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Life 101 Returns with The Rock
By Greg Kyriakakis
NSU News Editor

After a semester’s absence of Life 101, the interview series returns with what is expected to be one of its most popular guests—pro-wrestler turned actor Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson.

“He was on the top ten most wanted list from students,” said Katie Blanco, Director of Student Engagement, of why Johnson was chosen. The program, scheduled for Monday, Feb. 19, follows in the tradition of guests such as former attorney-general Janet Reno, actor James Earl Jones, and musician Max Weinberg.

While Life 101 typically has at least one guest each fall and winter semester, the first half of the school year was conspicuously empty. “We tried really hard to get speakers last semester,” contended Blanco, but scheduling put the series on hold.

Bringing in such a high-profile guest should help rekindle attention to the long-running series. “We hope [The Rock] will maintain interest in Life 101 and we hope that a lot of people come out to hear what he has to say,” said Blanco.

Having played as a defensive lineman for the University of Miami, wrestled professionally for the WWE, and acted in a number of films, including the as-of-yet unreleased Get Smart with Steve Carell, Johnson should have plenty to impart.

“I think he stands for a lot. He has taken his career from wrestler to movie star,” said Blanco, who expects that Johnson will have much to tell the NSU community, with much to impart.

Can you smell what NSU is cooking?
By Tanya Parnes
Staff Writer

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New Wing to Expand NSU Engineering
By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

A $1.78 million donation by The Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust to NSU will be used to establish the Emil Buehler Center for Engineering, Science, and Mathematics at the Alvin J. Fischler School, the center will be used to find new ways of using computers in space-based surroundings. The equipment in the lab will also be associated with the Florida LambdaRail, a group of higher education institutions that helped to develop a state-wide research and education system.

The center will provide researchers and engineers a place to work on space-based projects, while also advancing teacher education and retention in areas such as aerospace, mathematics, engineering and science. Researchers will also have an opportunity to test and fly sounding rockets and low-gravity aircraft.

“...it is about time that this unknown major is given proper facilities to grow as other majors on campus,” said sophomore Hank Seeley, a Computer Information Systems and Business Administration double-major.

The third phase will focus on the development of a bachelor’s program in engineering technology and a degree program in aeronautical, electronic, and computer engineering.

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“The interdisciplinary center will have activities and projects that will be coordinated with programs in the Fischler Graduate School of Education, the Graduate School of Computer & Information Sciences, as well as the Farquar College, among others,” said Elaine Blattner, Director of Library Development.

According to Angie Su, Professor of Mathematics Education at the Fischler School, the center will be completed in three phases. Phase one will have a broad community impact by promoting science, aviation, and math and by improving teachers’ content knowledge and teaching skills.

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PILS Auction Raises Money for Student Fellowship
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Current Affairs

Week in Preview...

Monday:
Study Travel in Alaska Information Meeting: Come and learn about NSU's latest class in the Study Abroad Program - BIOL 4980 "Special Topics in Biodiversity of Alaskan Ecosystems." 12:00—1:00 p.m. in room 244 of the Parker Building. For more information, contact Paul Arena, at (954) 262-8335 or arena@nova.edu.

Workshop with Tony Thompson of the Metropolitan Diversity Theater Company: Tony Thompson, the artistic director of the Metropolitan Diversity Theatre Company will lead a workshop discussing the creative steps behind his latest play “Just Us: From Bean Pickers to Presidents” appropriate for a wide range of majors, including Theatre, M.A. in Writing, English, and History students. It will be held at 6 p.m. in the Mailman Auditorium. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Andrea Shaw at (954) 262-8208.

Lecture on “Benjamin Franklin and the Culture of the American Revolution”: Our own Frank Casale, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences’ Division of Humanities, will discuss “Benjamin Franklin and the Culture of the American Revolution” from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Southwest Regional Public Library. For more information contact the Southwest Regional Public Library at (954) 538-9956, ext. 258.

Wednesday:
Kente Cloth Exhibit & Presentation: As part of Black History Month, NSU is hosting a Kente Cloth Exhibit and Presentation by Dr. Cyril Blavo in Health Professions Division, Auditorium. History, traditions and culture surrounding Kente will be explored during the event. For more information, contact Dr. Blavo at (954) 262-1612.

Body Mind and Soul Series: Spotlight on Reflexology: Certified Reflexologist Dr. Uti Kira will speak on the benefits and history of reflexology, as well as the reflex areas in the feet and hands. It will be in the Alvin Sherman Library, room 1017 from 6-8 p.m. For more information, contact LeThessa Harris at lethessa@nova.edu

Thursday:
Clinical Exploration Program Information Meeting: An information meeting for all students interested in participating in the Clinical Exploration Program (CEP) will be held from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Parker 241. For further information about the CEP, contact Robin Sherman, Ph.D., at rsherman@nova.edu.

