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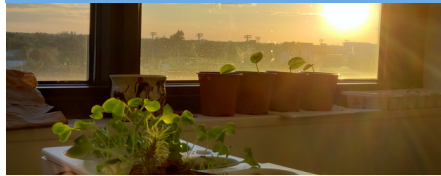
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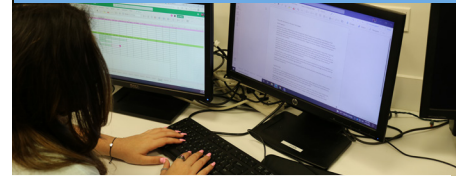
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Housing selection priority changes: The purge of upperclassmen from campus

By: Sofia Gallus
Editor-In-Chief



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The University Housing Office has posted the room selection dates for new and returning students for the 2022-2023 academic year. New students will have access to NSU's on-campus housing portal for room selection in early May, but returning students are able to select their on-campus housing as early as March. However, the timeline looks a little different for this year.

While housing contracts for the 2022-2023 academic year have already gone live, students have until March 3 to complete them. Then, on March 4, students will receive an email from the University Housing Office with their specific time slot to select a room space.

This year, housing options look a little

different for each class. Some on-campus housing buildings have been separated by floors, as Mako Hall's first through sixth floors are dedicated to rising sophomores, while Mako's seventh floor is reserved for rising juniors. Other buildings are only available to some classes, like Founders, Farquhar and Vettel (FFV) are only available to rising sophomores.

Where Razor's edge scholars and rising seniors used to have priority, rising sophomores now choose first. Housing selection begins for students who have between 30 and 59 credits on March 8. They have the option of living on any floor of Mako Hall except the seventh floor, or choosing to reside anywhere in Founders,

Farquhar or Vettel (FFV).

The following day is reserved for rising juniors, or students that have between 60 and 89 credits. Rising juniors only have one on-campus option, which is the seventh floor of Mako Hall. Otherwise, they must opt to live in Rolling Hills A or Rolling Hills C, which aren't far from campus but do require a bus or car to get to main campus. In addition to these options, rising juniors can also choose to live at University Pointe, an apartment complex that NSU has partnered with to offer housing to students. The apartment complex is just over a mile and a half away from main campus, but there is an exclusive bus that runs from

University Pointe to main campus for students who don't want to or are unable to drive themselves.

Finally, rising seniors select rooms on March 10. Rising seniors, or students with more than 90 credits, only have the option of living in Rolling Hills A or Rolling Hills C, or living at University Pointe.

Students who do not select a room space during their appointed time will be manually placed by the University Housing office. Students are encouraged to reach out to the University Housing Office with any questions or concerns at housing@nova.edu.

Miami Beach kicks off 45th annual Art Deco Weekend

By: Jamila Hughes
News Editor

Miami Beach will host its annual Art Deco Weekend. The weekend was created 45 years ago by the Miami Design Preservation League to show off the buildings in South Beach. The event will take place Jan. 14 – 16.

The theme for this year's weekend is Art Deco celebrates the radio. This weekend will be full of events and activities on Ocean Drive in Miami.

Kicking off the celebration on Jan 14, will be an Ocean Drive architectural tour. Art Deco Weekend describes the event on their site as a "two-hour walking tour [that] provides an introduction to the Art Deco, Mediterranean Revival, and Miami Modern (MiMo) styles

found within the Miami Beach Architectural Historic District." Tickets are \$30 for adults and free for those under the age of 12; they also offer student, military, and senior discounts.

There will also be a virtual event that day called Peter Sheridan: Deco Radio: The Most Beautiful Radios Ever Made. This event is an on demand live stream described as, "the untold story of the Art Deco radio and the extraordinary contributions of famous industrial designers in the 1930s, who contributed so much to the development of radio and the world-wide spread of the Art Deco style," by Art Deco Weekend. The registration link can be found online at [https://artdecoweekend.com/event/peter-](https://artdecoweekend.com/event/peter-sheridan-deco-radio-the-most-beautiful-radios-ever-made/)

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On Jan. 15-16 there will also be the Classic Car Show by the Antique Automobile Club of America South Florida Region. The website described the gathering as, "It is made up of enthusiasts of antique automobiles of all makes and models of cars, trucks, and motorcycles from the early 1900s up to 1991. On Saturday (1/15) and Sunday (1/16), antique automobiles from all over Florida will be on display along Ocean Drive starting at 5th street going north."

On Jan. 15 will be the Sketchwalk with Urban Sketchers Miami. Members of the community are invited to come and sketch

with one another while enjoying the scenery. A Sketchwalk is described as "an interactive walking tour run by Urban Sketcher leaders, where its participants stop to pull out their sketchbooks and capture the scene in a drawing. These on location from observation sketches tell the story of place, time, and community," by Art Deco Weekend's website. Since this event is outdoors, those attending are encouraged to bring water to stay hydrated.

For more information on Art Deco Weekend, visit <https://artdecoweekend.com>.



International Tidings

global news

Antarctica's doomsday glacier explored

After beginning their voyage last Thursday, 32 scientists on an American research ship will spend two months investigating the melting Thwaites glacier, also called the "doomsday" glacier. "Because of its importance, the United States and the United Kingdom are in the midst of a joint \$50 million mission to study Thwaites, the widest glacier in the world by land and sea. Not near any of the continent's research stations, Thwaites is on Antarctica's western half, east of the jutting Antarctic Peninsula, which used to be the area scientists worried most about," according to The Associated Press. Scientists have predicted that the melting of the entire glacier, roughly equivalent to the size of Florida, could cause sea levels to rise over two feet over hundreds of years.

North Korea claims hypersonic missile launch

Following Kim Jong Un's vow to "bolster his military forces despite pandemic-related difficulties," according to The Associated Press, the Central Committee of the ruling Workers' Party claimed that North Korea's second successful test of hypersonic missiles was conducted. The Korean Central News Agency reported, "The successive successes in the test launches in the hypersonic missile sector have strategic significance in that they hasten a task for modernizing strategic armed force

of the state." According to Lee Choon Geun of the Science and Technology Policy Institute in South Korea, North Korea is believed to be testing or developing two different warheads for their hypersonic missiles. According to The Associated Press, "The North's advancing nuclear arsenal is the core of Kim's rule, and he's called it 'a powerful treasured sword' that thwarts potential U.S. aggressions. During his 10-year rule, he's conducted an unusually large number of weapons tests to acquire an ability to launch nuclear strikes on the American mainland. But his country's economy has faltered severely in the past two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the sanctions and his government's own mismanagement."

Sudan protests military coup

As of Thursday, 61 fatalities were reported since the coup took place in late October, while hundreds have been wounded in the ensuing protests. As a result of protests, the Sudanese military regime has cut off access to mobile internet and has closed roads and bridges nationwide. According to The Associated Press, "The Sudanese Professionals Association, which has spearheaded many rallies since the Oct. 25 coup, called earlier on protesters to march to the presidential palace, the seat of the ruling military government in Khartoum." The October military coup came over two years after a popular uprising ended the rule of Omar al-Bashir in April of 2019.

