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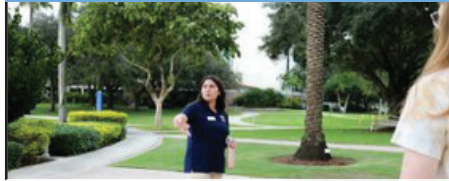
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Ask the Artist

In honor of Veterans Day and those who have served in the military, NSU held multiple events to showcase the work of veterans and pay tribute to them on campus. One of them is a veteran-dedicated art exhibit called "Art of Duty" in the Alvin Sherman Library, which opened on Oct. 20 and will remain open until Jan. 8.

Three events, which took place this month to salute the bravery and service of veterans, are the Ask the Artist panel as part of the Art of Duty Exhibit, the Forman Field Dedication, and the culminating Veterans Day Celebration.

The "Art of Duty" exhibit showcases poetry, photography and paintings of 11 veteran artists with the addition of civilians displaying military-themed artwork. The exhibit was curated in a collaboration between the Alvin Sherman Library and the NSU Military Affairs Veterans Resource Center.

The "Ask the Artist" panel on Nov. 7 invited the veteran artists to share their experiences as post 9/11 veterans and the inspiration behind their artwork.

Senior Director of Military Affairs Mathew Chenworth and University Archivist Gena Meroth led the event with prepared questions for

the artists focusing on their experiences in the military and their connection with the art they created.

Justin Eggen, former U.S. Marine Corps and two-time national award-winning poet, had his collection of poems featured in the exhibition. Eggen shared what inspired him to write poetry and how his work helped him overcome hardships.

"When writing poetry, words are powerful and at the end of the day we've all been hurt by words, we've all been uplifted by words," said Eggen. "Writing poetry is a good motivator to address your trauma but also helps to have a better understanding and connection of it so it doesn't affect you in a negative way."

Former U.S. Marine Corps Mathew Oraze also attended alongside his family and answered questions regarding his pieces "Papa Pig Putin" and "Kim Jong Meow," portraits of dictators as animals. Oraze said the inspiration behind his artwork was a conversation about dictators and animals with his son over dinner.

Oraze's work was a favorite for Mia Joseph, senior business administration major.

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One team tries to keep its raft afloat as another races ahead.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY DIAZ

A shark-filled Thanksgiving

By: Bryce Johnson, Zara Rada Silva, and Jennifer Griggs

For Abigail Johnston, junior neuroscience and biology major and co-president of SAFE (Save Animals from Exploitation), Thanksgiving gives her a chance to reconnect with her family, especially with those she hasn't seen in a while. This year, Johnston is eager to cook for her

family and try out new recipes.

"Food brings people together, and every year my family's always excited to try whatever vegan dish that I cook because I like to switch it up a lot. And so I really appreciate that from them," said Johnston.

As Thanksgiving approaches, Johnston and many other students are making preparations for how they will celebrate. For students who are

unable to travel home for Thanksgiving, several clubs and organizations on campus are holding lunch and food drive events, so they could still experience the holiday.

For Shark Dining, the week of Thanksgiving brings about a fluctuation in operation hours. On the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week, the hours will remain the same, but on Wednesday some of the restaurants will close

early.

On Thursday, Shark Dining will partner with Residential Life and NSU Housing to provide meals for students, and by Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the dining schedules should return to normal.

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Letter from the editor



Nicole Shaker is the editor-in-chief of The Current.

PHOTO BY LAUREN DO NASCIMENTO

By: Nicole-Shaker

Dear Reader,

You are holding in your hand the final issue of The Current for the fall semester. I know— I'm shedding a tear too.

I want to thank you for sticking with us throughout this rollercoaster of a semester and

for reading our paper to get your NSU news. This last issue offers up the second installment of The Current: Spotlight below, tasty Thanksgiving recipes in the food section, and even a look-ahead to Christmas in Lifestyle.

As you flip through these pages, you'll get to visit a traditional Italian restaurant, pass through the fantasy world of Wakanda, and more. We hope that wherever this paper takes you, you walk away informed and affected. And if you have a comment or suggestion, you can let us know! Come see us on the third floor of the University Center or send a letter to the editor (you may even get published).

Thank you again for picking this paper up, and stay tuned. Come January of next year, you'll have a new issue in your hands that'll take you on another unique journey.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and winter break!

Happy reading,
Nicole Shaker

OPINION



Marvel debuts their sequel with a tribute to actor Chadwick Boseman.

PHOTO BY FRANCESCA ABARCA

Wakanda will live forever in this "Black Panther" sequel

By: Francesca Abarca

"In loving memory of our dear friend, Chadwick Boseman."

Of course, this is how the movie ends, with this quote on the screen and tears streaming down my face, unable to process any emotions that I felt over the past two and half hours. I needed to sit in a silent theater with my friend and roommate, Fatoumata Kanoute, for 10 minutes after the credits ended to contemplate my whole life and the masterpiece that I had just watched.

"Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," directed by Ryan Coogler, was released Friday, Nov. 11, and all the diehard Marvel fans, like me, bought their tickets two weeks in advance. This movie was one of the most hyped Marvel movies since "Avengers: Endgame," and it picks up on the storyline of the original "Black Panther" movie.

This film started off with the death of King T'Challa and a beautiful tribute to all of Boseman's work during his time in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU).

Within the first 20 minutes of the movie, we are introduced to a new villain named Namor, who resembled a character from "Avatar." Namor comes to the surface world to inform the queen that vibranium exists outside of Wakanda and that they need to work together to stop the rest of the world

from finding it.

The film does an incredible job of including new plot twists and keeping their viewers engaged for the entirety of the film. The director incorporated ancient Mayan culture into the film as well, which was an interesting aspect.

I found myself saying "as she should" every five minutes because of the prominent feminine power in the film. This was one of the first films that I had seen in a long time that included all women of color as the focus on screen. The feminist in me smiled because they showed that they did not need anyone to protect them.

Sticking to the original and iconic color scheme of purple and black for the costumes and the beautiful scenery, the film left my viewing partner in awe of the cinematography that is used.

"It is even more beautiful to watch all the wide shots of Wakanda in this movie than the first 'Black Panther' movie. I was constantly admiring the scenery and wanted to plan a visit there," said Kanoute.

Everyone should go see this new movie if they want to feel a rollercoaster of emotions. "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" was the perfect way to honor Boseman's legacy in a way that left the audience awed and pleased.



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The Current Spotlight: Michael Lynn

By: Nicole Shaker

Michael Lynn gets up every morning, grabs a water bottle, says bye to his husky Luna, and heads to work.

He works at NSU as the assistant director of student media. His daily responsibilities vary, but mostly include troubleshooting technology, creating admissions videos, giving advice, handling administrative duties, and generally overseeing all three branches of student media (The Current, RadioX, and SUTV).

"Making the experience better for students is really rewarding," said Lynn. "My favorite part of the job is making opportunities happen for students."

But this job isn't where his NSU journey started. In the summer of 2016, as a recent high school graduate, Lynn began volunteering for SUTV, NSU's student-run TV station.