Lived Experiences of a Tuskegee Airman: In recognition of Black History Month, NSU will welcome Tuskegee Airman Charles A. Hill as he shares his experiences as a pilot during WW II. The event will be held in the Hull Auditorium in the Health Professions Division, NSU main campus. For more information, contact Rachonda Gaines at ragnes@nova.edu.

See Talk: Telling Stories: At 5:00 p.m. in room 4009 of the Alvin Sherman Library, straight and gay students, faculty, community members, and an NSU administrator will participate in a panel discussion answering questions about their experiences with sexual identity in contemporary U.S. culture. The event will consist of an open, honest, and informal question and answer session between panel members and the audience. Refreshments provided.

Grand Opening - 4th Annual African Presence Art Exhibit: Reception for this event will be held in the Atrium of the Alvin Sherman Library. This year’s theme is, “Keepers of the Dream,” and will feature the original artwork of high school juniors and seniors representing the tri-county area. Students’ work was inspired by the work of local artist, the late Oscar Thomas. For more information, call (954) 262-5357.

Saturday/Sunday:
Farquhar Night: Come join the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences in supporting the NSU Sharks in their home basketball game against Eckerd College, on Saturday, February 10. The NSU Women’s Basketball team will play at 5:30 p.m. and the Men’s team will play at 7:30 p.m. During the game, the college will host a party in the skybox for VIP pass-holders. Admission to the game is free to the NSU community with I.D. For more information about NSU athletic events, visit NSU Athletics.

Scraptastic Saturday: A day from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. to have fun and scrap your favorite pictures and memories. Free food and music will be provided in the University Center Pit.

Grandparent’s Raising Grandchildren Expo: From 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. in honor of Black History Month, the Alvin Sherman Library is hosting a mini expo and forum featuring information on area services and support groups for family members who are raising their relative’s children. For more details, call 954-262-5477.

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for auction. Those in attendance could bid on items such as gift certificates to local restaurants, dinner with faculty members, and an assigned parking spot in the faculty lot.

"It’s all run by the students; going out and the efforts to get the items done is done by the students," said Scott Silver, a third year law student and President of the Public Interest Law Society.

"I think this is one of the only events here at the law school where 100 percent of the proceeds go back to the student," said Booth. The money that is raised goes into the Rebecca Knox Public Interest Law Summer Fellowship to help students interested in working in pro bono work over the summer.

"Any law student who is going to be working in the public interest sector over the summer can apply for this scholarship. "We try to accommodate as many students as possible," said Silver. "Our objective is to try to get as many people out there to be able to give back to the community."

The organization has chosen an average of twenty five students each year for this fellowship, depending on the funds raised during the auction.

The selected students must complete 200 hours of service in their public interest organization and submit a short essay about their experiences over the summer.

"The event was a huge success," said Silver. "The energy in the room was the whole evening was great." He was pleased with the turnout and hopes that the event will continue to grow and that there will be an even larger turnout in the future. "The only thing we can hope for in a given year is more items that students and faculty are interested in," he said. "We could have done more and every year and we will do more and more."

Rachel Klastorin, a third year law student and Co-President of the Public Interest Law Society, has worked on the event for the past three years and is happy with its progress. "It’s always a great event and it encourages law students to give back to the community," said Klastorin.

"I’d like to see it continue to grow and to raise more and more money towards the fellowship program," she said. "It’s a large event, and a lot of work but it’s absolutely worth it."

The event involved both a live and silent auction. The Florida Youth Orchestra played throughout the event as well.

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knowledge using a variety of instructional delivery methods. The college will introduce a Masters of Science with specializations in engineering, math, science, and technology education using these facilities.

The Emil Buehler Trust has donated to other science programs, including $2,88,875 for the construction of the Emil Buehler Trust Observatory at Bergen Community College in New Jersey. Buehler also operates his own school of aeronautics at the Teterboro Airport in New Jersey.
Homecoming Dance Goes off Without a Hitch

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

To bring homecoming week to an end, The NSU Student Government Association, spearheaded by Campus Entertainment Director Melina Brooks, put together a homecoming dance on Saturday, Jan. 27 in the clubroom of the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino with a “Red Carpet Affair” theme.

According to Brooks, the Homecoming dance was supposed to be on NSU’s main campus and co-sponsored by The Office of Student Engagement, but the executive board of the student government felt that students might not be willing to pay to go to a dance on campus.

