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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

Women's swim team makes history

By: Abraham Velasquez

NSU's women's swim team made program history by winning its first NCAA Division II national

championship on Saturday, March 11, at the IUPUI Natatorium in Indianapolis, IN.

The team earned 536.5 points, finishing just ahead of the Univer-

sity of Indianapolis' 488.5 points. NSU claimed the title with 11 NCAA individual national championships for the team.

More in-depth coverage will appear in Issue 8, published on March 30.



Savanna Best, fifth-year senior and Mollie Morfelt, freshman, celebrate after the team's victory. COURTESY OF NSU SHARKS ATHLETICS

Men's basketball team wins the Sunshine State Conference Championship

By: Abraham Velasquez

The NSU men's basketball team (30-0) enjoyed a historic afternoon at Rick Case Arena on March 5, claiming a 92-69 win against Embry-Riddle University (19-11) in the Sunshine State Conference (SSC) final. The Sharks made history as the first school to win back-to-back SSC Tournaments since Florida Southern College in 2019-2020.

The Sharks dominated the championship game from start

to finish, with key players Will Yoakum, graduate student and guard, scoring 22 points and Dallas Graziani, redshirt freshman and guard, contributing 15 points and 13 assists. Following the victory, four players, including Yoakum, were honored with an All-Tournament recognition.

The first half of the championship game was a physical battle, with both teams playing majestic defense.

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RJ Sunahara (#13), redshirt junior, takes a shot against Embry-Riddle. COURTESY OF NSU SHARKS ATHLETICS



Dallas Graziani (#12), redshirt freshman, dribbles the ball. COURTESY OF NSU SHARKS ATHLETICS

Letter from the editor

By: Bryce Johnson

Dear Reader,

Hello! Thank you for picking up Issue 7 of The Current, a Mako Media Network production. We just rebranded and are now part of MMN, along with Mako TV (formerly SUTV) and Mako Radio (formerly Radio X).

Hopefully, you were able to relax over spring break. Now that we're back, The Current is ready to deliver an exciting paper in the second half of the semester.

If you're looking for books and music to celebrate Women's History Month, or ways to celebrate the start of spring on March 20, you picked up the right paper. You can find those topics and more in this issue.

If you ever want to talk with us, collaborate on stories or share your comments, we would love to hear from you. Our office is inside the UC in room 328. Stop by during the day. We would gladly have you.



Bryce Johnson is the editor-in-chief of The Current.

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Also, I would like to congratulate our Dean Holly Lynn Baumgartner and The Current's Health Desk Adviser Dr. Aarti Raja on being finalists for awards at this year's STUEY's!

Our talented reporters, designers, photographers and advisers work hard to make The Current the best it can be. On behalf of the team, thanks for reading our stories.

Happy Reading,
Bryce Johnson

OPINION

“The Last of Us” season one review: what every adaptation should be

By: Suzan Kinran

When a video game or a novel is adapted into a TV show or a movie, it often fails to deliver on what made the original stories so memorable, whether it's the characters or the plot points.

HBO's "The Last of Us," an adaptation of Naughty Dog's video game of the same name, aired its season one finale on March 12, and it has proven to be a stellar example of how adaptations should be.

"The Last of Us" is set 20 years after a pandemic causes most of the world's inhabitants to turn into fungal, zombie-like monsters. In this new frightening world, we meet Joel (played by Pedro Pascal), a smuggler tasked with transporting Ellie (played by Bella Ramsey). Ellie is a teenage girl who's immune to the virus, so she and Joel travel across the new United States to find a cure. The original 2013 video game is one of the most cinematic masterpieces ever created, so it is no surprise that it translates to a powerful TV series.

Pascal does an outstanding job showing the different aspects of Joel's character. Joel is a very traditional father figure who has felt indescribable grief, loss and guilt since the outbreak. He can be vulnerable at times and completely stoic at others, and Pascal expertly balances Joel's different fears and emotions.

While Joel knows what life was like before the outbreak, Ellie was born into this new world, where loss and death are anticipated. She still has the sense of a youthful wonder with so much to offer to the world, which Joel seems to have lost a long time ago. Ramsey perfectly embodies what makes Ellie so lovable, whether it's her funny jokes, her curiosity about and affection for the world, or her strong desire to help people.

Although it is a video game adaptation, the teleplay is extremely impressive. The dialogue and interactions between Joel and Ellie are a big part of what makes "The Last of Us" work.

"The Last of Us" has already become more than a game for many in its first season, especially by extending its side characters' stories. While the video game mainly focused on Joel and Ellie, the television show expands on other side characters like Bill, Tess and Riley. The show strengthens stories that were already great and includes minor changes that make perfect sense in this universe.

It has been a nail-biting experience joining Joel and Ellie on their journey. Although it is unknown when the second season will air, fans can expect to see more of Joel and Ellie's adventures.



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Attendees of the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the NSU Community Garden commemorate the opening of the garden.
PHOTO BY CHLOE ROUSSEAU

From the Front

NSU's sustainability work on campus



Joe Dubner takes President Hanbury on a tour of the NSU Community Garden.
PHOTO BY CHLOE ROUSSEAU

By: Ashley Diaz

NSU President George L. Hanbury II cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the community garden on March 6.

"We open up this garden to students to learn about sustainability," said Hanbury at the grand opening.

The community garden is part of an effort by NSU to become a more sustainable campus and reduce its carbon footprint.

"Our main goal is to really bring awareness of the efforts that we are doing and really drive the small changes that students make and lead them to giant impacts," said Caleb Siguenza, student sustainability coordinator and junior neuroscience major.

The Office of Facilities Management is involved in many

programs to make NSU a more sustainable campus. They competed several times in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System to determine how sustainable NSU is in comparison with other institutions.

In the STARS program, institutions had to report data from across campus, such as water and energy usage, to show how sustainable their campuses are.

Universities earn points toward a platinum, gold, silver, bronze or reporter ranking, with platinum being the highest. Most Ivy League schools get a ranking of gold and spend a significant amount of money to gain that ranking.

NSU received a bronze ranking in 2017 and 2020, and a silver ranking in 2022.

"Achieving silver is a really good thing, just one step away

from gold," said Jonathan Miller, senior controls and energy engineer.

Tatum Hendrick, student sustainability coordinator and junior chemistry and neuroscience major, also worked on a project to put stickers on the fume hoods on campus. Fume hoods are ventilation exhaust systems in laboratories that control the inhalation of any hazardous chemicals. When the fume hoods are left open, they use a lot of energy, so the stickers are a reminder to close them.

"We found from a case study at UC Davis, in conjunction with the Department of Energy, that they could save up to \$13,000 in energy costs per fume hood per year using this method," said Hendrick.

Another initiative Facilities Management has implemented is the Community Garden, which is on 3770 SW 76th Ave. About 60 undergraduate volunteers created the community garden, which lets students grow their own food and reduce shipping costs and energy usage associated with shipping food around the world.

"One thing I'm currently working on at the Community Garden is trying to get more wildflowers to grow," said Siguenza. "We are trying to do it sustainably by starting them off as seedlings and growing them ourselves."

