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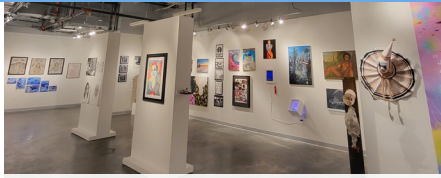
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STUEYs returns in person for first time since 2019

By: Rei Perez
Features Editor



STUEYs hosts pictured together, listed left to right: Maria Valentina Rativa, Ritchy Laguerre and Breanna Brady. PRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM C. RAJKUMAR

Editor's note: This issue of the newspaper was written prior to The STUEYs. A list of winners will be published in issue 24.

Faculty, students and staff gathered for the 24th annual Student Life Achievement Awards, known as the STUEYs which were held in person for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The award show took place in the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center at 6 p.m. on April 12, filling its 500-seat capacity.

The STUEYs are an awards show that recognizes outstanding conduct and achievements by those who work for NSU and its students.

The event, which was free for students to attend, included a pre-reception at 5 p.m. in the DeSantis building. Some of the award categories that students were nominated for were "Student of the Year" and "Undergraduate Organization of the Year."

The STUEYs have become well known in the NSU community for their student hosts. Students audition to host and three students are typically selected. The hosts this year are senior Breanna Brady, senior Ritchy Laguerre and junior Maria Valentina Rativa. Although the theme is different every year, this year's theme played off of the classic movie, "The Wizard of Oz." The hosts dressed as famous characters and found their way to NSU, so to speak, where Brad Williams, vice president of student affairs and dean of the College of Undergraduate Studies, greeted them. The hosts followed the yellow brick road that led

them to NSU, dressed as Dorothy, the cowardly lion and the tin man.

Rativa, a junior communication major, said, "There's a lot of focus on 'one NSU' and how we all as a community here can gather and appreciate each other."

Brady, a senior biology major and community engagement director for the student government association and another host, stated that the show's theme informed the hosts' performance. However, the other acts, such as the Sharkettes and student musician Paul Cauchi, were independent of the theme.

Gerard Wheeler, assistant dean for campus life and student engagement, and Christina Rajkumar, associate director of campus life and student engagement and director of the STUEYs, earned praise from their hosts.

"I definitely think it's so cool to work with my fellow hosts and the entire team. Gerard and Christina and our [graduate assistants] have been so incredible in helping us get everything together," said Rativa.

Brady echoed the statement, said, "We've been working with pro staff like Gerard Wheeler and Christina... they were very supportive of us."

Rativa, Brady and Laguerre have bonded over the course of production.

"I feel like we extended beyond the job description, which I feel is very NSU. We all got the chance to find new strengths in each other and lean on each other in different ways to make a show that really embodies the event," said Brady.

NSU hosts JDRF One Walk for the fight against diabetes

By: Brielle Aguayo
Opinions Editor

JDRF held a walk sponsored by Nova Southeastern University that started at the Alvin Sherman Library at 8:30 a.m. on April 9 in an effort to raise awareness and inform others about Type 1 diabetes. JDRF is an organization that supports Type 1 diabetes by holding multiple walkathon events, such as One Walk to fight for individuals who are trying to conquer Type 1 Diabetes. In addition to being co-sponsored by NSU, other sponsors for the JDRF One Walk included Wawa, The Wawa Foundation, Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital and the Beckman Coulter Foundation.

They have raised over \$100,000 for the Davie One Walk during the month of March

and have a donation goal of \$350,579. The organization supports millions of individuals who have this disease by using the ability to connect with others within their community and beyond.

JDRF is an organization that spreads awareness by hosting these walks. There are estimated to be 150 walks across the country that all have the same purpose and goal.

Samira Hemraj, development coordinator for JDRF, explained how her position allowed her to assist in the walks.

"So as the development coordinator, my main role is to assist the development manager, our executive director and market director

with any essential needs with coordinating volunteers, assisting with teams, creating graphics and creating our 'Path of hope' signs," said Hemraj.

According to JDRF, "Each year, JDRF One Walk brings together thousands of people across the country to change the future for everyone living with type 1 diabetes (T1D). JDRF One Walk gives people with T1D, their loved ones, companies and the local community the opportunity to create change and positively impact the lives of those living with T1D."

Hemraj states JDRF's overall message of what the organization stands for.

"The main message that JDRF has is that

Type 1 diabetes is a chronic and life-threatening autoimmune illness that strikes both children and adults at any age, and it is onset sudden and it is related to diet and lifestyle," said Hemraj.

Hemraj also discussed how grateful she was that the walk was held on NSU's campus.

"We are really excited to have it at [NSU], it's a beautiful campus and central location for everyone to meet at and we hope that students can also get involved in our walk," said Hemraj.

While the walk has passed, if you are still interested in donating or learning more about the JDRF organization, you can visit <https://www.jdrf.org/>.

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College of Osteopathic Medicine students shave their heads in support of cancer research

On April 2 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., NSU students, faculty and friends gathered at NSU's Tampa Bay Regional Campus for the Shaving Heads to Help Children with Cancer eEvent. The event, also called the "Be a Shark, Brave for the Shave," was hosted in partnership with St. Baldricks Foundation, which is "the largest non-governmental child cancer research foundation in the United States," according to the NSU Newsroom. Students in the graduating class of 2024 and 2025 of NSU's Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine were those who participated in support of the organization. The students were also able to fundraise over \$8,000 for the St. Baldricks Foundation.

NSU scholarship fishing tournament returns in June

If you like fishing, being around marine life or just supporting a student cause, then mark your calendars for NSU's Scholarship Fishing Tournament. Hosted by the Halmos College of Arts and Sciences along with the Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center, the two-day event will take place from June 2-4. The event's focus is to raise funding for the NSU Fishing Tournament Scholarship, which will "directly support marine science students' education and ocean research," according to the NSU Newsroom. June 2 will mark the beginning of the tournament with the Captain's Meeting and Kick-off Party at the NSU Ocean Campus in Dania Beach and will feature food, drinks and a silent auction. The tournament will begin on June 4 at 7 a.m., a weigh-in will follow at 2:30 p.m. along with an awards banquet and dinner. The starting tournament boat entry fee is \$2,000, but only \$1,500 if you are an NSU student, faculty, staff or alumni.

Alvin Sherman Library hosts Holocaust Reflection Contest Student and Teachers Award Ceremony

On April 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., NSU's Alvin Sherman Library and the Holocaust Learning and Education Fund, Inc. hosted the eighth annual Holocaust Reflection Contest Awards Ceremony, returning to an in-person format. The contest was open to middle and high school students statewide and focused on providing creative opportunities for students to "study the testimonies of Holocaust survivors in an enriching way" and honor the lives of victims and survivors alike as reported by the NSU Newsroom. Along with President of NSU George Hanbury, the Consuls General from Israel and Germany and a number of Holocaust survivors are scheduled to attend and speak at the event, as reported by the NSU Newsroom.

Soap Box Speaks and Title IX host Take Back the Night Event

On April 15 at 6 p.m., Soap Box Speaks and the Title IX staff will host Take Back the Night outside Horvitz and inside Flight Deck. The event will begin with a candle-lit vigil outside of Horvitz at 6 p.m. and will continue inside of Flight Deck with an open mic night at 7 p.m. Take Back the Night is a nonprofit organization that holds several events throughout the year throughout college campuses nationwide and in over thirty countries around the world. The organization's mission is to spread awareness of and end sexual violence in all its forms. "The event also serves to give our community a space to express themselves in a safe and supportive environment in an effort to raise awareness," as stated on the event's flyer. While signing up is not required for the event, it is encouraged. More information and how to sign up can be found through SharkHub and by emailing sb3239@nova.edu.

