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# THE CURRENT

NSU's student-run newspaper, housed in the Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts

## NSU feels the impact of Israel-Hamas War

By Nicole Shaker and Lauren Do Nascimento

"I feel very helpless."

Hillel Campus Director Sara Frost, like many others on campus, is having trouble coping with the loss and trauma of the Israel-Hamas War. She has family in the war zones.

"It's really taken a toll on me because I have all these students that are all also very much affected by it with all their friends and family there," Frost said. "I'm trying to be strong and it's very difficult when I'm also going through a hard time as well."

For Rabbi Arnold Samlan, chief Jewish education officer at the Jewish Federation of Broward County, this conflict brings back memories of the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

"When I was in Israel in 1973, there was a song that became very popular. Translated from the Hebrew, it was called 'The Last War.' It was a father singing to his child that 'I promise you, my little one, this will be the last war,'" he said. "And 50 years later, to see



This map illustrates the areas of conflict.

that that war was not the last is very disturbing."

Cassidy Zangwill, senior biology major and member of the NSU Progressives Club, a politically oriented group supporting social justice, is Jewish and has family and friends living in Israel.

"I was raised very culturally Jewish, but, on the other hand, I'm a pretty staunch leftist, and so I have been in support of Palestine since the beginning," Zangwill said. "I don't necessarily agree with Hamas either. I think the idea of decolonization is a good thing, but the way that Hamas is going about it is completely unethical."

Zangwill has seen some tension between students concerning the war.

"The NSU Sharks for Israel [Club] was arguing with our NSU Progressives Instagram, and there was a conflict going on between the two pages with people with different opinions," she said. "So, there's been internet discourse, even locally, at NSU about it."

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## Name, Image, Likeness law affects NSU Athletics

By Bella Giaquinto and Josh Leatherman

NSU athletic programs are experiencing the effects of a new NCAA rule, known as NIL. Rules governing collegiate sports, which had remained primarily unchanged since 1972, have now been altered, enabling athletes to make deals and profit through the use of their name, image and likeness.

When the NCAA implemented NIL in July 2021, NSU began to feel the impact on its athletic programs, specifically basketball.

Even at the Division II level, men's basketball head coach, Jim

Crutchfield, said that NIL has affected the team.

"Players we had last season that could have kept developing and getting better are now gone since they signed D1 scholarships for NIL money," Crutchfield said. "All of the sudden, the price of success has changed the dynamics, we have a lot of new players."

College athletes are now able to profit from autographs, appearances, ambassador roles, apparel and endorsement deals.

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## NASA Administrator Bill Nelson visits NSU

By Bryce Johnson

Fred Lippman, chancellor of the Health Professions Division, has known Bill Nelson, the 14th administrator of NASA, since the 1970s. At the time, Nelson served in the Florida House of Representatives.

"I just want to let you know what an incredible servant to the United States of America this gentleman is," Lippman said of Nelson. "What he has always dominated his thoughts on is to care for education and make sure that you all receive truth and knowledge."

Nelson, who was one of Florida's U.S. senator from 2001 to

2019, visited NSU on Oct. 19. As NASA celebrates its 65th anniversary this year, Nelson talked about what it's doing in terms of space exploration, including the recent spacecraft launched on Oct. 13 from the Kennedy Space Center.

"This was a \$10-billion spacecraft that is going almost as far as Jupiter and is going to encounter a metallic asteroid," Nelson said.

Nelson also discussed an infrared telescope that was launched a million miles from Earth, which is able to see through the universe's space dust and gas.

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## Letter from the editor

Dear Readers,

Hello! Welcome to The Current, NSU's student-run newspaper. I'm Bryce, The Current's editor-in-chief, and I hope you enjoy reading latest issue of Volume 34.

On Monday, Oct. 23, NSU Diversity Student Council's "Wall of Hate" was torn down, which was meant to symbolize knocking down hateful speech that had been directed at students. In this issue, there is an article about the wall and its significance for the NSU community.

This issue also has an article about the Israel-Hamas war, which includes how it impacts people around you at NSU. If you want to learn more about it, including the background and history, I encourage you to read the article.

There are more lighthearted articles in this issue, including Mako Radio's interview with Bianca Dijkhoffz, some clubs on campus (like Shark Fuel and Seemly), an overview of the men's basketball team and the upcoming Annual World Congress on Dance Research on Nov. 12.

The Current, alongside Mako TV



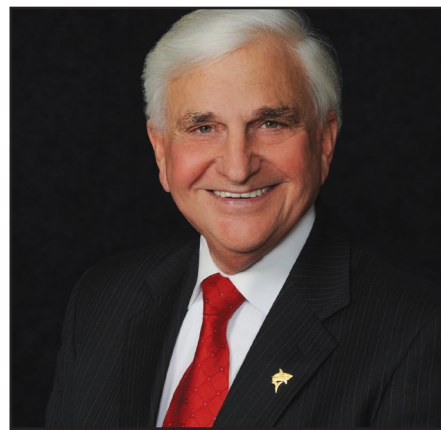
Bryce Johnson,  
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and Mako Radio, is part of Mako Media Network. If you ever have any questions, comments, concerns or story pitches, you can find us in the UC in room 328.

The Current is a labor of love for each person involved. We appreciate you taking the time to read our stories, talk to us for interviews and play the games on the back.

**Happy reading,**  
Bryce Johnson

## Key for getting around campus and beyond



By President George L.  
Hanbury II

One piece of feedback I frequently hear from students is the question of how to get around the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus more easily. I would point to a free service that everyone at NSU can take advantage of – the Shark Shuttle – and digitally view it on the iShark app.

The Shark Shuttle is free for all NSU students and employees, and it's a great way to get completely around campus in 10 minutes without having to walk long distances or search for a parking spot. The Shark Shuttle offers various regular and express routes for getting around campus.

But did you know that it also goes to destinations off campus as well? If you need to do some

shopping, the Weekend Express route has stops at the local Publix and Walmart. Do you live on campus and want to get around town without having to rely on a car? The Downtown Shark Express has stops at places like Fort Lauderdale Beach, Las Olas and the NSU Art Museum; and we always have the Rolling Hills Express.

All this information is available in the palm of your hand by using iShark, which is available in the App Store for Apple phones and the Google Play Store for Android phones. The iShark app offers live shuttle tracking, so you always know where a shuttle is and can plan ahead to get to your destination.

I encourage everyone to make full use of the Shark Shuttle, and not just because it's a way to get around campus and surrounding areas. The shuttles are clean and air conditioned, so if you're taking a longer trip, it's a chance to catch up on some emails or reading, or to just sit back with your favorite playlist.

Fins Up!

George L. Hanbury II is the President and CEO of Nova Southeastern University.

An article published in the last issue incorrectly spelled Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz's name as "Debbie Wasserman Shultz."

FROM THE FRONT

# ISRAEL-HAMAS

Lior Zeitoun, senior biology major and co-president of Sharks for Israel, a Jewish organization standing up against antisemitism, said the discussion was less effective than she would have liked.

"We have had a conversation with NSU Progressives and, to be honest, that conversation was not really helpful," she said.

Zeitoun also said she has seen antisemitic content on social media.

"Students that are not 100% informed of the conflict post things that they have seen, which, if you post something, you really do need to do research before you post it," she said.

Many students disagree with choosing sides.

"I think the idea of coming to America builds the promise that there will be no hatred because that's what we all want. We're all Americans at the end of the day. We don't look at each other as 'Oh, you're from this place, so I should not like you.' At least the majority of us believe that," said Adam Tamis, junior legal studies major.

Ava Pollac, sophomore psychology major, agreed that placing blame causes more turmoil.

"There are people in Palestine

who are obviously also being hurt, and they've been hurting for such a long time," she said. "What Hamas is doing is not okay at all, but for everyone to just keep taking a side and not show sympathy to both sides, I think that's also adding to the violence."

Amanda Furiasse, assistant professor in the Department of Humanities and Politics, said the conflict has little to do with the religion of each side.