The Community Garden is a way to introduce native plants on NSU campuses. The garden

already has a variety of native plants, like the Everglades tomato. It has many species of bees and a species of rare butterfly called the Kuti.

As the garden introduces more flowers, the hope is to introduce all 80 species of bees and more Kuti butterflies.

"The Nature Club Native Narrows Wildflower Garden is certified as a National Wildlife Federation Habitat, and we intend to include the Community Garden in that as well," said Hendrick. "We are actively expanding wildlife habitats here on campus as well."

If students are interested in signing up for a plot at the Community Garden, they can follow the student-run Instagram account, @nsucommunitygarden. In the account's Story Highlights, there is a direct link to the website to sign up for a plot, as well as a link to another website that gives more information about the Community Garden.

"Through future awareness campaigns, we hope to bring more knowledge about sustainability to more students on campus," said Hendrick.

Students can also plant a tree somewhere on campus at the annual Arbor Day event on April 24. While the event is being planned, its main focus will be to bring awareness to how trees can benefit people and the environment.

FOOD

Huizenga College promotes student entrepreneurs

By: Ronald Martinez

Huizenga Business Innovation Academy's Shark Cage program allows students to create their own businesses.

This program provides a 3+1 accelerated degree and academic minor with the on-campus experience of running a business.

Through Shark Cage, students can become the CEOs of their own on-campus business. As of now, 18 student-run businesses are on campus.

The opportunity is available for those in the HBIA. Students enrolled in an experiential venture creation minor go through

a series of courses while being mentored by faculty and staff.

Once ready, students can pitch their idea to the university for a micro-loan of up to \$5000. If selected, they can purchase inventory and equipment and begin their business during their third year in the program.

Monica Paneque, director of the Business Innovation Academy, oversees the program.

"Students have the opportunity to not only learn about entrepreneurship but actually practice entrepreneurship through launching an on-campus business," said Paneque. "Students go through a series of coursework that takes them through the stages of entrepreneurship,

from ideation to maturing and scaling their business."

The program was established in 2019, and the first batch of students who have completed the program are set to graduate this May.

NSU's HBIA plans to stay in contact with them in order to follow their entrepreneurial journey after NSU.

Restaurants, such as Razor's Grille, Kat's Asian Kuisine and Mako Milkshakes, all operate on a schedule based on when the Shark Cage's kitchen is available. Meanwhile, other businesses, like Island Exotics, Sol Luna or Sweet Tooth Candy Shop, get small spots where they can sell their products.

Julian Ferrer, third-year senior entrepreneurship major, appreciates working in Razor's Grille.

"It's been a blessing. Being part of HBIA has changed my life completely. It's helped me for my career and helped me develop personally. I made a lot of friends here, and, of course, it's taught me a lot about running a business," said Ferrer.

Ferrer encourages students to apply for the program if they are looking for experience in running their own business.

"I would 100%, no, 200% recommend this program to whoever wants to be an entrepreneur." Ferrer said.



Jordy Aristizabal, senior marketing major, showcases his business, Jag Photography, on campus.
COURTESY OF NAJEEB AHMED



Daniel Poveda, senior entrepreneurship major, and Daniel Angel, senior accounting major, prepare coffee for an Un Tinto customer.
COURTESY OF BRANDON NEAL



Nathan Hyre, senior finance major, serves snacks to a customer of Island Exotics.
COURTESY OF NAJEEB AHMED



Maya Espinosa, senior marketing major, shares information about her business, Mako Milkshakes.
COURTESY OF NAJEEB AHMED



Katarina Colvin, senior marketing major, serves food to a loyal customer.
PHOTO BY INDAYA BYER



Colvin prepares fried rice for a customer.
PHOTO BY INDAYA BYER

The face behind Kat's Asian Kuisine

By: Nicole Shaker

Katarina Colvin, senior marketing major and entrepreneurship minor, started her restaurant business to bring diverse culture and a sense of belonging to the NSU student body.

"I sell homemade food to get these kids feeling like there's diversity on campus, because a lot of times, I felt very alone," said Colvin, who is half Thai and half American.

Her business, Kat's Asian Kuisine, falls under the Huizenga Business Innovation Academy's three-plus-one bachelor's and master's program. The program gives students the opportunity to start their own businesses with an NSU-provided loan.

Colvin spent last summer preparing to pitch her business idea to the program administrators in a fashion similar to the TV show "Shark Tank." Her pitch won her a loan to establish her business at NSU as the only on-campus vendor of homemade Asian cuisine.

The menu at Kat's Asian Kuisine started with her famous egg rolls, which are \$1.50 each.

Mitchell Thenor, freshman biology major, described them as "perfect, 10 out of 10" after his first taste.

Colvin soon moved on to more intricate dishes, like Pad Thai, pho noodle soup, curry and fried rice. Most of her menu items also have a vegetarian option. She also frequently adds new menu items, including beverages like bubble tea and desserts like custard buns.

"I always try to add something new every two weeks," Colvin said.

She sells on campus three days a week, and customers can also place larger catering orders though Instagram direct mes-

sages or email. She advises customers to check her Instagram daily, because her selling times and locations frequently change due to the various events she gets booked for.

Colvin often sells and gives out food at events sponsored by NSU clubs and organizations. Recently, she sold egg rolls to support Phi Sigma Sigma's fundraiser for Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. Last semester, she partnered with the Black Student Union to give food out to the attendees of a Black-owned business pop up event, where various local Black-owned businesses showcased and sold products.

Kat's Asian Kuisine also collaborated with Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville, a nationwide hospitality company and restaurant chain. A loyal Kat's Asian Kuisine customer, who is also a Margaritaville brand ambassador, allowed Colvin that opportunity. During the week of Nov. 7, with every purchase from Kat's Asian Kuisine, customers were entered in a Margaritaville University merchandise basket giveaway. Colvin said that was her biggest opportunity to date.

The success of Kat's Asian Kuisine initially took Colvin by surprise.

"In the process of making the business, I did not think I was going to be making that many sales," said Colvin. "I really underestimated it. On the first day I sold out, and from then on, I have not had a break."

Customers keep coming back to Kat's Asian Kuisine because of the consistently quality food and friendly service.

"The food is amazing. I'm in love; it's absolutely delicious," said Mayra Saintilus, first-year graduate student in biological sciences. "She is so nice and so phenomenal. I really love it, and

I'm so appreciative of her."

Temitope Ogunnaike, senior biology major, said, "The food is really good. The service is also good. She talked and kept us entertained while we were waiting for the food."

Colvin said that her solo-Asian-female-owned business is attractive to customers because it is affordable and unique.

"It's also extremely convenient to the [Asian] students who live here because they are missing the food from home, and so I try to bring that to campus," Colvin said.

On average, Colvin makes 200 egg rolls a day to sell the following day, and she makes all of her other menu items fresh before opening, though her menu varies daily. She usually prepares the egg rolls in her apartment and the other menu items in the Shark Cage at Mako Hall.

She said her mother is her greatest support with the large workload that comes with the business.

