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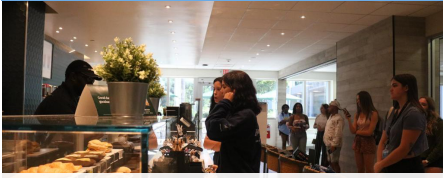
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PHOTO BY PAULINA RIOJAS

Reporting according to the first grade

By: Lauren Do Nascimento
Managing Editor

The biggest news for some was the International Day of Peace. For others, the lunch: spaghetti with meatballs. Still, other 6-year-olds felt Queen Elizabeth's funeral beat it all.

Almost 100 first grade students from Nova Southeastern University's University School spent the morning at NSU student media learning about reporting, news and interviewing.

Six different groups joined the staff of The Current, SUTV and RadioX. They actively participated and asked questions.

"Interviewing is talking to a person beside you and asking what they do," said one first grader, who wants to be a TV reporter. "I like talking in front of people."

One student said he would like to cover the political elections, and another wasn't sure about news distribution.

"Why do they ask the [US] president if they can look up the news on your cellphone?" asked the student, who was excited to learn the news is on the phone after a reporter wrote it.

At RadioX, students were shown how turntables, soundboard and vinyl players work. They also used headsets in the sound booth and learned about making and producing podcasts and shows.

One child was surprised when she heard



A first grader explores the sound booth and all it has to offer

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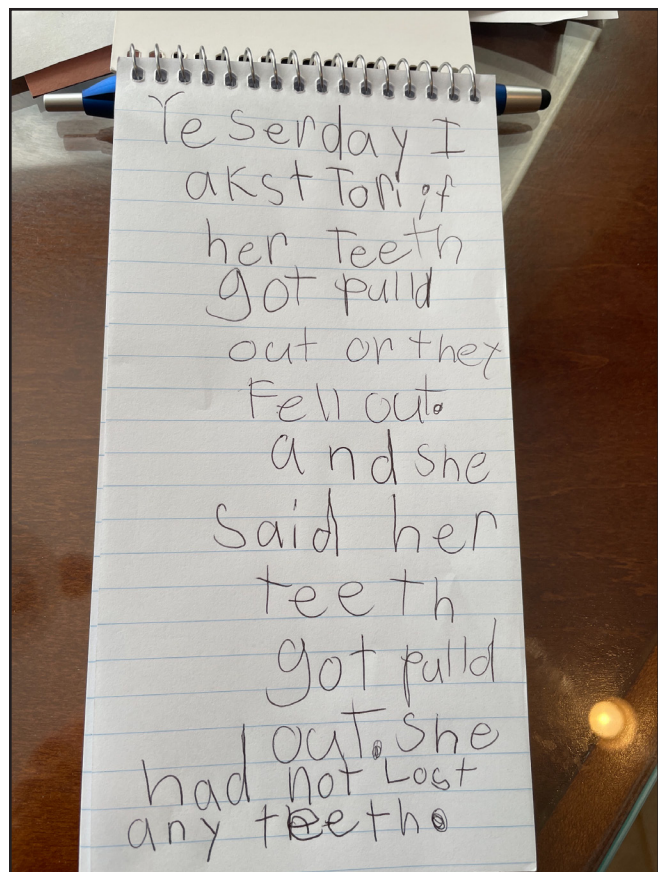
static on a portable AM/FM radio.

She showed it to the teacher and told her it could be "aliens."

The teacher joked, "Yes, you should try to see if you hear more."

At SUTV, the students were eager to play with the TV station's equipment. They explored the "green screen" and learned the effects it has in changing video backgrounds.

Michael Lynn, assistant director of student media, asked, "Is anyone here a plant?"



A first grader went home after the trip and wrote her first news story

PHOTO BY SARA SCALA

"I am a plant. Most of us are plants," said one first grader, who was wearing a green shirt while watching the green screen effect.

When Lynn told the student that wearing a green shirt on a green screen would make him "invisible," another student said, "that would be great!"

As the screen constantly changed backgrounds, students were challenged to report on their new location. The most popular one was Disney World. The second most popular

background was with animals.