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13 dead in Philadelphia house fire

Thirteen people, including two sisters and their eight children, were killed in a fire in a Philadelphia rowhome, making this Philadelphia's deadliest in over a century. According to fire officials in the area, the residence had no working smoke detectors, and no cause has been reported. According to The Associated Press, "None of the four smoke alarms appeared to be working, said Craig Murphy, first deputy fire commissioner. The alarms had been inspected annually, and at least two were replaced in 2020, with batteries replaced in the others at that time, Philadelphia Housing Authority officials said. It said the last inspection was in May 2021. Smoke detectors were working at that time, officials said." Two others were

hospitalized after the fire.

Cuomo's groping charge dropped

Prosecutors from the Albany County District Attorney's office dropped the groping charge against the former governor of New York, Andrew Cuomo. According to The Associated Press, "The charges against Cuomo were based on allegations by Brittany Comisso, one of the governor's executive assistants before he resigned amid sexual misconduct allegations in August. Comisso says Cuomo slid his hand up her blouse and grabbed her breast when they were alone in an office at the governor's mansion in Albany in late 2020. Her lawyer, Brian Premo, said in a statement Tuesday that she 'had no control over the filing or prosecution of criminal charges. She

had no authority or voice in those decisions.'" Albany County District Attorney David Soares said, "While we found the complainant in this case cooperative and credible, after review of all the available evidence, we have concluded that we cannot meet our burden at trial." Soares also stated that he was "deeply troubled" by the allegations against Cuomo. However, he did not explain why he asked for the charge to be dismissed.

Californians face water restrictions as drought continues

Californians face mandatory water restrictions as they experience an extended drought and short fallen conservation efforts. Gavin Newsom, the governor of California, has called for a reduction in water use by 15%.

According to The Associated Press, "The new restrictions follow an extremely wet December that state officials warned may not continue during the winter months that normally are the state's wettest. Weather patterns have become more unpredictable due to climate change and state climatologist Michael Anderson said forecasts show January, February and March could be drier than average." Even with the past month of rain, the state's water system has experienced increased stress as a result of previous months of drought conditions. Northern California has experienced less severe drought conditions and has reported significantly higher rates of water conservation.

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campus news



MLK day of service

The Office of Student Leadership and Civic engagement is hosting a day of service in honor of MLK day on Jan 17. SLCE and NSU will be working with the YMCA of South Florida to serve the Sistrunk Neighborhood in Fort Lauderdale with a neighborhood cleanup. Supplies including gloves, pickup sticks and trash bags will be provided. Transportation will also be available round trip from the Shark Circle. The shuttle departs at 8:30 a.m. and the event is scheduled to end at 1:30 p.m. This service event does count towards an RSO service requirement.

Chat N Chew

The Diversity Student Council will be having a Chat n Chew on Jan. 26. It will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at the IMPACT Zone. The event will consist of several different topics of conversation amongst peers to help facilitate dialogue around diversity and help others gain a better understanding of one another. Food and drinks will be provided. If you wish to attend, RSVP on Shark hub.

2022 MLK weekend SAS - Fort Lauderdale

Sharks and Service (SAS) has announced a service trip with a focus on poverty and homelessness in Broward and Miami Dade. Those who participate will be traveling to and

from NSU's main campus on Friday through Monday to serve social issues of immigration in the South Florida community. The cost of the trip will be \$25, and food and transportation are included in that cost.

Ice cream with the Dean

Ice cream with the Dean will be starting up again this semester at the Student Affairs building patio at noon on Fridays. This is an opportunity for students to pick from a variety of free ice-creams and chat with their friends and Dean Williams, the Dean of undergraduate studies and Vice President of student affairs. RVSP is not necessary, all students are encouraged to come by whenever they can to get some ice cream with the dean.

What do you stand for?

The office of student leadership and civic engagement will be hosting an event called "What do you stand for?" It will take place Jan. 20 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the UC Hall of Fame. The event will offer students the opportunity to state what they stand for amongst each other. There will also be the opportunity for participants to spin a wheel with a variety of human rights topics that will be open for discussion in the group in order to help broaden everyone's understanding about the different forms of human rights.

Miami Jewish Film Festival

By: Ester Ferreira
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Miami Jewish Film Festival has been held annually since 1996 and this year, will be taking place from Jan. 13 to Jan. 27. After 25 years, the event has become a part of South Florida's culture. In 2013, the festival was expanded under the direction of Igor Shteyrenberg, becoming the second largest festival of its kind and was nominated by MovieMaker Magazine as one of 50 best film festivals worldwide for two years in a row.

Recently, attendance for the Miami Jewish Film Festival has grown exponentially, with more than 50,000 people attending the 2021 event compared to 2014. Plus, the festival has expanded to other locations in South Florida, such as North Beach Bandshell, Regal South

Beaches Cinemas, Coral Gables Art Cinema, O Cinema, Miami Beach Soundscape, Aventura Arts and Miami Theater Center.

Throughout the years, the festival has hosted many different and well-known filmmakers, directors, actors and actresses, such as Natalie Portman, Logan Lerman, Nancy Spielberg, Emily Ratajkowski, Montel Williams and Michael Solomonov.

Other American film production and broadcast companies have also taken part in the festival, such as 20th Century Fox, Sony Pictures Classics, HBO Documentary Films and Cohen Media.

The Miami Jewish Film Festival was named by the Forward Newspaper as "One

of the Best Jewish Film Festivals in the US" and by Miami's Community Newspaper as the "Best of Miami." In the past ten years, the festival has screened movies from more than 35 different countries, which of one thousand were either International, North American, United States or East Coast Premieres. The festival focuses on the discovery of new talents and recognition of established filmmakers, and it has created a platform to launch Jewish and Israeli movie productions.

This year, the event will happen in different venues across the Miami area. The festival is open to volunteers and offers different memberships that provide exclusive access to the festival and help invest in international

filmmaking. People can also make donations to the festival if they wish to support spreading international Jewish cinema in South Florida and around the world.

The Miami Jewish Film Festival aims to promote Jewish cinema to the world and encourage cultural enrichment, tolerance, and artistic development. It is also a means of strengthening the Jewish community through art and inspiring reflection through film.

Though the festival takes place in January, there are other events throughout the year that also celebrate Jewish cinema. To find information about events, tickets, memberships and venues, access: <https://miamijewishfilmfestival.org/about/history/>.

Good news

Rare species of sea turtle transferred to Mexico after being rescued in the UK

The Kemps Ridley sea turtle is one of the rarest species of sea turtle, with populations dwindling due to climate change and habitat destruction. Kemps Ridley sea turtles live in warmer waters, typically 25 degrees Celsius and above. The sea turtle in question, named Tally, was found stranded on the cold beaches of Wales, where the average sea temperature this time of year is six degrees Celsius. Since his rescue, Tally has moved out of critical care and is now stable and being treated for dehydration, in addition to being given vitamins and antibiotics to help him regain his strength. A spokesperson for Anglesey Sea Zoo, the location where Tally is currently being treated, is enthusiastic about transferring Tally to the Gulf of Mexico to

release him after he has been rehabilitated.

Boy's trumpet tour in London hospitals raises thousands for those in need

Eight-year-old Nelson wanted to bring some holiday joy to those in need this year. He decided to not only visit different hospitals during the twelve days of Christmas in Dec., but also raise money for children's charity Barnardo's. He was accompanied by his five-year-old sister, who held the signs and collected donations for her older brother. Together, they raised more than \$2,000.