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Correction: In Issue 22, there was a misprint on the front page that presented Tassnime Sebaei's name incorrectly. We would like to apologize and thank her again for her hard work in USGA.

Sharks and satellites: The Shark Shuttle GPS system receives an upgrade

By: Sofia Gallus
Editor-in-Chief



The Shark Shuttle sits parked in the Shark Circle.

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If you've checked NextBus or the iShark app in hopes of finding the next time the Shark Shuttle will be stopping near you, you may have noticed that the app or website gives you an error message or tells you that the shuttle is offline on that route. Don't fear, though, the Shark Shuttle is still running. The GPS system is just receiving a few upgrades, which means that the real-time trackers will be down until further notice.

Seth Mangasarian, the director of the physical plant at Nova Southeastern University, said that they are aware of the imposition that the loss of the real-time tracker places on many students.

"We are diligently working on this and we understand the frustration. This is a top priority for us to make sure this happens," said Mangasarian.

The upgrades being performed on the Shark Shuttle are a result of AT&T recently shutting off their 3G system and replacing it with 5G, which caused problems for the onboard GPS systems at NSU. While it should have been a relatively smooth transition, the nationwide material shortage is causing delays.

"We are waiting on materials because of the material shortage that's occurring. We are still waiting on them to arrive to complete the upgrades. We were totally unaware that this was

going to occur," said Mangasarian.

Rod Colas, assistant director for the physical plant at NSU, added that while the real-time trackers on the iShark app and Nextbus are down for the foreseeable future, they've taken steps to let students know about the outage and make sure they don't feel stranded.

"Just to be a little more proactive, we sent out communications to the students to let them know to call the shuttle office if they wanted the real time location of when the next shuttle will arrive. In addition to that, we've also posted physical schedules to the shuttle website. That way students know that the dispatchers are following a schedule as well," said Colas.

While it's unclear when exactly the materials needed for the upgrades will arrive, Colas wanted to reassure students that when the upgrades are completed students will be able to track the real-time location of the Shark Shuttles once again.

"The vendor that we have is working with our OIIT folks and making sure that all of the integrations and things like that are working properly for the students," Colas said.

If you're unsure when or where a Shark Shuttle is stopping, you can find the schedule posted on <https://www.nova.edu/locations/shuttle.html> or call the Shark Shuttle service number (954) 556-6654.

Undergraduate Student Symposium showcases student research

By: Alexander Martinie
Copy Editor

Nova Southeastern University's annual Undergraduate Student Symposium was held on April 6 and 7 and started at noon in the Cotilla Gallery on the second floor of the Alvin Sherman Library.

The Undergraduate Student Symposium's opening ceremony featured guest speaker Kenneth Dawson-Scully, senior vice president and associate provost of translational research and economic development.

According to a release sent out to students by the university, "The two-day symposium will be filled with exciting events, including an opening ceremony with keynote speaker Kenneth Dawson-Scully, Ph.D., M.Sc., a film festival reception screening submitted short films, poster and oral presentations showcasing student research, and a closing ceremony to

wrap it all up. Attendees will be able to speak with students about their projects and connect with the rest of the NSU community."

Poster and oral presentations took place between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Alvin Sherman Library and featured many student-lead research projects.

Katerina Sawickij, senior marine biology major, presented her research on heavy metal contaminants in Sciaenidae family fish in Lake Sabine, Texas.

"I'm looking at about 16 different metals and across fish species. I'm looking at four different species of Sciaenidae, which are drums or croakers. So red drum, black drum, Atlantic Coker and spotted seatrout, and I did get results. I ran IT KMS analysis though another university," said Sawickij.

Sawickij's research found that heavy metal containments in muscle and liver tissues exceeded the limits set by FAO and WHO consumption guidelines.

"I think it's a good opportunity for undergraduates to be able to present their research in a low stress environment that's among our peers and professors and not the National Conference. The chance to work on our presentation skills before we would go on to national conference or grad school," said Sawickij.

Erika Cabrera, senior behavioral neuroscience major, presented her research on how bilingualism impacts executive functioning.

Colette Costello, sophomore psychology and behavioral neuroscience major, Jenna

Handal, sophomore biology major, and Ramson Munoz, senior biology major, presented their research on the molecular vibrations of way and skin cancer prevention.

"Our project is basically trying to simulate an event in which coupled with the water molecules and see if that is a conventional mechanism in which the body naturally avoids skin cancer. Basically what we do is we make a [simulation] of the DNA system. We do a bunch of snapshots to try to get a better understanding of what's going on [in the body]," said Munoz.

In addition to student research, the Undergraduate Student Symposium also featured the Undergraduate Film Festival. For more information on the Undergraduate Film Festival see our article in our Arts & Entertainment section on page 7.

NSU partners to help with sea turtle nesting season

By: Pamela Mignacca
Contributing Writer



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A Sea Turtle nesting area.

Sea turtles symbolize endurance, peace and good luck in many cultures. Good luck is exactly what baby sea turtles need when they place their newly hatched flippers in the sand and make their way to the ocean. The journey can be perilous, but NSU has partnered up with the Broward County Sea Turtle Conservation Program (BCSTCP) and the Marine Environmental Education Center (MEEC) at the Carpenter House to help protect sea turtles on their expedition to the ocean.

Sea turtle nesting season runs from March 1 to Oct. 31 in South Florida. During this time

a female sea turtle ventures back to the beach where she was hatched to lay her eggs. Once it is time for sea turtle eggs to hatch, they need to dodge predators like birds and crabs, avoid becoming disoriented by bright lights and make it to the ocean.

While nesting season is a beautiful display of life, it can also be very complicated for the turtles. This is where NSU comes in. The university has developed a 30 year partnership with Broward County to run the Broward County Sea Turtle Conservation Program and

the Marine Environmental Education Center at the Carpenter House. This partnership has benefited sea turtle conservation, protection, and research efforts.

Derek Burkholder, a research scientist at the Guy Harvey Research Center associated with NSU's Halmos College of Arts and Sciences, and director of the BCSTCP and MEEC, said that the sea turtle species that most commonly nest in Florida include leatherback, loggerhead, and green sea turtles. Florida is a high-density sea turtle nesting area so there are many protections put in place for the turtles.

"By educating people, they are more aware of things that they can do to help protect sea turtles including turning off their lights and flashlights near the beach at night, picking up their trash, leaving females alone so they can lay their eggs and leaving hatchlings alone so they can hatch naturally," Burkholder said.

Broward County beaches span about 24 miles, which the BCSTCP observes through daily morning beach surveys looking for evidence of turtle nesting. The teams look for turtle shell marks in the sand. If the team finds a nest, they mark it by creating a perimeter around the nest with wooden sticks and pink tape so that no one disturbs it. The BCSTCP do a lot on their morning surveys, including relocating nests that are too close to the ocean and could potentially be demolished by the waves.

"We know the sea turtles hatch when we

see the little babies' flipper prints on the beach in the morning after they've come out at night and moved out towards the water. Three days later we excavate that nest and do a nest inventory which collects data on how successful the nest was, how many eggs there were and how many hatched or not. If there are straggler hatchlings in the nest, we hold them throughout the day and then after dark we release them back into the water as long as they are able to," Burkholder said.

The organization does public hatchling releases where anyone can come to learn about sea turtles and then after dark they can go to the beach to release any hatchlings that were not able to make it to the ocean in the morning. There is also a 24-hour sea turtle hotline for people to report a sea turtle in distress.

Burkholder said that last year was a good nesting season with around 2,800 nests, and no major storms negatively impacted the nests. It was a record year for leatherback nests with about 78 nests spotted.

Burkholder said that many of the nests hatched well during the 2021 season. And, with a little luck, these hatchings should be back in 20 or 30 years to lay their own eggs.