Attendees enjoyed hors d’oeuvres and danced to the latest music hits played by DJ Zog from Power 96. Ayeshu Albert, a guest at the event said “I think the DJ was very good and the dance had a very nice vibe to it.”

Ariane Brown, freshman at NSU said it was “great to see so many people.”

Student Frank Alfaro commented that the dance “was well put together” and that “the DJ was good and the drinks and appetizers were good.”

“Homecoming was more than I ever imagined it could be. Everyone had so much fun, and the DJ was awesome,” said Brooks.

At the end of the night the royal homecoming winners were announced. The Freshman Prince was Karlit Ortiz and the princess was Nicole Perez. The Sophomore Court was represented by Andrew Ibrahim and Amy Van. Willie Wood and Dana Jo Alley were chosen for the Junior Court. The Homecoming King and Queen were Rob Keefer and Melina Brooks.

All of the Homecoming Court received saucers, and the all of the princess nominees received a bouquet of flowers donated by Field of Flowers.

“I was surprised when I won,” said Senior Keefer. “It is an honor to win.” Sophomore and SGA president Ibrahim said “It was fun to be nominated and be part of Homecoming Court.”

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Shark Shout-Out Stirs up Laughter at the Flight Deck

By Jany Cabezás
Staff Writer

Hosted on Friday, Jan. 26 by the Student Union Board, “Shark Shout-Out: Laugh it up” presented a night of food, fun, and laughter. Two comedians took the stage under the Flight Deck’s spotlight. Before the main performance by Jen Kober, Al Jackson provided humorous matchmaking sketch entitled “Oliver and Princess” that engaged the audience and attempted to encourage participation on the student’s behalf.

Jen Kober, winner of Houston Comedy Games in stand up and sketch comedy, stepped up to the mic first. She brought in both jokes and song. Abir Rahman was part of Kober’s spotlight. Before the main performance, Jen Kober provided the audience and attempted to encourage participation on the student’s behalf.

Students enjoyed the Shark Shout-Out with the Flight Deck gaining a stronger reputation for fun events.

“All the events have been good,” said freshman Michele Mentz. “It’s hard for me to decide which has been the best so far.” Other students agreed that the Flight Deck’s events, such as the Shark Shout-out, are improving.

Kober brought in some unexpected laughs when she encouraged students to come up on the stage to sing and dance. Student Abir Rahman was part of Kober’s surprises. Mentz, however, held high expectations and was not at all surprised by the spontaneity. “NSU is known for functions with comedians,” he said.

The entire night came down to students wanting to enjoy themselves. Mentz and others came out to the event because they “just wanted to have fun.” Once everyone was settled in their seats, the Flight Deck was filled with laughter proving, as Mentz exclaimed, that “this event definitely keeps up to [the Flight Deck’s]

Career Cafe brings employment opportunities to NSU International and Minority Students

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

In order to help the minority and international students at NSU find job opportunities, the office of Career Services held a Career Cafe event in the University Center pit. The event gave attendees the chance to speak to different representatives from various companies and scout employment opportunities.

“The cafe is a chance to give students the opportunity to network with possible employers in an informal setting,” said Imani Fredricks-Lowman, Assistant Director of Operations and Campus Relations. In the past, the Office of Career Services has put together different Cafe sessions geared towards specific interests. A previous session, for example, concentrated on jobs in sports. At that Cafe participants had the chance to interact with representatives from various sports management companies.

Fredricks-Lowman acknowledged that it is difficult for international students to work here in the United States. So to help these students, Fredricks-Lowman found organizations that hire international students as well as minorities.

The companies at the Career Cafe included INROADS, Microsoft, Visa International, Citrix Systems and HACE (Hispanic Alliance for Career Enhancement).

“I think the Career Cafe is an excellent opportunity for students to find out about what’s out there, in terms of job opportunities,” said junior and psychology student Nikiia Bain.

“The idea was a great and I commend the people who put it together.”

“I am trying to get connected with other people,” said Sonia Soares, a graduate student majoring in education. “This is a great way to meet people and when I’m ready for my internships, I will already know what is out there.”
On Jan. 25, NSU students celebrated Homecoming Week by forming teams and relay racing tiny bicycles in front the Horvitz Building, then racing homemade rafts around Gold Circle lake to compete for fabulous prizes, including iPods, digital cameras, and Homecoming tickets. This year’s first place winners for the Annual Tricycle were Hammad Mallick, Andrea Cevallos, Nicki Felluca and Christian Toepfer. For the “Anything That Floats” Raft Races, first place went to Hammad Mallick, Andrea Cevallos, Nicki Felluca, Christian Toepfer, Megankate McDonald, and Conrad Winiarski.
NSU Celebrates Black History Month with an Array of Events

By Jany Cabezas
Staff Writer

February is known as Black History Month, a celebration of African American history. The month is recognized by NSU with a series of informative events. Starting on Saturday, Feb. 3, Tony Thompson’s “Just Us: From Bean Pickers to Presidents” will present a dramatic performance pertaining to early African American history in the Mailman auditorium.