Beavers reintroduced to the Utah desert

Water is very limited in desert environments, even more so due to temperature changes happening worldwide. However,

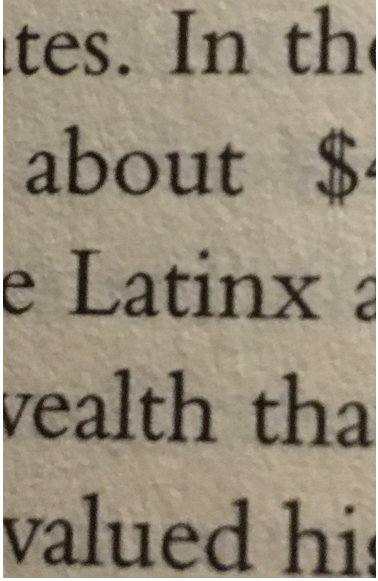
one Utah State University masters student, Emma Doden, is taking on the challenge of reintroducing beavers to the Utah desert, a place where they once burrowed during the day and reemerged at night. According to Doden, beavers will be reintroduced to two rivers, the Price and San Rafael rivers. While these waterways both supported beavers previously, populations had taken a serious decline due to the North American fur trade. The goal of reintroducing beavers to these waterways is for them to aid water restoration efforts by building natural dams throughout the waterways. Doden has been running short trials since late 2019 and early 2020, but in December of 2021 the state granted the beavers permanent residence and Doden continues to gradually increase their population numbers through reintroduction.

Hockey fan identifies cancerous mole on staff member

A fan pressed her phone up against the glass during a hockey game, with a note written on the screen, "The mole on the back of your neck is possibly cancerous. Please go see a doctor!" The message was for assistant equipment manager for the Vancouver Canucks, Brian Hamilton, who subsequently had the mole removed and was told by doctors that it was cancerous and if he had ignored the mole for a few more years, he would not have survived. The Vancouver Canucks reached out to the fan, identified as medical student Nadia Popovici, and thanked her by awarding her a \$10,000 scholarship for medical school.

Latinx or Latine?

By: Rei Perez
Features Editor



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In early December, Domingo Garcia, president of the League of United Latin American Citizens announced that all staff should refrain from using “Latinx” in their communications. The LULAC is the U.S.’s oldest Latino civil rights organization and among one of the most influential. The decision was based on findings that the term is “very unliked” by Latinos, according to Garcia.

This became a sort of death knell for the word, which has existed for decades but recently achieved popularity in 2018. Latinx is a word that seeks to amend the patriarchal and gendered language that dominates Spanish. The word allows non-binary Hispanics a chance to describe themselves in their own language, something that Spanish, a very gendered language, previously could not do. Despite its frequent usage amongst political organizations and books, the average Hispanic in the U.S. was not biting.

A Pew Research Center poll from 2020 showed that 23% of U.S. adults who are Hispanic had never even heard the word and only 3% of

respondents said they would use it to describe themselves. More recently, and more troubling, Latinx has become politically unfavorable to the average Hispanic voter.

In Nov., Democratic firm Bendixen and Amandi International found that 68% of Latin American respondents preferred the term Hispanic while 21% favored Latino. 40% disagreed with the term Latinx.

Yvette Fuentes, an associate professor in NSU’s Department of Humanities and Politics, has discussed this issue with students in her classes. She believes the unpopularity of Latinx, in most cases, is more innocent than it seems.

“The word ends with an X and in Spanish words don’t typically end with an X. For that reason, I think that people have a problem with it. To some, it sounds non-Spanish,” said Fuentes.

Just a couple months before Garcia’s announcement, playwright Matthew Lopez used another non-binary term while accepting his Tony award. While becoming the first Hispanic in history to win the top drama category, he also

made history in a different way.

“This is the 74 Tony awards and yet I am only the first Latine writer to win in this category,” said Lopez.

Latine is a word that serves the same purpose as Latinx, but it is a response to the latter. Latine can be used in the Spanish language seamlessly as compared with Latinx, which stumbles off the tongue.

This is a word that Fuentes says is already gaining more popularity than Latinx.

“I had a student from Puerto Rico say that they actually use it in Puerto Rico, or at least the younger generation,” said Fuentes.

Ultimately, it is up to the next generations to make the change they want to see in the language.

“Change comes from the bottom up so people who use the term naturally will be the ones to make it stick and I feel like Latine will take over as more young people come of age,” said Fuentes.

Telling your own story: The highs and lows of self-publishing

By: Sofia Gallus
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As technology advances, so does accessibility. While publishing literature was once a huge effort that was rarely possible to many who aspired to do so, many literary websites and businesses now offer the option for authors to self-publish their writing. Retail giants like Amazon and Apple offer resources for authors to publish through their services, taking royalties from sales which vary in percentage. While some self-publishing sites, like Apple’s iBook, only offer eBook options, Amazon’s CreateSpace and Barnes & Noble’s Barnes & Noble Press offer on-demand printing for customers who prefer owning a physical book. There are options for all readers and writers alike.

Flor Ana Mireles is an NSU alumni, and,

since graduation, has self-published two poetry books in addition to contributing to and editing a fictional anthology novel. Her first poetry book, “Perspective (and other poems),” has sold out at the Barnes & Noble in Kendall, FL five times since she published it herself last year.

“I dove into the self-publishing process because I submitted my manuscript to a couple of different big publishing companies and then with COVID-19 hitting, I didn’t hear back. I didn’t really want to wait around, so I learned the ropes and through a lot of trial and error I got my books out there,” Mireles said.

While “self-publishing” may imply it being a one-person job, there can be whole teams of people who work on self-publishing just one book. Mireles explained that if you want to self-

publish a book, you have the option of hiring people to help you with different aspects, like illustration, editing and marketing.

“When I started out, I was still in college, so I didn’t have a whole lot of a budget. I learned the process myself, from formatting the book, to ordering proof copies to make sure that everything looks good on the inside, to editing and just figuring out organization and general structure,” she said.

Mireles also explained that one of the most difficult parts of self-publishing, especially if you’re planning to work by yourself, is marketing.

“It’s hard marketing and just getting your book out there, just because you’re not working with a company that already has a following,”

she added.

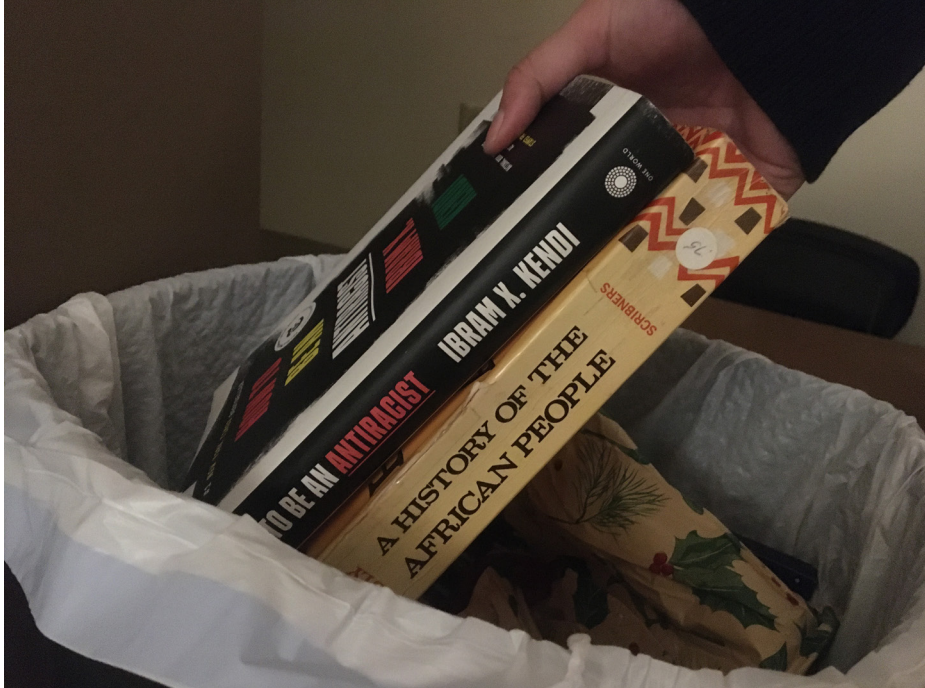
However, there are plenty of great benefits for writers looking to self-publish their work. Besides being able to make all of your own independent decisions, a deep sense of accomplishment is one of those benefits.