How the conflict in Ukraine is affecting college students

By: Blake Malick
Sports Editor

The conflict between Ukraine and Russia has affected everyone in one way or another, but college students are being affected at a level that is not in plain sight. College students already have a tight budget as it is, but how exactly is the conflict affecting college students financially?

Albert Williams, the chair of the finance and economic department at the Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship at Nova Southeastern University, is well-versed on the topic. Williams researched the Consumer Price Index to find the true effects of the conflict in Ukraine on the American economy.

According to Williams, from February of last year to February of this year, or Consumer Price Index, has gone up 7.9%. That means that almost everything has gone up about 8% in price in just 12 months.

"The Consumer Price Index is a change

in prices of a basket of basic goods that a typical human being will consume daily," said Williams. "It's a common way in business to talk about how prices have been affected from year-to-year."

The first and most notable effect from the conflict comes with fuel prices. Many college students have vehicles, and most vehicles require gasoline. A good portion of NSU students live off-campus, and drive to school. In terms of gas prices, they have shot up from \$2.58 to \$4.32 in just a year. Students who drive to campus are most affected by this.

"When the conflict started, it put uncertainty in the supply line for fuel and it automatically showed up in an increase of the price of fuel," said Williams. "Many students drive to school, and, therefore, they have to fill up their trucks or cars, spending about one third more on fuel just

to drive to campus."

Quite possibly the most expensive change of all, the price of rent has also increased. For students who live off-campus or in dorms and aren't locked into a contract, the month-to-month price of rent for housing is also increasing according to Williams.

"Since housing is the highest part of a person's budget, an increase in housing costs takes up a flurry of their money," said Williams. "If you live on campus and are coming back in the fall, you might expect to see an increase in housing prices."

In addition to fuel and rent, food has also gone up in price as well. Unlike the last two effects, every student needs to eat. Unless the student is locked into a meal plan, they can expect to be paying more for food no matter where they shop.

"Food has also gone up in the last year at about 7.9%, and students can expect to see an increase in the price of food at home with vegetables, meats and bread," said Williams. "When students eat out at a restaurant, they can also expect to pay more."

When the conflict ends, the possibilities of what could happen are still unknown, but according to Williams, things could possibly return to normal.

"Once the conflict is resolved, the uncertainty in the global economy and global politics in the world will be reduced," said Williams. "It doesn't mean that everything will be back to normal, but we will at least reduce that geopolitical challenge... and return to some reasonable economy."

The benefits of crying and acknowledging problems

By: Bryce Johnson
Contributing Writer

Whether it's due to happiness, sadness or other emotions, everyone has cried at some point in their lives. Although it can be stigmatized in society, crying is one of the more therapeutic things people do for themselves. Crying is a natural result of emotion in the same way that laughter is. Rather than stifling it, it's encouraged that people embrace their crying.

Crying is often viewed as a sign of weakness, but it could also be viewed as a sign of strength. When people cry, it makes them more connected with themselves, giving them a deeper understanding of their feelings. People cry for different reasons, all of which can be beneficial.

Myron Burns, associate professor in the department of psychology and neuroscience, notes how crying can be beneficial for people.

"Crying can cause what we call a 'cathartic moment,' where you release pent up emotions that you've been holding on to," said Burns.

When people are sad or stressed, crying can benefit them by providing an outlet for their emotions. By crying, people acknowledge their discomfort through self-expression, which can strengthen their relationship with themselves. Crying allows people to let go for a moment and work towards a solution for their issues. Conversely, refusing to cry can have the opposite effect on people.

"Typically, people who hold it in and refuse to cry, some studies have shown, they're a little bit more emotionally detached. Crying is a very healthy, normal part of being a human being," said Burns.

By refusing to cry, people deny themselves

of not only connecting with themselves, but of connecting with others. Crying is beneficial because it gives people the opportunity to better communicate their feelings and needs. By acknowledging their own needs through crying, people can better understand the needs of others.

Additionally, crying also helps people connect with others by letting them work through their issues together.

"If you're around someone supportive, if you're in a safe space, then crying can have some benefits. If you cry with one supportive person, as well as get insight and resolution, that's also positive," said Burns.

Having a supportive person to cry alongside can help people with whatever is troubling them. It gives people the chance to talk, strengthening their relationship. If people cry to a supportive

friend who they trust, who makes them happy, it benefits them not only by acknowledging the problem and working towards a solution, but by also simply having someone who will listen.

Lastly, crying is healthy for any emotions, in addition to sadness.

"If you're crying over something joyous, that's good, because that helps release endorphins in the brain," said Burns.

For whatever reason people cry, doing so is beneficial for them. If something becomes too overwhelming for people, it's better to let those feelings out than to contain them. Relationships require communication and acknowledging when something is wrong, or even right, is necessary, especially in the relationship with yourself.

Gill out: Crema Gourmet

By: Danna Bertel
Contributing Writer



Crema Gourmet located in the Tower Shops Plaza.

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When you walk in, a bright purple neon sign that says “all day every day” invites you, complemented by two small chandeliers, a barista counter located on your left that showcases numerous pastries and drinks. On your right, the wall stands decorated with coffee-related pictures and cozy couches. This place is Crema Gourmet, which can be found off of University Drive just nine minutes away from Nova Southeastern University.

I was so excited to visit this restaurant ever since checking their social media, which exhibits their menu and beautifully decorated drinks. It seemed like a perfect place to take pictures and spend time with friends. Once stepping into the

restaurant there was a calm and cozy ambiance. Other customers using their computers while drinking their coffee made it an ideal place to do homework and study when you need a change of scenery from your usual studying spots.

Crema Gourmet features an all-day breakfast menu, with the addition of sandwiches and salads, making it a great brunch spot. Craving something simple, I decided to order a Greek omelet that had spinach and feta cheese. Additionally it brought a multigrain sliced bread with strawberry jam and included an iced caramel cappuccino. My best friend, ready to visit new places, followed the all-day breakfast spirit and ordered pancakes with maple syrup on

the side and the usual scrambled eggs and bacon with the company of fresh orange juice. Overall, the food turned out to be flavorful and the drink felt authentic to the place, not what you would drink at a regular franchise restaurant.

Some things that were noticeable with one look at the menu were the options for different diets. There is something that anyone can order and enjoy. Options can differ from the type of milk, green juices and detox juices, bowls with fruits with options to add proteins and vegan sandwiches. However, the specialty of the restaurant is their coffee. Therefore if you’re a fan of coffee, you will definitely enjoy the numerous options Crema Gourmet has to offer

from the usual hot and iced coffee with a variety of flavors and stunning latte art.

While Crema Gourmet has a lot to offer through its comfortable seating and ambiance, the prices were rather costly compared to other coffee shops I have gone to, with drink prices ranging above \$4 and \$5 each. Therefore, the restaurant would not be a place where I would regularly eat lunch. However, Crema Gourmet is a beautifully decorated restaurant with eye-pleasing food presentation. It would definitely be a place I would visit again for iced coffee and ambiance.

The glorious lives of famous animals

By: Brielle Aguayo
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A toy poodle representing all the uniqueness of famous animals.

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Animal lovers far and wide have always cared for and loved the most memorable animals. Whether that be your typical dogs and cats or even aquatic and land species, these animals tear at our heartstrings and make our lives so much more fulfilled.

Dogs have been a staple for what seems like years. Many of them have even evolved into social media stars, either on Instagram or TikTok.

For example, TikTok sensation Noodle is a pug that blew up because of whether or not he

could stand on his own two paws. His owner came up with the idea that if his beloved pug would stand it would signify a good day which is a bones day, and if he could not stand then it would be a bad day resulting in a no-bones day. Noodle blew up on TikTok because of this and many people would follow the bones day myth as if it were real and the outcome would revolve around their whole day.

Additionally, there are many other dogs that have had their time in the spotlight as well. Some dogs have taken on some of the biggest roles in society, for example, being mayor of their towns.