"I've been seeing a lot of people blame religion for the conflict, which I think is wrong. There's nothing inherently here that is the result of religion, and we need to push back and challenge those arguments," she said. "When you look at the history of that region, Jews, Muslims and Christians lived together in peace for thousands of years."

Mary Hope Schwoebel, associate professor in the Department of Conflict Resolution Studies, agrees.

"We all believe that human rights apply to both sides. If it doesn't apply to both sides, it isn't human rights. So as for conflict resolution, we're going to be as concerned about what Israel does to Palestine as to what Hamas did to Israel,"

Schwoebel said.

Schwoebel said that this is not about Jews versus Arabs or Jews versus Muslims.

"This is not a religious conflict. It's an identity-based conflict, a political and economic conflict. It's really about territory and land," she said.

Furiasse also expressed the need to consider the larger global context of the conflict.

"What I think we need to resist and push back on [are] those reductionist arguments that leave out these larger political, geographical, economic issues and the idea that this region is inherently prone to conflict," she said.

Hillel, Sharks for Israel and Chabad at NSU collaborated for a vigil on Oct. 9, lighting candles for those killed in Israel. These clubs also collaborated with the Jewish Law Students Association, the Jewish Association of Health and Medical Students, Mishelanu, Delta Phi Epsilon, Sigma Delta Tau, Phi Sigma Sigma and the Marriage & Family Therapy Club to host a fundraiser for Magen David Adom, Israel's national medical emergency, disaster, ambulance and blood bank service.

"I'm doing the best that I can to help as a club," Frost said. "We [Hillel] have done a vigil, we're going to be doing a walk, we're doing a fundraiser. So, we're trying the best that we can."

Som Khesav, senior biology major, grew up with both Israeli and Palestinian friends and said that peace seems distant.

"I think that both sides should try to come to a compromise. But seeing as how the historical events led up to now, I don't see that happening anytime soon," he said.

Samlan said it's important for everyone to remain educated on the conflict in the meantime.

"People need to rely on information that is historical, that's accurate," Samlan said.

He hopes for a better future.

"All people in the Middle East, all people in the world, deserve peace and deserve to live in a peaceful world," Samlan said.

Furiasse is also optimistic.

"Peace will return to that region," she said.

*Milani Wetjen contributed to this report.*

## History of the Israel-Hamas conflict

On Oct. 7, the Palestinian militant group Hamas launched an attack on Israeli civilians, with hundreds of gunmen infiltrating communities by land, sea and air. Israel declared war and began retaliatory attacks shortly after.

This unprecedented attack was not the beginning of the Israel-Hamas conflict.

Muslims, Jews, Christians and other populations shared the currently contested land in relative peace until the early 1900s, when Britain took control of the region. This "British Mandate for Palestine" contained many populations, including Mizrahi Jews (of North African/Middle Eastern descent), who had historically lived there, according to Amanda Furiasse, assistant professor in the Department of Humanities and Politics at NSU.

At this time, Zionism, the movement to form a Jewish state, particularly containing Jerusalem, was gaining traction. Between the 1920s and 1940s, especially during the Holocaust, Jewish migration to the Arab land grew. This led to Arab-Jewish tensions in the region, according to ABC.

Tensions and violence culminated with the Arab-Israeli War in 1948, when Israel officially declared statehood. Israel won this war, creating a massive Palestinian refugee population. Palestinians call this event Al Nakba, or "the Catastrophe." The land was divided into three parts— Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Palestinians mostly lived in the West Bank and Gaza.

In 1967, Israel and the neighboring Arab states fought the Six-Day War, after which Israel occupied Gaza and the West Bank, according to BBC. In 1987, a group coming together in Gaza to fight against the Israeli occupation and establish an independent Palestine. This group was named Hamas, and it often targeted civilians, according to George Nelson Bass III, assistant professor in the Department of Humanities and Politics at NSU.

After Palestinian revolts, Israel sought to control the Palestinian population and put Gaza under a heavy blockade. Violence on both sides has deterred negotiations and peace. Now, Israel and Hamas are in the midst of their deadliest battle yet.

*Compiled by Nicole Shaker*

**For a more detailed timeline, scan this:**



# 'Wall of Hate' brings mixed feelings to campus

By Lauren Do Nascimento and Nicole Shaker

On Oct. 23, the Diversity Student Council's "Wall of Hate" was torn down, and, according to the latest statement by President George L. Hanbury II, this would be the last time the wall would be on campus.

"This year's 'Wall of Hate' project resulted in undue and unintended stress, anxiety and alarm among many members of our community – and understandably so. The type of display this year was a grievous mistake, given the lack of advance notice, and contextual information, coupled with the Middle East crisis and ongoing social strife in many communities across our nation," wrote President Hanbury, apologetically. "I would like to extend my apologies to the entire NSU community and the community at large. We have taken corrective measures so that it will not occur in the future. This includes discontinuing the particular 'Wall of Hate' display ritual."

For about 20 years, colleges and universities in the United States, including NSU, have implemented the "Wall of Hate" to eliminate hate. Students write on it phrases of hate speech they have heard or been told. Then, the wall is torn down, as if to eradicate those feelings.

But this year, it didn't work as planned. It was placed on the Library Quad in front of the Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center. As students walked out of class, they saw a wall covered with antisemitic and racist language.

Many students were unaware of



PHOTO BY LAUREN DO NASCIMENTO  
NSU tears down the "Wall of Hate" on Oct. 23 in front of the Library Quad.

the event and the purpose of the wall.

Sara Frost, NSU Hillel campus director, said some of the antisemitic statements were, in fact, written by a Jewish student, who did not intend to be antisemitic but rather write hateful statements they have heard in the past.

"In my opinion, the Diversity Council should have had signs, huge signs, explaining what the wall was because there are a lot of Jewish students on this campus," Frost said. "There's a student whose family member passed away serving in the IDF, the Israel Defense Forces. Seeing that on the wall was really hard for this student."

The wall's teardown was originally scheduled for Oct. 27 but was

pushed forward to Oct. 23 after the university received backlash from NSU students hurt by the hateful statements.

Courtlyn Heard, diversity engagement coordinator, said the wall was supposed to be an expressive outlet for students.

"The name is literally what it is," Heard said. "We wanted to give the students the opportunity to just be expressive and showcase who they are and some of the things that they may have experienced throughout life through this wall."

NSU posted to its official Instagram account clarifying the purpose of the event on Oct. 23, but many students' comments expressed their disapproval.

"None of this was conveyed to students passing by. Seeing this wall with no context actively ruined my day," James Perez posted.

Aryeh Richter, sophomore education and history major, agrees.

"When I didn't even know it was planned, I thought it was like some graffiti," Richter said. "I was infuriated because from what I had known earlier, this is a very Jewish-friendly campus and to see that, I was shocked."

Yet, some students at NSU who wrote on the wall found it to be a cathartic experience.

"I wrote, 'you're too loud,' which I've been told pretty much my entire life," said Avani Kulkarni, senior neuroscience major. "From kindergarten and elementary school, my teachers and parents would always say, 'You're too loud, you talk too much.'"

Kulkarni liked the idea of the wall.

"It's a creative idea. It's kind of like breaking a plate, but in a bigger sense," Kulkarni said. "It's also showing how similar we are in a way that even though we're all unique, we all get told the same things."

Richter added that the event revealed a lot about the students at NSU.

"To see the student body and strangers all gather and say, 'That's not cool, we don't do that' showed me a lot," Richter said. "Everyone here just wants to be good people and treat each other with respect, regardless of race, religion or culture."

## FROM THE FRONT NASA



PHOTO BY INDAYA BYER  
President George L. Hanbury II and Bill Nelson watch a video during the presentation.

"We have captured the light from the formation of the first galaxy 13-and-a-half billion years ago," Nelson said. "Now think about how big that is, how far that is. Light travels at 186,000 miles per second. That light has been traveling for 13-and-a-half billion years. That's a long distance."

Nelson shared that NASA plans to go back to the moon in hopes of learning how humans can eventually live and thrive there, with the goal being to live on Mars and beyond.

"The moon is only three or four days from Earth by space travel. Mars under conventional technology will take seven to nine months. We can't stay alive that long under existing technology," Nelson said. "What we are doing is going back to the moon in order to develop the processes, technology, equipment and the knowhow in order to be able to go way out in space."