Monday, Feb. 5 will see a workshop by Terry Building Steele Auditorium. Dr. Cyril Blavo will lecture on the origin of Kente fabric and explain the culture behind it.

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, Captain Charles Hill will present a lecture on “The Lived Experiences of a Tuskegee Airmen” from 12-1 p.m in the Terry Building’s Hull Auditorium. Here, Dr. Blavo will lecture on the origin of Kente fabric and explain the culture behind it.

Tuesday, Feb. 13, a presentation entitled “Back to Africa” will be hosted by Stephen Campbell, Ph.D., from 12-1:30 p.m. in the Alvin Sherman Library. The discussion will consist of a trip Campbell took to Africa and the issues he was exposed to, including trauma and health issues. The Huizenga school of Business will celebrate the History of the Blues on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the UC. The discussion will consist of a trip Campbell took to Africa and the issues he was exposed to, including trauma and health issues. The event will take place in the Terry Building’s Steele Auditorium.

The month will end with “Road Scholars: Voices of the Harlem Renaissance” on Wednesday, Feb. 21. The event will portray literary figures such as Zora Neale Hurston, Langston Hughes, and James Weldon Johnson at 7:30 p.m. This event will take place in the Terry Building’s Steele Auditorium. Also in the Terry Building, but in the Hull Auditorium, will be the last event of Black History Month, a presentation called “Beyond Race.” In this presentation Morris W. Foster, Ph.D., will speak of work he has done concerning the ethics of genetics as well as research in minority communities at the University of Oklahoma. The presentation will run from 7-8 p.m. on Thursday Feb. 22.

For information about Thompson’s “Just Us: From Bean Pickers to Presidents,” send an email to nsutheatre@nova.edu.

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which he shares ties. Johnson and his family reside in Florida and his daughter attended the Mailman Segal Institute for Early Childhood Studies.

“I expect him to be engaging, exciting, and warm,” said Blanco. “I’m excited to see what he has to offer.”

One such potential topic of discussion is Johnson’s The Rock Foundation, which according to its mission statement, provides “programs designed to enrich and empower the lives and self-esteem of under-deserved, at-risk youth and children hospitalized for medical disabilities, disorders, and illnesses.”

Blanco said that instead of the traditional speaking fee, NSU is “making a sizeable contribution” to the foundation.

According to The Rock Foundation website, its current flagship program is The Rock’s Toy Chest, which provides a toy box that “sits inside the playrooms of children’s hospitals.”

Blanco believes Johnson will be a big draw and expects to fill the 500-seat Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performance Arts Center.

“I’ve gotten a lot of response already. I think we’ll have a packed house,” she said.

Tickets for the event are available beginning Monday, Feb. 5 at the University Center information desk between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Two tickets are available per student on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The hour-long interview, hosted by Mark Cavanaugh, Ph.D., allows "people of considerable accomplishments” to share their experiences with the NSU community.

Presidential Tailgate Featuring Guy Harvey Officially Opens UC

By Diana Daniel
Staff Writer

Guy Harvey, acclaimed sea life artist and conservationist, signed the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the University Center seascape mural at the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, Jan 27. The ribbon-cutting was part of the Presidential Tailgate, and took place to signify the grand opening of the UC and University Arts Center/Performing Arts Wing.

The activities that took place during the Presidential Tailgate, including the ribbon-cutting, were the unveiling of the Guy Harvey seascapes mural in the large wall of the UC adjacent to the Flight Deck, the announcement of the inaugural class of the Athletics Hall of Fame, and a performance by the Miami Heat Extreme Dunk Team.

“The event was great,” said Katie Blanco, Director of Student Engagement. “It was wonderful to see all of the members of the NSU community come together for such a significant event: students, alumni, faculty, staff, administration, and Board of Trustee members,”

After the ribbon-cutting, festivities took place on the UC circle. Guests enjoyed free food provided by Radio X, and activities such as a bounce house. The highlight of the event was Guy Harvey’s donation of $96,000 to the Guy Harvey Research Institute at the NSU oceanographic center. The basic mission of the GHRI is to conduct high quality research to sustain dwindling fish populations.