"It's my mom who helps me with everything behind the scenes. She is my other 50% of the business. She's the one who teaches me all the recipes," Colvin said. "She gets me ready for every single day. Any single thing you can think of, she's probably behind it, helping me, because it is very difficult to do alone, so she is my No. 1 supporter."

Colvin also independently manages an online Instagram store called Kat's Marketplace, where she sells thrifted items, marketing services and water vehicle rentals, like yachts. She has also had more informal businesses in the past.

"Back in high school, I was very outcast. I didn't really know how to make friends, so I just thought of selling things,"

said Colvin. "I was one of those kids who sold chips at the back of the classroom. So from freshman year to junior year, I was the kid making \$100 a week in high school because all these kids blew up my little snack business."

Kat's Asian Kuisine is the only food business part of the HBIA program that is completely solo-run. Colvin likes that she can keep total control of her businesses and does not have to split profits, but she is open to volunteers for Kat's Asian Kuisine.

"I'm very, very open to interns, volunteers and proteges. I love teaching people in a mentor way," said Colvin. "My whole life, with the whole thrift business, people have constantly asked me for all these years if I could teach them how to sell stuff, so I feel like I've got a little insight."

Overall, Colvin hopes that the business promotes affordability and diversity for college students.

"We went through a lot of trials and tribulations back when we were children. As I got older, I had to value money and things that are privileges," said Colvin. "So I thought I would bring a very affordable business to these college students."

She also tries to give her customers a sense of community and belonging.

"A lot of these kids, they're coming from out-of-state, and they're missing home, and they don't know anyone. So I really try to give everyone a really good experience every time they come to the business, so that they have a really good day after," said Colvin. "It does keep them coming back, and then it makes a good environment for the kids who go here."

How to celebrate the start of spring

By: Sofie Daiberl

With the start of spring on March 20, students like Leilani Leigh Davila, freshman medical diagnostic sonography major, are looking forward to the change that comes with the season.

“What I like about spring is the freedom that we get and the nice weather,” said Davila.

For students like Davila, there are many simple and convenient ways to celebrate the start of spring.

Spring cleaning

As Peter Walsh, Australian-American professional organizer, writer and media personality once said, “Spring cleaning doesn’t have to be a dreaded list of chores. It can be a rewarding experience that helps provide some structure and organization in your life.”

Spring cleaning can be a new beginning and make for an organized headspace. Cleaning out a closet, a kitchen or making the bed are ways to celebrate the start of spring at NSU. Instead of throwing out old clothing, consider giving it to a Goodwill donation center nearby.

Spending time outside

This spring, Davila looks forward to spending time outside in the flowers, sunlight and green grass.

“I love the gardens. I think they are calming and sincere and put me at ease. It is lovely,” said Davila.

Flamingo Gardens is a botanical garden and wildlife sanctuary located 15 minutes from NSU’s main campus.

It is open everyday from 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., with the last entry at 4:00 p.m. It of-

fers an array of unique trees, a collection of orchids, a butterfly and hummingbird garden, a fragrance garden, a rainforest, a wetland area and many other attractions.

Flamingo Gardens also features the oldest residence in Broward County, the Wray Home Museum. Built in 1933, the Wray Home Museum is open to visitors. Tickets can be booked online. Bring your camera to capture the plants and wildlife.

Spring recipes

Trying spring cooking recipes is another way to celebrate.

Bon Appétit, a website and recipe blog, holds 53 spring-themed recipes, ranging from savory dishes like pappardelle with chicken ragù, fennel and peas to sweet dishes such as lacy cornmeal pancakes with strawberry compote.

All of these recipes are made from healthy ingredients that can be found in local grocery stores or farmers markets, like Brothers Farmers Market of Davie.

Use the fresh honey, lemons, soursops, watermelons, carrots, cucumbers, squashes, herbs and locally sourced dairy products to try a new spring recipe.

Strawberry picking

Strawberry picking is a very popular spring activity throughout Florida. Strawberry season in Florida typically starts in December and lasts through March, so now is the time to go pick some sweet and juicy strawberries. This tasty activity is taking place near NSU’s campus at Family Farms in Davie, an 18-20 minute drive from campus. Family Farms is now



Isabelle Petty, freshman environmental science major, picks flowers to cheer up a friend at NSU’s Oceanographic Center. PHOTO BY INDAYA BYER


offering strawberry picking for \$6.99 per pound. If you have leftover strawberries that you do not want to waste, just turn them into jam or compote.

“I love strawberries and the taste of them is so sweet,” said Davila.

Family Farms also has hay rides, a petting farm, bonfires on Friday and Saturday nights, and vendors who sell handmade jewelry, fresh produce, flowers and apparel.





At NSU’s Oceanographic Center, Petty chooses flowers to give to a friend. PHOTO BY INDAYA BYER



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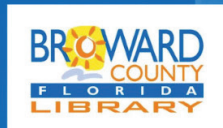





Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories

The Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts, the NSU Alvin Sherman Library and the Broward County Libraries Division present an interactive panel session with the women of NSU Mako Media as part of Women’s History Month

Tuesday, March 21, 2023
Cotilla Gallery,
Alvin Sherman Library
5 p.m.



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Friendships outshine romantic relationships

By: Maya Totev and Adam Sadik

Improving health does not always mean changing diet or exercising, but rather maintaining a strong friendship.

A new book shows that friendships can be more important to people's health than romantic relationships.

Marisa G. Franco, professor at the University of Maryland and author of "Platonic: How The Science of Attachment Can Help You Make — and Keep — Friends," argues that people are constantly fed the message that romantic relationships are the only ones that matter, but people, in fact, need an entire community of friends to feel complete.

That comes from connections with friends, she wrote.

"Connection affects who we are, and who we are affects how we connect," wrote Franco in the book, who was asked for an interview for this article but re-

spectfully declined as she is not giving interviews at this time.

"When we have felt connected, we've grown. We've become more open, more empathetic, bolder," Franco also wrote in the book.

Aden Bentov, sophomore finance major, said he can relate to the importance of friendships in his life.

"Your friends are the last people you would want to lose in your life," said Bentov. "They are always there for you."

Previous studies confirm that friendships can bring more health benefits than love relationships.

One of them, published by Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA in 2016, found that friendships increase longevity across a person's lifespan, along with health benefits, such as reduced depression, lower blood pressure and a healthy body mass index.

"I can see that making sense," said Irem Arslan, sophomore

computer science major. "If you are going through a tough time in a relationship and you are sad, it increases your stress levels, and you risk overthinking and not communicating your thoughts."

Emily Salivar, licensed clinical psychologist and professor at NSU, said that friends can act like our missing puzzle pieces.

"We must be able to live out all the pieces of our identities, our hobbies, our interests. This is something we can do with our friends, like to go to the same music festivals, when our partner would rather stay home," said Salivar.

Bentov added that when in a relationship, people can risk weakening their friendships because all their attention and energy is put solely toward their partner.

"If you feel your partner needs you, you are there. You put yourself in that relationship, so you must stick by it," said Bentov. "There are times where

you will need to focus on your significant other and times when your friends will need you more. It's about identifying those scenarios and applying them correctly."

Expectation is an important element that differentiates the two types of relationships.