As a freshman at NSU, Lynn was hired as a camera operator and a video editor at SUTV and was soon promoted to co-station-manager.

Professor Juliette Kitchens, Lynn's former professor, recalled being impressed by his content creation.

"He's highly intelligent, and he respects the work he's doing, which I think is not something I see in young creators as often as I do in more mature content creators," Kitchens said. "His talent is mature beyond his years in the industry."

As co-station-manager, Lynn began the biweekly Friday show SUTV Now, which still runs today.

He also began priming students to eventually take his place. Senior marketing major and current station manager of SUTV Paulina Riojas was a freshman when she met Lynn.

"He's taught me everything I know today in production and I can't thank him enough," Riojas said.

During this time, he also volunteered as a DJ at RadioX, NSU's student-run radio station.

Aidan Rivas, a 2020 communication with a concentration in digital media production alumnus, worked with Lynn in student media throughout his NSU undergraduate career and has collaborated with him on many freelance projects.

"He was a very strong leader. His ideas were always good, and he always executed," Rivas said of Lynn's time at SUTV. "I think that heavily contributed to him being accepted immediately in the [assistant] director position later."

Lynn received his bachelor's from NSU in communication with a concentration in journalism and a theater minor in May 2020. After graduation, he was hoping to find a job at NBC-6, but the COVID-19 pandemic put a damper on his plans.

"I was like, I need to continue my studies, so I can figure out what to do here," Lynn said. "And so, I pursued a master's. I also liked the idea of education because, in my undergrad as station manager, I liked teaching people."

He pursued a master's in composition, rhetoric, and digital media at NSU.

"He was such an active participant in the program and the department in undergrad that, by the time he came to the graduate program, we were all very familiar with him, his reputation, and the quality of work that we could expect," Kitchens said. "He absolutely delivered."

During this time, he wrote a thesis on how the pandemic has affected education and how

technology influences education. He defended it in the spring.

Also during this time, he began entertaining the idea of becoming an adjunct professor. He has not done so yet, but Lynn hopes to eventually teach composition and humanities courses.

"Teaching is a fun time because you really get to see the gears turning in people's minds," Lynn said. "You get to learn about everybody's own personal stories and goals and everybody wants a little bit of something else out of it."

He graduated with his master's in May 2022 and was also nominated by the Halmos College of Arts and Sciences for the "Student of the Year" STUEY (Student Life Achievement Award).

During his master's education, Lynn worked in the NSU writing center as a graduate assistant coordinator. In December 2021, he left that role and became the assistant director of student media.

"The cool part about student media is that not everybody comes from a journalistic-heavy background. We have computer science majors, psychology, marketing, all sorts of stuff," said Lynn. "The beauty is you have all these people walking away from student media [with] a deeper appreciation of how productions build up. It's a good way for people to communicate better and to build better relations with others."

Lynn's dual NSU student experience and staff experience help him understand and appreciate the serendipitous opportunities all students can take advantage of at NSU.

"As a staff member, you realize how much work the professors, faculty and staff do to put their heart and soul into making it the best possible experience for the students," Lynn said.

He also brings a unique perspective in terms of the evolution of student media.

"I have seen student media go through a multitude of different changes over the years," said Lynn. "With each iteration, things get refined a little bit more."

He shared that he has big plans for student media, to be executed alongside Christiane Delboni, the director of student media.

"Mike is the best thing that happened to me and this job," Delboni said. "He is a gift I received along with the job."

Lynn said he wants "student media to be the reputable source of media engagement for the entire NSU population and potentially the [South Florida] community at large."

He would like RadioX to be the go-to place for underground artists to be heard, The Current to be so commonplace that it can always be seen in someone's hands and for people to watch SUTV "all the time." He plans to drive toward these goals by further integrating student media into NSU curricula, hosting tabling and other campus events, and refining the type of content being produced in each branch.

He wants to see more news-heavy content on SUTV, and for Radio X, "music that goes against the billboards"—as in, obscure, local artists that audiences wouldn't hear anywhere else—as well as more DJ-audience interaction.

"I really want to go away from top forties music," Lynn said.

But there's a lot more to Lynn than just his job.

When he's not on NSU campus, he's hanging out at Flamingo Gardens (his father used to be a tram driver there) or shopping for antiques and records to add to his expansive collections.



Michael Lynn is the assistant director of Student Media and oversees The Current, SUTV, and RadioX.

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His favorite antique is his cathode ray tube monitor (he eventually wants to make a CRT wall) and his favorite record set is, "Everywhere at the End of Time" by The Caretaker.

He often gravitates toward big-band jazz era and obscure records and regularly listens to indie, bedroom pop, western and experimental music on Spotify. One of his current song recommendations is, "Welcome to the Craft Store!@" by nofriendsonline, which can be listened to on Bandcamp.

Lynn recommends other collectors go to local shops like Radio-Active Records and We Got the Beats, but he said that the best can usually be found "in the most obscure, hole-in-the-wall, really rural places."

Some of his other hobbies include sewing patches on jackets, playing various instruments, practicing photography, fishing and cooking.

He is also quite the foodie. You will most often see him at Mazzola's Italian Restaurant with his family or at Flashback Diner, but he also enjoys Lester's Diner and Cherry Smash.

When Lynn is on campus, Einstein's Bagels is his usual spot. He gets the cinnamon sugar bagel with honey almond shmeor or the everything bagel with onion and chive shmeor, alongside his trustee vanilla hazelnut coffee.

And when he is not getting food, he is probably on the third floor of the University Center. He'll be in his office, the SUTV studio or The Current newsroom, either discussing media initiatives with Delboni or engaging in a niche philosophical debate with any willing participant.

He described his personality as retro, hipster, underground, laid-back, creative, and "very, very old school."

Riojas described him as "super kind, always willing to help, very knowledgeable, and the best guy ever."

You also may see him in the Rosenthal building, making banter with RadioX staff.

Evan Kelley, senior communication major with a concentration in journalism and program director at RadioX, has worked with Lynn for a year and also shared a class with him when she was a freshman and he was a senior in undergrad.

"If I had one word to describe him, it would just be goofy," Kelly said.

Lynn's main goal is to engage more of the NSU population with student media, as he says, "people from the farthest reach that you could imagine."

"You don't need to have a journalistic background," Lynn said. "You just need to have that passion for it."

He advises students to get involved wherever their passion lies.

"You could trailblaze and leave a legacy for yourself and get involved and get your name out there and really do something special," Lynn said. "An engaged student is a well-performing one. And you might pick up some cool skills along the way that you may not have thought you needed."

Alumni Spotlight: Gabriella Blume

By: Ashley Diaz

NSU alumna Gabriela Alvarado Blume moved from Venezuela to the United States of America about 10 years ago with her family after her parents won the green card lottery, a United States of America program for receiving a permanent residency card.

“My parents applied for that in Venezuela, and we were very lucky to win,” Blume said, who remains proud of her culture.

She identifies as Hispanic and Latina.