“The tailgate was successful,” said sophomore Alina Tawil. “It was a good closing to Homecoming week.”

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By Nelly Mesa  
**Staff Writer**

NSU is proud to announce that the year of 2007 marks the University's 25th anniversary of the beginning of its athletic department. In light of this significant occasion, on May 2 of this year, the NSU's Athletic Hall of Fame Committee will be honoring a select few of its outstanding athletes along with a number of exceptional sports staff such as coaches and athletic directors to the first ever Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2007.

To reflect their common desire to bring more to the table for NSU students than purely academics, former university President Dr. Abraham Fischler, along with the Board of Trustees, worked to establish an athletic program here at NSU. In 1982 this dream became a reality as the men's basketball program initiated their first-ever season of competition.

Twenty-five years have now gone by, along with a number of different coaches and athletic directors. The additional establishment of a number of other NSU sports such as women's rowing, basketball, tennis, golf, softball, cross country, soccer, golf, cheerleading, volleyball and track marks the years after the athletic program was created. Other men's sports have been added such as baseball, track, cross country, soccer and golf.

Women's Basketball Takes Over Barry 47-42, Men Lose 61-50 Against Bucs

By Nelly Mesa  
**Staff Writer**

NSU's men's and women's basketball teams hit the road on Jan. 28 with a caravan of closely rooted fans following close behind. The Sharks traveled to Miami with their game faces on, prepared to take on the much anticipated rivalry conference game versus Barry University.

With just 48 seconds left in the game and the score in the Buccaneer's favor, 42-41, the women Sharks (7-13, 5-4 SSC) rose to the occasion. Senior Jennifer Havens proved to be essential once again in a pressure situation, nailing a key jump shot to put her team up. From this point on, the Sharks fed off pure adrenaline, maintaining the lead for the remainder of the game and sealing the win from under the Bucs, 47-42. Junior Amber Bishko displayed tremendous stamina as she played the entire 40 minute game. Bishko came out of the game with 14 points and a remarkable 16 rebounds.

Unfortunately for the men's team (9-10, 4-5 SSC), they were not able to prevail over Barry's Bucs, as they fell 61-50. The Sharks continued to struggle from the free throw line, making just three of their 22 opportunities. Sophomore Tim Coenraad led the Sharks with 13 points, while junior Kevin Chester added 11 point of his own and nine points, respectively.

The men's team (9-9, 4-4 SSC) came out of the locker room pumped, getting ahead early and maintaining a confident lead for the first 10 minutes of the half. However, despite the fact that the Spartans got off to a rocky start, they were able to get themselves together and shut the Sharks down, 80-72. Juniors Jason Del Calvo and Oresti Nitsios both played well, putting up 11 and nine points, respectively. Sophomore Tim Coenraad tacked on 11 point of his own while junior Kevin Chester pulled out six key rebounds.

NSU Athletics Hall of Fame Committee Unveils Inaugural Class

The foundational Hall of Fame Committee will honor the following 12 members:

1. Michael Mominey, NSU Director of Athletics, Head Baseball Coach, Hall of Fame Committee Chair
2. Robert Prior, NSU Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Information/Media Relations
3. Dr. Mark Cavanaugh, NSU Associate Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Faculty Athletic Representative
4. Gary Tuell, Head Coach, NSU Men's Basketball
5. C.A. Tolchinsky, Head Coach, NSU Cheerleading
6. Thomas Dieters, Development Executive, Comerica Bank
7. Dr. Lynne Cawley, NSU Director of Alumni Affairs-Osteopathic Medicine
8. Dr. Gay Holliday, NSU Associate Dean of Student Affairs
9. Joe Pineda, NSU Assistant Dean of External Affairs, H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship
10. Tony Greco, NBC 6 News Anchor
11. Nancy Olson, Executive Director, Florida Marlins Community Foundation
12. Anthony Bruno, Owner, Anthony's Runway 84 Restaurant

Hall of Fame Inductees are the following:

Dr. Abraham Fischler, President Emeritus, Nova Southeastern University
Sonny Hansley, Former Director of Athletics, Baseball and Men's Basketball Coach
Shannon Sawyer, Softball Player, 1996-99
Teofilo Cubillas, Jr., Men's Soccer Player, 1999-2001
David Riley, Men's Basketball Player, 1993-95

Basketball Teams Taken Down By University of Tampa

By Nelly Mesa  
**Staff Writer**

Both the men and women's basketball teams were defeated in a conference game by the University of Tampa on Saturday, Jan. 27, while at home in the 'Shark Tank' for NSU's 2007 Homecoming doubleheader.