NSU President George L. Hanbury II was curious about what galactic relations would look like.

"We're going to take our hatred and our racial prejudice and our political divide to the moon as bad as we've done here?" Hanbury asked. "Hopefully, if we haven't learned how to live on Earth, maybe we will learn how to live on the moon."

For students hoping to get involved with space one day, Nelson said that everyone is welcome at NASA, regardless of race, sex or background.

"NASA is a big team that needs a lot of expertise, and a lot of that expertise can be in so many different things," Nelson said. "Your generation of astronauts and space team members are going to be star sailors sailing on a cosmic sea to far off cosmic shoulders. And that's the excitement that your generation is going to have."

# First-graders visit Mako Media Network

By Bryce Johnson

First-graders from the NSU University School visited Mako Media Network on Oct. 20 and learned

about journalism from The Current, Mako TV and Mako Radio. There were about 100 students from six first-grade classes. For The Current, they designed newspapers

with their own art and stories. For Mako TV, they took turns being news anchors, controlling the green screen and checking the sound quality. For Mako Radio, they

learned about different equipment like record players, microphones and soundboards.



PHOTO BY BRIELLE AGUAYO  
First-graders practice being news anchors at Mako TV.



PHOTO BY JULES BATCHKER  
Students from the NSU University School create their unique newspapers in the Mako Media newsroom.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL SILVA  
First-graders learn how The Current is made in the Mako Media newsroom.



PHOTO BY ERIKA FOTI  
First-graders are excited to use a radio in the Performance Theatre.

## OPINION

# Why fall is the best season in South Florida

By Ronald Martinez

Seasons in Florida boil down to two situations: “Oh my gosh, it’s so hot,” and alternatively, it can also be seen as, “It’s so humid and nasty,” and “The rain is still here.” In both situations, South Florida is just wet.

Unfortunately, because of the tropical climate, we won’t ever get the true experience of “the seasons” that you see in northern states. The question of “what is the best season?” is skewed, and the variables are limited. Yet, despite this, there’s just enough for me to confidently say that fall is the best season in South Florida.

Let’s start off with the obvious. It gets cooler. Much cooler. The summer heat in Florida lasts longer

than in other states, so it becomes a long-overdue relief to the nasty humidity that makes all your clothes stick to your body as you desperately try to stay cool. Nothing compares to the feeling of stepping outside to that brisk breeze for the first time after months of uncomfortable heat. And, it’s the prime time for outdoor activities.

It’s not excessively cold, either. For most, as long as you carry a light jacket, you’ll be at the perfect temperature to stay fresh and comfortable. In most other seasons, you must dress for the weather, whether that’s just a tank top and shorts during warmer months or layers in the colder months, which brings me to my next point.

There’s enough wiggle room

for fashionable combos. Sweaters and jackets, multiple layers, long sleeves, it’s an incredible season to look and feel your best. One of the classic tricks to make an outfit pop is to layer various garments. You try that in summer, and there’s a high chance you’re going to collapse from the heat.

This is what it boils down to: fall just feels the best.

It feels the best temperature-wise. It makes you feel the best with your killer outfits. And in general, the vibes are positive. Halloween and Thanksgiving both take place during fall, so a sense of community is fostered. Halloween sees everyone going out and dressing in their favorite costumes and Thanksgiving sees gratitude brimming from the inside of everyone.

To use modern vernacular: the vibes are immaculate.

And sure, we may not have the changing leaves that give fall its characteristic appearance, and our temperatures may never be as cool as up north, but compared to the rest of the seasons? It’s a vast improvement. Not to mention the fall flavors are iconic. The moment warm, buttery apple and pumpkin flavors hit my tongue, I know fall has arrived.

To be fair, I’m also a fan of pumpkin pie.

Spring is nice, but it leads to summer. Summer is just terrible if you’re outside for longer than five minutes. Winter is excessively cold and uncomfortable here. Fall? The best of all worlds.

# Sharks speak: What keeps you at NSU?



“Mainly, my friends. They are my grounding here because college is a lot to do, but they are the ones actually keeping me here,” said Nicolette Sobit, junior communication major.



“The great weather, the opportunities, the faculty and staff in the exercise program, and all the research opportunities,” said Joseph Petruzelli, senior exercise and sports major.



“The family, community and the small class sizes are great for my career and education,” said Kiara Colman, senior political science major.



“The amazing staff and student body, how they keep you involved, it’s super close to home and here it feels like home,” said Genesis Aguiar, sophomore biology major.

By Yasmeen Hughes

PHOTOS BY  
YASMEEN HUGHES

## Undergraduate Student Government Association amplifies voices

By Bryce Johnson

Kyron Defreitas, senior business entrepreneurship major and court justice officer of the Undergraduate Student Government Association, feels that being in USGA is like having a family.

“I feel like it is definitely a place where freshmen or sophomores, or whoever comes into it, can essentially find a family and find people that they can actually all communicate with,” Defreitas said. “To me it’s giving a chance to change the NSU community for all the students and undergraduate students, making it a better place here and more enjoyable.”

USGA is made of undergraduate students who work together to improve campus and attend to the needs of the student body. Students in the group have mentors, join committees and advocate for the community.

On Wednesdays from 3 - 5 p.m., USGA holds open meetings in the Alan B. Levan Center of Innovation, on the fifth floor of the Alvin Sherman Library, to discuss ways NSU can be more inclusive.

Shweta Shah, second-year public health major and upperclassman senator of USGA, first got involved by attending one of these meetings.

“Our USGA meetings are open to all students. They’re not closed meetings and students are welcome to come into our meetings and just observe how USGA works and also voice their opinion,” Shah said.

As the assistant dean and director of Campus Life and Student Engagement, Gerard Wheeler also serves as the adviser of USGA. He supports student government by helping them implement changes



COURTESY OF USGA  
The Undergraduate Student Government Association hosts the annual Fins Festival.

at NSU, including the switch from Razor 2.0 to Razor 3.0, stronger material for the “NSU” and “FINS UP” letters in front of Mako Hall, and the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Resource Center in the wake of George Floyd’s death.

“It’s actually my favorite thing I would say of my job because it is being able to sit at the table, hear students, make change and then speak on behalf of their constituents,” Wheeler said. “I would say it’s the part of my job that I enjoy the most.”

Wheeler has seen several students grow into their roles at USGA and become more confident, including Manas Peddiboyina, senior public health major and president of USGA.

“Manas was very timid and very much so shy, and now he’s the president of USGA and leading, making decisions and doing all those types of things,” Wheeler said.

Wheeler feels that USGA provides voices for the voiceless, and Peddiboyina agrees.

“We like to think that we serve as the bridge between the gap of faculty and administrators and students. We like to raise student concerns and be the voice of the students, especially being the voice of students who feel voiceless, to try to enact positive change within our campus and our community,” Peddiboyina said.

USGA often conducts surveys to collect and understand students’ concerns,

Daniyal Baig, second-year business major and upperclassman senator of USGA, said these surveys led NSU to implement a Pharmabox initiative, which are vending machines with over-the-counter medications and personal care products.

“Last year, we did a Pharmabox initiative. UM and a lot of other schools had a Pharmabox on

campus. We met with higher ups and that’s coming soon, starting with the Tampa campus, and it’s going to all Nova campuses,” Baig said.

In addition to implementing students’ needs on campus, USGA hosts several different events every year.

Peddiboyina is looking forward to USGA’s annual tailgate on Nov. 10 as part of homecoming week.

“At this tailgate, we’re going to have food, games, fun things like that,” Peddiboyina said. “We’ve held it last year, and we are holding it again this year, so we’d love to see students come out and enjoy and meet organizations, fraternities, sororities, clubs and the USGA over there as well.”

Wheeler encourages students to attend USGA’s events and weekly meetings in the Levan Center, as well as vote during USGA’s elections.

“I would love to see students vote way more than they have. This last year, I think about 1,200 students actually voted in the USGA election. And that’s the most I’ve ever seen since I’ve been here,” Wheeler said. “But I would love to see 4,000, 5,000 students voting because these are the people that represent them and their needs and what they want.”