“It’s really rewarding to be able to say, ‘I did this myself.’ Like, I didn’t really have a lot of help and it’s actually getting a lot of success. It’s really amazing to self-publish, because you know that you did everything yourself and you’re still able to make it,” said Mireles.

If you’re interested in reading Mireles’s work, you can purchase her books on Amazon or visit her website www.littleearthflower.com.

Will the Stop W.O.K.E. act really stop the woke?

By: Rei Perez
Features Editor



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In early Dec. 2021, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis announced his new proposed legislation titled the “Stop W.O.K.E. Act.” The act seeks to halt all mention of Critical Race Theory in Florida classrooms and professional settings by allowing parents and teachers to sue school boards and employees to sue corporations. Legal fees will be paid by the state when it is proven that the corporation or school board is, in fact, dispersing Critical Race Theory.

CRT is a college-level political theory that is not proven to be taught anywhere in K-12 schools. The theory is extremely complicated and suggests that racism is ingrained into U.S. legislation and the legal system.

Dana Mills, an associate dean of Research and Strategic Planning of the College of Education at Nova Southeastern University has studied CRT when he was in his doctoral program.

“(CRT) pushes back on biological determinism and redefines race as a social construct that carries with it some significant social disadvantages depending on what group you fall into,” said Mills, describing the theory.

The first time Mills was exposed to CRT was at the doctoral level, but prior to that he had never even heard of it. Throughout his years of experience training future educators and having his own children in the Florida school system, he has never found anything close to it.

“I can’t find a single lesson plan, a single assignment, anything. I can’t find anything that I would define as being a Critical Race Theory perspective on any issue,” said Mills.

Despite its absence from schools, Republican representatives such as Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin and Florida’s Governor DeSantis have made the theory a front-and-center election issue for various

special races and the upcoming midterms.

“We won’t allow Florida tax dollars to be spent teaching kids to hate our country or to hate each other,” said DeSantis in a press conference.

“We actually have this critical race theory moved into all our schools in Virginia,” said Youngkin in July.

The national debate over CRT first began when a school board in Texas tried to incorporate a racially sensitive – and accurate – curriculum into their classes. What followed was a battle between parents and the school board which has replicated itself throughout the country, according to the NBC podcast “Southlake.”

This proposed law is a step in the wrong direction, said Mills.

“My concern is that when you don’t have an adequate definition for those things, you leave that definition very open-ended so what ends up happening is you have folks that have their own biases shine through. You’re taking away a lot of power from schools, who are the experts in this area, from doing their job and that’s a very dangerous precedent to set,” Mills added.

Mills explained that school boards must also take steps to make it clear to parents and communities that they are not teaching CRT and defining what is CRT and what is not.

But even if this were to take place, the damage done to schools is just beginning.

“There is no indoctrination that takes place. We’re not in the business of trying to change your political persuasions. We’re trying to just prepare people to go out there and take on the incredibly difficult job of being a teacher in today’s schools. Those aspiring educators are going to choose other careers because they are not going to want to deal with the nonsense that’s occurring in the schools today.” said Mills.

SoFlo: How cold can you go?

By: Jamila Hughes
News Editor

South Florida is a sub-tropical climate known for its sunny days, warm beaches and, of course, lots of rain during all 12 months of the year. Temperatures average in the mid 80s almost all year including the months of December and January. However, this does pose the question: How cold can South Florida get?

In February 1899 Florida had a famous cold wave known as “The Great Artic Outbreak,” in which a large cold front from Canada swept into all parts of Florida from North to South.

During this time the coldest temperature ever recorded in Florida was marked as negative two degrees Fahrenheit. More recently in 1989, Fort Meyers was recorded to be 27 degrees

Fahrenheit along with other areas of South Florida.

In the year 2020, the lowest temperature recorded in Miami was 40 degrees. However, no temperature below 40 degrees has been recorded since 2010 and no temperature below 30 degrees has been recorded in Miami in the last 30 years.

South Florida has continued the trend alongside the majority of the country with average temperatures recently increasing due to global warming and other environmental aspects.

According to the National Weather Service and Forecast office, “Boosted by a top-eight warmest February on record, the winter of 2020-

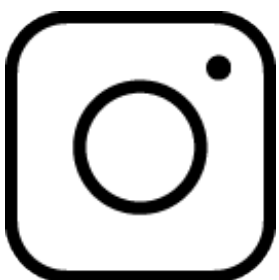
2021 averaged warmer than normal at all four main climate sites (Miami, West Palm Beach, and Naples) in South Florida for the tenth consecutive winter.”

The office also stated, “the highest temperature recorded was 87 degrees on Feb. 15, and the lowest temperature recorded was 45 degrees on Feb. 4. The temperature reached or exceeded 80 degrees for 41 days, above the average of 34 days. The number of days below 50 degrees was six, which is well below the 30-year average of 11.”

Though South Florida continues to get warmer, the cooler days are continuing to decrease according to recent data. It is unlikely

for South Floridians to see temperatures below 40 degrees in their lifetime, though never impossible. Though this data is more specific to South Florida, mid and central Floridians are more likely to see diversity in cooler temperatures as they have in the past.

As the new year has come, Florida has already surprised its residents with an unlikely sight. According to the Tampa Bay Times, “A deputy from the Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office posted a video to Twitter that showed the flurries falling at a Lowe’s in Fort Walton Beach. The National Weather Service’s Mobile Office confirmed that light flurries had fallen in northwest Florida.”



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“Spider-man: No Way Home” was as much of an experience as it was a film

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Editor-in-Chief

Spider-man is one of the most loved Marvel comic book characters, with three different movie franchises portraying three different iterations of Spider-man. The latest Spider-man trilogy focuses on Peter Parker, portrayed by Tom Holland, exploring high school problems while trying to stop local crime as well as fighting alongside Iron Man and the rest of the Avengers while they tackle universal threats.

The latest film in Tom Holland’s Spider-man trilogy, “Spider-man: No Way Home,” follows Peter Parker in his struggles to keep his superhero identity and personal life separate, while also coping with extreme changes to his life. With his identity revealed at the end of the previous Spider-man film, “Spider-man: Far From Home,” Parker faces extreme backlash from the public over allegedly killing Mysterio, portrayed by Jake Gyllenhaal. With tabloid newspaper The Daily Bugle and host

J Jonah Jameson stoking the flames, what the public doesn’t realize is that Mysterio was not the people’s hero that they thought he was, but rather a villain trying to get revenge on Stark Industries.