The men's team (9-9, 4-4 SSC) came out of the locker room pumped, getting ahead early and maintaining a confident lead for the first 10 minutes of the half. However, despite the fact that the Spartans got off to a rocky start, they were able to get themselves together and shut the Sharks down, 80-72. Juniors Jason Del Calvo and Oresti Nitsios both played well, putting up 11 and nine points, respectively. Sophomore Tim Coenraad tacked on 11 point of his own while junior Kevin Chester pulled out six key rebounds.

Despite outstanding offensive performances by four double figure scoring Sharks of the women's team (6-13, 4-5 SSC), NSU was not able to defeat Tampa's Spartans, losing 62-50. Junior Amber Bishko led the Sharks with a total of 14 points while sophomore Eliza Allen followed close behind with 11 points. Seniors Michelle Jones and Jennifer Havens both added 10 points a piece.

Interesting Facts

**TOP 3-MEN**
- The men's team are 4th in the Sunshine State Conference
- 3 Pointers Made
  1. Tim Coenraad- 26
  2. Rhys Martin- 22
  3. Oresti Nitsios- 18
- Rebounds
  1. Kevin Chester- 99
  2. Tim Coenraad- 93
  3. Diego Aguiar- 67
- Average Points Per Game
  1. Diego Aguiar- 12.7
  2. Rhys Martin- 12.1
  3. Tim Coenraad- 10.7

**TOP 3-WOMEN**
- The women's team are 4th in the Sunshine State Conference
- 3 Pointers Made
  1. Eliza Allen- 28
  2. Mechelle Jones- 22
  3. Ashley Wilson- 13
- Rebounds
  1. Amber Bishko- 116
  2. Eliza Allen-100
  3. Jennifer Havens- 94
- Average Points Per Game
  2. Amber Bishko-10.7
  3. Mechelle Jones- 8.7
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NSU Employees Welcome
By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

On Jan. 27, the men and women’s new track team had their first race. This year is the inaugural season for the outdoor track team at NSU.

“The Embry-Riddle meet was all D1 teams,” said Coach Bruce McCrea. Four guys and four girls ran in the meet. In this race, both men and women competed in the 3000, 1000, and 5000 meter events.

Representing the women’s team, Bethany Brenkus, Courtney Clearwaters, Heather Sternau and Bridget Haley all competed. In the one-mile race, Brenkus finished in fifth place with a time of 5:46.50, and right behind her was Haley with a time of 5:51.80 in sixth place. Brenkus also ran in the 1000 meter race and came in fourth with a time of 3:26.57. In the 3000 meter run Sternau and Clearwaters finished in second and third, with times of 12:19.90 and 12:43.77, respectively.

For the men, Robert Maughan, Christian Moore, Brandon Petersen, and Eskender Abdalla competed. In the 1 mile run Abdalla finished in sixth with a time of 4:53.78. Petersen also competed in the one mile event and came in 10th place with a time of 5:03.39. Maughan and Moore came in second and third place in the 1000 meter race. The men’s team also enjoyed success in the 3000 meter run as Maughan, Moore, and Petersen came took the second, third and fourth places, respectively.

“We did pretty good for this early in the season,” said McCrea.

Upcoming Games

**MEN’s Basketball**
- Wednesday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m.
  HOME game against Saint Leo University
- Saturday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m.
  HOME game against Eckerd College

**MEN’s Golf**
- Sunday, February 11 Golf Tournament at Lakeland, FL compete in the Matlock Invitational

**Women’s Basketball**
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**Softball**
- Wednesday, February 7
  HOME game against Northwood U. doubleheader

Stats from the race:

**Women - Team Rankings**
12 Events Scored
1) Webber International 158
2) Embry-Riddle University 114
3) P.O.E. Track Club 40
4) Warner Southern 28.5
5) Nova Southeastern 26

**Men - Team Rankings**
16 Events Scored
1) Embry-Riddle University 88
2) Webber International 84
3) Flagler Track Club 51
4) Warner Southern 41
5) Nova Southeastern 40
6) Johnson & Wales Uni. 20
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Movie Review

Smokin’ Aces is Smokin’ Hot

By Stefani Rubino

Variety Editor

There is only a lucky group of action movies that I would actually watch over and over again, like Quentin Tarantino and Martin Scorsese films, and most of the time, I never see an action film in the movie theater. However, the commercials and previews for Smokin’ Aces were extremely appealing, so I had to see what all of the hullabaloo was about. Despite the useless amount of bloodshed that film had, the jokes kept on coming and innuendos never stopped.