Max, a golden retriever, was inaugurated as mayor of Idyllwild, California in 2013, after that town had a fundraiser for local animal rescue nonprofits. Additionally, Parker the snow dog was sworn in as mayor of Georgetown, Colorado because of his leadership as an official mascot of the ski area and his ability to give hugs and love to citizens.

Cats and their feline presence are known to make people excited and happy. Some are even the most unique and distinctive breeds out there.

There is a cat called Panko Cat, one of the cutest and most inquisitive animals who has a following of 259,000 people on Instagram and is known far and wide on TikTok. Her personality is shown on social media and is favored among many. One interesting fact about Panko is that

she has an honorary degree in Cat Engineering, from Carnegie Mellon University.

Another feline that has made their mark is Stryker, a stunning savannah cat. Stryker is Instagram famous for his unique coat. His owners rescued him from a small cage, and ever since then have given him a much better life. However, there is controversy surrounding these breeds and whether it is humane to keep them as pets. Yet, Stryker’s importance on social media and the care that his owners give him seem to trump that idea.

Special animals like aquatic species showcase uniqueness and their own individuality most commonly in movies and aquariums.

One of the most famous dolphins is named Winter, a mammal that was known in a movie based on its origin story called, Dolphin Tale. Winter had a heart-warming story about not having a tale, and then receiving a man-made one that allowed him to survive. Sadly, Winter passed away Nov. 11, 2021 due to an intestinal abnormality, but his memory and presence lives on.

These animals are special and memorable in many different ways. They possess uniqueness and are defined as incredible species that will live on forever.

Enjoy student art at the Student Juried Art Exhibition

By: Sophia Cortes
Arts & Entertainment Editor



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The Juried Student Art Exhibition located in gallery 217.

On March 16 the department of communication, media and the arts along with Nova Southeastern University's Art and Design program opened the doors to NSU's art world once again, signaling the start of the 13th annual Student Juried Art Exhibition. The art exhibition, featuring over 70 pieces of student art, will be running on the second floor of the University Center in Gallery 217 until April 15.

Despite the name, the Student Juried Art Exhibition is not juried by NSU students. Instead, as associate professor and Director of the NSU Art and Design program Kandy Lopez-Moreno explained, there is a main juror that picks first, second or third place, then there are faculty choices and a dean's choice.

"With faculty's choice, the other professor Miriam Ahmed, who is in the graphic design concentration, and I end up buying the piece and it becomes part of the collection we have on display in the department. It was Holly

Baumgartner's first time at the exhibition as the new dean and she loved it so much she bought two pieces," said Lopez-Moreno.

Although the Student Juried Art Exhibition is not open to all students, Lopez-Moreno explains that you do not have to major in art or graphic design in order to attend. If you take an art course within the academic year you are able to submit up to three pieces.

"Students come and ask either myself or their other professors to see which pieces they should submit. Based off that and their quality of work is how Professor Ahmed and I determine which ones get in. It's nice because there's a graphic design perspective and a studio art perspective when looking at these pieces so it's not one sided, and we always try to include at least one of the pieces from the student that's submitting," said Lopez-Moreno.

While submissions for students to showcase their art have closed, Lopez-Moreno's

advice for students who want to submit artwork next year is to practice and take all their artwork, regardless of if it is homework or not, seriously. She stresses how there are also multiple opportunities throughout the year to have one's artwork showcased in the department, as well as submitting projects to local and international journals. A fantastic and incredibly interesting opportunity is with the Journal of Microbiology and Biology Education with their Agar Art Contest, noted Lopez-Moreno.

"Some of the students that are in my class," Lopez-Moreno said, "specifically for drawing or methods of materials, end up going to the biology lab and start making artwork from bacteria. We take those pieces and submit them into a show online, which starts off being juried through Facebook. So far, we've placed top 50 for the past three years and we were just published about our art and science projects."

If you're not the most artsy person but still

wish to experience more art, Lopez-Moreno suggests checking out the NSU Art Museum in Fort Lauderdale and its year-round events and exhibitions.

The exhibition, titled "Lux et Veritas," will be on view from April 2 until Oct. 23. NSU's Student Juried Art Exhibition will be on view until April 15.

"Everyone should go. It's free entry for students. Also, starting April 1 they're going to showcase pieces from graduates from Yale and have their top five Black artists talking about their experiences being black at Yale. So Kehinde Wiley, who is really recognizable in the art world, along with Wangechei Mutu and others will have their art in the exhibition," said Lopez-Moreno.

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ONSHORE CALENDAR

Pita and Parshat
April 13 | 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Outside in the library quad

T-shirt painting
April 13 | noon – 3 p.m.
Library quad

USGA Fundraising gala constituency battle
April 14 | 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
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USGA Fundraising gala
April 14 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Carl Desantis Atrium

GCM core night
April 14 | 7:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.
The Commons 123 A/B

Stage 2: Dolls of New Albion
April 15 | 7:30 p.m.
April 16 | 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Black Box Theatre

Take back the night
April 15 | 6 – 10 p.m.
Flight Deck

Easter Egg Hunt
April 16 | noon – 3 p.m.
Library Quad

Student Choreography Showcase
April 22 - 23 | 7:30 p.m.
Performance Theatre

End of the year banquet/Iftar
April 23 | 7 – 9:30 p.m.

Waves of the week: Hardcore bard-core

By: Sophia Cortes
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Are you diligently planning for your next renaissance festival? Staring longingly out your window, fantasizing of joining a Live Action Roleplaying event? Or are you getting ready to roll some dice for your Dungeons and Dragons campaign and need some songs for your bard? Whatever your high fantasy desires, we here at ye olde The Current have the playlist for you!



Lights, camera, action: NSU students compete in annual film festival

By: Jamila Hughes
News Editor

Nova Southeastern University students competed in the 15th annual Undergraduate Student Symposium Film Festival where they showcased their talent on Wednesday, April 6, and Thursday, April 7. The festival was open for all students to compete, and no experience was required. This year there were four films featured in the competition.

Marlisa Santos, professor of film studies and literature in the department of humanities and politics and director of the NSU Center for the Humanities, was co-organizer of the undergraduate student symposium film festival alongside Weylin Sternglanz and has been working with the symposium since it started in 2007.

According to Santos, students submit short films that range from five to ten minutes long. She said that the films from students can come from anywhere or be inspired by anything, and that many are completely independent from the university, meaning they are done outside of a film class at NSU.

“At the university and the department of

communication and media and the arts, we have courses in film production, or a film may come from their own independent interests and pursuits so there are lots of ways for the film to start,” said Santos.

According to Santos, students have creative freedom regarding their film and can use their friends as actors and production staff in their work. The film does not have to belong to any specific genre.

“Once the film is produced and submitted, they will work with a faculty advisor to assist in that process,” said Santos.

She also noted that every student participating in the symposium, even outside of the film fest, will have help from a faculty advisor and went on to further detail the process films go through after they are submitted.

“Sometimes students work individually or in teams, every year we have films submitted in both formats. The films are judged by a panel of judges, which include current and former NSU faculty and industry professionals. They view the films electronically, and then the judging

occurs, and then the winners are announced on the day of the undergraduate student’s symposium award ceremony,” said Santos.

Weylin Sternglanz, associate professor in the department of psychology and neuroscience, was also a co-organizer of the festival.

Sternglanz said, “Those present included students and faculty, along with a few alumni and community members.”

The film festival reception took place on the first day of the symposium from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Honors Great Room, Room 4024 on the fourth floor of the Alvin Sherman Library. There were over 25 attendees during opening night.

Santos also said that the film festival is a great way for students to get involved in competitive film making and is a good introduction for students looking to further their experiences in film festivals. She also said that the 2021 winner of the festival had their films screened around the state and that it can lead to great exposure.