"Animals, animals, animals," they shouted, especially when the baby penguins showed up.

"My parents will be able to watch me on TV," said a first grader.

Lynn said he appreciated the opportunity to teach these students the value of news.

"It is important that students from the USchool visit our studio and student media at any age because it gives them a real-world experience of the careers that they could be pursuing in the future," he said.

Shanti Bruce, chair of the department of communication, media and the arts, agreed.

"I think this was a great success and a fantastic example of collaboration between NSU and the NSU University School," she said. "I was so pleased

with how inspired the students were because they came home talking about their experiences and continued to write in their news reporter's notebooks."

The students took home as a gift a reporter's notebook, an NSU pen and an issue of The Current newspaper.

"We left the centers ready to become DJs and news reporters," said Alison Dolberg, NSU University School first grade teacher. "We really did have the best time."

Reef-wide rebranding: Shark Dining reopens with fresh locations

By: Alexander Martinie
Contributing Writer

A main fixture of the Don Taft University Center, Razor's Reef, has finalized a rebranding, featuring new restaurants and a variety of additions to the menu. Working with Shark Dining and a private consulting company, the university has improved the dining services on campus. Razor's Reef and other Shark Dining operations have moved to be fully retail-based with a self-checkout option.

Below are some new restaurants being offered.

Student Choice

"We have a student choice, which has been very popular so far. We have over 500 votes from the previous couple of weeks," said Jenifer Brinkman, director of marketing for Shark Dining. "We launched the brand stir crazy, which has been widely popular as well. And as well as the voting has started for the next menu cycle."

The Student Choice venue, the first brand visible when you enter from the UC Spine, features a rotating menu voted on by students. Students can choose from a variety of themes and vote on Shark Dining's Instagram, @SharkDining.

Urban Revolution

Urban Revolution is the campus' only location for exclusively halal meat. It offers rotisserie chicken along with vegetables, proteins and side dishes. While other places on campus do not provide exclusively halal options, the markets in the UC, Parker, HPD and Law buildings also offer premade halal and kosher items.

Herbivore

"Herbivore is a fully plant-based station with build-your-own bowls, including different plant-based proteins and vegetables," said Brinkman, talking about

her favorite on campus brand. "All of the signature bowls there are named after various trees and plants around NSU campus."

Customizable Options

Freshcorner has been a fresh and healthy option on campus for years. Now with a new location in the center of Razor's Reef, Freshcorner will be split into two different locations, with the new location offering customizable smoothies and açai bowls and the old one offering savory rice bowls.

"We expanded the offerings there, which allowed us to focus on specific things such as smoothies and açai bowls, and then the other fresh corner location focuses on salads and bowls."

College Ave Subs, formerly Mondo Subs, is Razor's Reef's customizable sandwich shop. A classic option, this restaurant has multiple sandwich options to choose from.

Ciao Bella is an Italian American dining option. With customizable pasta and pizzas, Ciao Bella offers a variety of flavors to its customers.

According to Jason Fitch, director of dining for the department of business services, Shark Dining is working with NSU's Undergraduate Student Government Association by regularly holding food service advisory meetings.

"We do welcome all students to show up," said Fitch. "The feedback is very important to us. We know for the students who live here on campus, it gets boring, the same types of food all the time. We like to change, change them and that's one of the reasons we added that student choice station."

For more information on Shark Dining services, check out their social media and website.

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Sharks Speak

This year's freshman class is the largest in NSU history with over 2200 new students.

What do you think about the growing NSU population?