Plot:
A wise guy magician, Buddy “Ace” Israel, gets wrapped up in the mafia lifestyle and upon causing trouble of his own, the FBI makes Buddy tell them all the secrets of the Sparazza family in exchange for dropping the charges against him. He squeals, so now for them to get their money back, they are the best ones in the whole film. My favorites in the movie had to be Buddy “Aces” Israel (Jeremy Piven), the Tremor Brothers (Chris Pine, Kevin Durand, and Maury Sterling), and Rip Reed (Jason Bateman).

Characters:
The characters were probably the most interesting part of the movie. Most of them were played by recognizable but not quite famous actors and actresses, and they were the best ones in the whole film. My favorites in the movie had to be Buddy “Aces” Israel (Jeremy Piven), the Tremor Brothers (Chris Pine, Kevin Durand, and Maury Sterling), and Rip Reed (Jason Bateman).

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Movie Review

Coming of Age Story for All Ages

By Stefani Rubino

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There are a million films about a group of people, usually young kids, who embark on some kind of journey and learn lessons about life. There are so many of these films that they even have their own genre: “coming of age.” But by calling it that, it seems like only teenagers can star in a coming of age drama or that the story has to be about younger kids. However, Roger Michell’s Notting Hill proves differently.

From far away, it seems like the film is about two best friends and veteran actors, Maurice and Ian (Peter O’Toole and Leslie Phillips), whose peace is disrupted by the arrival of Ian’s grand-niece, Jessie (Jodie Whitaker). However, the story is a lot more than that. Ian can’t stand the girl as she has, in typical teenager style, no manners what-so-ever, but Maurice is completely enchanted by the young girl and wants to teach her about life and in turn learns a thing or two about life himself. Peter O’Toole (Troy) was magnificent as Maurice. He actually is a veteran, one who’s been around since the 1950’s, so this wasn’t much of a stretch for him. He was truly incredible. His performance definitely put the light into this film and was flawless. He was kind, gentle, light-hearted, good-humored, witty, and a little cynical which was perfect for the role and wonderful throughout the whole film.

Jessie was Jodie Whitaker’s first role and she was amazing as well. She is a perfect match to O’Toole’s kind, but cynical and aging old

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Album Review

Music for Children?

By Stefani Rubino

Variety Editor

Amazingly, a lot of popular indie acts have been recording albums or tracks aimed toward children and younglings. Antsy Pants’ self-titled debut hasn’t exactly been announced that it’s for children, but sometimes it seems like it.

Kimya Dawson is best known for her work with The Moldy Peaches in the late 90’s and after they split she went solo and has been recording since then. In the summer of last year, she decided to team up with her partner Angelo Spencer, fellow antifolk acts Billy Jet Pilot, Jane Kidder, Ben Lupus, The Solvents, Howard Hughes, and a French ukulele playing boy named Leo (of French band Bear Creek). The result of this union is a unique blend of antifolk, lullabies, and children’s rhymes.

Surprisingly, their new album is available everywhere, including iTunes, and is getting a lot more attention than I ever thought it would. Even though it sometimes feels as if you’re listening to an album created for children and only children, it’s actually quite fun to listen too and could be enjoyed by people of all ages.

Most of the songs focus on things that little kids would be concerned with and were written collectively by the whole group. They sing about everything
man. She was brash, sarcastic, self-righteous, and extremely immature, but not annoying. And as Maurice was teaching her about life, she was also teaching him a thing or two, herself. Whitaker took on the role as Jodie Whitaker (Just My Luck), who was absolutely hilarious. Histrionic, sadistic, and over-the-top are the only words to describe these characters. The one with the most lines was Darwin Tremor played by Chris Pine (Just My Luck), who was absolutely perfect for the role. He was witty and had impeccable comedic timing. Unfortunately, none of them made it to the end of the film, but they were still great for the 20 or 30 minutes they were in.

As for Jason Bateman (Arrested Development), I don’t think there is anything I could say about him that hasn’t already been said. The guy is extremely hilarious and on top of that, he has more wit than most actors do these days. He played a self-deprecating lawyer who wants to be a hit man but is too scared, so he hires some in his place. He was only in it for a short time as well, but he was too good not to talk about. Overall: Let’s face it, just by watching the commercials you can tell that it’s probably not going to be the best film you’ve ever seen, but it’s worth a watch. With a lot of expletives, a lot of bloodshed, and an unexpected plot twist, it seems Joe Carnahan has taken the classic mobster film and turned it into something fun for the younger generation of film-goers. It made me laugh, cringe, and had me at the edge of my seat the whole time. Even if you don’t like it too much, I guarantee you’ll get at least one or two good laughs out of it.