OFFSHORE CALENDAR

Todrick Hall: The Femuline Tour
April 13 | 8 – 11 p.m.
The Parker, Fort Lauderdale

Concert Under the Stars
April 14 | 2:30 – 4 p.m.
Bonnet House Museum & Gardens,
Fort Lauderdale

Suddenly Last Summer
April 14 | 8 – 10 p.m.
Island City Stage, Wilton Manors

Alejandra Guzman & Paulina Rubio
April 16 | 8 p.m.
Hard Rock Live, Davie

One Night with Nikki Glaser
April 22 | 7 – 11 p.m.
The Parker, Fort Lauderdale

North End Rockers Friday Night Party
April 22 | 6 p.m.
Checkers Old Munchen, Pompano Beach

Cultural Saturdays on the Lawn
April 23 | 6 – 10 p.m.
Dania Pointe, Dania Beach

Cirque Divyne
April 23 | 7:30 – 9 p.m.
Hair Circus, Fort Lauderdale

An Evening with Telly Leung!
April 25 | 8 – 10 p.m.
Crest Theatre at Old School Square,
Delray Beach

‘Karby and the Forgotten Land

By: Noah Wellington
Contributing Writer



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Players operate as Kirby in the newest series game.

The Kirby franchise will soon be celebrating its thirtieth anniversary, and fans are ready to celebrate with them because everyone’s favorite adorable, pink puffball is back and better than ever. “Kirby and the Forgotten Land” is the latest installment in the Kirby franchise, releasing exclusively for the Nintendo Switch on March 25. “Kirby and the Forgotten Land” will be the first ever game that is part of the mainline to feature true linear 3D gameplay. The series has come a long way in its venture from being 2D on the Game Boy, or even 2.5D on the Nintendo 64 to now being fully 3D on the Nintendo Switch.

When the trailer was released, it was instantly met with an overwhelming amount of positive feedback from the community. The trailer opens with Kirby being transported through an unknown area after being pulled into a portal that opened up in the sky. While being

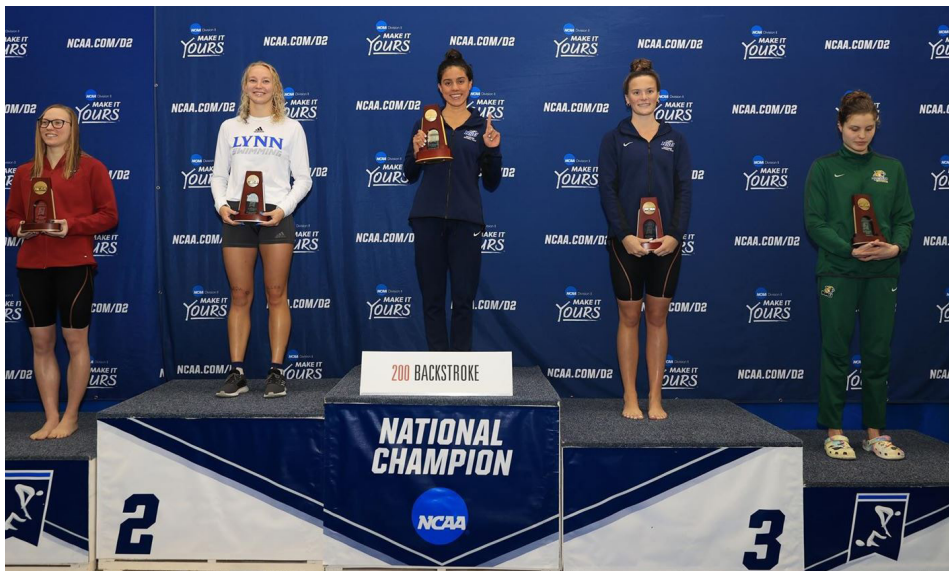
transported through the rift in time, Kirby blacks out and finds himself waking up on a beach with a lush forest in front of him. Confused as to his current location, Kirby decides to venture through the forest, eventually stumbling across a city of ruins. The camera pans through the city, showing Kirby roaming the city’s abandoned streets, buildings, malls and amusement parks that were taken over by creatures and overgrown plants after being reclaimed by nature. The trailer concludes by showcasing a variety of unique biomes, as well as Kirby using different abilities to defeat any strange creatures that stand in the way of his mission of saving the Waddle Dees.

Over the last few years, we have seen Kirby eat many absurd and questionable things; however, with the introduction of “Mouthful Mode” the list of things he can devour has just gotten a bit weirder. Mouthful Mode is a

new mechanic which also debuted in the latest trailers. With Mouthful Mode, Kirby gains the ability to inhale objects however, instead of being able to completely swallow the objects, Kirby will stretch to take the shape of the object, as well as gaining the power and properties of the object. In the Nintendo direct trailer, we see Kirby take the shape of a traffic cone, staircase and vending machine to defeat enemies and overcome various obstacles. This trailer would also be the lovely introduction of the new fan favorite form Karby. Karby is a form that Kirby, by some miracle, manages to utilize by taking the shape of a car. Fans instantly took to social media to express their love with this form, and although this transformation doesn’t have an official name, it will forever be known as Karby in the hearts of the community.

NSU's Celina Marquez caps off excellent year with SSC award

By: Blake Malick
Sports Editor



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Marquez won the Women's 200M Backstroke event, securing her spot as a National Champion.

After a successful season that saw Nova Southeastern University's women's swimming team secure a national championship in multiple events, redshirt junior back and fly Celina Marquez was recognized by the Sunshine State Conference with an individual award. In the last 12 months, Marquez has achieved a lot more than most can say they ever did. Who is Marquez and what did her season consist of?

Marquez came to Davie from Santa Tecla, El Salvador, but she made a stop in Oklahoma

before she found home as a Shark. Marquez transferred in from Oklahoma Baptist University, a fellow competitor in Division-II. According to Marquez, NSU was love at first sight.

"It felt like home," said Marquez. "I didn't want to go anywhere else."

The highly talented Marquez found herself competing for national championships long before her time as a Shark. When she was at OBU in 2019, she finished second in the 100-yard backstroke, losing by just 0.003 seconds.

After the loss, she decided to take a gap year and focus fully on swimming. The loss weighed on her during her time off, but it also pushed her.

"It hurt," said Marquez. "I was very determined to go back [after my gap year] and win a National Championship. I was hungry for more."

In the same exact pool just two years later, she was crowned as a champion. Marquez won the National Championship in the women's 200-yard backstroke. It was a story of redemption for Marquez.

"I looked up and saw my name with first place," said Marquez. "I was like, wow okay, we made it."

In addition, she was also a member of the 200 and 400-yard medley relay teams that won national championships along with fellow Sharks Sasha Maslova, Cassie Wright and Savanna Best. Marquez also finished second in two other events at the national championships. Marquez received several pieces of hardware in Greensboro.

After a tremendous end to her season, the SSC named Marquez the conference Swimmer of the Year. The redshirt junior was a bit surprised that she won the award, citing others, including her teammates, as being just as deserving. She also mentioned how she felt the award was more for the school than herself.

"Honestly, it's an honor [to be recognized],"

said Marquez. "Every single team at the school has been doing amazing, and I just feel like I'm contributing to that."

Marquez has been representing El Salvador in international competitions since she was 11 years old but watching an event on television would change her life forever. While at her home, she watched the 2012 London Olympics, and knew that it was her dream to compete in them.

"I saw the Olympics while sitting on my living room floor and I was like, I want to be there someday," said Marquez. "I put my mind, soul and heart into it, and it happened."

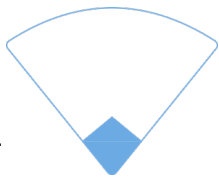
In a dream come true, in 2021, Marquez took a trip to Beijing to compete in the Olympics, representing her native country of El Salvador. She competed in the 100 meter and 200 meter women's backstroke events. Despite competing, she says her biggest takeaway was out of the pool.