### For more information:

Visit USGA's office in Don Taft University Center Suite 1235, send an email to [usga@nova.edu](mailto:usga@nova.edu) and follow its Instagram @[nsu.usga](https://www.instagram.com/nsu.usga).

# Seemly: Empowering all fashion enthusiasts

By Danna Bertel and  
Yasmin De Andrade Rodrigues

Seemly is a fashion club at NSU that is about keeping up with fashion, as well as giving its members a safe space for self-expression and self-confidence.

The club started after the pandemic and has grown quickly, expanding from 20 members at the first meeting in March 2022 to more than 450 members this semester.

Nicole Perez, senior marketing major and president of Seemly, noticed that there weren't any fashion clubs on campus and wanted to create a space where she could meet people who have the same interests.

"Especially because we were in a pandemic. We all kind of went into our little shells and couldn't come out of it, and my social skills were nonexistent. I wanted to start this club to meet people who have the same interests as me and learn about fashion together," Perez said.

Perez had the idea of creating Seemly for people with the same interests, to meet and learn together.

"You don't need to know how to dress yourself to be in the club," Perez said. "The club is very broad, and it is for people to learn together."

Perez's passion for fashion started when she was a high school junior and went to New York for a fashion summer camp, where she learned about fashion marketing and designing.

"I was involved in merchandising

at Chanel. I looked at how they would set up the stores and manage the new clothes coming in," she said.

Last fall the club held a Gossip Girl-themed party, which caught people's attention and helped the club to grow even more.

"We had mocktails and crepes and brought a DJ, it was like this big event," Perez said. "I don't do little things, that's just who I am."

Perez's favorite event was Seemly's first makeup class with Tati Perez, a professional makeup artist and influencer.

"We had stations to practice makeup. I brought pallets and a bunch of stuff for them to experiment with. She taught them and sent a list of her favorite products," Perez said.

Seemly also has partnerships with Clinique, Prada Beauty and Sol de Janeiro.

"We've got a bunch of products again, which is so crazy again because it's all packaged products. It's kind of insane, but also really rewarding and a very big recognition to have because the club is growing," Perez said.

With Perez graduating next semester, she hopes her club continues to grow. She is currently training Cora Paddilla to be the next president of Seemly.

"Nicole is the embodiment of Seemly. Everything started with her and we have just been creating new things. Everything is gonna be very 'Seemly,' but I'm gonna have my creative touch to it. Right now, we're just kind of experimenting and doing events together, so



COURTESY OF SEEMLY

Professional makeup artist and influencer Tati Perez leads a makeup workshop.

we can kind of find that middle ground," Padilla said.

Seemly won the Arts and Engagement Organization of the Year award at the Gold Fin Awards last April.

"We won last year and that was primarily because of the engagement that we created in our club," Padilla said.

Anybody can join Seemly and come to the events.

"I feel like the way that we structure things makes us very different from other clubs, as well as how

we pull people into our club. We are very open to everyone," Padilla said.

Seemly had its first movie night on Oct. 18, where the members watched "The Devil Wears Prada." The club also plans to have events with different activities, such as vision boards, a styling class and photography photoshoots.

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## Coping with homesickness this holiday season

By Veronica Richard,  
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With the 2023 holiday season on the horizon, some students are beginning to feel homesick.

"It was really sad for me, leaving my family behind in Columbia to come here," said Isabella Vargas, freshman biology major. "I missed the familiarity of being home so much."

Madison Kasper, sophomore marketing major and general manager of Mako TV, is originally from New Jersey. Kasper will be staying at NSU for Thanksgiving but plans to go back home for winter break.

"I'm a little sad because obviously I miss my family. I want to be with them, especially since they're all going to be together for Thanksgiving, and I'm going to be out here. But I'll see them in a week after that," Kasper said.

Ralph E. Cash, state-licensed psychologist and professor of psychology at NSU, said feelings like Kasper's and Vargas's are common. "Homesickness is a form of anxiety. It is anxiety about being away

from those you love, those you care about, and from the place that you call home, where you feel safe and secure," Cash said. "Homesickness is, most of the time, a reasonably normal reaction to being away from a safe and loving place."

Many students and professionals have remedies that make homesickness easier to handle.

"I would recommend making new friends. It's a pretty obvious thing to do. Go out and exercise with them, play games, go outside, work-out with them. Take care of yourself and spend time with new friends at school," Cash said. "There is a caveat with this, though. You must choose your friends wisely. If you do choose friendships that are not satisfying or with people who do not really care about you, it may make your homesickness worse."

Kasper agrees that making friends can help with feeling homesick, as well as keeping yourself busy and not thinking about it too much.

"I like the life that I've created out here. As much as I've missed my family back home, I've made a lot of friends that I consider family out here. So I like the lifestyle I live out

here," Kasper said.

Staying connected with family back home helps, too, Cash said.

"Staying in touch with family and friends is another easy trick. Fortunately, we have lots of ways of doing this today, with social media, phone calls, and virtual meetings," he said. "It is a very good idea to schedule those regularly, then you can space them further apart as you get acclimated to your situation."

Vargas makes sure to stay connected to home.

"I try video calling with my family members back in Columbia to help. I also try to assimilate somewhat into the culture I've found here and spend time with my family and friends that I have here," Vargas said.

Amelia Kaplan, freshman biology major from Columbia, also finds a cure for homesickness in video calling and talking to family back home.

"I miss my family and friends. We call and text each other often though, and that helps with the feeling," Kaplan said.

If homesickness is not properly treated, it can cause both emotional

and physical symptoms.

"It is entirely possible to get physical problems that result from inadequately prepared for and inadequately treated homesickness," Cash said. "My first time away from home, I developed homesickness and developed torticollis, which is a tilting of the head due to tightening of muscles. I went to the doctor and it turned out, I had developed torticollis due to extreme homesickness and being so tense. So it is important you take care of yourself and not let homesickness escalate."

While it is difficult, homesickness is manageable.

"After being here at Nova for so long, I've gotten used to being away," Vargas said. "I've really made this school my home."

Students struggling with mental health for any reason, can call the NSU Center for Student Counseling and Well-Being through Henderson Behavioral Health at its 24/7 hotline at 954-424-6911 or visit the center on the third floor of the Student Affairs Building.



FOOD

# Shark Fuel: Students on campus crave better diets

By Daja Long and Elizabeth Franklin

Abhay Dharanikota, junior public health major, is the president of Shark Fuel, an organization dedicated to student health. At its first Shark Tank Thursday, a time for students to interact with organizations, Shark Fuel gave away meal plan kits and healthy food samples for students to try.

“We were giving out ginger shots at Shark Tank Thursday to improve students’ gut health, specifically their acidity components,” Dharanikota said. “We want to encourage students to meet the general recommendation of five fruit and vegetable servings a day through creative food options.”

With the motto “Fuel Good Feel Good,” Shark Fuel’s aim is to encourage clean eating habits for students. The club uses a Food First approach,

Dharanikota said that Shark Fuel will host workshops twice a month in the Carl DeSantis building. These classes will show students how to cook healthy recipes, such as pasta, while providing basic knowledge of each ingredient nutrient-wise, and

proper cooking methods.

“By coming to these classes, students can pick up small skills of how to clean and cut food items properly. We are going to have cutting boards and other tools out. If they would like, they could prep meals for the week during the class. Or they could make one component during the class and take the rest of the ingredients with them to do it on their own. Students can choose their own pace for the class,” Dharanikota said.

Lauren Do Nascimento, senior communication major and managing editor of The Current, was present at Shark Fuel’s first Shark Tank Thursday. Do Nascimento looks forward to seeing how Shark Fuel will progress.

“I definitely think that Shark Fuel will be successful. This club is exactly what NSU needs. It’ll help us learn more about the type of food we prepare for ourselves,” Do Nascimento said. “I think having a cooking masterclass sounds cool, and I love pasta, so it’s a win-win.”

Shark Fuel members noticed that students complain about their digestive issues, which relate back to what they put in their bodies.