With his identity as Spider-man revealed, Parker and his friends face new struggles with fame and controversy while also day-to-day issues, like getting into college and exploring newfound relationships. To try to return to a semi-normal life, Parker goes to see Dr. Strange, a sorcerer who he fought alongside in the “Avengers: Infinity War” franchise, to see if he could cast a spell to return his life to normal. As a compromise, Dr. Strange casts a spell to make everyone forget that Peter Parker is Spider-man, but the spell becomes unstable due to Parker’s accidental meddling and nearly breaks the universe. While the spell is contained, villains from other Spider-man universes begin to leak

into Tom Holland’s Spider-man universe.

“Spider-man: No Way Home” may have been the most anticipated Spider-man movie yet, if not the most anticipated Marvel film. Fans crashed ticket sale websites worldwide as theaters began selling seats for opening night. Sites like Fandango, AMC and Regal, as well as smaller movie theater chains, succumbed to the massive demand of fans that had not been seen since the rise of the COVID-19 pandemic. This movie’s huge buildup is in part due to the character’s massive cinematic success over the course of decades, but also because actors from other Spider-man franchises were confirmed to be returning to reprise their roles.

I was lucky enough to get opening night tickets to see this film, and I’m glad I did, as spoilers were rampant on the internet the following day. Seeing the movie in the theater was as much of an experience as just watching

the movie was. Fans screamed, cried, clapped and laughed together. It was truly cathartic watching the film tie together all of fans’ many questions surrounding the multiverse and how it concerned Spider-man’s character, as Spider-man has been through many different cinematic changes over the years.

It was great seeing some previous actors return to reprise their roles from different Spider-man franchises, such as Willem Dafoe as Green Goblin, Alfred Molina as Doc Ock and Jamie Foxx as Electro, among others. While rumors swirled about other special appearances and even other Spider-mans, to remain spoiler free and from my own personal recommendation, you’ll have to see the movie yourself to find out.

How to bring winter to you

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For those who dream of snow days and white Christmases, winter in South Florida can be one of the most disappointing times of the year. Palm trees spout from bright green grass as they sway in what could be mistaken for midsummer heat and the mosquitos and humidity don’t seem to take any vacations. If you’re stuck fanning yourself in 80-degree heat in the middle of January, wishing for the sweet release of snowfall and curling up beside a roaring fire, don’t fret. You can bring the winter to you.

You may be tempted to turn down your air conditioner as low as it can get, and while it may be nice to bundle up inside, your bank account won’t feel the same winter cheer. Instead, if

you’re looking for a way to escape the heat and bring in the chill, take a peek at local ice skating rinks. Use this time to perhaps start up a new sport or hobby and try ice skating or ice hockey, or if you’re of the more uncoordinated types you can simply scooch along the rim of the rink and pretend you’re in a winter wonderland.

If you don’t want to go out, or if the ice isn’t calling you, there is a flurry of immersive wintertime activities you can do right at home. The first step to bringing the winter to your tropical home is the atmosphere, and no don’t touch that air conditioner dial even though it may feel tempting. Instead, look into the various ways you can decorate your living space to make it more winter-y.

If you still have holiday decorations up then all you have to do would be to modify to your heart’s content, or just keep things as they are. If you’re in the dark on how to decorate, using things that are made of or depict winter imagery such as pinecones, yule logs, holly and mistletoe is a great way to start. Wreaths, garlands and lights are also a great and easy decoration choice, and if you live somewhere that allows candles, lighting a few is a wonderful way to evoke a cozy winter atmosphere.

Food is also an important step in creating your perfect at home winter wonderland. Use this time to get creative and cook some seasonal meals. While this may feel like a daunting task, it doesn’t have to be that hard. Baking your

favorite cookie or bread recipe with a wintertime twist, such as adding maple syrup flavoring, or nutmeg or peppermint or anything that evokes this season is as easy as it gets. If you want to focus more on meals, stews and soups are tasteful ways of using whatever leftovers you have in a hearty cozy way, and they’re great for meal prepping as well.

While wintertime in South Florida is a time of year that can sometimes be disheartening, weather differences are no reason to hang up your winter hat in disdain. There are several ways to enjoy this time of year in a way that can bring the winter wonderland to you, all you need is a little bit of creativity and that special wintertime spark.

Offshore calendar

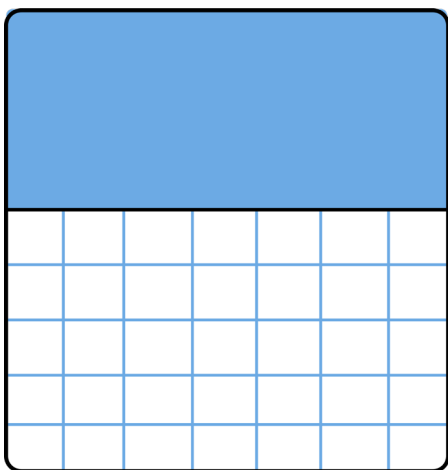
Riverfront Circus at The Warf
Jan. 13-16 | Varies
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OtakuFest
Jan. 15-16 | Varies
Miami Airport Convention Center

B.O.B's Market Pop-Up Shop
Jan. 15 | noon - 5 p.m.
Sheraton Suites, Fort Lauderdale

Brunch at the Bass: Explore and Learn-
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What's new about Taylor's Versions?

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Taylor Swift is known for her record-hits, girl-boss attitude and exceptional music artistry. She has taken on the challenge of re-releasing her old albums and calling them, "Taylor's version." After her album releases of Lover, Folklore and Evermore she has dominated the industry by proving not only to herself, but to her fans and even haters she is more than capable of standing on her own and being her own artist.

Given Swift's past controversy of who owns her music, and a lawsuit she was involved in about copyright claims, it has been a long-time coming of Swift not only taking a stand but claiming her music. This was a big factor and main indicator as to why she decided to re-record her past albums.

It is truly inspirational to see how much she has grown as an artist. Swift's maturity and skill has developed so much to the point where her old songs feel new. This allows for unbelievable creative opportunities and change for fans to not only enjoy themselves once again but to experience a whole new identity that she has evolved into.

Swift had previously released the long-awaited ten-minute version of one of her most famous breakup songs titled "All too Well." Which had monumentally taken over social media platforms for weeks and was considerably played over and over. Dylan O'Brien and Sadie Sink's acting in the cinematic music video showed an incredible dynamic of two lovers whose love story was complicated, yet beautiful to witness. The highs and lows of love were

exemplified and displayed well throughout the short film. The music and lyrics spoke volume and had an interesting take on how love and toxic relationships are viewed through certain eyes.

It is amazing what artists can create, as reinventing yourself seems like a challenge to others but Taylor Swift seems to do it with ease and style.

Swift has become a mastermind of clue-dropping and foreshadowing her next endeavors which keeps fans on their toes.

Her plans are always a mystery, but fans have speculated that Swift will re-release her albums in a specific order pertaining to a timeline of her life. She has done amazing work with her first re-release of "Fearless" and now "Red," so fans are frantically trying to find out what she will do next. Many think she will produce another one of her old albums, either "Speak Now" or "1989." These are two viable options because of the amount of clues found and hinted at in her posts promoting the "Red" album.

Swift has not only created music that will be remembered forever but has evolved as an artist and human being. Her work is relatable and fits well within what is current. She provides hope for young people who listen to her songs religiously. Overall, her fanbase and followers are consumed by what she will do next, and when it comes to Taylor's version the guessing game continues to always be something to look forward to.



On the bench: Why are players so salty towards Tua?