Jeremy Piven (“Entourage”) was one of the major reasons I even considered seeing the film in the first place. As a huge fan of “Entourage,” I wanted to see how he was in this and he wound up being even more of a decadent jerk in this than he is in any episode of “Entourage.” I know him as a smart-ass, but in this I got to see the emotional side of him, including a full-fledged nervous breakdown. He was wonderful in the role and I’m hoping that this will launch him into the kind of fame he deserves. He was wonderful in the role and I'm hoping that this will launch him into a full-fl edged nervous breakdown. He was wonderful in the role and I’m hoping that this will launch him into the kind of fame he deserves.

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The writers of this film were smokin’ something else when they wrote up this excuse for a script.

Even through his extensive crack-smoking spree it was easy to tell that he was genuinely distraught over his dangerous situation. But, again, he is given so little screen time. His good performance could have been excellent if there was more time for development.

As for the Tremor Brothers, all I have to say is that they are just a mash up of chainsaw and hatchet wielding psychos sporting a post-apocalyptic look. In other words, they were completely useless.

Overall: Smokin’ Aces had the potential to become a great action film, or at least a cult favorite, but there was simply too much going on at one time. The hour or so of action could have made a decent movie all by its lonesome. Ironically, the plot screwed everything. I recommend accidentally seeing this movie at home during a sick day. One of those lazy days when it’s too much trouble to grab the remote and change the channel.

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Dear NSU Community,

Homecoming week has come and gone, and even though a busy schedule kept me from the weekend events, I hear everything turned out well.

I was wondering, though, whether homecoming week is something like a high school reunion (only not at high school) for the alumni, or whether it is supposed to be something more . . . dignified than that.

Then again, I think only a limited number of alumni are invited, and it isn't limited to those who graduated in a certain year. In that way, it looks at something not really anything like a high school reunion.

But if homecoming is more of a reception and event sort of thing for alumni than a reunion with their classmates, shouldn't there be something more reunion-esque too? People say that the friends you make in high school aren't the ones you're going to keep, but the friends you make in college are. Perhaps thinking along those lines leads people to assume that college graduates will do a good job keeping track of their classmates, but I personally think that with the huge size of most colleges and the diminished likelihood of sharing more than a few classes with any one person, I would be less likely to remember to keep track of those classmates. Planning to get out of Florida as soon as possible after graduation in order to go to grad school, the chance of my keeping in touch grows ever smaller.

So why don't we have college reunions? Great, big social parties where everybody who has ever graduated from that university is invited and can see what all of their classmates have been up to. Sounds like a perfect place to catch up, chat, show off your success, or make eyes at the person you never had the guts to ask out in biology lab.

Of course, it also sounds expensive, but what do I know?

Honestly, I haven't the faintest clue how alumni are found, chosen and invited to homecoming, and if someone would like to clue me in I would be most appreciative (maybe it's whoever is most likely to donate to the institution). But equally as honestly, I think I would rather hang out with my old classmates and compare cute pictures of our kids than hang out with a bunch of other alumni I don't know and wonder whether the greyness in the room is rented.

I'm obviously not much of a party animal.

So not to diss homecoming, but I think when I'm an alumnus I'd like to chill out at my Alma Mater in a somewhat more casual atmosphere.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose
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Bull Bullock
Criminal Justice
Junior
Washington, DC
It doesn’t do nothin’ for me.

Rishi Shah
Business
Sophomore
Alexandria, VA
I think that’s awesome. It probably could be inspirational too, depending on what he’s talking about, like how he got where he was.

Danielle Padgett
Biology
Freshman
Sarasota, FL
I think it’s pretty interesting – I’m planning on going.

Janet Joseph
(with Mandep Kaur, r.)
Biology
Sophomore
Pembroke Pines, FL
It’s going to bring a lot of publicity to school, but they should have gotten somebody with more substance. I don’t know what kind of message he’s going to give to students.

Jiyoon Won
Biology
Junior
Weston, FL
He’s welcome ‘cause he’s hot.

Billie Prisby
Biology
Senior
Coral Springs, FL
It’s The Rock man! He’s a Florida boy, we love The Rock.

Abir Rahma
Biology
Freshman
East Meadow, NY
I think that’s pretty cool. He’s somebody we’ve probably seen growing up on TV and movies and stuff like that. It’s cool they’re bringing celebrities like that in to talk to us.

Branden McKinney
Business Administration
Sophomore
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
I think it’s pretty cool.
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