"I think it gave me a little perspective," said Marquez. "It humbled me. It made me think that a lot of girls back home look up to me and that I have to be a good example for them."

Marquez looks forward to returning to NSU next season and defending her national title.

"I never stop," said Marquez. "I'm going to keep training in the summer."

ON DECK



Softball

v Palm Beach Atlantic
April 14 | 6 p.m.
AD Griffin Sports Complex

v Palm Beach Atlantic
April 15 | 5 p.m.
AD Griffin Sports Complex

v Palm Beach Atlantic
April 15 | 7 p.m.
AD Griffin Sports Complex

v Barry
April 22 | 6 p.m.
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April 23 | 4 p.m.
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v Barry
April 23 | 6 p.m.
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Women's tennis

v Florida National
April 13 | 2 p.m.
NSU Tennis Complex

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Discovering the lesser-known athletics facilities

By: Sofia Gallus
Editor-in-Chief

Did you know that NSU has a sauna? How about a rock-climbing wall? Have you tried visiting one of the three swimming pools located on campus? Since the COVID-19 pandemic, many of NSU's athletic facilities and amenities were closed or had limited capacity, but now that NSU has lifted all social distancing and face covering mandates, many of them are reopening. However, students who started school during the pandemic may be unaware of how or where to use these amenities, especially since NSU's RecPlex website hasn't been updated since the school year began.

Saunas

NSU has two saunas, located in the RecPlex men and women's locker rooms, respectively. The saunas are open to all patrons of the RecPlex, but RecWell staff asks that you limit your time in the sauna to 15 minutes. No food or beverages are allowed in the sauna, and no liquids should

be added to the heater. The saunas at NSU are dry saunas, which use dry heat and low humidity to raise temperatures and induce sweating as opposed to using high humidity. Try testing out the sauna to sweat out those bad vibes and relax for a little while between study sessions.

Rolling Hills pool

While many students may know about the leisure pool located in the RecPlex, not everyone knows about the giant luxury pool located at Rolling Hills that is open to students. Complete with a fake waterfall and lots of tables and chairs to sun yourself on, the Rolling Hills residential pool can be used for leisure swimming, instructional swimming programs and group exercises run by the RecWell staff. If you've got a friend at Rolling Hills, see if you can tag along for a pool day and enjoy the lush green scenery, sun and relaxation.

Multipurpose studios

If you've walked past the front of the University Center, you may have noticed giant glass rooms located on the bottom floor of the RecPlex. These are the multipurpose studios, which can be used for dance classes, yoga classes, spin classes and other group exercises. However, these can also be rented out by students throughout the semester. If you're enrolled in a dance class or maybe want to shake out some of the stress through an impromptu dance routine, or just need a quiet place to do yoga, renting out one of the multipurpose rooms may be the right choice for you. If you'd prefer some company, NSU hosts a number of group exercise classes on a weekly basis in the multipurpose room. Find their schedule for the winter semester at https://www.rec.nova.edu/fitness/index.html?_aid=12167.

Dolphins' off-season sets team up for success

By: Blake Malick
Sports Editor

Calling the last few seasons of Miami Dolphins football underwhelming could be considered an understatement. In the past, I've been critical of Dolphins general manager Chris Grier, but this off-season could not have gone much better for the Dolphins. After these moves, things are finally starting to look up for the Miami Dolphins. It started with the hiring of a first-time head coach from the San Francisco 49ers.

Hiring head coach Mike McDaniels was the first decision that sparked a busy off-season for the Dolphins. McDaniels brings a scheme that prioritizes running the ball, something the Dolphins haven't done in a long time: a scheme that also requires an elite, smart offensive line.

After having the worst offensive line in the NFL, the Dolphins went out and got two starters to help establish the trenches. The team signed perennial Pro Bowl and All-Pro left tackle Terron

Armstead from the New Orleans Saints on a five-year, \$75 million contract with \$43 million guaranteed. He will protect Tua Tagovailoa's blindside and be a leader in a young offensive line group. It also signed guard Connor Williams from the Dallas Cowboys. While he isn't the greatest, he will instantly slot in as a starter for the Fins' offensive line. The trenches are already much improved.

Just a few days later, wide receiver Tyreek Hill, quite possibly the most exciting and dynamic player in all of football, was traded to the Dolphins from the Kansas City Chiefs for a plethora of draft picks. The Dolphins then signed Hill to a four-year, \$120 million deal with \$72 million guaranteed, a contract that made him the highest paid wide receiver in NFL history. The speed of Hill and Jaylen Waddle combined will be a terrifying task for defenses to stop.

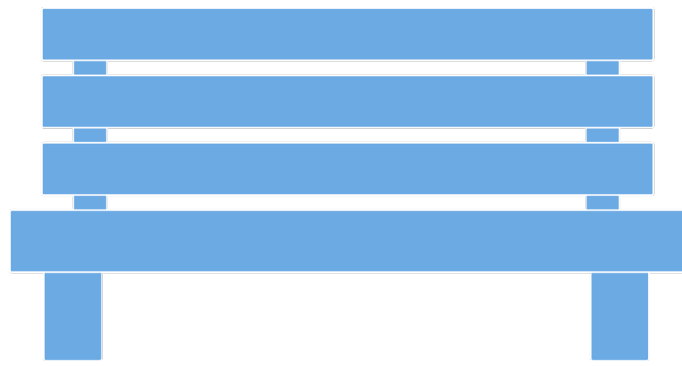
Hill and Armstead have one thing in

common: They're here to improve the play of quarterback Tagovailoa. Acquiring two superstars is something that not many teams can say that they did. While the two acquisitions headline the off-season, Miami's other additions helped solidify the team and brought depth where it was needed. It brought in two wide receivers, signing former Cowboy Cedrick Wilson and former 49er Trent Sherfield. Wide receiver depth should not be an issue for the Dolphins going forward.

As mentioned before, the Dolphins have owned a lackluster run game for years, though it was also partly due to the obscure running backs carrying the ball. As a result, it signed two proven backs in Chase Edmonds and Raheem Mostert. Edmonds, a great pass-catching back, was never truly given the chance to shine, always hidden behind someone on the depth chart in Arizona. He gets the chance to bloom in Miami. Mostert

was electric in San Francisco, averaging 5.7 yards per carry in his time as a 49er. The issue is that he could never stay healthy, missing. Coming over with familiarity and proven success in McDaniels' system, especially with a backfield mate in Edmonds, Mostert is set up for success in Miami.

The defensive side of the ball stayed relatively the same, including retaining defensive coordinator Josh Boyer. The unit has shown cohesiveness, and the young group has had a chance to develop and grow together. Jaelan Phillips and Jevon Holland were two rookies that showed flashes in 2021, along with its proven talent in Xavien Howard, Byron Jones, Emmanuel Ogbah and Jerome Baker. Defense has been a strong suit, keeping the offensively challenged Dolphins in games these last few seasons, but now, the team seems well balanced.



On the bench: Is Jake Paul a professional boxer or does he just claim to be?

By: Isabella Pinel
Contributing Writer

This past year, Jake Paul, became the highest earning athlete under 25 years old, making \$45 million with close to 90% of that income being from his boxing endeavors. It was not too long ago that Paul was known for being a character on Disney Channel's series "Bizaardvark," but he has since changed his profession from actor and YouTuber to professional boxer. Following his debut in the boxing ring, it is unclear if Paul has the privilege of proclaiming the title of professional boxer.

The realm of professional boxing has been known to follow various traditions with mutual respect between boxers at the forefront. Despite training professionally for the last few years, Paul has yet to gain the recognition needed to

be respected in the boxing community and the authority to claim he is a professional boxer.