By: Kamari Downer
Contributing Writer



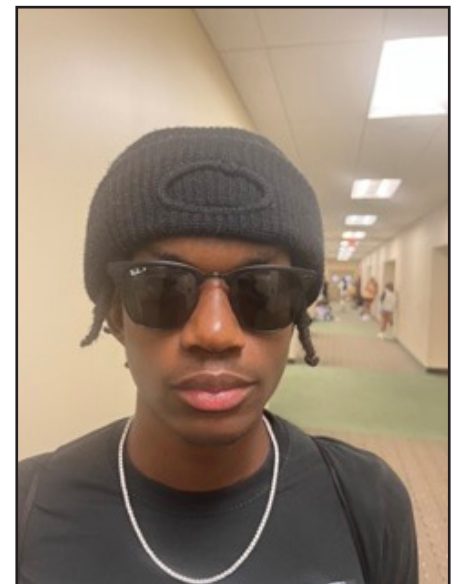
Ledianys Nazala, freshman biology major – "I think that this year has the most eager and excited students that NSU has ever welcomed. Their personalities will continue to shape and diversify the school. I am certain that this class of students will impact the school for years to come."



Anthony Modaffari, junior chemistry major- "I didn't notice it at first, but I don't see it as a bad thing. It makes the campus livelier."



Kathryn Ong, junior biology major- "The more the merrier. I've also noticed that their outfits are getting really nice. I got to step up my game. It's also nice seeing so many different personalities through their outfits."



Wenton Pagon, freshman engineering major- "I think that the growing population of NSU is a little bit overwhelming because there are a lot more students everywhere I go, and the lines are a lot longer at places on campus. Also, I must share my room with three other people, and I can't switch out because the capacity is full."



Nicole Shaker, junior communications and computer science double major, and new editor-in-chief of The Current

PHOTO BY PAULINA RIOJAS

Letter from the editor

By: Nicole Shaker
Editor-in-Chief

Dear Reader,

Thank you for picking this paper up. It was the product of a fairly chaotic publication process, one I dived into full throttle about three weeks ago as the new Editor in Chief of The Current. My name is Nicole, and if you're looking for a simple description of me, take this: I like to write.

That should sufficiently qualify me for this job position, right? Well, maybe, but luckily, I have tons of newspaper editing experience, and I'm going to take what I know, put it in a blender with some seafoam and a shark fin, and see what comes out of it over the next few months. Yes, things are going to change around The Current.

I envision: unpredictability balanced with consistency, energy balanced with organization, and shining restaurant reviews balanced with controversial political editorials.

The purpose of The Current is to present the NSU community with significant, relevant, entertaining news, unbiased and understandable, as well as quirky, niche, interesting stories,

personal and meaningful to our community.

Whatever we become, it won't be bland. As The Current evolves in shape and color, becoming brighter with every issue, I must ask you a favor: keep an open mind. A dynamic paper is best suited for spirited readers. As you welcome this first issue of the 2022-2023 school year, throw your expectations out the window, take it as it is, and respond— whether through checking out Sweet Aloha after class (go read Gill Out) or getting your very own beginner reporter's notebook (if a first grader can do it, so can you).

Well, that's me, and that's a picture of my plan for The Current as it is still unfolding. I do hope you enjoy the articles presented in this issue, and don't hesitate to write to us or stop by our office in the UC to say hi, to let us know you tried some of the self-care methods on Page 4, or anything else. We are open ears!

Happy reading,

Nicole Shaker, Editor in Chief

On the increase of student enrollments

By: Sofie Daiberl
Contributing Writer

On Aug. 22, my life changed for the better. I took a deep breath and ventured onto campus for the first time. As I put one foot in front of the other, my heart beat faster and faster in my chest, not because I was nervous, but because I was excited to be at NSU.

As I reached the Don Taft University Center with the help of the campus map, I heard the echo of what sounded like thousands of voices. There were students everywhere, walking to class with their friends or going to grab lunch. As I ventured into the University Center, I heard voices coming from every corner. "Wow," I said to myself, "there are so many students here." Feeling excited to make new friends and explore the campus, I made my way to Starbucks. But, as giddy as I was, I began to hear students moaning and groaning behind me.

"Why does this line take so long?"

"I have to get to class—This is ridiculous."

"They shouldn't have accepted so many students into the school," they whined.

As I stood in line listening to these comments from students, I wondered why they could not see the positives of the increase in student population. I thought back to orientation, and the words "Welcome to the largest freshman class we have had in 80 years with 2,000 students" rang in my head. Sure, the increase in student admissions would cause longer lunch lines and parking challenges, but this increase in students should not be viewed negatively.