By: Blake Malick
Sports Editor

One of the most highly talked about players in the NFL is Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa. Whether it was his ukulele playing, his game on the field or trade talks, people always seem to have Tua's name in their mouth.

In the 2020 NFL Draft, it was seen as a three-quarterback race, consisting of LSU's Joe Burrow, Alabama's Tua and Oregon's Justin Herbert. Of the three teams that were rumored to be selecting quarterbacks, Cincinnati, Miami and Los Angeles, the Dolphins were clearly the worst landing spot. Cincinnati and LA both had an elite, veteran wide receiver to help take their rookie quarterbacks under their wing in AJ Green and Keenan Allen. They each had a Pro Bowl running back too, in Joe Mixon and Austin Ekeler. Herbert and Burrow are two of the brightest stars at quarterback and many seem to think Tua is the odd man out, but when one looks

closer, they can see it isn't all on him.

The Dolphins have the third worst rushing offense in the NFL, rushing for just 1373 yards in 16 games. Free agent signing Will Fuller V was signed to be the Dolphins No. 1 receiver. The oft-injured Fuller played just six quarters with the team, none of which came with Tua, and has been out since Week 3. As mentioned before, PFF ranked Miami as the worst pass protection team in the NFL. He doesn't have the weapons that Burrow and Herbert have, either.

After all these struggles, some upset players still find the need to come after him for some reason.

The Dolphins beat the New York Jets by a score of 24-17 in Week 11. After getting diced up for 273 yards and two touchdowns by Tua, Jets defensive lineman John Franklin-Myers had the audacity to come after Tua's game. Franklin-

Myers said that Tua threw up "prayers" and that sometimes, "prayers are answered." One of Tua's touchdowns was a 65-yard touchdown to Mack Hollins, his longest of the season. Clearly, someone is upset that they had no sacks against the worst pass blocking team in the NFL, according to PFF.

During the Dolphins' Week 14 win against the New York Giants, Tua had 244 yards in the air and a pair of touchdowns. After the game, Giants defensive back Logan Ryan was asked about being the emergency quarterback due to a myriad of injuries to the Giants quarterback depth. His answer was, "I'm a lot like Tua, I can throw two-yard passes to the left." Dolphins' wide receiver DeVante Parker came to the defense of his quarterback, telling Ryan to "Hold that L boi keep quiet," in an Instagram comment. For someone who plays defensive back and has

zero interceptions in a 17-game season, Ryan sure does talk a lot.

What is it about these New York players? Why do they feel the need to come after his game, especially after losing to him? While I agree that Tua's play has been disappointing compared to how great his fellow draftees in Joe Burrow and Justin Herbert have been, the second-year quarterback has played some decent football with all things considered.

In the games against Franklin-Myers' Jets and Ryan's Giants, Tua threw for 517 yards and four touchdowns while completing 77% of his passes. After losing to a quarterback who throws up "prayers" and "two-yard passes," these players should hold their L, as Parker says, and move on.

Kicking off International Soccer in 2022: The AFCON

By: Blake Malick
Sports Editor

The first international soccer tournament of 2022, the African Cup of Nations, will take place in Cameroon, Central Africa, from Jan. 9 to Feb. 6. Originally scheduled for June and July of 2021, the tournament was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. What better way to kick off a World Cup year and bring in the New Year than with an international tournament?

Africa's brightest stars will be playing for their country. Liverpool teammates Mohamed Salah, from Egypt, and Sadio Mane, from Senegal, head two of the favorites to win the cup. Manchester City's Riyad Mahrez leads the defending champion Algerian squad. Gabon's superstar Pierre Emerick-Aubameyang is playing his first major tournament for the island

nation since 2015.

The tournament features 24 teams from Africa and the teams are divided into six groups. The top two teams from each group advance to the knockout stage, with the next four highest scoring third place teams also advancing. From then, a knockout style format is followed until a winner is decided.

In 2019's AFCON final, Algeria defeated Senegal due to a second-minute goal from Baghdad Bounedjah. The Algerian team is led by Mahrez, one of the best ranked attackers in the world. A rare blend of soccer veterans in Aissa Mandi, Islam Slimani and Rais M'Bolhi and youth in Housseem Aouar, Youcef Atal and Ismael Bennacer gives the defending champions

a great chance to win the tournament, while also building their future lineup.

Senegal has the most well-rounded team in the tournament. Mane is one of the best forwards in the world. Napoli's Kalidou Koulibaly is one of the best center backs in the world and is the best defender on the continent. Goalkeeper Edouard Mendy has been a revelation for Chelsea, being a key contributor in their Champions League title. Midfielder Idrissa Gueye is an every-match player for Paris Saint-Germain and gives the Senegal team a solid midfield.

Any team with a goal scorer as talented as Salah has a chance to win it all. The Liverpool man is having one of the best seasons in recent memory, as he leads the league with 16 goals

and nine assists. The Egyptian team lacks depth, but their best players will be in the lineup. Premier league midfielders Mohamed Elneny and Trézéguet performances are crucial if Egypt hopes to compete. Defender Ahmed Hegazi is their rock in defense, having 73 career caps, the third most of anybody in the squad.

The tournament kicks off on Jan. 9 with Cameroon taking on Burkina Faso's strong defense. Until Jan. 20, there will be at least two matches per day, with the first kicking off at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. being the second start time. The final takes place on Feb. 6 at 3 p.m. at Stade Omnisport Paul Biya in Olembe.

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Previewing the 2021 NFL playoffs

By: Blake Malick
Sports Editor

Under the semi-new format, seven teams in each conference make the NFL playoffs, with the No. 1 seed in each conference receiving a bye week and avoiding Wild Card weekend. Who is set to play, and what should you know about the matchups?

American Football Conference (AFC)

Tennessee Titans (1)

In one of the most impressive events of the 2021 NFL season, the Tennessee Titans secured the top spot in the conference without their franchise player, running back Derrick Henry, on the field due to a foot injury. With Henry expected to return for the playoffs, the Titans are one of the most intimidating teams in the NFL.

Kansas City Chiefs (2) vs. Pittsburgh Steelers (7)

The reigning AFC champions, the Kansas City Chiefs, will be facing a familiar opponent in the Pittsburgh Steelers. The matchup will be their second of the season, with none more important than this one. The Chiefs dominated,

winning 36-10. The Steelers could have a great gameplan, but this game could be another blowout in favor of the Chiefs.

Buffalo Bills (3) vs. New England Patriots (6)

The Bills and Patriots will be facing off once again. The Patriots took their first matchup 14-10, and the second was a 33-21 win by the Bills. The AFC East rivals will have a strong matchup between a great offense and a great defense.

Cincinnati Bengals (4) vs. Las Vegas Raiders (5)

The AFC North champion Cincinnati Bengals Despite having an amazing run game, the Bengals' passing game is on fire, with Joe Burrow totaling over 900 yards and eight touchdowns in weeks 16 and 17. The Raiders clinched a playoff berth on Sunday Night Football with a last second field goal. When the two teams met in the regular season, the Bengals won with ease 32-13.