“How lucky we are to be born and raised in a community where family is everything, and we’re helping each other and lending a helping hand when needed,” said Blume.

Blume’s innate drive to help her community came from her culture and led her to a career in journalism so that she could inform communities on significant issues.

When she worked at Telemundo and NBC, she wrote stories informing people about what is going on in her community.

She is now working in community engagement at NSU supporting the South Florida community.

After completing her bachelor’s in International Business at Florida Atlantic University, she started her journalism career covering U.S. and international news, sports and entertainment for Telemundo and NBC News. She traveled around the world, reporting from Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Russia.

But she covered a series of tragic stories that inspired her to shift her career path.

“In my last assignment, I actually found myself



Gabriella Blume is an NSU alumna who works at the Levan Center of Innovation to affect change in the community. COURTESY OF KRISTA LEE PHOTOGRAPHY

covering stories that were very tragic,” Blume said. “They were concerning to me as a Hispanic and as a human being.”

Blume covered a series of mass shootings in a three-to-four-week time frame. She reported on four shootings while doing 24/7 coverage. The events in the shooting were so traumatic that she decided to leave her career in journalism.

These stories changed the way she wanted to help her community.

“I wanted to stop continuously covering or continuously seeing violations of human rights against Hispanics, and these were stories I was always covering over and over again,” she said. “I questioned, why do I keep doing this? What I want to do now is to continue telling the story, but from a decision-making standpoint.”

Blume wanted to support her community, citing her Hispanic heritage as motivation. She wanted to do this by making decisions to aid her community instead of reporting on the events happening in the community. So, she enrolled at NSU as a master’s student in public administration.

“I wanted to stop seeing stories of mass shootings,” Blume said.

She graduated last June.

Blume chose to study public administration to learn about public service, leadership topics, social service, social science, community and economic development.

While earning her degree, she also worked full time for the university’s advancement team, where she assisted with fundraising for scholarships and research at the university.

Last year, she transitioned from this role into her current role as the director of community engagement at the Levan Center of Innovation at NSU.

As director of community engagement, Blume and her team assist in bringing economic development to South Florida. She does this by leveraging tools and resources inside and outside of the NSU community. Her work helps support companies and entrepreneurs in the South Florida community.

“[As] Hispanics, we are so much more than the colorful image people have painted over us. We’re also very smart and ambitious,” she said. “We want to help our communities and we want to help the next generation.”

Starting Dec. 25, Blume will relocate to Jacksonville with her family to follow a new professional path in communications and community.

From the Front

A shark-filled Thanksgiving

Shark Dining will offer free dinner to all active NSU students for Thanksgiving.

Jenifer Brinkman, Shark Dining’s director of marketing, said students will need to present their Shark ID card to receive this free meal. Both on-campus and off-campus students will be eligible to receive this meal.

There are a variety of options for this traditional Thanksgiving meal, including turkey, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy. There is also a vegetarian option.

Shark Pantry will also provide Thanksgiving meals for students. Through numerous donations, Shark Pantry has also been able to construct Thanksgiving meal kits for students who will be on campus. Shark Pantry is located on the UC second floor south side concession stand.

Students Danna Diaz Pedroza, sophomore

biology major, and Andrea Concepcion, junior public health major, work at the Shark Pantry and helped build the kits. They said that around 47 students have signed up through an Instagram post with a QR code to receive Thanksgiving meal kits.

“In the kits, first you get to pick your choice of meat, which was either chicken, ham or turkey. Once you pick that there’s canned vegetables, canned fruit, stuffing, Jiffy Cornbread Mix,” said Pedroza.

The Shark Pantry is open every Tuesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Through the Shark Pantry, NSU students have access to various canned foods and toiletry items. Approximately 150 to 200 students come to the Shark Pantry each week.

As more students use the pantry, Pedroza

and Concepcion hope to expand it by adding perishable food and inclusive options for people with dietary restrictions.

“Maybe next semester, we’ll work on upgrading, but as for now, it’s mainly non-perishable items,” said Concepcion.

Students looking to support the pantry can put non-perishables food and other items into any of the donation boxes found around campus.

“Last week, we had donations from the law school. They had some type of drive or competition, and so we partnered with them and received all the cans,” said Pedroza. “It was over 6,000 cans.”

Students like Matthew Gassmann, freshman marine biology major, and Suchita Balaga, freshman biology major, are finding ways to spend the holiday here at NSU away from their

families. Both students plan on staying in contact with their families by calling them or FaceTiming them the morning of Thanksgiving.

Balaga plans on having a relatively low-key Thanksgiving making curry with her roommate, who is a vegetarian.

“One of my roommates is going to be here, so we might order some food or cook something,” said Balaga. “Then on Black Friday, it is one of my roommates birthdays, so we are going to decorate the dorm as a surprise for her.”

For Thanksgiving, Gassmann was originally going to spend the day with his grandmother and aunt, but he is now planning on going to a friend’s house.

“It’ll be fun,” said Gassmann. “We are doing a group soccer game where I will be the goalie.”

NSU prepares for Shark Preview

By: Ester Ferreira

With Shark Preview season approaching, the NSU community is preparing for the floodgates of prospective students to open. Shark Preview leaders, however, started their preparations as early as August.

“We get hired around September or the end of August and we start training,” said Hannah Flood, senior Shark Preview leader in the office of orientation.

Shark Preview Weekend is a program for NSU’s prospective students to learn more about the university and what life in college is like. Students arrive on Thursday and engage through Saturday in activities that include socials, information sessions and interviews for the Premier Programs they applied to.

To attend Shark Preview, prospective students had to have applied for at least one of the university’s premier programs (Razor’s Edge, Dual Admissions, the Fischler Academy of Education or the Huizenga Business Innovation Academy) or have been invited to interview for the Presidential Scholar’s Program.

Shark Preview Weekend always takes place in the winter semester and starts as early as the second week of classes. This year, the first Shark Preview starts Jan. 12, and the last on Feb. 2.

There are virtual sessions as well, usually reserved for international students.

One way Shark Preview leaders have been preparing is putting up signs all around campus.

“We set up signs all over campus for parking, residence halls, and important buildings, like DeSantis or Parker, because that is where a lot of interviews happen,” she said.

One of the many other duties of Shark Preview leaders is to shuttle prospective students around campus in golf carts. There are two extra shuttles circulating on campus from Thursday to Saturday to transport students to their different activities and interviews.

Students who do not live within commuting distance of NSU are accommodated in hotels near the university.

“The latest the Shark Shuttle can get to the hotels or drop people off or pick them up is around 11 p.m., so the times are extended,” said Sherween Camy, Shark Preview leader for the office of orientation.

Flood said that because Shark Preview brings more people to campus, common areas become busier, and lines become longer.

“For the freshmen, it is definitely going to throw them off their normal routine during the lunch hour. On Friday, it is way busier here,” Flood said. “For classes, too, it is something that



Kiara Coleman, junior political science major, leads a campus tour. PHOTO BY INDAYA BYER

can throw you off because we rent out classrooms for interviews.”

Camy agrees.