One of the greatest things about more students is more diversity on campus. It is important that all universities have a diverse and accepting campus where every student can feel included and appreciated. Diversity is a huge part of what makes school feel warm and welcoming. A diverse campus allows for new viewpoints among students and staff, as well as new foods and cultures to be shared. This is a great way



The line at Starbucks stretched across the store on Sept. 30 during the 12p.m. - 3p.m. lunch rush

PHOTO BY INDAYA BYER

for students to learn from one another and share their traditions and stories. This can also help to positively influence students' viewpoints and perspectives.

The increase in student admissions this year has also provided greater funding to NSU. More funding flowing into the university means new buildings can be built, new parking garages can be added, and new on-campus restaurants can

be introduced. All of these additions can allow students to experience better campus life, filled with all of the amenities that students need.

A busier, more appealing campus means that NSU will never resemble a quiet, empty, ghost town-like school. When I first walked onto NSU's campus and saw the bustling school, it made me feel at home. The university felt lively and welcoming, rather than empty and grim.

As a new NSU student, I enjoy the chaotic commotion of this campus. I am happy to be a part of NSU's socially thriving campus, despite the long Starbucks line. I hope that NSU continues to grow and evolve over the coming years. Here's to three more years of listening to students complain in the lunch line, because, in my opinion, it is so worth it.

Movies to watch for Hispanic heritage month

By: Danna Bertel
Arts & Entertainment Editor

As Hispanic heritage month comes to a close, it is important to continue celebrating Hispanic heritage and learning about the diverse cultures of the different Hispanic and Latino countries. Watching movies by Hispanic directors and writers can effectively showcase the struggle of Hispanics and Latinos and the experience of a Hispanic American individual in the United States. These movies cover topics including hair, race, tradition, poverty and success.

“Pelo Malo”

This Venezuelan film is a coming-of-age story which tackles identity, sexuality and race. The film focuses on a 9-year-old boy living in Venezuela, who struggles with straightening his curly hair. The title of the film alludes to the term “bad hair” used in Venezuela to refer to the hair of Afro-Latino people. Overall, the film displays

the complexities of identity in a Latin American country when it comes to gender, sexuality and racial identity amidst the intolerance and criticism of those around you.

Where to watch: Amazon Prime, Apple TV, YouTube

“Real Women Have Curves”

The film follows teenager Ana Garcia, the daughter of Mexican immigrants living in Los Angeles, as she struggles with the expectations of her mother while trying to strive for her personal life goals. While the movie focuses on a mother-daughter conflict, the themes of self-image and body acceptance made this story even more memorable. The film questions the expectations surrounding Latin women while conveying a strong message of the importance of family, culture and individuality.

Where to watch: HBO Max, Hulu

“I’m No Longer Here”

In this film, we follow another coming-of-age story that captures the isolation immigrants might feel upon coming to the United States when fleeing from dangerous situations. It follows the story of Ulises, who is part of a gang called “Los Terkos,” creating a community, not of crime, but of cumbia music. Upon having to flee his country, he finds himself in the streets of New York, where his clothes, dance and music are now something others make fun of.

Where to watch: Netflix

“City of God”

This is a Brazilian crime film set in the slums of Rio de Janeiro based on a 1997 novel by Brazilian author Paulo Lins. It demonstrates the

growth of organized crime during the timespan of 1960 through 1980. The movie starts off with the character Rocket, as he narrates his childhood dealing with the war between two gangs.

Where to watch: Paramount+, Hulu, Showtime

“La Bamba”

Even after decades, the music of Ritchie Valens is still remembered today, as he made history for being one of the first Latino rock ‘n’ roll singers. The film is a biopic of the life of Mexican American Ritchie Valens and is named after one of his biggest hits “La Bamba.” The movie tells the story of a Mexican-American teenager trying to make it in the music industry and attempting to achieve the American dream.

Where to watch: Paramount+, Hulu, Showtime

Thinking about joining a law fraternity?

By: Francesca Abarca
Contributing Writer

NSU has 11 academic fraternities and sororities, but PAD is the way to go if you are a law student.

Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity is one of NSU’s biggest academic frats. It is a relatively new organization to campus, seeing that they have only been active for four years. However, it has been around as a national organization since 1902.

Their core values include teaching students to better understand the nature of law and striving to be the premier legal professional organization with a diverse membership that cultivates leaders and serves as a voice for the role of legal professionalism in our society.

It is open to all undergraduate students, but it is more focused on students who want to further their law education.

“While PAD is open to anyone, all of our events are pretty much geared towards anyone that is pre-law, such as political science, criminal justice and paralegal studies,” said Evi Alijag, PAD’s senior vice president. “As long as you’re kind of aiming for law school or a career in the legal field. Anyone can join. They’re more than welcome to and we will accept you with open arms.”

The recruitment process is a bit different than that of a regular sorority or fraternity, as recruits do not have to send in bids or attend rush events. This process lasts two weeks and starts in late September, running to early October.

The recruitment events, such as information sessions,

are designed so that potential members can gain a better understanding of what PAD is. Getting to know existing members is an opportunity for students to see if committing to PAD is something they want to do.

Once they begin the recruitment process, it is required that they attend a certain number of events. Then, they must fill out an application, which the E-board reviews in order to determine if the applicant is a right fit for the fraternity.

The initiation ceremony takes place in November. That is when new recruits get their certificates and become official PAD members.

Vicki Toscano, the faculty and pre-law adviser, said she has plans to build a new Canvas page.

“I’m working on building an all-encompassing Canvas page called Journey to Law School in which all the students in PAD have access to potential internships, applying to law school, and all the information law students would need to know,” she said.

PAD also hopes to reach out to big companies like Khan Academy and Kaplan to allow their members access to their educational materials. These companies help with anything from prepping for the LSAT to applying to law school.

PAD has many opportunities for their members to meet people with similar interests, especially in the law field.

For more information, contact Toscano at vtoscano@nova.edu.



PAD members tabling in the UC during Shark Tank Tuesday on Sept. 8

PHOTO BY FRANCESCA ABARCA

Gill out: Nothing Bundt Cakes

By: Sofie Daiberl
Contributing Writer

Are you craving a delicious, sweet treat but don't want one you can barely finish? Nothing Bundt Cakes, located at 11966 Pines Blvd, Pembroke Pines specializes in mini, deliciously moist bundt cakes that come in an array of flavors. Located about 10 minutes from NSU's campus, this store is open from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

What first stood out to me about this store was the location. Located directly off the highway, Nothing Bundt Cakes resides in a small outdoor shopping mall, which is the perfect place to attract a variety of customers. It is the star of the show in this shopping center.

When I first entered the store, I was immediately greeted with a friendly smile.

"Hi, welcome to Nothing Bundt Cakes, what can I get for you?" an employee said to me. I felt so welcome and could see the large, yet not overwhelming, selection of bundt cakes to choose from. Not only do they have mini bundt cakes, but they also have regular-sized bundt cakes and mini cupcakes, with so many amazing flavors to choose from.

There was a large book stationed inside with the menu on it, as well as an example birthday party layout. This layout sat upon a table and was decorated with some "happy birthday" mugs, glasses, napkins and other birthday party items, as well as a giant bundt cake with a bow on it.

An employee informed me that their best-selling flavors are red velvet, chocolate chocolate chip, lemon, and their seasonal flavor, pumpkin spice. I bought two mini bundt cakes, one pumpkin spice and one red velvet. After exploring the store, I chose to enjoy these goodies in my car before heading to class.

When I took my first bite into the red velvet bundt cake, my world stopped. I immediately fell in love with the moistness of the cake because, let's be honest, nobody likes a dry crumbly cake.



Nothing Bundt Cakes offers an array of interesting flavors to choose from as well as various sizes

PHOTO BY SOFIE DAIBERL

The flavor was superior to any other red-velvet-flavored goodie that I have ever had before. My favorite part, however, was the deliciously rich cream cheese frosting on top.