National Football Conference (NFC)

No. 1: Green Bay Packers

MVP candidate Aaron Rodgers has positioned his team at the top spot in the NFC. This Packers team is led by a strong offense, but an even stronger defense. The Packers are scoring 26.3 points and allowing 20.9 points per game this season.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2) vs. Philadelphia Eagles (7)

The injury-riddled Tampa Bay Buccaneers are led by Tom Brady, so they will always have a chance of winning. Many didn't expect the Eagles to be at this point, but the surprising team will look to take down one of the juggernauts in the NFL. Eagles second-year quarterback Jalen Hurts is no stranger to the biggest stage, as he won a national championship with Alabama in 2017. In their matchup

Dallas Cowboys (3) vs. San Francisco 49ers (6)

The Dallas Cowboys are bringing an

explosive offense and turnover forcing defense into the playoffs for the first time since 2018. Quarterback Dak Prescott throwing 12 touchdowns and zero interceptions in the last three games. The third member of the NFC West division to make the playoffs, the San Francisco 49ers have a strong run game, so an upset could possibly be on the card. This is the only matchup in the Wild Card round that features two teams that are meeting up for the first time this season.

Los Angeles Rams (4) vs. Arizona Cardinals (5)

The new-look Rams led by Matthew Stafford and their dominant defense have had a great season this far. The two teams met twice this season, splitting the season series in two close games. The Cardinals hope to return All-Pro wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins and Pro Bowl running back James Conner. This game looks to be a tough, divisional shootout.

Finding fitness: Synthesize with your plants

By: Sofia Gallus
Editor-In-Chief



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Do you want to work out, but going to the gym or watching at-home tutorials are too much pressure? Want to take a more relaxing, grounded and overall meaningful approach to exercising? Lastly, do you have houseplants? If so, try following their lead.

Plants move very little during the day, so much so that their movements aren't obvious to the human eye until days and sometimes weeks later. Yet, they are still beautiful, and we deeply appreciate them and their efforts to grow. Try being more like your plants with this workout that you could do at home, or even outside with the wild plants.

Try waking up early, at the crack of dawn if possible. Plants rise millimeters with the sunrise to begin photosynthesizing the available sunlight. Try starting with smaller movements just like the plants. Stretch out your arms and legs in a pre-workout, and breathe in and out in long, controlled breaths.

Next, as the sun rises, try increasing the intensity of your workout. If you're working out with a houseplant and you feel comfortable, try holding the plant in your hands and raising the pot above your head, holding the position

for three to five seconds, and then lowering the plant back down to your chest. If you're not comfortable moving your dear houseplants, or you're outside and are lacking any potted plants, try just doing this motion empty handed or with a small weight in each hand. Repeat this motion about ten times, or as many times as you feel comfortable. Remember, this workout is about taking it slow and listening to your own body's needs.

As the day goes on and the sun sets, plants begin slowly sinking. Try repeating a relaxing workout at the end of the day as the sun goes down as well. Be sure to stretch out your arms and legs before you get into the real workout, and then try doing some yoga positions. Stand on your legs and bend at the waist, forming a near 90-degree angle and stretch your arms down to try and reach your toes. Hold this position for 10 seconds or as long as you can, and then rest. Next, try switching into a more relaxing pose, like child's pose or downward dog. Hold this position for ten seconds, and then finish your evening plant-inspired workout by stretching out your arms and legs once more. Do you want to work out, but going to the gym or watching

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Why do influential people keep getting away with violence against women?

By: Rei Perez
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Celebrities have always been a contentious topic among fanbases. The line between an impossible standard of perfection and a reasonable level of accountability gets blurred sometimes. This becomes even more dangerous and problematic when allegations of sexual and domestic assault get brought forward and later ignored.

Football players have been reported for decades for their domestic abuse cases. The NFL has improved over the last five years by suspending players for these cases. One such player was Greg Hardy, who was practically kicked out of the NFL in 2015. Hardy was signed to the UFC in 2018 after his messy exit due to domestic violence allegations. UFC CEO, Dana White has made strong comments about fighters who have domestic violence allegations against them, but allegations continue to rise

against fighters. Most recently, decorated fighter Jon Jones was arrested – with charges dropped after a plea deal – for various charges including domestic violence. His future in the UFC is unclear.

Another celebrity who was plagued with negative publicity after a domestic violence case is Chris Brown who beat Rhianna in 2009. Since then, Brown has had multiple assault allegations brought against him, but the singer has continued to release chart-topping music despite lots of negative comments by users on social media.

This is not just an athlete and musician issue. Recently, actor Chris Noth, well-known for his work in *Sex and the City*, has been accused of sexual misconduct by multiple women. Although Noth denies these claims, his co-stars supported the women who have made

these allegations over social media.

Unfortunately, many stories of powerful people who have been accused of sexual assault do not end like Andrew Cuomo, Kevin Spacey or Louis C.K., who lost power and influence in society and their fields. However, neither are facing any jail time for their crimes. Social accountability is a step in the right direction, but without legal accountability it is not enough to discourage potential rapists and sexual assaulters. It seems like people who hold a lot of power are encouraged to commit these crimes against vulnerable men and women because they know they will almost never have to answer for them. For many people, a simple denial of the accusations is enough to stop them from digging further into their past. The #MeToo movement was so important because it showed the world how much harm these people are capable of. It

seems like years afterwards; the follow-through has been weak.

A proper response to anyone, regardless of how powerful or how beloved, who is accused of sexual assault or domestic abuse is jail time if proven guilty. That is the punishment for the average person, there is no reason why it should not be true as well for those who happen to have a higher status. The message this has sent to generations of people has fostered the environment where this crisis has been allowed to perpetuate. Survivors should no longer be ostracized voices that fizzle out after a couple of months, but testimonies that should be legitimized and acted upon. This is the only way to make sure that those who commit these atrocities are not able to hurt anyone else.

We need to address student employee pay

By: Sophia Cortes
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We all know the broke college student stereotypes; living day to day on cup noodles and instant rice, drinking dollar coffee to stay up late completing papers and barely making ends meet to pay rent or tuition. This is a picture many are used to living, and while work at any retail or fast-food place is often at the ready, it can get extremely difficult balancing enough hours at work to make a living wage and giving oneself enough time to focus on school.

This is where university jobs come in. To many, working at the very university they live or go to school at proves the solution to balancing work and school life. Employers on campus are aware of the demands full time students have and are often understanding of how they

schedule student's hours and their workload. Working on campus also sometimes gives students the opportunity to work in the very field they're studying to be in, or something adjacent, something that is often hard to find outside the academic walls of the campus.

While jobs on campus provide all these benefits and experiences that are hard to find elsewhere, there is one glaring setback that often stops students from applying: the amount they will get paid.

It unfortunately comes as no surprise that student employees often get the short end of the stick when it comes to how much they are paid. While payment issues differ from department to department, it's still something that is seen

across the board. As someone who has worked in different departments since I began attending NSU, it's disheartening to see how much budget cuts have affected the various offices that reside within the university. Just a mere four years ago for example, Student Media was known to be one of the highest paying in NSU. Today, a combination of budget cuts and minimum wage increase has reduced it to one of the lowest paying departments on campus. As a full-time student with my own financial setbacks, this has been detrimental to how I manage work and school, taking on another job outside of campus to help the wage gap. It's not something I would have considered, or would even recommend, if student employment were not as low paying as

it is today.

Each student has their own reasons for why school is difficult to pay for. While these reasons vary in severity, no student should put their academic success on the line simply because they must work long hours or multiple jobs in order to pay rent, tuition or simply have a living wage. Campus employment should be there to assist students and offer them better alternatives for work, not give them added stress of not being paid enough. With minimum wage increasing not only in the state of Florida but throughout the country, I have hope for the future of student employment.