While most professional boxers tend to express interest in the sport at a young age, Paul started his athletic career participating in a sport far different from boxing. On ESPN's talk show "First Take," Paul spoke about his background in wrestling.

"People forget I was a state wrestler in Ohio, I obviously already have the boxing skills," said Paul.

In the five matches Paul has fought in, he has chosen to compete against former athletes and a popular gamer, none of which would be considered professional boxers. Professional boxers traditionally fight in matches with what

others would consider "worthy" opponents.

One of Paul's biggest critics is ESPN's Stephen A. Smith, who stated, "[That Paul] can't get away with lying anymore [by calling himself a professional boxer]," further explaining that since he has never fought an active professional boxer, he cannot accurately give himself that title.

The "problem child" has competed in five matches and has KO'd each of his opponents so far. For a boxer who just recently made his debut, this record would be considered a great feat. However, each of his opponents are considered non-boxers with limited experience in boxing. Among these opponents is Nate Robinson, an 11-year NBA veteran with no

prior history in boxing, whereas Paul has been training professionally for the past four years.

Since his first match in 2018, Paul has made impressive strides in the boxing community. He has continued to inspire amateur boxers everywhere to pursue their dreams despite the obstacles that may stand in their way. Nevertheless, Paul may not have the justification to call himself a professional boxer just yet.

Finding fitness: Learning K-pop dances at home

By: Danna Bertel
Contributing Writer

In the past few years, a new musical genre called K-Pop has gained popularity. K-pop stands for Korean music that can include diverse music styles such as pop, EDM and rock. Ever since I was a child, K-pop got my attention for its unique and colorful videos as well as its energetic choreographies. As an avid listener of multiple K-pop groups, I have managed to learn numerous choreographies, resulting in sore legs and being drenched in sweat. With K-pop becoming a popular genre, it is no surprise that many groups often perform choreographies that can be challenging and often require lots of stamina.

If you find it hard to commit to a workout

routine or you are not motivated to get physical and you just happen to like K-pop, this might be the perfect workout for you. This does not require any fancy equipment, all you need is YouTube, your favorite K-pop songs, and open space in the comfort of your home.

Dancing is a great way to exercise, as it works on multiple parts of your body. You should start off your workout by learning easier dances. K-pop girl groups tend to have easy and fun choreographies to follow and get your muscles warmed up. Starting off with complicated and intense choreographies can become frustrating, and you're more likely to get discouraged to keep going. It's also important to change dances

if you grow accustomed to one workout session.

While you can use any song of your liking, I recommend "Red Flavor" by Red Velvet, an energetic summer song that requires slight footwork. "Dance the night away" by Twice, is another catchy summer song with a slightly more intense choreography concentrating on footwork, hand movements, and jumping. "Dalla Dalla" by Itzy is another energetic song that can help you work out almost every part of your body, while also possessing hand movements that can help with coordination.

Once you are ready for more challenging and physically demanding dances, I recommend "Chase me" by Dreamcatcher. It's a great option

to work out your arms and legs. Another song is "Fantasia" by Monsta X, a catchy, and energetic song that is an ideal full-body workout, that can leave your thighs sore.

Learning and dancing multiple choreographies are an enjoyable way to merge interest in K-pop and fitness. The best part of this workout is the freedom to pick and dance to your favorite songs, there is no obligation to get all the moves and small details right.

Editorial: School should be a safe place for all students

By: The Current

As a student-run newspaper, we believe that schools should be a safe place for students to be their most authentic selves. It should be a place not only where students learn about new educational topics but also learn about themselves. With the recent signing of the “Parental Rights in Education” bill, otherwise known as the “Don’t Say Gay” bill, into law, we believe that it is important to voice our support for LGBTQ+ students and their right to have a safe space to be themselves in the classroom.

This law robs young students not only of the support they receive from their peers, which they may not receive at home, but also prevents

educators and administrators from providing sometimes life-saving care and support. By signing this bill into law, Florida legislators have not only signaled to the next generation that they believe that being part of the LGBTQ+ community is temporary, but that those who belong to those communities are undesirable and should be silenced.

Being part of the LGBTQ+ community is a natural occurrence. It is an essential part of someone that cannot be changed. It is not something that can be imposed; not by educators, administrators, peers or anyone else. Florida legislators trying to silence these conversations

won’t stop kids from being gay, it will just put those children at risk. It puts them at risk of misinformation, risk of losing important support systems, risk of being outed to their families and risk of feeling like they are outliers in society. These students are going through formative times enough as it is. Adult legislators should not be trying to make their lives more difficult and confusing them by demanding that they hide who they are.

We shouldn’t be able to choose who gets to exercise their freedom of speech and who doesn’t, and that is exactly what this law is trying to do. Speaking as college students in Florida, we

not only need to stand up for younger students’ rights to freedom of speech, but also stand up for already marginalized communities. This law not only directly harms LGBTQ+ youth, but to echo the sentiment of the United States Secretary of Education, it does not adequately prepare them for the open-minded, progressive and compassionate world that we should work to provide them with.

The Current stands with the LGBTQ+ community in their efforts against this law and wants to extend their support to students in need of a voice, support system, or safe space.

We should rethink driving

By: Alexander Martinie
Copy Editor



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The rise in gas prices have been in the news for the past few weeks, so naturally, people are trying to limit their driving to save some money. If you are tired of paying more for gas than you are for tuition, then it might just be time to find a new way of getting around. Now, it’s not practical to give up driving entirely, but we should all try and limit our carbon footprint, and not driving for a bit is a great way to do that.

Driving produces a large amount of carbon dioxide. On average a gallon of gasoline produces just under 9,000 grams of carbon

dioxide, which adds up to about 4.6 metric tons of carbon dioxide per vehicle per year, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The tri-county area and the rest of South Florida have a rather large carbon dioxide output in comparison to its population. While that large carbon dioxide output is largely due to corporations and manufacturing, that does not mean that each of us cannot do our part to help care for the environment. By cutting down on the number of miles driven, we can all cut down on our carbon footprint and do what we can to

Students can park their bikes outside the front of the UC.

help the environment.

Even without a car, there are still plenty of ways to get around. Here are some ways to get around that you might find useful.

Now I might be a little biased, as I use my bike to get everywhere, but biking is a great way to get around quickly. Plus, it can be a great way to exercise. Biking is quicker than walking and it makes dealing with traffic a bit easier.

With a bike you do not have to worry about finding a parking spot. Pretty much every building has at least one bike rack right outside

the building, and with a bike lock, you can find a place to leave your bike pretty much anywhere on campus.

NSU has a beautiful campus, and with the sunny South Florida weather, walking is a great option. Take the time for a nice walk instead of driving somewhere. Stretch your legs and take a stroll into town instead of wasting the gas and time spent finding parking.

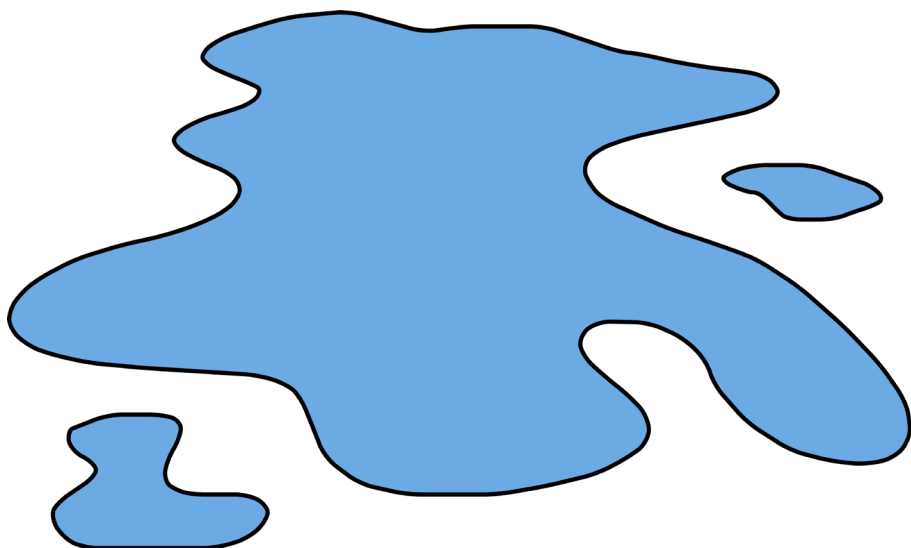
Biking and walking are some of the most environmentally friendly forms of transportation. If you want to do your part to preserve the Earth for future generations, then you should take the opportunity to walk or bike at chance you can over driving.