"If our friends are five minutes late, we give them a little bit more slack than we do our spouses," said Salivar. "Our expectation level is different, which drives our distressed response and frustration. It is a different response between friendships and relationships. We will let our friends get away with more 'bad behavior' than our romantic partners."

Arslan added that it is also important to know when to prioritize friends versus partners.

"Friendships were there before your significant other and will always be there afterwards," said Arslan. "So keep that in mind."

Sharks Speak: Are friends more beneficial than significant others?



"Your relationship with friends might be more important and better because friendships can last forever and relationships can come and go. Choose your friends because they were there for you before," said Samantha Ismark, freshman psychology major.



"Friends. With a significant other, you have just one friend that is more important than the others, who you grow and have a tighter relationship with, but the more friends you get along the way makes you feel like your home is getting bigger and bigger," said Ryan Pinkerton, freshman finance major.



"Your relationship with friends is more important. In the end, you can live a whole life without having a significant other, but you cannot make it anywhere without friends," said Alex Corral, senior computer science major.

"Friends are more important because in the end, it depends on how long you've known them for. If you knew the friends before the significant other, then it's more of an obligation to stay closer to them than the significant other," said Alden Brutus, junior biology major.



"Both. It is important to build your relationship with your significant other, and you can always turn to them when you need anything, but you can also do the same with a friend. You never know who you will meet along the way," said Sh'Niyah Fenner, sophomore business marketing major.



Nicholas Waguespack, senior art and design major, works on an acrylic painting. COURTESY OF NICHOLAS WAGUESPACK

Annual Juried Student Exhibition starts on March 22

By: Danna Bertel

The Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts is hosting the 14th annual juried student exhibition, highlighting the original artwork of students. The exhibition runs from March 22 to April 19.

“It’s really about highlighting the current work that students are producing,” said Nicholas

Waguespack, gallery manager of Gallery 217.

The exhibit is open to students of all majors and minors. Various artworks are accepted, such as graphic design, studio art, sculptures and paintings.

“The amount of people that participate fluctuates between the years, but last year, we had over 100 pieces featured. Quite a few students participate,” said

Waguespack.

The artwork submitted will be juried by Ariella Wolens, the Bryant-Taylor curator at the NSU Art Museum. Students can come to the reception on March 22 to see the winners announced.

The students in the exhibit can win prizes, including an honorable mention by the department, a faculty choice

award and a purchase award, allowing faculty to purchase the artwork chosen to become part of the gallery collection.

If you go:

Location: Gallery 217
Time: March 22 to April 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Price: Free
Contact: klopez1@nova.edu

The Reel presents: “Nope”



By: Chloe Rousseau

NSU’s Annual Film Series: The Reel, will present Jordan Peele’s “Nope” on March 29. The event will be open to the

public at 6 p.m. in the Mailman-Hollywood Auditorium.

Previously, The Reel has presented “Everything Everywhere All At Once,” “Jaws” and “Official Competition.” Yair Solan, assistant professor of literature and film, shared that he and Aileen Farrar, associate chair in the Department of Humanities and Politics, chose to present “Nope” as the last film of the semester to draw out students for entertainment and to

discuss the film’s social commentary.

“Nope” is a neo-western sci-fi horror film released in 2022, grossing \$171 million world-

wide. The film follows OJ and Emerald (played by Daniel Kaluuya and Keke Palmer), a Black brother-sister duo in Agua Dulce, California. OJ and Emerald run a horse farm and train them to be featured in movies and television.

They start to experience unexplained happenings, including items falling from the sky, power outages and missing horses. When they discover that the strange occurrences are from a UFO (named Jean Jacket), OJ, Emerald and their friends go on a mission to capture footage of it to show the world.

Following the showing “Nope,” Marlisa Santos, professor in the Halmos College of Arts and Sciences, will lead a discussion about the topics of greed and exploitation covered in the film.

The film showing is also co-sponsored by SAGE and Fin

Films, both student-run clubs on campus.

“Nope” is similar in tone to movies like “King Kong,” “Jurassic Park,” “Close Encounters of the Third Kind” and “Signs.”

Alongside Kaluuya and Palmer, the film stars Steven Yeun, Brandon Perea and Michael Wincott.

Scan this code to get directions to the theater!



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Room 131

Girl Boss Up: Women's Empowerment Celebration

March 21 – 12:30 p.m.
UC Spine

Tote Bag Painting

March 22 – 4 p.m.
Carl DeSantis, Room 1133

Sweetz and Treatz

March 22 – Noon
Don Taft University Center, UC Spine

Glass Painting

March 22 – 4 p.m.
Mako Multipurpose Room

Founders Day BBQ

March 24 – 6 p.m.
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Rob Schneider

March 17 – 7:30 p.m.
Dania Improv Comedy Theatre, Dania, FL

Shen Yun 2023

March 21-23 - 7:30 p.m.
Au-Rene Theater at The Broward Center for the Performing Arts

Ultra Music Festival

March 24-26 – Noon
Bayfront Park

International Anime Music Festival

March 26 – 7:30 p.m.
Au-Rene Theater at The Broward Center for the Performing Arts

Five books to read during Women's History Month

By: Ashley Diaz

Spring is about the flowers blooming, coming back to life after winter, rebirth, change and coming of age. Not only is March the first month of spring, but it is also Women's History Month. During this month, people celebrate and appreciate the contributions women have made and will make in the future. As a dedication to Women's History Month, the recommended books are all written by female writers.

"The Seed Keeper"

Diana Wilson authored a haunting novel about generational trauma, Dakhóta culture and people's connection to seeds and nature. Wilson published "The Seed Keeper" in 2021 and won the 2022 Minnesota Book Award for Fiction. "The Seed Keeper" is written in the perspectives of four women in Rosalie Iron Wing's family.

After losing her father and being sent to foster care, Rosalie returns home years later to learn more about her family's history. She discovers that they protect the seeds, which are living, breathing things that tell stories of all that happens in the land. Wilson got inspiration from being a gardener herself and from writing her own family's memoir.

"The Songs You've Never Heard"

A dual-written novel published in June 2022 by K-pop writer Becky Jerams and children's music composer Ellie

Wyatt. This novel is a fun read for music lovers, as it is about two girls, Meg McCarthy and Alana Howard, trying to get their music out there into the world.

Meg's older brother, Caspar, is an already famous musician. After being overshadowed by her brother and cyberbullied by her peers, she is afraid of sharing her music with the rest of the world. This changes when she meets Alana, a songwriter in Brighton, England, who is bullied for her weight. Compared to Meg, Alana is unafraid to show her talent and stand out. The themes of this novel are friendship, sisterhood, musical talent and body positivity.

"The Wild Ones"

In August 2021, Nafiza Azad published "The Wild Ones," a thrilling piece of fantasy fiction about strong women. The novel follows Paheli and all the other Wild Ones protecting the magical community, women, children and their creator, Taraana.

The novel intertwines several different points of view, such as third person, the point of view of the main protagonist Paheli and little poems of the lives of the other girls. Azad presents women from all around the world that have gone through so much, while giving the reader a mystical tale of friendship and women's power.