Douglas Kalman, registered dietitian and a clinical associate professor who instructs a nutritional neuroscience course, recommends students try a Food First approach on their own, which means eating a variety of healthy food, such as vegetables, fruits and whole-grain carbohydrates.

“An analogy one can use is, if you had a Ferrari, are you going to put the cheapest gas in your Ferrari or are you going to put the best fuel in it? Your body and brain are your Ferrari, so over time, if you learn to eat a more colorful plate, you’re using a more proactive health approach,” Kalman said.

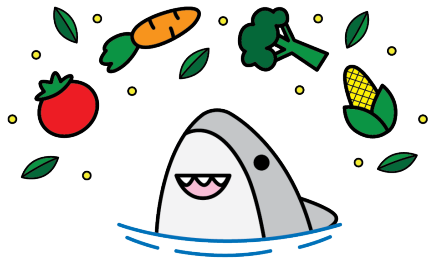
The Market at College Ave in the University Center provides students with pre-made and pre-packaged food options. However, it does not include food labels. In association with NSU Health, Shark Fuel will work to add SharkSmart labels to packaged food on campus, so that it is easier for students to decipher the healthier option.

“One of the most important reasons to have a label on anything is so that the consumer that is purchasing it knows what is inside that package. We don’t need a

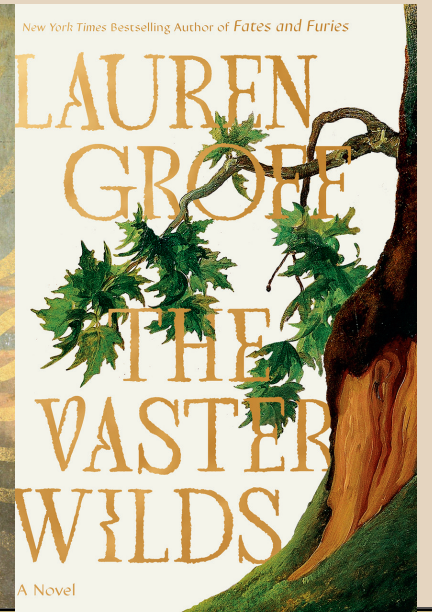
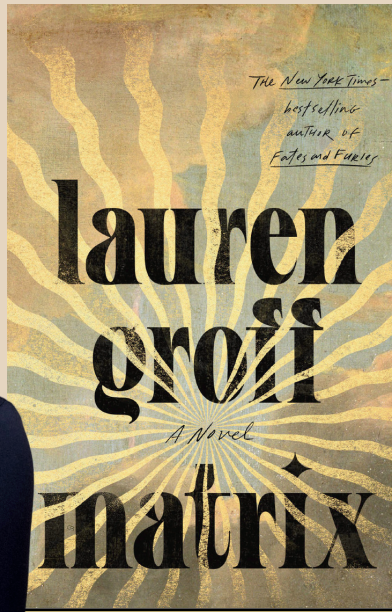
package around the banana, but if you’re buying packaged food, such as sandwiches, snack items, corn muffins, doughnuts or anything that could be wrapped, the consumer has the right to know what the caloric value or makeup of that food is,” Kalman said.

Shark Fuel’s vision is to efficiently inform students about how to build healthy eating habits.

“The earlier students focus on their health, the better. We encourage anyone who wants to make a change for themselves or who is passionate about health to reach out because we are here to connect and help,” Dharanikota said.



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# How the Canadian wildfires affect Florida air quality

By Adam Sadik and Paul Paronich

On Oct. 3, Canadian wildfire smoke settled into the southeast coast of America, where Matthew Enajo, senior and neuroscience major, thought was a thick coating of fog.

"I had initially questioned if it was just fog but the air seemed stuffier than that. That discrepancy caused me some concern," Enajo said. "I am from New York, so we were hit hard by the initial migration of the smoke."

Since summer, Canadian wildfires have produced massive amounts of smoke that have decreased air quality in numerous regions in the United States.

Paul Baldauf, professor in the Department of Marine and

Environmental Sciences, said that the smoke caused by the Canadian wildfires has reached vast distances.

"The smoke produced by these fires are able to cover large amounts of land and travel with wind patterns," he said.

The Air Quality Index scale reads from 0-500, with increasing health risks due to air pollution at values 101 and up. This may be harmful to certain groups of individuals, especially those with asthma, often causing respiratory irritation and inflammation, Baldauf said.

The air quality of South Florida at that time reached values of up to 150 on the AQI, mainly due to the sulfur dioxide and carbon monoxide in wildfire smoke.

"There are five different criteria pollutants that affect the air

quality: carbon monoxide, nitrous oxides, particulate matter, sulfur dioxides and ozone," he said, adding that ozone and particulate matter tend to be more widespread. "Lungs aren't good at getting tiny particulates out. These tiny particles are 2.5 microns or less in diameter, smaller than the width of a human hair."

Baldauf places great importance on the AQI and recommends checking it often. Immunocompromised people may need to closely monitor it as well, as it may influence their health.

"It's not a bad idea to track the Air Quality Index every morning, especially for sensitive individuals, people who have asthma or people who are immunosuppressed," he said. "Even people that are athletes should probably be aware that

there are times when the air is so bad that you don't want to be exercising outdoors."

Enajo said that regardless of how aware one may be of the AQI, there is often not much to be done if the air quality is not ideal.

"Sometimes, I think it is important to be conscious of the air you're constantly taking in, but there is also a factor of uncontrollability," he said. "I can't just up and live somewhere else solely because of the air quality. So usually, I find it best to ignore it."

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# A Day for Children at NSU

By Nicole Shaker

NSU hosted its 23rd annual A Day for Children in the Alvin Sherman Library Quad on Oct. 21 in collaboration with Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. The event is meant to showcase health and wellness services available for South Florida children while bringing the community together for family friendly activities.

Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the U.S. representative for Florida's 25th congressional district, has been attending the event since 2010. Her team has also been a part of organizing it.

"A Day for Children is an opportunity to help make sure that the community can have a one-stop shop and have access to so much information where they can make sure they can take care of their children," Wasserman Schultz said.

This event is particularly important to her.

"Children's safety in particular has been one of the major parts of my legislative agenda throughout my state and federal career as a legislator because children don't have the ability to make sure their guardians, their parents, their supervisors, look out for them," Wasserman Schultz said. "So often they need the law to be able to be strong enough, to be able to protect them when that layer of protection isn't there."

The event featured many stands and activities from South Florida vendors and organizations.

Taylor Mateo, Davie Fire Rescue firefighter, helped run a stand giving out toy firefighter helmets and stickers to children.

"It means a lot because growing up, I always saw firefighters come out and them being super-friendly and teaching me about the service made me want to be a part of the community," Mateo said. "So seeing these little kids, passing out helmets and stickers, and seeing the way they smile means a lot to us."

There were also stands for the Davie Police Department and the Broward Sheriff's Office. Captain Renea Peterson with the Sheriff's Office said her team comes to the event to try and bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community.

"It's important for our law enforcement professionals to come together in solidarity for any event that supports families, especially our youth," she said. "Community is not at our district office. The community is out at events like this."

There was also a large stage for local performers. The Florida Children's Theatre has been performing at the event for the last three years.

"We aim to make everyone feel great about themselves, feel happy, and we love creating an environment that feels safe and secure," said Kai Bui, a member of the Florida Children's Theatre. "We have a very amazing time every time we come, so it's been great."

Zara Wilson, 6, who attended with her mother, said she had a great time at the event. Her favorite

part was getting "the toy of [her] dreams," a miniature squishy.


Wasserman Schultz said college students have a unique way to support children.

"College students have one foot in both camps, one foot into adulthood and one foot still in childhood," she said. "So I think for

college students, an event like this is a way to show them how they can give back and help make sure the next generation of children that come behind them have an opportunity to thrive, maybe avoid some of the pitfalls that students might make, help keep them safe."



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# NSU hosts 9th Annual World Congress on Dance Research

By Danna Bertel

The 9th Annual World Congress on Dance Research will visit NSU at the Performance Theater on Nov. 12 at 6 p.m. The theme this year is "Healing Through Dance."