However, it was the pumpkin spice that truly won me over in the end. I took one bite of it and audibly went "Mmmmm." It was as if a delicious carrot cake had a baby with pumpkin

spice. The cream cheese frosting on top in combination with the pumpkin spice took it to another level. After just a few bites of each bundt cake, I could not finish both bundt cakes, so I took the rest of the red velvet bundt cake home with me.

Nothing Bundt Cakes truly has some of the best desserts I have ever had and, because they

are miniature, they are 10 times better. Although there is no seating within the store, you can easily get your bundt cakes to-go since they come in miniature containers. This is a great place to stop by if you are craving a quick and easy treat. I will definitely go to Nothing Bundt Cakes again in the future-- dare I say, weekly.

Engaging with self-care awareness month on campus

By: Bryce Johnson
Copy Editor



River Cabrera, freshman child development major, practices art for self-care because it helps them think through their emotions and problems.

PHOTO BY INDAYA BYER

September was National Self-Care Awareness Month, and as students are getting back into the groove of their classes, NSU has several ways for them to keep their health and wellness a priority.

Isabel Thompson, a licensed mental health counselor and associate professor in the department of counseling, said people should build individual self-care strategies based on what works for them.

She also suggested meditation as one option.

"Typically, it [mediation] helps you calm down in the moment and also has long-term positive benefits," said Thompson.

Other examples for self-care include: "exercise, spending time in nature, connecting with other people socially," she said.

With classes picking back up, many students feel too busy for self-care. But Sofia Cabal, a third year student in the school psychology specialist program, said that even taking short breaks throughout the day is beneficial.

"Just sitting five minutes in your car and taking the day in, or sitting quietly while you're eating your food, or thinking about the day, that's usually helpful for me," she said.

Katlyn Bagarella, a third year student in the school psychology doctorate program, agreed and said self-care has helped her develop a more a positive environment and relieve some stress.

"I do some self-care by making sure I'm in my comfy clothes before starting it [an assignment], or putting on my favorite music, my favorite playlist, so it's more enjoyable," said Bagarella.

There are many ways students can practice

self-care on campus. The NSU Center for Student Counseling and Well-being is one resource that provides evaluation and help for students.

"It's 10 sessions per academic year that students have essentially paid for by virtue of their tuition," said Thompson. "They can address if someone is having stress management issues, if they're struggling with indecision, anxiety, depression, relationship issues or academic stress."

For students who are more comfortable with online help, NSU offers several self-care resources virtually. "Mindfulness Mondays" is a weekly online guided meditation session that Bagarella is hoping to continue in the future. A resource available to students currently is the app TAO.

"The University has partnered with TAO, which is an online supportive counseling format that all students have access to with their NSU login," said Bagarella. "It has guided modules on certain topics that students may be needing support in."

Some examples of support TAO offers include "money management, stress with school and time management."

If students decide to engage with self-care, they may find the best results by sticking with their methods.

Eric Thompson, an associate professor in the College of Psychology, believes it's important for students to nurture themselves consistently.

"If you play an instrument, your instrument is going to be your body and mind and maybe your spirit. If we're able to nurture that, you're going to enjoy your time here on Earth," said Eric Thompson.

ONSHORE CALENDAR

Dimensions Dance Theatre of Miami
Art in Motion
Oct. 15 - 8 pm
Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing
Arts Center

Merge: Solo Exhibition by Jill
Lavetsky
Oct. 19 - 5 pm
Don Taft University Center

Sprinkle Me Pretty
Oct. 19 - 11:45 am
Don Taft University Center, Spine

Shark Pride Friday: Spook-tacular
Oct. 21- 11:45pm
University Center Athletic Hall of
Fame

Big Stage Ballroom 10th Annual
Showcase
Oct. 23 - 6 pm
Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing
Arts Center

Haunted Illusions Starring David
Caserta
Oct. 25 - 7 pm
Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing
Arts Center