"I Have Some Questions for You"

Rebecca Makkai's "I Have Some Questions for You" was named the most anticipated

book of 2023 by Times magazine, NPR and more. Published on Feb. 21, the novel is a literary drama and murder mystery that touches on sexual harassment and race. "I Have Some Questions for You" is about Bodie Kane, a professor who goes back to her old boarding school to teach a podcasting class. Two of Bodie's students decide to create a serial-like podcast about the death of Bodie's old roommate, Thalia Keith. Back then everyone blamed the Black athletic trainer, but the podcast makes Bodie look back to recount events to uncover the truth about her roommate's death.

"What the Fireflies Knew"

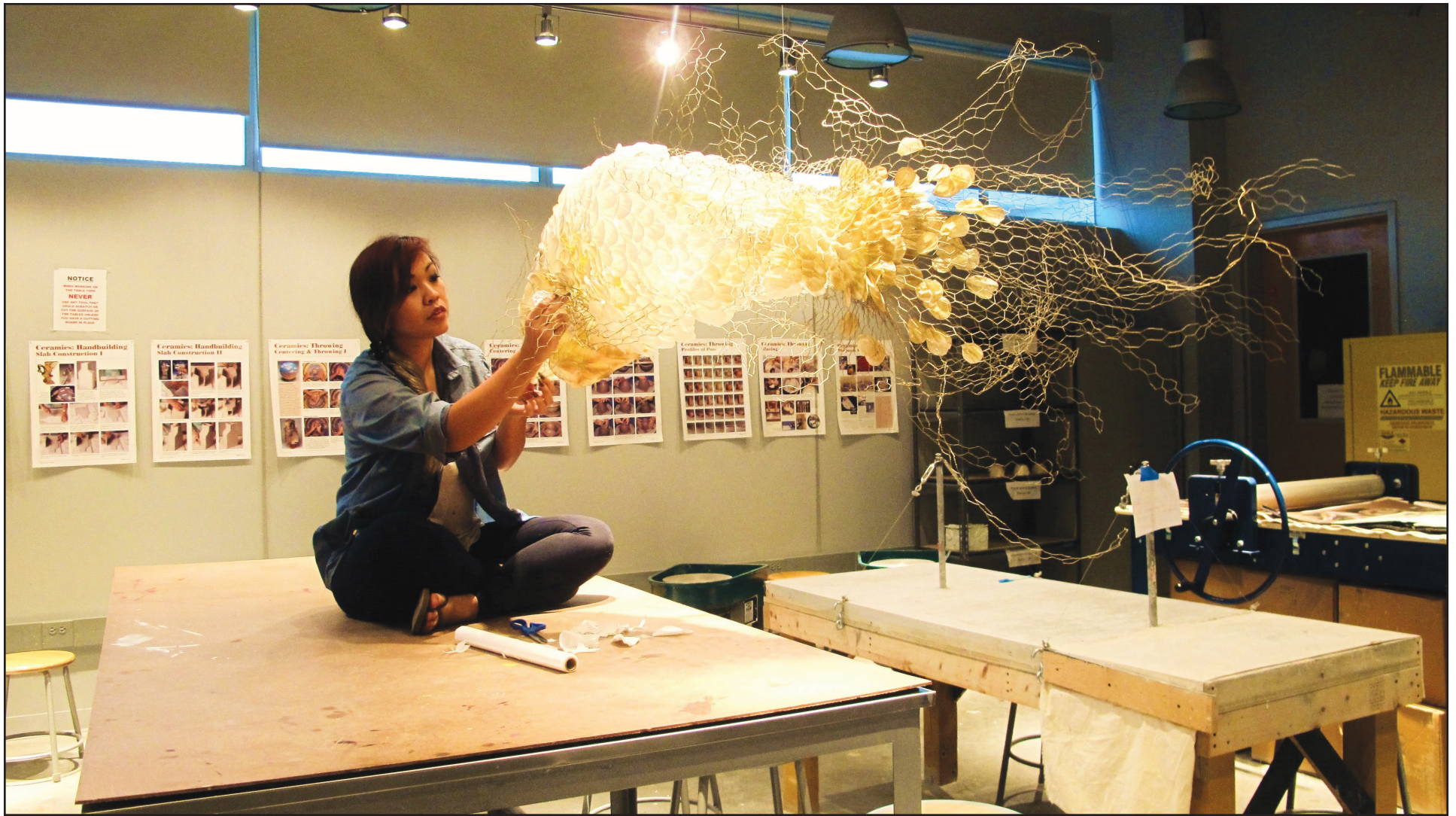
This novel is Kai Harris' debut novel, and she published it in February 2022. "What the Fireflies Knew" focuses on racism, relationships and the coming-of-age of Kenyatta Bernice (KB), a 10-year-old girl who loses her father to an overdose.

After her father dies, KB moves to her grandfather's house with her sister for the summer. Everything in her life changed when her father died. Her sister is distant, her mother is missing and her grandfather is stoic. As the novel progresses, KB grows and forges her own identity.

These novels highlight the creative minds of women and touch on elements like race, harassment, change and nature.

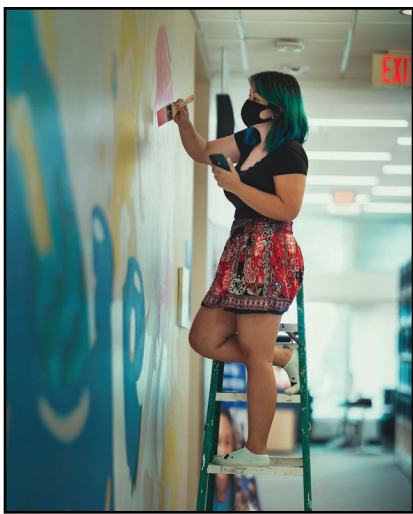


Izabella Black, sophomore international studies major, looks at a Barnes & Noble book selection.
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Annie Nugget works on “Patience sculpture,” which won best-in-show at NSU’s Student Juried Competition in 2015. COURTESY OF ANNIE NUGGET

Annie Nugget painted murals around NSU



Annie Nugget works on the “Be The Sea” mural in 2021. COURTESY OF ANNIE NUGGET

By: Bryce Johnson

On March 27, Annie Nugget, a multidisciplinary artist who graduated from NSU in 2016, will lead a discussion on her “Be the Sea” (2021) mural in the Writing and Communication Center.

Nugget created several murals that are displayed at NSU, including “Realizing Potential” (2016) on the first floor of the University Center.

“I painted [“Realizing Potential”] as a senior project back in 2016,” Nugget said. “I figured, ‘Here’s this huge wall. Do you guys want me to do a huge painting?’ And they thought

it was a really good idea. So, where it was installed, it wasn’t originally supposed to go there, but they saw the opportunity to put it there. And I’m still super proud of it.”

Nugget described her art as “an avenue for me to further explore myself as a first generation Vietnamese American.”

One piece Nugget made that has resonated with her is “The Little Things” (2021), a commissioned painting about little things in life that can make people happy. Her client suggested references for things that make him happy, like his dog and his trips to New York.