“As someone who was not a Shark Preview leader beforehand and experienced events going on while I was going to classes, I honestly felt a bit aggravated,” Camy said. “There are so many people you have never met before and you have never seen before. It feels harder to get to classes,

or it is going to take a lot longer to get there.”

Flood believes that this accurately simulates what prospective students can expect from NSU.

“It shows incoming students what real life looks like at college. This is how crazy the lunch hour can get, how crazy the cafeteria can be, how much foot traffic there is on campus.”

From the Front

NSU celebrates Veterans Day

"I really enjoyed the deck of cards piece and the duality of serving and then going into another career. Whether it's continuing service, being a nun, or just going off and finding your new adventures," said Joseph. "I also liked Pig Putin and Jong Meow, that was one of my favorite pieces, and it's been a big hit with a lot of people."

The phrase "every veteran has their own story" was demonstrated at the "Ask the Artist" event through the various types of artworks created. Some artists used charcoal to create their work whilst others used paint or pencil. Many of these pieces depicted the journey and trauma of veterans in the military while few focused on life outside of the military.

Forman Field Dedication

The Forman Field Dedication event on Nov. 11 was a ceremony held by the Office of Military Affairs in honor of the Forman family at the NSU Armed Forces Service Flag Plaza outside the Horvitz Administration Building.

The event played tribute to the Forman family and their impact on higher education. The plaza will be renamed "U.S. Military Service Plaza at Forman Field."

The plaque dedicated to the Forman family commemorated U.S. army veteran Hamilton C.

Forman and Charles R. Forman who led the creation of the state's junior college system. Two additional plaques were added to give recognition to the donors.

President and Chief Executive Officer of NSU, George L. Hanbury II gave an opening speech, recounting the story of the Forman brothers, their family and their vision.

"No one loved this country more than the Forman brothers and their family. Now we are giving honor in perpetuity to a family that has long been forgotten as generations come and go," said Hanbury II. "We would not be here if we were not for the Forman brothers and the Forman family's love of not only their country but of love of education."

Eighty years ago, what is now considered Broward County was owned by the Forman family as farming land. During World War II, the U.S. government turned the land into a U.S. Navy air training facility named Forman Field. At the end of the war, the U.S. government sold the land back to the family, who used the land to create an educational facility. That land is now home to NSU, Broward College and the Florida Atlantic University campuses.

As part of the unveiling ceremony, the son of one of the Forman brothers, Charles R. Forman, spoke about his father's and his brother Hamilton's vision and contribution to education.

"I know Doc and Hamilton are really smiling down today. This was their hope. They loved education and they worked hour after hour," Forman said. "Collins and I got to go through Nova starting with seventh grade and it was a great experience, a great education for us. But for all that's come after, it's just been spectacular."

Veterans Day Celebration

This celebration of Veterans Day on Nov. 11 was planned by the Office of Military Affairs to honor veterans, military-affiliated students and faculty and community supporters.

The celebration was led by Senior Director of Military Affairs, Mathew Chenworth. He introduced the guest speaker, highlighted the achievements and impact of veteran students, faculty, staff and alumni on campus, and bestowed recognition awards.

With more than 23 years of military experience, Lieutenant Colonel Heath E. Papkov was featured in the Veterans Day celebration as a distinguished speaker. Colonel Papkov is the chair professor of military science and leadership for the Southern Strike Battalion, consisting of 17 instructors and over 220 cadets across nine university campuses, including NSU.

Papkov shared a personal story of meeting

a Vietnam veteran while in the supermarket with his family.

"Sometimes all we have to do in life is listen and that's enough to grant all the respect in the world to our veterans. I tell this story, not just because I want to tell a story that we must always thank our Vietnam vets, which we should do," Papkov said. "But it's to never forget the past, good or bad. Because you will never learn how you can move forward as a society, as a country and as a nation, and constantly get better."

As part of the celebration, a NSU veteran student, faculty member, staff member, alumna and cadet were awarded a military coin.

Nursing student Shanae Harris was one of the 20 student veterans nominated. She received an award recognizing her accomplishments on campus. Harris continued her education, pursuing her BSN, or a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, while being a full-time mother and actively drilling in the Army Reserves.

"Harris consistently reinforces the amazing American patriotic values to everyone she meets. She cares for her classmates and is always representing the students, encouraging everyone in every way that she can," said Chenworth.

Students are concerned about parking availability

By: Ashley Diaz

Throughout the semester, students have expressed concerns about parking availability on campus, saying it has been more challenging to find parking this fall than in previous semesters.

"I definitely have to get here earlier, because when I get here, it is five to 10 minutes before class, so it takes me that amount of time to find parking near where I am going," said Daniela Garcia, senior biology major and peer leader.

Garcia said that difficulty finding parking has caused her to be late to class.

"There's a bunch of new people coming in their cars, so space is limited for those of us coming at a later time," said Garcia. "By the time I get here at 10 a.m., I have to park in the third or fourth floor of the garage."

Senior accounting major Lehanne Paul has also had trouble finding parking and thinks that, as a solution, NSU should offer a mix of in-person classes and Zoom classes again (otherwise known as blended classes) or expand the parking lots.

"Put more classes on zoom," said Paul. "They should also really add more parking spots."

St. Aubyn Lue, Public Safety manager of special events, said the students who have complained about parking availability are new to the NSU area.

Lue said that low parking availability happens when all students want to park in the busy parking lots, like near the Carl DeSantis Building or the University Center.

"It's usually students who are not familiar with the area who want to park in certain areas, but the campus has a lot of parking," Lue said. "It's just because they probably need to park right in front of DeSantis, or they don't want to park in a garage."

Public Safety connects the lack of parking availability in the popular lots to the large



Cars quickly fill up the NSU's parking lots, making the search for space more difficult by the day. PHOTO BY ASHLEY DIAZ

freshman class this semester.

Lauren Siwek, admissions representative, said there are so many new students this semester because NSU met its large goal for enrollment.

NSU also brought in a large freshman class in 2018, and there was an accompanying increase in student violations of parking regulations.

NSU built a new parking garage next to the just recently constructed Mako Hall that same year to try to accommodate the increased number of students.

But in 2019, there was as even larger freshman class, and that trend has continued.

Siwek said that despite the decrease in parking availability, a higher student population

is beneficial for the university.

"More students, more money, more organizations and more growth," Siwek said.

Paul Turner, director of public safety, said the university may consider building another parking garage in the future.

"There may be plans in the university's master plan to do that as we continue to grow," said Turner.

Shane Lam, assistant director of Public Safety, said parking at NSU has not yet reached full capacity, noting that space is often available in lesser-used lots and garages in the western part of campus.

"Our HPD and our West Garage-- there is

plenty of availability there," said Lam. "Tuesdays and Wednesdays are generally the peak times that we have seen this semester where it is busier than other days of the week."

Lue said that Public Safety understands the difficulties and is there to support students.

He believes the parking issues will die down as the year goes on and newer students get more accustomed to the NSU campus.

"The lots are basically full until the semester slows down," said Lue. "That is when everybody gets a grasp on where to park."