Shark Tank Thursday
Oct. 27 - 12:30 pm
Don Taft University Center, Spine

Trunk or Treat
Oct. 31 - 5 pm
Alvin Sherman Library, North Circle

Green Sharks & Nature Club Game
Night
Nov. 14 - 5 pm
Rolling Hill Pool

OFFSHORE CALENDAR

Broward Symphony Orchestra
Concert
Oct. 15 - 7:30 pm
Bailey Hall- Davie

Pitbull Concert
Oct. 20 - 8 pm
Hard Rock Live - Hollywood

SOS: Painting with a Twist
Oct. 21 - 1pm
Plantation

House of Horror Haunted Carnival
Oct. 22 - 6 pm
International Mall – Davie

Trip to Vizcaya Museum & Gardens
Oct. 22 - 11 am
Vizcaya Museum & Gardens – Mi-
ami

Bazzi: The Infinite Dream Tour
Oct. 23 - 7 pm
Revolution Live - Fort Lauderdale

Greta Van Fleet, Durand Jones & The
Indications, Crown Lands Concert
Oct. 25 - 7 pm
Hard Rock Live - Hollywood

Off the Wall
Oct. 29 - 8 pm
Davie

Demi Lovato Concert Tour
Oct. 30 - 7 pm
Hard Rock Live - Hollywood

Jill Lavetsky exhibit open for viewing in Gallery 217

By: Lauren Do Nascimento
Managing Editor

Guest artist Jill Lavetsky, who has opened her first solo exhibition in NSU's Gallery 217 Gallery 217, will be hosting three special events on Oct. 19: an artist workshop from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., a special reception from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., and an artist talk from 6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

The exhibit, sponsored by the Department of Communication, Media and the Arts, is free to all NSU students, staff and local community members.

Every year, professor Kandy Lopez's museum studies and gallery practice class exhibits the work and hosts artist workshops and talks with artists from different backgrounds. The artists can present their work, talk about

their background and explain their exhibit.

Lopez's students built the entire Lavetsky exhibit in collaboration with the artist.

They started construction in late August and completed it on Sept. 28.

It will remain open for people to view until Nov. 22.

Lavetsky is a South Florida based artist who has had her work displayed all over the country since 2009. She graduated with a Master of Fine Arts from Florida Atlantic University in 2013 and has worked in various institutions since. Lavetsky's works include watercolor, collages, canvas paintings and more.

Her exhibit "Merge" includes multiple watercolor paintings, black and white collages

and sculptures that reflect the themes of human connection, relationships and emotions.

Tristan Trivett, gallery assistant noted that themes of motherhood, love and self-image are intimately explored within each canvas.

"Lavetsky's use of thinned paint creates multidimensional layers of abdomens, hands, and heads possessing otherworldly glow as they overlap and form a new composite entity," she added.

Gallery 217 is open on Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is located on the second floor of the PVA Suite in the UC, through the doors by the student lounge.

MERGE

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A Solo Exhibition by
JILL LAVETSKY

Reception:
October 19, 2022 5-7pm

Artist Talk:
October 19, 2022 6:15-6:45pm

Artist Workshop:
October 19, 2022 12-1:30pm

Gallery 217:
Don Taft University Center
Nova Southeastern University
3301 College Avenue, 33314

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Monday: 9am-3pm
Tuesday: 9am-6pm
Wednesday: 9am-3pm
Thursday: 9am-6pm
Friday: 9am-1pm

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FINNS UP SHARKS: HOME GAMES

Oct. 12: 7:00 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. Barry
NSU Soccer Complex

Oct. 15: 12:00 p.m.
Men's Swimming vs.
Shark International
NSU Aquatic Center

Oct. 15: 7:00 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs.
Saint Leo
NSU Soccer Complex

Oct. 15: 12:00 p.m.
Women's Swimming vs.
Rollins
NSU Aquatic Center

Oct. 18: 7:00 p.m.
Women's Volleyball vs.
Barry
Rick Case Arena

Oct. 19: 7:00 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs.
Maine Fort Kent
NSU Soccer Complex

Oct. 19: 5:00 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Flagler
NSU Soccer Complex

Oct. 22: 6:00 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. Eckerd
NSU Soccer Complex

Oct. 25: 7:00 p.m.
Women's Volleyball vs. Palm
Beach Atlantic
Rick Case Arena

Oct. 29: 4:00 p.m.
Women's Volleyball vs.
Florida Southern
Rick Case Arena

Oct. 28-30: All day
Women's Tennis vs. Shark
Bite Invite
NSU Tennis Complex at
Rolling Hills

Women's rowing program reinstated

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The women's rowing team in 2020 practicing during sunrise
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The women's rowing program has been reinstated after being paused indefinitely prior to the 2020-2021 academic year and a long hiatus due to COVID-19.