Now, I’m not saying that everyone should stop driving everywhere, but, if you are looking for a way to save money or cut down on your carbon footprint, trying out biking, walking or taking public transportation might be the way that works for you. There are plenty of ways to get around besides driving. Try to not drive everywhere, if you can. Walking somewhere is better for the environment, and better for your wallet.

While biking and walking over driving will not make a major difference in the global carbon footprint—truly changing that will require enacting emissions laws and policy changes, so contact your local representative and let them know your thoughts—every little bit helps in some way. We can each do our part to make the planet a more hospitable place.

Water your thoughts: Not right or left is still right

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We’ve all heard it before: “I’m not on the right or the left” or “both sides are wrong” or “let’s hear both sides.” These statements may seem like they are a valiant plea for bipartisanship and pragmatism, but these fall flat when “both sides” are considered for various social issues in the U.S. today.

Let’s put it bluntly, there are no “both sides” worth hearing in regards to racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia and transphobia. All of these have been expressed both implicitly and explicitly by the right on more occasions than the left. In fact, the left and the Democratic party are arguably the biggest anti-bigotry forces in the country right now. While Republicans pass bill after bill limiting trans rights, voter rights, immigrant rights and opposing any legislation that supports these groups, Democrats have largely defended these groups.

The debate on this topic is really not a debate at all, it’s the old conversation of black people having to explain why certain policies impact them more than others, women struggling to have men believe them and trans people having to justify their existence.

All of these examples share something in common: The majority of the left will support and listen to these groups and work towards an understanding while the majority of the right has already made up its mind. Instead of pretending that the divided state of our country is because of a lack of compromise on both sides, let’s just be honest about who’s not bringing anything to the table.

Shark speak

“If NSU made Fins Fest the carnival of your dreams, what would it look like?”

On April 1, NSU hosted their second annual Fins Festival. In preparation for this event, a representative of *The Current* went out the day before Fins Fest took place and asked people what their hopes were for the event, and what they pictured as their “dream” carnival. Fins Festival ended up attracting hundreds of students and delivered on many of the hopes that students had for their “dream” carnival.



“If NSU made the carnival of my dreams, they would have pre-prepared tacos on a table. People could just come and go with steak tacos with cilantro on them. They would have a little bit of onion and a little bit of lime and that would be my ultimate Shark festival,” said Paulina Riojas, junior marketing major.



“Probably the typical fair attraction. Fair food, fair games, fair rides, things like that. I really love the carnival games that have cool prizes, like stuffed animals,” said Lauren Do Nascimento, junior communication major, featured on the right.



“I would probably like to see a ferris wheel, some bumper cars, cotton candy, and definitely a turkey leg stand. I love the festival games, but I definitely would like some good carnival food,” said Julianna Bonetti, freshman chemistry major.



“I would say I want carnival rides, like a ferris wheel or one of those spinning rides. I also hope there is going to be carnival food, like funnel cake and fried Oreos,” said Isabella Funciello, freshman biology major.

The “Don’t Say Gay” bill only makes schools safer for bad parents

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Florida governor Ron DeSantis recently signed the “Parental Rights in Education” bill, dubbed the “Don’t Say Gay” bill by opponents, into law on March 28. The bill bars all public school teachers in the state from discussing gender identity or sexual orientation in primary school classrooms. If a teacher violates the law, it gives parents of the students in the class the right to sue the school district. According to *The Associated Press*, not only do parents now have the power to sue the school district, but under the new law they have the right to be notified if a student is given any health or support services by the school regarding sexuality or gender identity, and are able to deny that care on the students’ behalf.

The proponents of the bill argue that it

gives parents control over when and how their children learn about these complex topics. They argue that they’re making school a safer place, but I have to ask: Who are they making it safer for? Because it’s not the students.

Not talking about LGBTQ+ history, gender identity and topics parallel won’t make kids any less gay. It will only shut them off from their support systems, potentially rob them of life-saving mental and physical health services and cut them off from learning about a culture that has shaped American history.

Speaking for myself, it wasn’t until I left a private religious school and attended a public school that made space to discuss LGBTQ+ topics in a positive light where I felt safe to start viewing my own sexual orientation and gender

identity in the same way. Even when I started exploring my sexual orientation, I only talked about it with my friends, who I primarily saw at school. Without the support I received both from my school and my friends, I would never have been able to truly accept myself.

According to studies performed by *The Trevor Project*, LGBTQ+ youth face higher rates of suicide and self-harm than their peers. Additional studies found that when those students are given access to spaces where they feel safe being themselves and discussing their sexual orientation and gender identities, suicide attempts were reported at a much lower rate. Choosing instead to shush those conversations between peers and removing the support students receive from teachers and faculty-

adults who they look up to and spend most of their days with—is extremely detrimental and puts countless LGBTQ+ youth at risk.

The bill doesn’t support students. It doesn’t make their life easier—it makes it much harder, actually—it only eases the minds of selfish parents. If you are not ready to love your child no matter their gender identity or sexual orientation, you should not have a child. If you want to protect the next generation of children, you should be actively fighting against this law.

Studying one step at a time

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Studying, memorizing and absorbing all the necessary information is key when preparing for final exams. As students we sometimes are irrational and will cram everything at the last minute and then freak out, which results in bad grades and a decline in our mental state.

There is a solution for the overwhelming process of studying which is to take it one step at a time. When it comes to preparing for quizzes, tests and even more lengthier exams we must practice and study. A couple things that have helped me in the past are certain tools, a change of scenery and the people I choose to study with.

The biggest resource I used, which I can call my best friend, for helping me pass my dreaded social sciences exams in high school

was Quizlet. Quizlet is an application that helps you study in many forms. For example, Quizlet allows you to make flashcards and retain information fairly easily. There are five main features of the app which help you learn the information by writing, matching and testing it. By using this app, memorization became second nature and passing exams with key terms became my strong suit. It is superior to all tactics and ways of studying in my opinion.

When studying, the space you’re in impacts how you focus and retain information. Specifically for myself, I cannot for the life of me get any work done or study in the library. The quietness and concentration of everyone around me makes me feel uncomfortable and it’s hard to

focus with the material in front of me. However, places like outside Mako Hall, outside flight deck and a secret spot by Rosenthal Student Center are places where the fresh air and subtle noise help me contrate. These places are the best areas to study, I have gotten so much work done and they are little nooks and crannies where I felt most comfortable and motivated.

I prefer outside Mako Hall because of the comfortable chairs and a nice atmosphere. Something I have also found myself preferring is to study in groups. Last semester, I was struggling in my math class, but I made a friend and both of us did homework together in the deli by the library. Doing homework together helped me remember certain tactics from collaborating

with her. We also made a group chat with other people in our class and ended up going to the same SI sessions which tremendously changed my mindset when being in a troublesome math course.

Studying isn’t as difficult as one would expect. With the right tools, environment and motivation anything is possible. That being said, do not give up so easily and instead study and take things one step at a time, and while you’re at it reward yourself with a special treat. My go-to would be a Starbucks cake pop to celebrate my successes.

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