A recap of H

The Office of Campus Life and Student Engagement hosted Homecoming Week from Nov. 6 to Nov. 13, which featured various events for students, faculty and staff to enjoy. The raft race is the longest-running Homecoming event.



An announcer opens the Special Olympics race along with our mascot, Razor the mako shark. PHOTO BY MIA ALVARADO

NSU Club Ice Hockey gets people hyped up for sports on their float. PHOTO BY MIA ALVARADO



Students light up the gym with flashlights as the Homecoming pep rally starts. PHOTO BY MIA ALVARADO

Homecoming



NSU's Inter-Organizational Council float celebrates the Homecoming parade. PHOTO BY MIA ALVARADO

A Recap of the Raft Race



This team used a long stick to push off the floor of the lake and gain momentum. PHOTO BY ASHLEY DIAZ

By: Nicole Shaker

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, NSU's 32nd annual Anything That Floats Raft Race took place at The Gold Circle Lake in front of the Horovitz Administration Building from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. This annual festivity is part of Homecoming Week and sees clubs and organizations all around campus create teams to race makeshift rafts across the lake.

The teams built their own rafts from scratch prior to the race. As per the name, this raft could have been anything, as long as it floated.

Joseph Dubner, senior marine biology major and president of the Nature Club, said his team built the entire raft the day before the race.

"It was incredibly last minute," Dubner said, just moments before the race. "It's going to float. We're the most motivated team, and we

have a fantastic design."

Dubner accredited his team's motivation to the \$3000 prize money, which is the award for the first-place team. The second-place team gets \$2000 and the third-place team gets \$1000.

"If we win this prize money, the nature club will do a lot of cool trips," Dubner said. "We're talking about free admissions to parks, zoos and aquariums."

Other teams had been planning for weeks for the race and building the raft.

"We spent the whole week before building the raft. We already had a whole plan, so it was just a matter of putting it together," said Sierra Rafacz, sophomore marine biology major, whose team represented Greenhouse Campus Ministry.

"It actually ended up being so much fun because none of us knew each other before the raft race so it was a good team bonding experience."

Hailey Sanoir, sophomore behavioral neuroscience major, whose team represented All Women Everything, said preparing for the race brought a mix of emotions.

"Once we got to the end, I was really nervous, but overall, it was really fun," said Sanoir.

Nadira O'Connell, freshman biology major, whose team represented the Caribbean Student Association, also said that preparing for the race was fun, though nerve-racking.

"It was fun and a little bit stressful trying to tape everything together, but working all together was really fun—being able to put this raft together to raise money for the club," said O'Connell.

The race consisted of six rounds. The winning teams of the first five rounds competed against each other in the sixth round to determine

the final winner.

The Ultimate Frisbee Club won the first round, Greenhouse Campus Ministry won the second round, NSU Wake 40 won the third round, the Scientific Research Club won the fourth round, and Phi Alpha Delta won the fifth round.

In the finalist round, NSU Wake 40 took home the grand prize, Ultimate Frisbee landed in second, and Greenhouse Campus Ministry was third.

"[The raft race] might look cheesy, but it was so worth it. Just having the whole school cheering for you on the sides as your team paddles as fast as possible, desperately hoping you won't sink, is so fun," Rafacz said.

Some of the other Homecoming events included the pep rally, the Special Olympics and the parade.

ONSHORE CALENDAR

Shark Pride Friday
Nov. 18 - 12 p.m.
Alvin Sherman Library Quad

Friendsgiving Shabbat
Nov. 18 - 5 p.m.
Rosenthal Building, Room 200

Agatha Christie's Mousetrap
Nov. 19 - 20 - 7:30 p.m.
Don Taft University Center Black Box Theatre

Feeding Broward with FIRM
Nov. 19 - 9 a.m.
Carl DeSantis Building, Room 1048

Filipino Cultural Night
Nov. 20 - 6 p.m.
Carl DeSantis Building Atrium

Fall Fest
Nov. 22 - 5 p.m.
Don Taft University Center Spine

Lunch with ISU
Nov. 25 - 12 p.m.
Don Taft University Center Pit

Donut Care About Others Opinions
Nov. 28 - 12 p.m.
Don Taft University Center Spine

PanCAN Pancreatic Awareness Month Speaker
Nov. 28 - 12 p.m.
Carl DeSantis Building, Room 3661

Christmas Toy Drive
Nov. 28 - 12 p.m.
Rick Case Arena

Donut Fundraiser
Nov. 29 - 11:30 a.m.
Don Taft University Center Spine

Trivia Night with Forensic Psychology Club and FARR
Nov. 29 - 5 p.m.
Maxwell Maltz, Room 2058

Mason Jar Crafts with SEA Board
Nov. 30 - 11:45 a.m.
Don Taft University Center Spine

DIY Parol Arts and Crafts
Nov. 30 - 6 p.m.
Carl DeSantis Building, Room 1048

Greenhouse Campus Ministry Core Night
Dec. 1 - 7 p.m.
Mako Multipurpose Room

"Peace: A Musical Celebration"
Dec. 2 - 7:30 p.m.
Don Taft University Center Performance Theatre

Yoga in the Courtyard
Dec. 8 - 5:30 p.m.
TBR Courtyard

OFFSHORE CALENDAR

Candlelight Fort Lauderdale: A tribute to ABBA
Nov. 19 - 6:30 p.m.
Savor Cinema Fort Lauderdale

Dirty Dancing in Concert
Nov. 20 - 6 p.m.
Broward Center for the Performing Arts

NSU Spa Day!
Nov. 30 - 4:30 p.m.
NSU Miami Campus, Room 126

"Peace: A Musical Celebration"

By: Francesca Abarca

NSU's music program, in the Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts, will present the holiday concert "Peace: A Musical Celebration" on Friday, Dec. 2, in the Don Taft University Center's Performance Theatre.

"Peace: A Musical Celebration" will include Christmas music and musical theatre songs and instrumentals. There will also be a saxophone player who will mix in some jazz

elements, as well as musical theatre soloists who will sing songs from "Elf" and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

The presentation is part of the one credit MUSC 3300 Music and Theatre Voice class, which is open to all students. The class ensemble usually does an unplugged acoustic presentation in the fall and more commercial, contemporary presentation in the winter.

"There is something for everyone," said

Bill Adams, director of "Peace: A Musical Celebration" and professor of MUSC 3300. "Right now, we're doing a mostly choral ensemble, but in the winter, I think there'll be more of a band element to it."








Tickets for "Peace: A Musical Celebration" will be available for free on a first come, first served basis on Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

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December 2, 2022 | 7:30pm

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When: Friday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit: <https://www.outclique.com/nsu-music-presents-peace-a-musical-celebration/>

Tips to stop fretting over finals

By: Jennifer Griggs

Finals week, which runs from Dec. 5 to Dec 9, this semester, can often elicit stress.

NSU offers a variety of resources to aid students during this time, from freshmen who have never taken college finals to juniors and seniors who have been down this path many times.