NSU Director of Athletics and Associate Vice President for Advancement, Michael Mominey, said the NSU women's rowing program has been one of the most successful sports in NSU history. It has earned Sunshine State Conference titles, showing up in 12 NCAA Division II Championships, and even getting 18 All-Americans.

"We are pleased to welcome women's rowing back as the 17th NCAA Division II sponsored sport for NSU Athletics," said Mominey. "We look forward to them continuing

to succeed on the water and in the classroom."

The rowing program was added around 2003 and, after earning a trip to the NCAA Rowing Championships and victory in the petite final over Sunshine State Conference rival Barry University, it gained massive and immediate success. In 2009, the program won the very first NCAA Division II Championship for NSU, and in 2013, women's rowing captured the 2013 NCAA DII Rowing National Championship, winning both the varsity-8 and varsity-4 grand finals.

The program was put on pause in 2020, and unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic extended this pause indefinitely. The program is ready to roll again now that lockdown has ended.

Alumna Remi McCullen and member of the 2011-2016 rowing team is eager to see the program back at NSU.

"My fellow alumni worked extremely hard to get the program reinstated, as it was the greatest program in NSU," said McCullen. "At one point, it was one of the best teams on campus winning the Sunshine State Conference."

Gabi Lopez, 2014-2018 alumna, is looking forward to the impact the program will have on future NSU students.

"We want other girls to experience what we did," Lopez said. "We are excited for that possibility to happen now that the team has been reinstated."

A national search will immediately commence for a new head coach to lead the team for the 2023-2024 competition.

The NSU volleyball team off to an exciting start

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While many students stumbled into their first week at NSU, fall teams have already dove into their season. New volleyball head coach Kacie Ehinger has optimistic predictions for this season.

Ehinger joined the Sharks in the spring of 2022. As everyone in the Sharks family has been adjusting to their new system, Ehinger is pleased with how things are going.

"It is a whole new system and there are going to be glitches here and there, but players are asking questions and bringing their best work to what we are doing," Ehinger said.

As the Sharks' athletics program is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, Ehinger's goal is to win the Sunshine State Conference.

"Being able to compete for that title and make it to the NCAA tournament is a great opportunity for us," Ehinger said.

The Sharks are already off to a good start with a 9-5 overall record. In order to win, the Sharks are employing a simple yet effective strategy.

"Offensively, we want to be fast. Defensively, we want to frustrate people," Ehinger said.

With the lineup of impressive players this semester, everyone is bringing their strengths to succeed on both the offensive and defensive fronts. So far, freshman Olivia Aniol, who plays middle, and freshman Taylor Stockman, who plays right-side, have been offensive standouts. Graduate transfer Grace Green has also stepped comfortably into her role in the team, acting as steady defensive line. Some players have even excelled at positions they are not used to playing. "Avery Piatt is another freshman we have



The women's volleyball went up against UTampa on Sept. 17 and won three rounds out of the five, taking home the victory

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who was a hitter throughout her career and now she is transitioning into a defensive player. She touches a lot of balls and defensively, she is one of the kids that goes out all the time," Ehinger said.

Although success seems imminent, it is still going to be a difficult road for the Sharks. Between schoolwork and practices, it could get

hard for student-athletes to remain motivated both academically and athletically. Ehinger's way to keep her players motivated is for them to compete with each other.

"It is good for them to be able to see a scoreboard or know that they are competing against each other every day to keep the motivation," Ehinger said.

While the Sharks are getting ready for their conference starter at the Barry University game, Ehinger has a few words for the volleyball fans.

"Get out here, be loud, and cheer us on," said Ehinger. "We are a really exciting group and have a lot of high energy, and we're excited to see you."

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