“It really united with my style as somebody who just really likes to paint things that makes them happy,” said Nugget. “It just helped me to learn a lot more about what I really enjoy doing when it comes down to painting.”

Nugget attributes her artistic style to ‘90s animation. Growing up, she watched anime such as “Inuyasha,” “Sailor Moon” and “Fruits Basket,” as well as American cartoons like “Courage the Cowardly Dog.”

“I felt like animation was something that was somewhat of an escape when I would watch it. So I’d like to incorporate a lot of that kind of feeling into my own work,” said Nug-

get.

Originally, Nugget, who also attended the NSU University School, started at NSU as a biology major to pursue dentistry. She switched to the art program for her last two years when she realized she was more passionate about art.

Throughout her time at NSU and the NSU University School, she considers several professors to be instrumental in shaping her artistic style. One of them is Melanie Cohen, NSU University School teacher. “She was the person that really planted the seeds and was like “Annie, you’re an artist,” said Nugget.

Right now, Nugget is working with a Vietnamese community to create murals for companies like restaurants and nail salons. Nugget appreciates working with the community because it allows her to express herself as a Vietnamese American.

Additionally, Nugget is working on a vinyl wrap for NSU’s Shark Shuttle.

“To be able to see my art into a new form, I think that it further solidifies why I love doing art as a multidisciplinary artist, because I like that I’m not just doing one thing. I get to see my art in different lights and be able to expose it to people in a way that people can resonate

with my artwork,” said Nugget. “It’s so different and it also further solidifies my love for Nova and me being a proud shark.”

If students want to learn more about Nugget, they can follow her Instagram account, @artbynuggs, or go to her portfolio website, www.annienugget.com.

Nugget said her advice for art students changes over time, but right now, “Don’t be afraid to fail. I would so much rather be bad at trying something new and learning from it and using that as a way to continue honing my own skills than to always do the same thing that I’m good at all the time, because I won’t feel like I’m growing.”



Annie Nugget wears a sculpture she made from 2016. COURTESY OF ANNIE NUGGET

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Kpop Kastle: K-pop store opens in Davie

By: Danna Bertel

With just over 1,000 square feet of space, Kpop Kastle has more than 5,000 items from different K-pop groups, including albums, posters, makeup and skincare, as well as fan-made items such as pins, clothing and keychains.

K-pop, short for South Korean pop music, includes bands like Blackpink, Monsta X and Twice. This new store is the only K-pop store in the South Florida area catering to K-pop fans.

The young entrepreneurs running Kpop Kastle are 18-year-old Megan Adal and 17-year-old Michelle Kanaz. Unlike other retail stores, the owners work with the community to host different events. Within just three months of opening, the store held its first meet-and-greet with K-pop group Lollipop on Feb. 25.

Being a K-pop fan for six years, Adal felt there was a lack of K-pop events and shops in the South Florida area. Kanaz shared the same sentiment, after moving into the area from Philadelphia.

"I just saw the demand for just K-pop events in general down here," Adal said. "Talking to Michelle and having the idea for a few years, I brought it up to her and we just decided to kind of dive headfirst. We knew that it was something that needed to be down here."

Kpop Kastle is all about catering to the demands and likes of their customers. The store sorts its albums based on what the customers purchase frequently, as well as having in stock items people wouldn't find elsewhere.



21-year-old Jakelin Bermudes stacks albums of K-pop boy group Seventeen.

PHOTO BY ASHLEY DIAZ

"The first four shelves in the store are usually girl group albums. The fifth is usually BTS, and the other five are usually boy groups, just because that's seeming to be what South Florida wants," Kanaz said. "There's some really small groups that we carry that I've never even heard other stores having, so I feel that also really differentiates us."

Adal said that Kpop Kastle is always adding more groups to display.

"We usually take into consideration when other people ask us, for certain groups that we don't have," Adal said.

Both owners share that a sense of community and a tight bond with customers is what makes their store stand out. As a K-pop store managed by K-pop fans, their goal is to make Kpop Kastle a welcoming place for anyone that sets foot in the store.

"Our store is not just for

K-pop fans in general. It's for anyone that walks in. That's why as owners, we're very hands on and we're always there as much as we can be. We're usually at the front talking to customers," Adal said. "We've also created so many bonds with customers, that now they're actually our friends."

As a K-pop fan, 19-year-old employee Kathy Juarez shared that Kpop Kastle has succeeded in growing a community.

"I think in a sense they grew a community because we do see a lot of regulars and a lot of people always coming back," Juarez said.

Without experience in running a business, Adal uses the experience she gained from past jobs and observing the way others managed their own business. While still running Kpop Kastle, she hopes to study business law.

On the other hand, Kanaz has experience in selling K-pop

products. Before Kpop Kastle, she used the name The Castle and sold custom-made pins and hoodies online. Now, Kanaz attends Florida International University as a finance major.

"I went to the Love Yourself tour for BTS and you see all the people selling things outside the concert. So, the next concert, me and my friend decided to sell keychains and pins," she said. "It was an eye-opening experience."

Kpop Kastle has teamed up with several organizations and venues, including Revolution Live, and Kanaz and Adal hope to have more partnerships in the future.

"We're giving away tickets for the Epik High concert because they reached out to us and wanted to work together," said Kanaz. "We have been open for three months, I can just imagine what we can do in three years. It's just incredible to see, where we've gotten in such a short amount of time and the reactions of people."

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Instagram: @KpopKastle

BTS' Jimin launches his solo album

By: Danna Bertel

Ambient music plays as droplets of water fall on a black surface forming a series of ripples, eventually forming the word "face."

The 35-second teaser announced the name of BTS singer Jimin's first solo album "Face," to be released on March 24.

With the K-pop group BTS taking a break from group activities and performances, the members embarked on their own solo projects. After BTS members J-Hope and RM

released their respective full-length solo albums in 2022, and member Jin released his single "The Astronaut," Jimin is the next member to release his solo album.

BTS' "Wings" album was a turning point for the band as they adopted a different musical style. All seven members had their individual tracks featured on the album. Jimin's solo track "Lie" is a culmination of sharp violins and a hasty, distorted rhythm that blends with the background vocals creating an unsettling atmosphere.

On the other hand, "Serendipity" follows a soulful melody, as Jimin sings softly throughout the song providing a relaxing and dreamlike vibe. "Serendipity" was an introductory song for the "Love Yourself: Her" album, which later became a full-length edition song in BTS' following album.

"Promise" marked Jimin's first solo song outside BTS' discography. Unlike his past releases, the song remains simple with just an acoustic guitar and Jimin's smooth vocals, fitting in the ballad genre.

"Filter" was introduced on BTS' "Map of the Soul: 7" album as another solo track for the artist, venturing again for a different sound. The song kicks in with strings that slowly build to a jazzy rhythm with a catchy chorus.

Jimin's most recent work was the track "VIBE" on Jan. 13, in which he collaborated with BigBang member Taeyang. "VIBE" is a combination of a smooth R&B melody that melds into a thumping beat, giving the song a retro feel. Jimin's higher pitch in the second verse contrasts with Taeyang's sultry vocals.



