believe the most unfortunate thing about much of their endangerment is that we know how we can prevent it and help more species, yet companies, officials and much of the public turn their backs on the environment we're a part of. The corners they cut and destruction they cause mean nothing if they make a quick dollar. It is only if we have a frameshift in our own views of these companies and politicians that the public can make an impact.

## We are failing at providing rights and safety for transgender people

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If you are an optimist, you might think that things are looking up for transgender people: Merriam-Webster just added the gender-neutral "they" to the dictionary, the Supreme Court allowed a trans-friendly bathroom policy in Pennsylvania and people are more vocal about trans rights in general, right? Wrong — at least about things looking up.

According to Insider News, at least 18 transgender women, many being black women, have been killed this year, and the American Medical Association is calling these murders an ongoing epidemic. Moreover, numbers could be higher than 18 either 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 the larger 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, Laverne 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 the Obama 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 instated a transgender military ban in July of 2017, which sparked several lawsuits combating 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.

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## 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.



### What is your favorite activity on campus in the fall that you have done or are looking forward to?



“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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