The event will showcase all forms of dance including ballroom, contemporary, Argentine tango and folk dance. Admission to the NSU

event is free and students will perform their DanceWorks pieces.

"It's the first time that we've worked with them [the World Congress of Dance Research] and our students are going to be performing in it, as well. They're bringing in dance groups from all different places around the world to show and share a lot of different styles of dance," said Elana Lanczi,

associate professor of dance in the Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts.

The 9th Annual World Congress on Dance Research will host other events from Nov. 8 through 10 in Broward. These events include a welcome party, a dance workshop, a lecture and a dinner gala with performances.

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## DanceWorks presents original choreography

By Danna Bertel

Ysabella Lupercio, junior business management major, is one of the students who will be performing at DanceWorks. She will be performing a dance piece showcasing the effect of social media and the idea of being constrained to your phone. The event will take place Nov. 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the performance theater.

Lupercio and other students will participate in DanceWorks, a show highlighting original choreography by guest and faculty choreographers, as well as student dancers.

"Students have been working on the pieces for the past few months and DanceWorks is a way to show original choreography," Elana Lanczi, associate professor of dance in the Department of Communication, Media, and the Arts, said. "I think the show is an opportunity to see work that students may not be familiar with, and it's a really well-produced fall show, almost

like a professional show."

New York choreographer Jennifer Nugent will be a guest artist and attending the show. Nugent worked with students at NSU and Broward College.

Nugent did a special project where she taught a piece to students at NSU and Broward College. The piece will also be presented at DanceWorks.

Lupercio was excited to learn from Nugent.

"Jennifer Nugent is amazing. It was really cool to work with somebody who wasn't from here because when it comes to the dance world, Miami is very different from New York or Los Angeles, which are the big areas of dance. So, to have her come down and to see how she moved and how she worked was super exciting for everybody," Lupercio said.

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## "Menopause the Musical 2" comes to NSU

By Danna Bertel

"Menopause the Musical" returns with a sequel called "Menopause the Musical 2: Cruising Through The Change." The musical will run from Nov. 1 to 5 at the Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center.

"Menopause the Musical" tells the story of four women who meet at a department store and later find out that they have much more in common through the symptoms of menopause. The sequel takes place on a cruise five years later, following the story of the four friends who set out on a journey of self-discovery.

Similar to "Menopause the Musical," the sequel is a comedy with a soundtrack of parody hits from the '70s, '80s and '90s.

LaDonna Burns plays Earth Mother, one of the four friends whose biggest trait is her mood swings but also being nurturing and peaceful.

"They take a cruise together and it's the celebration of sisterhood, celebration of love, taking care of each other, and I think anyone that comes see it can recognize someone they know," Burns said.

Burns feels the musical opens a conversation about menopause in a funny way.

"I think the goal of this production is to let women know that

menopause is not the taboo topic that it used to be," Burns said. "My character, her traits are mood swings, because she's the Earth Mother who's so loving and peaceful but little things just set her off and that's just one of the menopause symptoms. Hair thinning, weight gain and not being able to lose weight. I think we tackle all those subjects in a fun way."

Burns invites anyone to give the show a try.


"Take a chance. ninety minutes you get in and out. Is shorter than most movies, but you're getting live performances, and we're singing and dancing, so it's a good time," Burns said.

Tickets for "Menopause the Musical 2: Cruising Through The Change" are \$56.07 and available through the Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center website.

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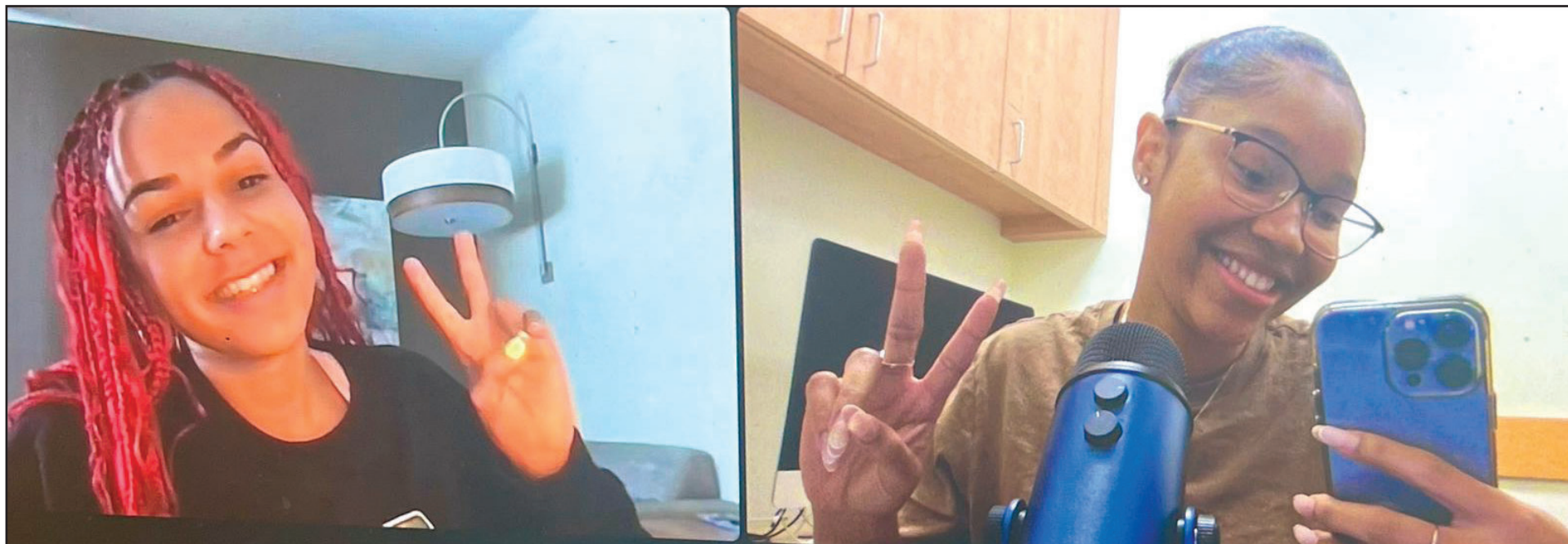
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Denisia Martimbor, Mako Radio host/producer in the Management MBA program, interviews professional DJ BB BAD.

# DJ talks about working with Karol G

By Denisia Martimbor and Alex Hernández

In the realm of live music and performance, Bianca Dijkhoffz, also known as BB BAD, has etched her indelible mark on the global dance landscape with a fusion of grace, power and an unmistakable edge. Hailing from the enchanting island of Sint Maarten, her journey from prodigious talent to celebrated performer and DJ is a testament to her unwavering dedication and boundless creativity. In this interview, Mako Radio delved into the life and artistry of the enigmatic BB BAD.

Recently, BB BAD completed an exhilarating tour with Karol G on her inaugural stadium tour in the United States. The *Mañana Será Bonito* Tour, presented by Live Nation, kicked off on Aug. 11 at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, making notable stops in Pasadena, Miami, Houston and Dallas, before culminating on Sept. 7 at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

This interview was conducted just prior to the conclusion of the American leg of the tour.

**Denisia Martimbor:**

So, what does a typical day look like for you as a DJ right now?

**BB BAD:**

Honestly, that varies a lot from the beginning of the tour until now. In the initial stages, before the tour officially began, we had extensive rehearsals, often spanning eight hours, all day, at a venue, predominantly for the band. However, being an integral part of the band, I needed to acquaint myself with all the new songs slated for performance. There were stretches where we were in rehearsals day after day. Even midway through the tour, Karol might have decided to introduce new songs, which meant additional rehearsal time.

**Martimbor:**

Do you experience nervousness before a show?

**BB BAD:**

In the early stages, I certainly did. During the first half of the tour, I felt I needed a bit more preparation for certain aspects. So, I was always on my toes. Interestingly, this aligns with the life of a DJ. DJs don't always meticulously plan their sets from start to finish. You show up at a club, start playing, and if the crowd isn't feeling it, you have to adapt on the spot. It's about being adaptable and responsive. Additionally, most of the show

is in Spanish, given that Karol predominantly speaks Spanish. While she's fluent in English, too, the entire performance is conducted in Spanish. Thus, learning Spanish and comprehending what's happening on stage adds another layer to the mix of excitement and anxiety throughout this journey.