Some students, like Ritika Vonguru, have some valuable tips.

Vonguru, a junior biology major, advises students to incorporate a mix of studying habits and techniques into their routines. To avoid feeling overwhelmed, stressed or anxious, Vonguru likes to split up her notes into sections, which she studies one-by-one. She said this strategy is a practical approach to studying that helps her learn and relearn concepts while taking breaks.

“By organizing and spacing out what you study, you can take a break from really difficult classes and then study a class more interesting to you, where it may be more relaxing to study,” Vonguru said.

She said students should not just sit in the library all day studying for finals but should take frequent breaks, like going to the gym to exercise, reading a book, eating, relaxing or talking to loved ones.

Her biggest tip, when it comes to studying, is to have a positive mindset.

“When you focus and put so much emphasis on this exam that you need to do good on and put pressure on yourself, you are going to blank out when you take the exam. You have all this built up, ‘I need to do good or else I am going to fail’ mentality,” Vonguru said. “As I’ve gotten older, I’ve realized there is always more to study, always more that I could’ve done, but ultimately, I did what I could, and this is the best I could possibility do.”

Vonguru is an example of a student who has switched majors hoping to find the career path that is right for her.

With the help of the Center for Academic and Professional Success office, students like Vonguru are better able to figure out what classes fit their major and career goals.

The CAPS office is in the Horvitz Administration Building on the second floor. Students can meet with advisers, who are there to help and support students with their academic



Petra Kemp, sophomore biology major, studies medical terminology by using flash cards to test herself. PHOTO BY INDAYA BYER

goals, through 15-minute drop-ins or longer, scheduled meetings.

“Whatever area you are in, we love to get to know our students,” said CAPS adviser Marissa Montgomery. “We want to know what your plans are, who you are, what your interests are, and what you want to get out of your four years.”

CAPS advises students studying for finals to pay attention to the syllabus, reach out to their professors, study in a comfortable environment and not to study the morning of the exam.

“If you feel overwhelmed or a little burnt out, stop for the night. You’re not going to retain any information if you are pushing through it to just push through it,” Montgomery said. “Give yourself at least 10 days to pace out. If your midterm or final is in a few weeks, then maybe start preparing now by taking a couple of hours or maybe just 30 minutes a day to focus on a

subject.”

Montgomery also pointed out that each student can have a variety of study techniques and habits based on how they receive information.

“Retaining knowledge is based on each student. A student can learn 50 percent of knowledge in about two days while another student could need a week to retain that 50 percent,” she said. “So, it really depends on your comfortability as a student.”

One of the main things that CAPS advises is to schedule an appointment with the Tutoring and Testing Center located on the second floor of the Student Affairs Building. Students can request tutors for a specific class. To make an appointment, students can walk in, call the front desk, or select a time slot through Navigate, an NSU web application accessible through Sharklink. Students can also make a CAPS

appointment through Navigate.

Taaron Branch, a second-year academic success coach at the Tutoring and Testing Center, said that during finals season, the Tutoring and Testing Center gets very busy and appointments for academic success coaching fill up quickly. Many students attempt to do walk-in sessions, but it is highly recommended to schedule an appointment two to three weeks in advance to avoid cramming and to ensure a tutor is secured before all the tutors become booked up.

“[The Tutoring Testing Center] is extremely very beneficial,” Branch said. “Finals and midterms are the busiest, but what many people don’t understand is that people who use our services successfully are the people who don’t just come during midterms and finals.”

The college student’s guide to buying gifts on a budget

By: Bryce Johnson

With the holiday season coming up, Ri Knowles, graduate student in the college student affairs program, is looking to buy his family gifts on a budget. Before, he’s worked around his budget by getting inexpensive gifts that have high sentimental value.

“In the past, I’ve just bought my parents a picture frame and wrote a letter or a poem or something for them, which costs close to nothing,” said Knowles. “But it means a lot to them because the words that I wrote are more personal.”

Like Knowles, many college students look for ways to give gifts while staying within their budget.

Fortunately, there are several innovative and creative ways students can buy thoughtful gifts for their friends and family and show appreciation to the people in their lives without breaking the bank.

Secret Santa

Secret Santa can be done in any community,

whether it’s with friends, family or coworkers. With Secret Santa, each person in the group is randomly assigned to get a gift for one other person in the group. This person will know who they are getting the gift for, but won’t know who was assigned to get them a gift until it’s time for the gift exchange, in which everyone reveals what they got and who they got it for.

For Knowles, this is especially helpful because he has four siblings.

“Instead of trying to buy gifts for everyone, we just do a Secret Santa amongst the five of us so that each of us only has one person, so then we’re spending less money on gifts,” Knowles said.

Save up money

Students can plan for what gifts they want to get ahead of time and save up for them. Setting aside a certain amount of money each day will allow students’ savings to grow until they have enough for the gift.

Mia Marques, senior education major, often saves early for ideal gifts.

“During the holidays, I start saving a few months ahead since I love giving good gifts,” said Marques. “One time, I saved for about a month so I could take my sister parasailing and got a hotel for the night so we could go out to eat.”

Sales and discounts

If a desired gift is normally too expensive, waiting for a discount can make it more affordable. Students can take advantage of clearance sales, as well as special holiday discounts, like Cyber Monday.

Jessica Haddad, management major, sets a budget for how much money she’ll spend and purchases all of her gifts during notable discounts.

“I’d get it during Black Friday, so it’s on sale,” said Haddad.

National discount stores

Sometimes stores regularly sell cheap or affordable items. Stores like Dollar Tree,

Five Below and Family Dollar sell games, food, clothes and other items that are relatively inexpensive.

Mark-Anthony Bryan, graduate student in the sport science program, usually goes to these stores to find gifts he knows his family will like.

“I would get a cooking book for my cousin because she loves cooking,” said Bryan. “I’ll find a really cheap video game for my other cousin, or toys for my baby cousins.”

Independent sellers

When buying from smaller stores and businesses, students can find unique items that they might not have found elsewhere. Many options from independent sellers are less expensive than items sold by larger stores.

Janelle Giannetta, senior English major, likes to shop online for unique and inexpensive gifts.

“I usually look up gift set options on Etsy,” Giannetta said. “They’re always affordable, come in cute packages and include a lot of tiny gifts with them.”

FOOD

Friendsgiving recipes

By: Ashley Diaz

Friendsgiving was first introduced to the world through the television series “Friends.” It is a Thanksgiving celebration that sees friends, rather than family, getting together for a feast. The food at this celebration is identical to that of a traditional Thanksgiving get-together and can be assembled through a potluck, so one person is not in charge of making all the food.

Before saying goodbye to their friends for the semester, students at NSU can use these recipes to host Friendsgiving in their homes or dorms.

Maple bacon and honey barbecue meatloaf with malanga

Ingredients: Malanga, maple bacon, honey barbecue, ketchup, mustard, 90% lean ground beef, onion, garlic, bell peppers, eggs, complete seasoning, breadcrumbs, milk.