Students should not have to pay more to do their homework

By: Alexander Martinie
Copy Editor

Students pay enough for tuition and other costs as it is, so we should not be expected to pay even more just to be able to do our homework and projects. Whether it be a Pearson subscription for a math class or an Adobe license for graphic design, students should be provided with the materials necessary to do their work.

Pearson Labs

Most students that have taken math or science courses have had to buy a Pearson lab access code at one point or another. Pearson, as one of the major textbook companies, already has a monopoly on education, without needing to get students to pay money for homework. Pearson homework programs are not necessary,

and they exist purely as a way to make more money off of students. The university already pays for Canvas, which could be used like Pearson programs are for assignments and assessments. Students already use Canvas to turn in work and take quizzes and exams, so why not use that feature instead of making students pay more for additional software?

VHL Central

VHL Central is a program that has a similar purpose to Pearson labs but for language courses. VHL Central, like Pearson labs, is a way for students to complete assignments and assessments as well as giving access to online textbooks. However, VHL Central access is a bit

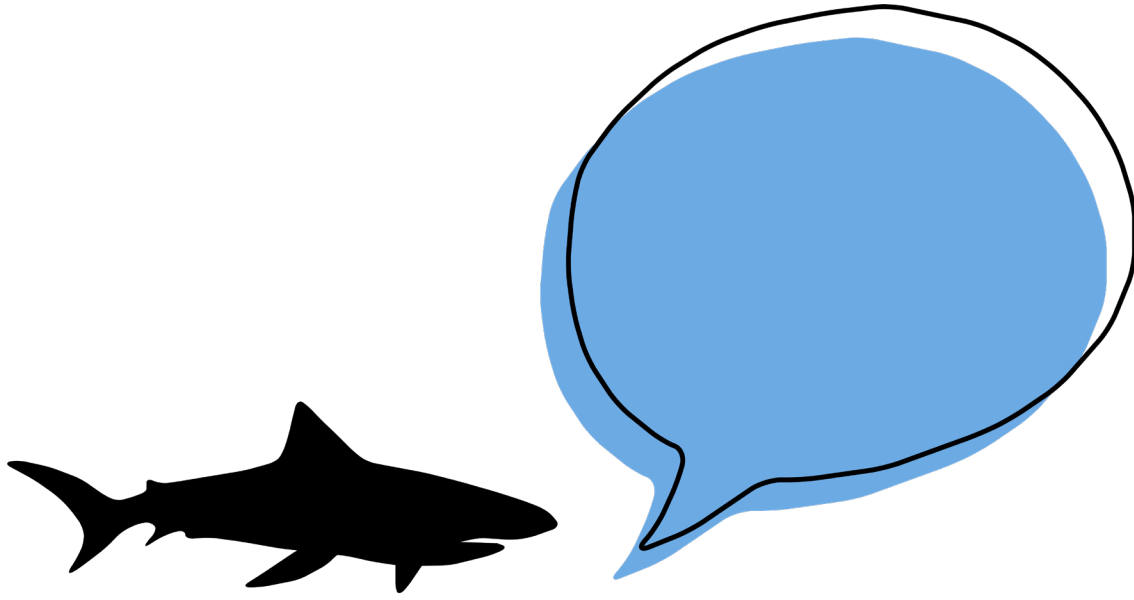
more expensive than the Pearson programs, with the 24-month access for Spanish I and II courses being around \$200.

Adobe Creative Cloud

Adobe software is extremely useful and, in some cases, necessary for some courses. With that said, this software is also quite expensive, with the Creative Cloud package being \$30 a month after a student discounted trial that only lasts a year. In years past, when you could be the individual software needed, it could have been understandable for students to be able to pay for one or two of these programs on their own, but with relatively recent changes to Adobe's billing system, the software can only be purchased in

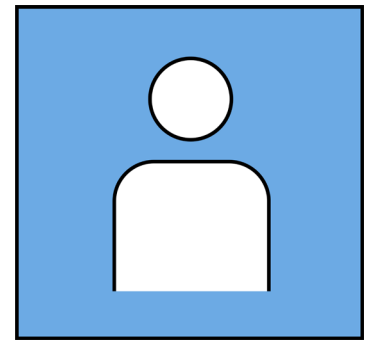
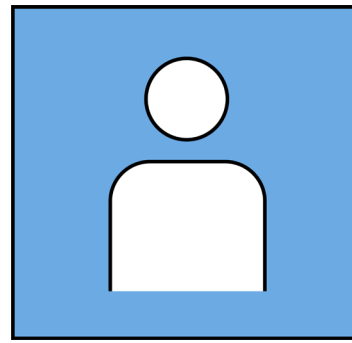
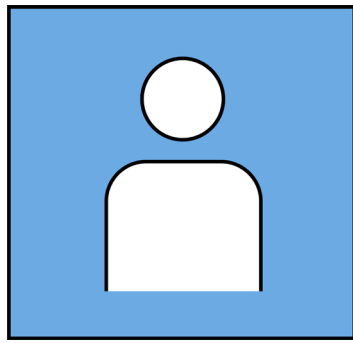
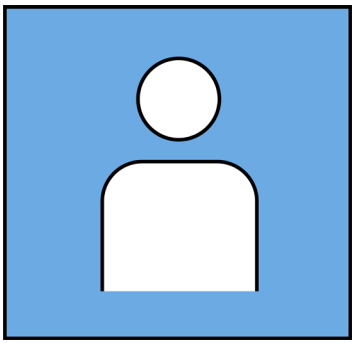
a complete Creative Cloud bundle. The bundle includes many programs that most students probably would not use on a regular basis.

This is not a suggestion that the university pays for all of these programs for all students. Instead, the university, specifically the colleges and departments that offer courses that require such programs, should cover the costs, or at least offer financial support, to the students enrolled. The university already provides Microsoft Office programs, so why not cover the costs of other programs to help students succeed? Much like labs for STEM students, these programs could even be funded in part by the tuition that has already been paid.



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How do you feel about classes starting early?



“Everything was a little messy. Some of the class schedules weren’t put out because I think we were supposed to come back on the tenth. I also felt like I didn’t get enough of the break that I did. In some aspects I do kind of like it because we weren’t out of school for a long period of time, so it hasn’t been that difficult getting back into school. On those terms I like it, but everything else I don’t really like it much,” said Fendi Louis, junior transfer psychology major.

“I also think we started a little too soon. I feel like we should have followed U.M. and stayed online for the first two weeks because I know that a lot of people who went to classes even though they had COVID-19 because they were just afraid of missing. Other than that it’s been good, I like all my professors and classes, although I’m still worried about COVID-19,” said Zaneh Kahook, junior biology major.

“At the end of the day I don’t really mind, but there’s a lot of schools that get that extra week so it’s a four week break when we had only three weeks. Also considering the fact that COVID-19 is rising at the moment, starting on campus is a bit scary. I don’t know if it was necessary, but that’s what happened so I guess I’m here,” said Adithya Daniel Mathews, sophomore biology major.

“We didn’t get as much time at home as we normally do, so I was kind of sad about that. I feel like we didn’t get enough time to reoperate from last semester as well, it was really rough coming back in person. I just wish we had more time. Also, class locations, a lot of them weren’t even in; I feel like everyone was kind of unprepared to come back when we did. The only good thing for me coming back this early is that we get out early as well,” said Christine Morris, junior public health major.

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