Five new albums from older artists in 2023

By: Suzan Kinran

Many iconic artists, like Paramore and One Direction's Niall Horan, have returned to the music industry after months of hiatuses. With so many albums releasing in 2023, these performers each bring something unique to the table.

"This is Why" Paramore

After a five year hiatus, Paramore came back in a big way with their sixth studio album, "This is Why" on Feb. 10. The pop-punk band dominated the music scene in 2013.

The band's identity is tied to nostalgia, yet they never let it overpower their music. In fact, on "This Is Why," they get angrier, pricklier and funkier, while also integrating the

band's past and future, floating well beyond their legendary reputation to doing something totally new.

"Did You Know That There's a Tunnel Under Ocean Blvd" Lana Del Rey

Rock legends aside, the princess of indie pop returns on March 24. Lana Del Rey's ninth full-length album, "Did You Know That There's a Tunnel Under Ocean Blvd," covers her whole artistic career and is arguably one of her most awaited works. Del Rey released the title track "A&W" as a preview of the album to get fans excited and give them a taste of her new work.

"Memento Mori" Depeche Mode

For the dad music lovers, Depeche Mode doesn't "Enjoy the

Silence" anymore. The band's 15th studio album, "Memento Mori," releases on March 24, and will be supported by a massive international tour.

The lead single for the album "Ghosts Again" was released on Feb. 9. The song has a melancholic melody, reflecting on the death of Andy Fletcher, former musician of Depeche Mode. The "Memento Mori" album looks to be a moving tribute to Fletcher's and the band's legacy.

"Atum: A Rock Opera in Three Acts" The Smashing Pumpkins

The Smashing Pumpkins came back with their 12th studio album, "Atum: A Rock Opera in Three Acts." The first two installments of Billy Corgan's three-part rock opera are now available to stream, with the

third part releasing on April 21.

"Atum: Act Three" continues the story from The Smashing Pumpkins' last two concept albums, "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness" and "Machina/The Machines of God." The protagonist Zero, who is now called Shiny, travels throughout the distant future, accompanied by guitar riffs and epic drum beats.

"The Show" Niall Horan

Perhaps One Direction's 18-month break was a total lie, but Niall Horan has recently announced that he will return to release his third studio album "The Show" on June 9. Horan released his first single in three years, "Heaven," on Feb. 17, giving fans a glimpse of what they can expect from the artist's new era.



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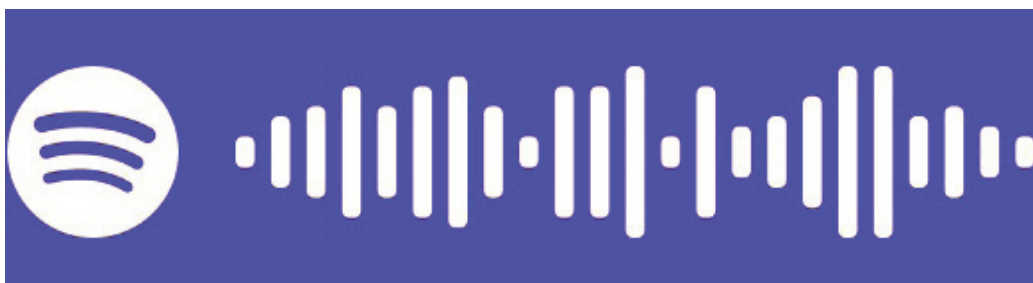
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**Want to know The Current staff's favorite
songs by female artists?
Check out Women's History Month,
our collaborative Spotify playlist!**



From the Front

Men's basketball team wins the Sunshine State Conference Championship

Embry-Riddle took an early 12-6 lead after scoring eight straight points. The Sharks struggled to find its rhythm until Ryan Davis, freshman small forward, halted the Eagles' momentum with a three-pointer, and RJ Sunahara, redshirt junior and forward, tied the game at 14-14 with a three-pointer of his own. Jonathan Pierre, sophomore guard, then blocked a shot on defense before scoring a three-pointer to put the Sharks up 17-14. Yoakum, the SSC Tournament MVP, scored seven straight points for NSU with less than four minutes remaining in the first half, giving them a 30-26 advantage. Graziani hit a crucial three-pointer just before the buzzer, sending



NSU's men's basketball team takes victory for the second year in a row at the SSC Tournament. COURTESY OF NSU SHARK ATHLETICS

the Sharks into the half with a 39-32 advantage.

The Sharks began its second half on a 13-6 run, capped by

a three-pointer from Pierre, which put the team ahead 52-38. Yoakum's three-pointer increased the advantage to

60-41, and Pierre completed a contested layup, drawing a foul and completing an and-one to make it 74-54 with less than six minutes remaining. Sunahara's slam dunk solidified the tournament victory, putting NSU ahead 85-62 with two minutes remaining.

Our coverage of the men's basketball team's journey through the NCAA national tournament will continue in the next issue.

Women's club soccer team prepares for the season

By: Abraham Velasquez and Bella Giaquinto

Jennifer Griggs, freshman communication major, is a left outside back player for NSU's women's club soccer team. Griggs is happy to share the field with the rest of her teammates.

"Even though everybody has their individual personalities, you can still come together as one for one mission," said Griggs. "That's to win and to grow better as a community and as an individual."

The team is run by the students, and is part of NSU's club sports program. This team, made up of students from a variety of majors and backgrounds, has come together to form a tight-knit community centered around a shared love

of the sport.

Griggs said her goal for the season, which started last semester in October, is to "get back on my feet as a soccer player and just make a connection with these great ladies."

Despite facing challenges, such as balancing schoolwork and soccer, the team remains dedicated to its sport. Under the guidance of student coach Matthew Valentine, the players have honed their skills and developed a competitive edge, which has translated into a winning spirit.

"The coaches are really good. I haven't really had male coaches before. Well, I haven't in a long time, so it's a new dynamic, but so far I'm liking their coaching style," said Griggs.

Off the field, the team is similarly dedicated to its stud-

ies. Many of the players have academic accolades, such as being on the Dean's List, and the squad as a whole has a high GPA.

Despite the difficulties the team confronts, the women's club soccer squad is unfazed.

While the team lost its prior games against University of South Florida and Florida Atlantic University this season, it is determined to take the field and show the world what it is capable of, representing its school and town with pride.

Griggs said the team is competitive. "100%, yes. We want to win."