Materials/Appliances: Baking pan, spoon, large bowl, medium bowl, steel frying pan, pot, oven, stove

Prep time: ~one hour and 15 minutes

Cook time: ~ 45 minutes to an hour

Maple bacon and honey barbecue meatloaf is a sweet and savory dish. The ground beef complements the variety of sauces involved in the dish.

To start, students should preheat the oven to 375 degrees. To make the meat, students need to mix 90% ground beef mixed with two eggs, one onion, three bell peppers, 1 clove of garlic, two cups of milk and two and a half cups of breadcrumbs. To make the sauce, they should mix four tablespoons of brown sugar, half a cup of ketchup and two tablespoons of mustard in a small bowl. Inalby Holkon, the creator of this dish, mixes the sauce into the actual meat rather than just using it on the outside of the meat.

Before students place the ground beef mixture in a pan, they must place slices of maple bacon all over the pan and then spread

honey barbecue sauce onto the bacon. Then, they should place the meat in the pan and then put more bacon on top of the ground beef. Then, spread the sauce all over the top of the meatloaf before putting it in the oven.

The oven should be ready at this point. The next step is to place the meatloaf in the oven and leave it to cook for 45 minutes to an hour. While the meatloaf is cooking, peel taro, otherwise known as malanga, and place these pieces in a pot of boiling water, leaving them there until they become soft. Once they are ready, mash and season them with salt and pepper. This is the side for the meatloaf.

Spaghetti squash bites

Ingredients: Spaghetti squash, egg whites, shredded mozzarella cheese, salt, bacon bits and 85% ground turkey.

Materials/Appliances: Large circular baking pan, bowl, fork, steel frying pan, oven, stove and cupcake tin.

Prep time: five minutes

Cook time: ~25 to 40 minutes

This dish is for students who are not big fans of vegetables but still want to eat healthily. It is a very flavorful meal, and the vegetable is barely noticeable because of the 85% lean ground turkey, mozzarella cheese, and bacon bits involved. The easiest way to make spaghetti squash bites is by cooking them in the oven, which the student should preheat to 375 degrees. First, cut open the spaghetti squashes and season them before cooking them in the oven for 25 minutes. Once the squash is cooked, scrape the sides of the squash and scoop out the “spaghetti.” Mix the spaghetti squash with ground turkey, egg whites, tomato sauce, bacon bits and mozzarella cheese. Then, pretend the spaghetti squash mix is ice cream and scoop the mix into a cupcake tin. Sprinkle cheese on top of the squash bites then place the tin back in the oven. After 15 minutes of cooking time,



As Ashley Diaz prepares maple bacon and honey barbecue meatloaf for Friendsgiving.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY DIAZ

students are ready to enjoy bite-sized veggie spaghetti.

Sweet Potato casserole with marshmallows and pecans

Ingredients: Sweet potatoes in a can, pecans, brown sugar, egg, milk, butter and marshmallows. Fresh sweet potatoes, egg, salt, vanilla extract, butter, brown sugar, milk, pecans and marshmallows.

Materials/Appliances: Large bowl, oven and baking pan.

Prep time: 15 minutes to an hour, depending on what sweet potatoes students use.

Cook time: 30 minutes or 40 minutes, depending on oven temperature

Friendsgiving would not be complete without the classic sweet potato casserole. Students could buy, peel and bake the sweet potato before making it into a casserole or buy ready-made sweet potato in a can. If using canned sweet potatoes, students can start prepping the casserole with the toppings off the bat. If students want to use fresh sweet potatoes, they have to bake the sweet potatoes in the oven at 400 degrees for 20 minutes. Either way, when the sweet potatoes are done, they should be placed in a pan and then covered with marshmallows and pecans. Then, this casserole

should be put in the oven at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Once it is done, students can enjoy a Thanksgiving classic for Friendsgiving.

Thanksgiving-style stuffed avocados

Ingredients: Avocados, gravy, 93% ground turkey, lime, corn, sofrito and potatoes.

Required Appliances: Large bowl and steel frying pan.

Prep time: 10 minutes

This is a relatively quick and easy option for students. All students need is some corn, avocado, lime, potatoes, 93% ground turkey, sofrito and gravy. Stuffed avocados can be stuffed with vegetables, taco mixture, quinoa and more. These avocados will be stuffed with mashed potatoes, corn and ground turkey, and they will be topped off with a drizzle of gravy. The lime is spread onto the avocado before stuffing, so the avocado does not brown over. This dish has the creamy flavor of avocado coupled with the savory saltiness of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Whether it’s Friendsgiving or Thanksgiving, students can use these recipes to impress their friends and families and create a feast full of different flavors.

Gill Out: Tarantella Ristorante Pizzeria

By: Valeria Olano

Every Friday evening, Juan Acosta and his wife Karen enjoy wining and dining at Tarantella Ristorante Pizzeria. What makes their nights memorable are the people who serve them.

“The staff is always courteous and treats me like one of their own,” Juan said. “I always enjoy the food and the service.”

A sense of belonging is what keeps them coming back.

“It’s unlike any other restaurant I’ve been to because it feels like I’m a part of their family,” Karen said.

In Nov. 2001, Weston’s Tarantella Ristorante Pizzeria was one of the first restaurants to open in the newly developed Weston Town Center.

Gianpiero and Karen Cangelosi, the owners of Tarantella, brought a piece of their home in Italy into their business, welcoming the local community with Italian open arms.

The restaurant is praised for its customer service, welcoming ambiance, rich history and

authentic Italian food.

The restaurant decor, from the cerulean ceramic tiles adorning the tables to the portraits of Italian cities hanging on the walls, is courtesy of Italian artist Nino Parrucca.

“It was designed to resemble a small Italian store,” said John Can, manager of the restaurant.

The restaurant’s staff carries a familial attitude while on the job, not only toward the clients but with each other as well.

“The people we have here, all the workers, have names. They do not have only an employee number. For us, people are first because, without employees, we cannot provide the service you deserve,” Can said.

Tarantella emphasizes Sicilian culture, which serves as the inspiration for the vegetable-abundant menu. Customers often return for a specific dish created by the restaurant’s head chef Cruz Verde.

“Our most popular dish is the Zuppa di Pesce—clams, mussels, shrimp and calamari

sautéed with fresh tomatoes served over linguine,” said Verde.

The menu offers a variety of dishes, such as Italian gourmet-size pizzas baked in a brick oven, homemade bread, pasta and desserts. The full menu also offers chicken, veal, steak, lamb chops and fresh fish specials.

One waitress, who has been with the restaurant since its opening 21 years ago, said the clientele is her favorite part of the job.

“I would meet the kids when they were teenagers, and now they come as adults, married, and some growing their families,” she said. “This is what we call a family restaurant. I am proud to work here.”

Can said that the waitressing team is handpicked to make sure that all who join the restaurant’s staff live and breathe people.

“It’s what keeps people coming back,” he said. “People think success is just selling products, serving the best dish, with the best-tasting wine. My definition of success is making

the day of the person who walks in here. You can find delicious food anywhere for a price that fits you. But where else can you find delicious food served with love?”