**Martimbor:**

What advice would you give to aspiring dancers, DJs or musicians, artists in general, who aim to make it in the industry?

**BB BAD:**

Honestly, my advice tends to shift based on where I find myself. I've observed that many people desire to pursue certain paths, but when faced with the realities and challenges, they may not follow through. The determining factor in reaching your goals is whether you can persevere through the discomfort of being in a particular place at a particular time. A significant part of my journey is thanks to the unwavering support I received from my family. They didn't let me give up because I felt uneasy or lost. We need to cultivate more tenacity and more fighting spirit.

**Martimbor:**

You're not only a dancer and DJ, but you've also been in movies. Would you ever consider pursuing acting more seriously?

**BB BAD:**

I get that question a lot, and honestly, I'm unsure. It's primarily because of the level of commitment and effort it would require. I'm not certain if I'm ready to make that investment. I believe my journey is unfolding as it should, and if acting becomes a part of it and feels right, then maybe. However, I wouldn't be distressed if it doesn't happen. I'm always teetering back and forth on this because I wonder, do I truly want to dive into acting? It's a question I'm still pondering.

You can check out the rest of the interview on Mako Radio's "Off The Record" on Spotify and Amazon Music.

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## NIL

Before the rule change, collegiate athletes weren't allowed to play if they participated in endorsements or accepted money from businesses. With NIL, that's exactly what NCAA athletes can now do.

"Honestly, from a coach's perspective, there is a lot of indifference with NIL deals. We want to see players get what they deserve, but it's also a challenge to keep guys without that NIL luxury," said Nick Smith, assistant men's basketball coach.

Smith also highlights the challenges the Sharks faced last season due to NIL.

"Our team was in a pretty tough spot this last off-season since we had 10 rotational players, eight left, and six of those eight went into the transfer portal," Smith said.

While the Supreme Court ruled in favor of NIL in the NCAA v. Alston case (2021), NIL only applies to specific states. If a college athlete lives in a state without NIL policies,

the university in which they attend has its own policies athletes must follow. NIL policies, however, are enacted in Florida.

The NSU athletic department wants what's best for its athletes while abiding by NIL rules.

"Our current stance on NIL deals here at NSU is that we would love for our student-athletes to have the ability to go out and market themselves and monetize their talent or brand," said John Sung, associate athletic director for external operations.

One major rule still applies even with NIL. Pay-for-play deals, which remain prohibited by the NCAA, are offers that are more incentive based and reward athletes for in-game performance. For example, a company might try to offer a basketball player money for scoring a certain number of points in a game, but this form of compensation is still considered unsanctioned.

"From an administrator's

standpoint, we would not deny or hold up most deals that could be presented to an athlete," Sung said.

In terms of player morale and "fairness" within NIL deals, there have been concerns that this can lead to hostility in the locker room.

"In an ideal world we would want everyone on the team to get something, but that's not always the case with these deals and companies," Smith said. "We are always open to deals for our athletes, but the priority is always the team and keeping the locker room together."

As the impacts of NIL continue to unfold, the coaches feel it is important for athletes to be aware of opportunities and also how the collegiate sports industry is affected by NIL.

"Money and NIL become a big factor since we know guys want to stay at NSU, but when those majors start calling and money is available, guys have to make smart decisions for themselves," Smith said.



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NIL has had major implications for NSU basketball.

## Emily Culmone joins NSU as the new assistant rowing coach

By Bella Giaquinto and Isabella Fernandez De Cuto

Emily Culmone, NSU's new assistant rowing coach, is excited for the program's future.

Surrounded by water since the age of 3, Culmone brings extensive rowing experience and a positive attitude to help lead the Sharks to victory.

Growing up right outside of Atlantic City, N.J., Culmone was introduced to rowing during her freshman year of high school when her passion for the sport began to sprout.

"My dad convinced me to try out for the new water sport and on my first day rowing, I fell in love with it," Culmone said.

Culmone's college years consisted of one semester at Washington College in Chestertown, Md., then transferring to Stockton University in Galloway Township, N.J. in 2018. Culmone's time at Stockton was well spent, as she captained the rowing team for three years and led them to top-three finishes at Dad Vail Regatta as well as third place at the Mid-Atlantic Rowing

Championships in 2021.

While also achieving First Team All-Conference rower in 2022, Culmone graduated from Stockton that fall. Culmone's many rowing accomplishments, love for the sport and a push from a particular peer eventually led to her career in coaching.

"My coach at Stockton, John Bancheri, really inspired me to follow the path of coaching," Culmone said.

Culmone began coaching at Stockton for its Youth Rowing Program during the summer with Bancheri at her side.

"Throughout rebuilding the rowing program at Stockton, he really inspired me to be a coach, so I'm hoping to continue his legacy and maybe one day be even better than him," Culmone said.

Culmone coached rowing at Ocean City High School in Ocean City, N.J., after graduating until coming to NSU.

Not only did Bancheri inspire Culmone to become a coach, he also pushed her to take her abilities to NSU.

"As Bancheri was approaching

retirement, he told me he did not feel he was done until I got a coaching job," Culmone said. "He actually applied me for the assistant coaching job at NSU without telling me, which was surprising, but I was excited."

As Culmone begins her coaching career at NSU, she will use her collegiate rowing experience and unique perspective as a guide to become the coach she wants to be.

Culmone puts an emphasis on student athlete's mental health. As a recent student athlete, Culmone knows exactly what her team needs to succeed.

"I do really want to focus on mental health because I remember being in college feeling overwhelmed by schoolwork and early morning practices," Culmone said. "Nobody is putting forth their best effort when they are feeling overwhelmed, so it's important to know that somebody is paying attention to how you're feeling as a person, not just an athlete."

Culmone and Kimberly Chavers, rowing head coach, will rebuild the program to create a powerhouse of rowing Sharks.



COURTESY OF NSU ATHLETICS  
Emily Culmone, assistant rowing coach.

### For more information:

To keep up with the rowing team this season, follow its Instagram and X, formerly known as Twitter, @nsu\_rowing.

## SPORTS EVENTS

Nov. 3, 4 p.m.  
Women's swimming vs. Florida International University

NSU Aquatic Center

Nov. 3, 4 p.m.  
Men's swimming vs. Florida International University

NSU Aquatic Center

Nov. 3, 7 p.m.  
Women's volleyball vs. Florida Southern College

Rick Case Arena

Nov. 4, 4 p.m.  
Women's volleyball vs. University of Tampa

Rick Case Arena

# Men's basketball ready to defend its National Championship



COURTESY OF NSU ATHLETICS

Jim Crutchfield, head-coach, implements his unique coaching style.

By Bella Giaquinto and Jonathan Day

With men's basketball team coming off its first NCAA National Championship, the Sharks look forward to maintaining its Division II powerhouse success.

Nationally ranked as the No. 1 Division II basketball team for two consecutive years, the Sharks engage in a unique style of play on the court, providing the student body of NSU an exciting season of which to look forward.

With a primarily new roster and the pressure of a previous national championship on the team's shoulders, Jim Crutchfield, men's basketball head coach, has confidence in his players' athletic abilities and future performances.

"Bringing in 10 new players this year leaves my expectations wide

open as our goal is putting a team together in our style of basketball," Crutchfield said, as only six players are returners.

Even with so many new players, Crutchfield is excited to instill NSU's winning culture into his team.

"Nobody is coming into the team blind, as they know who we are, they know our style of basketball and they know the expectations," Crutchfield said. "It's going to be exciting to see if we can take a whole bunch of new faces and new names along with the few guys coming back and turn them into a great basketball team."

Mike Moore, returning redshirt senior, also holds much confidence in himself and his new teammates, believing the team's mindset is crucial to its success.

"With a mix of new players and

returners, most of us are experienced in tournament play, making it possible to win another national championship," Moore said. "Last season, we were able to persevere through many challenges and every game by having a winning mindset, regardless of who we play up against."