The women's club soccer team is eager to show off its skills and bring its passion to the field with a busy schedule of upcoming games. For home games at AutoNation Field, it will play

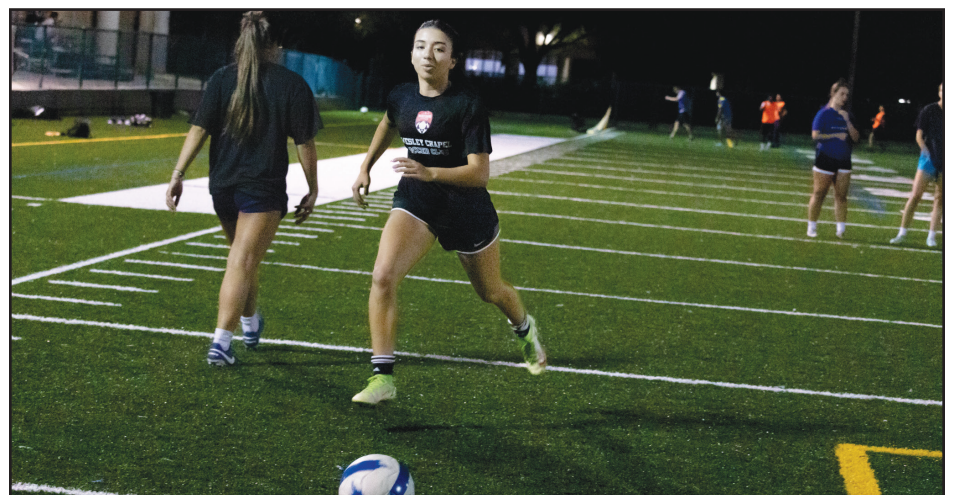
Florida Gulf Coast University on April 1 and the University of Tampa on April 2. For its last away game, it will face the University of North Florida on March 25.

For students looking to get into sports, Griggs encourages them to find a balance between their academic and athletic lives.

"You kind of have to find that balance and also give yourself a little mental break so that way you're not overworking yourself," Griggs said. "I mean, I've been a student-athlete all my life, so it's something you kind of have to adjust to each time you get into a new season. But overall, it's a great achievement and it's a great accomplishment in life."



Jennifer Griggs, freshman communication major, practices drills for the upcoming game. PHOTO BY INDAYA BYER



Jessica Jagoda, junior marine biology major, practices drills for the upcoming game. PHOTO BY INDAYA BYER



Karolina Snita, graduate student, gets ready for a set. COURTESY OF NSU SHARK ATHLETICS



Julie Razafindranaly, graduate student, readies a powerful return. COURTESY OF NSU SHARK ATHLETICS

NSU's women's tennis team ranks No. 3 in the country

By: Abraham Velasquez

NSU's women's team is currently ranked No. 3 in the country, only behind Barry University and Hawaii Pacific University.

"It feels amazing to be No. 3 in the country. To me, you always have to prove the ranking that you have," said Karolina Snita, master's student in the nutrition program. "The most important thing to prove that ranking and show other teams you deserve that spot."

The team previously secured a convincing regional win against Auburn-Montgomery with a 4-1 victory on March 2. The Sharks dominated both doubles and singles at the Ralph "Skeeter" Carson Tennis Facility in Pensacola, Florida.

"Every single match, I treat differently. I'm always focused, always treating the warm-up very seriously," said Snita. "Most of the time, we are not the underdogs, so we have the pressure of winning. I always respect my opponents."

Snita and Julie Razafindranaly, graduate student, won the sole doubles match for the Sharks, defeating Izco and Punt to 6-0. In singles, Razafindranaly maintained her strong form, beating AUM's Garcia 6-0, 6-4. Natalie Espinal, senior, displayed her prowess by earning a clean sweep in her singles match, winning both sets 6-0, 6-0 over Yakup Pour.

The team advances to 7-1 with this victory, while Auburn-Montgomery falls to 4-1.

Snita feels that the team's No. 3 ranking and its regional wins is thanks to the collaborative efforts of the players.

"As a team, I'm always trying to cheer my teammates. It's not just me. Before I came to college, it was an individual sport, but right now it's a team sport," said Snita.

Fans may follow the team's latest updates on its social media profiles, @NSU_WTennis on Instagram and Twitter.

FINS UP SHARKS: HOME GAMES

March 16: 6 p.m.
Baseball vs. Davenport University
NSU Baseball Complex

March 18: Noon
Baseball vs. Davenport University
NSU Baseball Complex

March 23: 2 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs. Saint Anselm College
NSU Tennis Complex

March 17: 6 p.m.
Baseball vs. Davenport University
NSU Baseball Complex

March 19: 10 a.m.
Women's Tennis vs. Florida Southern College
NSU Tennis Complex

March 28: 2 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs. University of West Alabama
NSU Tennis Complex



Kashmira Manohar, sophomore biology major, gets ready to return. COURTESY OF NSU SHARK ATHLETICS

NSU's baseball team takes the field

By: Abraham Velasquez and Bella Giaquinto

Matt Kavanaugh, senior communication major, joined NSU's baseball team as a pitcher in 2020. Three seasons later, he finds himself getting better at pitching thanks to the team.

"I felt like NSU would be a great place to spend the next few years developing as a player. I am the pitcher I am today because of the opportunities NSU has given me," said Kavanaugh.

NSU's baseball team, which started the season ranked 22nd in the nation in early February, has had several wins and losses throughout the season. During their most recent game on March 11 against St. Cloud State University, they had a lead of 5-1 up until the eighth inning. At the top of the ninth, St. Cloud State University managed to tie the score 5-5. At the bottom of the tenth, the Sharks

came together and completed a run, winning the game 6-5.

Liam Loging, junior exercise science major and pitcher of the baseball team, felt that the game was a good show of the team's dynamic.

"We got a little bit ahead of ourselves in the top of the ninth, but we were able to pull ourselves back to earth to keep the energy going and pull out a win," said Loging. "It was a good game."

The game against St. Cloud State University marked the Sharks' seventh consecutive win of the season. Before the team's winning streak, it had eight consecutive losses.

Laz Gutierrez, head coach of the baseball team, says that the season has had its fair share of ups and downs.

"We play good baseball and we play bad baseball. We haven't played consistent yet," said Gutierrez. "I think today shows you we play some good baseball,

and we give up the lead, you know? That up and down is sort of what we've seen."

Kavanaugh attributes the team's recent victories to how much the players have bonded throughout the season.

"I feel like the team is starting to get along more together and we're kind of clicking in a sense that we're starting to play more for a team rather than just ourselves. When that happens, the energy tends to be positive," said Kavanaugh.

The team has bonded both on and off the field. The players support each other, encouraging each other to play their best, all while strengthening the relationship they've formed.

"We're starting to become a team. We're going to the beach, to the pool. Just having fun, getting to know each other more. It helps us zone in the team. If someone goes down, we pick him back up. It helps get the W," said Loging.

Next, the Sharks will play against Davenport University on March 16-18. Loging expects the team to be ready to face the challenge.

"Davenport's a good team. Coach let us know that they're a regional team. We're going to be prepared, we're going to practice, be competent. We're going to have fun at the end of the day," said Loging.

Further in the semester, the Sharks will face Saint Leo University, Florida Southern College, University of Tampa, and eventually compete in the NCAA Division II World Series in June.

"I feel like we have the momentum to play anybody. With that being said, we should never take our opponent light. I feel like we're playing on all cylinders, and we need to take that W and bring that momentum to next weekend. Every game is important," said Kavanaugh.



Carlos Rey, junior sports and recreation management major, prepares to pitch the ball to the opposing team.
PHOTO BY INDAYA BYER



Daniel Irisarri, senior business management major, infield position, prepares to hit the ball.
PHOTO BY INDAYA BYER



Daniel Vazquez, senior human resources major, pitches the ball to the opposing team.
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