Karen and Juan Acosta agree.

“I feel like I am in my family’s dining room,” said Karen. “More than the delicious food that I never get tired of, if you’re missing home, this place will open its arms to you.”

If you go:

Address: 1755 Bell Tower Ln,

Weston, FL 33326

Phone: (954) 349-3004

Price range: \$10-\$35 per dish

For more information:

<https://tarantellas.net>

Emma-Sofie Larsen kicks-off her first season playing for NSU's Women's Golf team

By: Ester Ferreira

In the last Pirate Collegiate Classic, Oct. 9 to Oct. 11, in Greenville, South Carolina, Emma-Sofie Larsen scored two holes in one. A few days earlier, in the Golfweek DII Fall Classic, Oct. 2 to Oct. 4, in Destin, Florida, Larsen earned her first individual win.

"It would be great to have one more individual win—not just one, but a couple," said Larsen, who has just started her first season of women's golf as part of the NSU's women's golf team.

Larsen, a freshman marketing major from Denmark, has always played golf and soccer, but she said when she turned 13, she had to pick one to excel in.

"I was really good at both. I chose to play golf because I knew my opportunities would be a little bit bigger," she said. "I set some goals—to go on the national team for Denmark, and I had a goal to go to college."

Heather Wall, women's golf head coach, said that Larsen is a great addition to the NSU team.

"She has fit in very well and she is already one of our team leaders. She has just been such a delight to have on the team," said Wall. "She is always smiling, and she has such a good attitude. She has come and adjusted so well."

Despite her commitment to her sport, she aims to prioritize her schoolwork.

"I just make sure that I always have done my assignments, because they are the biggest thing to do, the most important thing," Larsen said.

Wall said that Larsen is especially skilled in balancing athletics with academics.

"She is doing great in the classroom. She takes her studies very seriously. She's great at time managing things so she is very organized," said Wall. "We have our team workouts, and then practice, and then she goes to class, but she has done a great job balancing everything so far, especially for a freshman."

Larsen said professional golfer Tiger Woods inspired both her golf career and focus on academics.

"I would say he should be everyone's idol if you want to become the best," Larsen said. "The way he sees life, as he did when he was in college: school came first and then golf".

Larsen also credits her father with her success and motivation in the sport.

"My dad got me to where I am today," she said. "There's been a lot of times when I wanted to give up on golf, but he always reminded me that there are tough times in golf, and then he got me on the right path."

Larsen's golf career took off long before she joined NSU's golf team. Back in her home country, Larsen won the Danish Championship with her team in Denmark and participated in the European Championship.

Her goals for the future include gathering more titles for NSU's women's golf team and becoming a professional golfer.

"I know I want to become a professional golfer. That is where my head is right now," she said. "I want to win all the things that we can win. That's a big goal for me because I still have four years, and we're such a good team this year."



In the Golfweek DII Fall Classic on Oct. 4, the team's first tournament of the year, Larsen got a trophy for her individual win. COURTESY OF ELLEN RAMSTEDT

Fins Up Sharks: Home Games

Nov. 19 - 2:00 pm

Women's Basketball vs. Flagler College
Rick Case Arena

Nov. 25 - 12:00 pm

Women's Basketball vs. University of Minnesota Crookston
Rick Case Arena

Nov. 26 - 4:00 pm

Men's Basketball vs. Francis Marion University
Rick Case Arena

Dec. 3 - 4:00 pm

Men's Basketball vs. Eckerd College
Rick Case Arena

Dec. 18 - 12:00 pm

Women's Basketball vs. Saginaw Valley State University
Rick Case Arena

Dec. 19 - 7:00 pm

Men's Basketball vs. Bluefield State University
Rick Case Arena

Dec. 29 - 7:30 pm

Men's Basketball vs. Florida Tech
Rick Case Arena

Nov. 22 - 4:00 pm

Men's Basketball vs. University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
Rick Case Arena

Nov. 26 - 12:00 pm

Women's Basketball vs. Purdue University Northwest
Rick Case Arena

Dec. 3 - 2:00 pm

Women's Basketball vs. Eckerd College
Rick Case Arena

Dec. 13 - 7:00 pm

Men's Basketball vs. Florida Memorial University
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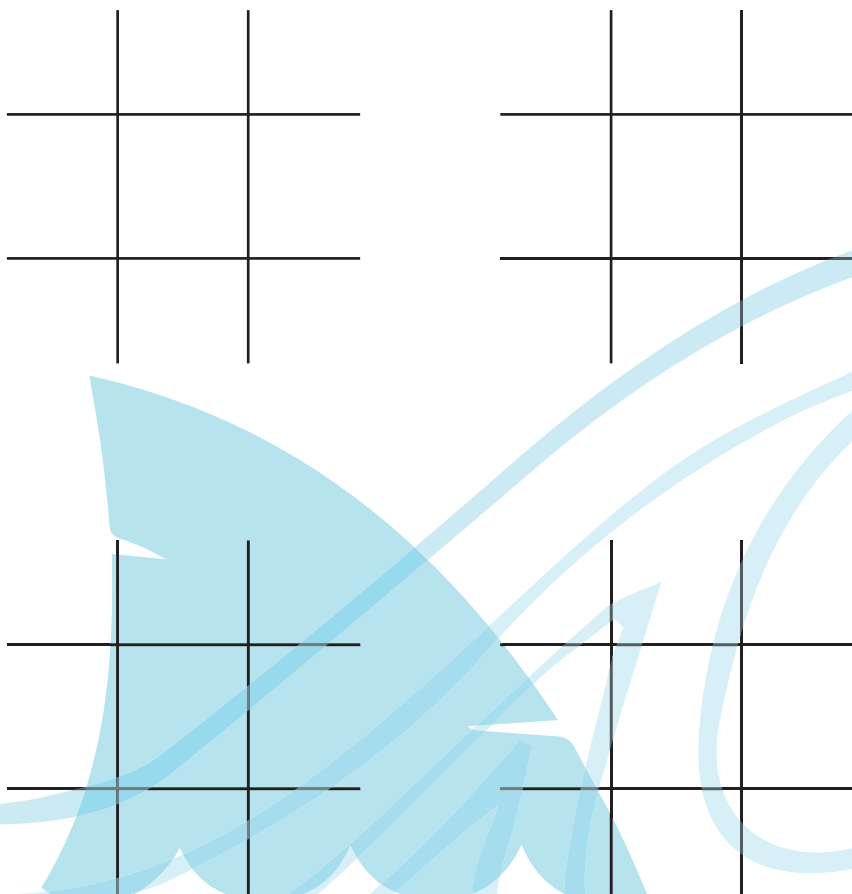
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TIC TAC TOE

Tic Tac Toe is a game where two players seek alternative ways to complete a row. One player is a circle while the other one is a x. Whoever completes three in a row is the first to win the game.



DOTS AND BOXES

This is a two-player game where you take turns at joining two dots together (vertically or horizontally) to make the side of a square (a box). When you make a box with a line, write your initials in it and take another turn. This person with the most boxes at the end of the game wins.