In addition to the Shark's confidence in its new roster, the team remains unique among basketball teams in the country.

"When other teams in the country score 70 points a game, we score 100, leading the country in scoring," Crutchfield said.

This achievement leaves the Sharks with an impressive reputation to uphold.

"The one thing that separates our program and my coaching style is the responsibility and freedom I give players on the court,"

Crutchfield said. "I have to teach the game of basketball but on game day, I don't have the same control stick that other coaches do since our players are free to make decisions both offensively and defensively."

Crutchfield's unique coaching style has caught the eye of the pro game. Recently, Joe Mazzulla, head coach of the Boston Celtics, discussed the Sharks' relentless, dominant and pressing brand of basketball in an interview on former NBA star JJ Redick's podcast.

While Crutchfield plays a major role in the Sharks' success, the fans and student body also motivate the team.

"The fans are what push us through with their energy and atmosphere as it keeps us motivated to go hard on the court," Moore said. "I'm excited for the first home game and conference play where we need the fans the most."

The coaches hope that students will support this year's team as they defend their national championship.

"We provide a style of full court pressure that is very fan friendly, giving students a game where once you watch us play, you may not want to go back to watching normal basketball," Crutchfield said.

The Sharks begin its championship defense on Nov. 10 against the University of Montevallo.

**For more information:**

To keep up with the Sharks, follow them on Instagram and X, formerly known as Twitter, @nsu\_mbasketball.

## Sport shorts

By Josh Leatherman and Jonathan Day

**Women's volleyball, Oct. 24**

Two student athletes from NSU's women's volleyball team were elected to the South Region Cross-over All-Tournament team. Nadia Lindner and Gabrielle Spankus earned the honor for the Lady Sharks.

**Women's golf, Oct. 24**

NSU's women's golf completed play at the Flagler Fall Slam on Oct. 24. NSU finished in third place (+22) and Hannah Mitterberger (+2) placed fourth in the tournament.

**Men's golf, Oct. 24**

NSU's men's golf wrapped up action at the Copperhead Championship on Oct. 24. NSU (+23) placed ninth in the 16-team field. Joseba Torres (-2) paced the Sharks with a top-five finish.

**Men's soccer, Oct. 25**

NSU's men's soccer continued its dominance with a 4-2 victory over Saint Leo. NSU was led by goals from Alessandro Salvadego, Liam Healey, Kevin Rubaszewski and Santiago Marengo.

**Women's soccer, Oct. 25**

NSU's women's soccer shutout Saint Leo by a final score of 2-0. An

early goal from Luana Grabias and a penalty kick from Dani Correa powered the Sharks' offense.

**Women's tennis, Oct. 28**

Second-ranked NSU's women's tennis continued action at the Shark Bite Invite. In doubles action, Freya Davies and Lexie Weir were victorious against Apisah and Vidanovie and Lian Benedejcic and Julia Moraes defeated Perez and Kononovych. In singles action, Lian Benedejcic earned a victory against Costa, Julia Moraes won against Brown and Patrice Kubikova was victorious in her match against Scheuermann.

**Women's soccer, Oct. 28**

NSU's women's soccer shut-out Tampa by a final score of 1-0. A goal from Sofia Suarez in the final moments of the first half was enough for the Lady Sharks to prevail.

**Men's soccer, Oct. 29**

NSU's men's soccer team celebrated its 2023 Senior Day on Oct. 29. Senior athletes honored at the event included: Sam Allardyce, Zyan Andrade, Max Bolton, Eduardo D'Avino, Fernando Herrera, Gabriel Pachas, Tobias Pellio, Harvey Read, Michael Steckmest and Mattia Vezzoni.

**SPORTS EVENTS**

Nov. 10, 2:30 p.m.  
Women's basketball vs.  
Auburn University  
Montgomery

Rick Case Arena

Nov. 11, Noon  
Women's basketball vs.  
University of Montevallo

Rick Case Arena

Nov. 11, 6 p.m.  
Women's basketball vs.  
Eckerd College

Rick Case Arena

Nov. 15, 7 p.m.  
Men's basketball vs.  
Southeastern University

Rick Case Arena



# Business Courses for NON-BUSINESS MAJORS

Business courses can open a variety of career opportunities for students in all majors.

NSU's Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship is offering four exciting new courses in the winter semester.

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MKT 2000	Meet the Metaverse	W1
MGT 2020	Learning to Lead: Women in the Workplace	W1
ENT 2010	Entrepreneurship for STEM	W2

**Contact your CAPS Advisor or register for a class!  
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**Artistry Denim Painting Event**

4:30 p.m.  
Flightdeck Multipurpose Room

**Halloween Movie Night**

6:30 p.m.  
Carl DeSantis Building

**"Menopause the Musical 2: Cruising Through 'The Change'"**

2 p.m. Nov 2-5  
The Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center

**Brian Culbertson - The Trilogy Tour**

7:30 p.m.  
Lillian S. Wells Hall at The Parker  
\$39.50-\$83

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**Belly Dancing Class**

5 p.m.  
RecPlex Multipurpose Room 1 RecPlex

**Filipino Culture Night**

6 p.m.  
Don Taft University Center, second floor

**SOJA with special guests Hirie and Mihali**

6 p.m.  
Revolution Live  
\$30.50 - \$35

**Bleed Shark Blue Bash**

11:45 a.m.  
Don Taft University Center Spine

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**32nd Anything That Floats Raft Race**

4 p.m.  
Gold Circle Lake

**The Interrupters Concert**

10 p.m.  
Revolution Live  
\$30.50

**Dress Like Your Bias Noraebang!**

6 p.m.  
Mailman Auditorium

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**Yoga with Ariana Cintron**

1 p.m.  
Meditation Room, third floor

**Violectric Halloween Rock Concert**

7 p.m.  
Pompano Beach Cultural Center  
\$25-\$35

9

**Shark Bites International Food Festival**

4 p.m.  
Don Taft University Center, Shark Fountain

**Little Shop of Horrors**

7 p.m.  
The Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center

10

**Homecoming Parade**

3 p.m.  
Shark Circle and Mailman Parking Lot

**Homecoming Tailgate**

4 p.m.  
Mailman Hollywood Parking lot

**DanceWorks**

7:30 p.m. Nov. 10-11  
11:45 a.m.  
Don Taft University Center, Performance Theater

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**9th Annual World Congress on Dance Research**

6 p.m.  
Don Taft University Center, Performance Theater

15

**Native American Storytelling**

Noon  
Flight Deck Backyard

**Chat n' Chew: Women's Rights**

Noon  
Rosenthal building, room 204

16

**Author Talk with Lauren Groff**

7 p.m.  
The Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center

**Romeo Santos - Formula Vol 3 Tour**

8 p.m.  
Hard Rock Live  
\$95-\$674.75





# GAMES

## WORD SEARCH

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## MATH CORNER

## TIC TAC TOE

### Directions and Rules:

Please send your answer (no need to send any additional scratch work or justification) to Dr. Jason Gershman, chair of the Department of Mathematics, at [jgershma@nova.edu](mailto:jgershma@nova.edu) no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15. The correct answer to this question will appear in the next issue of The Current.

All members of the NSU community are invited to submit their answer and participate. Every member of the NSU community who submits at least one answer during the 2023-2024 school year will be invited to attend a celebration in April as part of Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month.

The undergraduate student who submits the most correct answers during the contest year will receive the grand prize of a \$50 gift card courtesy of the Department of Mathematics. If, at the end of the contest year, multiple students are tied for the contest champion, a tiebreaker question to determine the grand prize winner will take place where the fastest person to answer correctly wins the grand prize.

**Question:** At NSU’s Commencement Ceremony, the deans of five different colleges are invited to sit on the stage for the ceremony. These five deans sit down in a random order unaware that the commencement planning team has assigned them seats. Right before the ceremony begins, the commencement coordinator (who knows the correct assigned order of seating) comes up to them and thanks them for all being in the correct assigned seats (which is shocking news to the deans who were unaware that there were assigned seats.) Find the probability that the five deans would randomly all seat themselves in their correct assigned seats.

