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Florida Government Considers Cutting FRAG from Budget

Tanya Parnes  NSU News Editor

V The William L. Boyd, IV Florida Resident Access Grant more commonly referred to as FRAG, is a federal grant available for all Florida residents who attend nonprofit colleges and universities throughout the state. The Florida Department of Education regulates this grant pursuant to Florida statutes and administrative rules adopted by the State Board of Education. Each of the eligible institutions administers this grant on behalf of its students. The annual funds for the FRAG depend upon the General Appropriations Act made by the Florida Legislature each year. There are currently 28 institutions, including NSU, who partake in the FRAG program. Students who qualify are able to receive up to $3,000 in FRAG grants. According to the Office of Student Financial Assistance, NSU reported 2,662 undergraduate students as 2007 FRAG recipients. This amounts to approximately $7,986,000 in FRAG grants. Roughly 49% of the 2006-2007 FRAG recipients were first generation college students.

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CommunityFest is Back at NSU

Kristine Belizaire  Current Affairs Editor

V NSU’s fifth annual CommunityFest will take place on Gold Circle Lake on Feb. 23 from 12-4 p.m. CommunityFest, is a festival dedicated to unite NSU students, employees, and their families. Michelle Manley, a current NSU graduate student, created this event in 2004, with the intention of bringing the university community together while building school spirit on NSU’s campus. Since its inception, there have been over 3500 people in attendance each year.

The event involves the collaborative group efforts of NSU students, staff, local community businesses and organizations. During the festival, different departments and student organizations host a variety of activity booths where attendees can play games to win prizes. Some of the departments and organizations that will be featured include the Caribbean Student Association (CSA), Nova International Student Association (NISA), Phi Alpha Delta - NSU’s pre-law fraternity, the Fischler School of Education and Human Services, the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship, NSU’s Alumni Association, Student Counseling, and NSU Athletics. Live entertainment, games, free food and drinks will also be provided throughout the event.

There will be several live performances during the course of the day-including the NSU Cheerleaders, the Vocal ensemble, Chicks on Point, and the Sharkettes - NSU’s very own step and dance team. The event also features a live band performance by Libido, a local band that also performed at last year’s festival. Libido is one of South Florida’s and coming professional commercial cover bands, that plays a wide range of music to satisfy all age groups.

Attendees will also have the chance to take part in a number of large scale games, such as Sumo Suits, a rock climbing wall, Extreme Air bungee and a 75 foot long laser tag dome. Expected vendors include Articas Mexican restaurant, Davie Subs, Quarterdeck, Sonny’s BBQ, Cantina Laredo and Maggie Moo’s. There will also be a raffle to win prizes, including swimming with the Dolphins at the Seaquarium, $100 Barnes & Nobles gift cards, a 3 day 2 night stay in the Marriott Hotel, Flamingo Golden Passes, Contour Day spa packages, and much more. For more information please contact the Office of Public Affairs at publicaff@nsu.nova.edu.
NSU Students: Demand More Diversity in their Coursework

Tanya Parnes, NSU News Editor

V NSU is the largest independent university in the southeast and the seventh largest in the country, with a total student population of roughly 26,000 students. The university offers 30 undergraduate majors through the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, the Fisher College of Education and Human Services, the College of Allied Health and Nursing and the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business and Entrepreneurship, not to mention the 51 minors offered as well in various subject areas.

Don Rosenblum, Ph.D., Dean of the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, said that NSU adds almost 100 courses each year. "I'm always very happy when students say they want more distinctive and creative classes," said Rosenblum. "They shouldn't be looking at a particular minimum required to meet the degree but to craft a curriculum that celebrates discovery, exploration and challenge." Rosenblum said that the faculty has been doing a great job adding more variety and diversity to their core curriculums and providing students with more choices. "They offer many study travel opportunities and many are now working individually with their students to create their own courses," said Rosenblum. These unique courses are known as independent studies and they provide students with the opportunity to work on one or more of their professors in a particular subject area that is of interest to them. Students have the chance to approach their professors with whatever topic they like and essentially create their own class with their own coursework for the semester, which can fulfill anywhere from one to six credits.

"As much as I celebrate that there are good options, I agree that we need more diverse courses," said Rosenblum. "Course diversity makes a great difference and students may want to gain access to full-time through their classes. I'm always eager to hear from students regarding this issue." While Rosenblum appreciates the significant strides that have been made, he recognizes that there is always room for more and that is precisely what he hopes to bring to NSU.

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in the future. "I think the offerings are good and they're beginning to get better," said Henry. "When you have more students, you have more faculty and they want more diversity." Cheriele Henry, a sophomore and criminal justice major, said that she has to take about twenty required courses for her major and six electives, only four of which are required. "They don't offer any fun classes or courses that I'm interested in," said Henry. "NSU focuses on the medical and business majors and disregards the other programs, so the courses I'm interested in I can't take until graduate school." Henry feels as though the options for the other majors are much greater and more diverse than her program. Henry is also unhappy with the times at which she has to take her classes. "I have two classes from 6 to 10 p.m. because there simply aren't any openings in the day," said Henry. "I don't think they treat the other majors fairly. Henry would like to see more course offerings in science, art, music and physical education.

Kenrick Raza, a sophomore and pre-photography major, also wants more exciting and entertaining courses on campus. "In the honors program they keep changing the options year to year," said Raza. "They should bring back the chick flicks as well as courses involving film. I feel like I'm taking too many core classes."

Raza wants to see more diversity in his coursework because he feels as though his college experience has been fairly uninteresting so far. "College is supposed to be the time where you're not only studying for your major but also discovering your interests and really find yourself," said Raza. "My experience in college hasn't been challenged in any way but it has been much more boring than I thought it would be." Raza said that he signed up for French and Spanish this semester in order to diversify his course load, but really wonders why the uni entity hasn't expanded its course offerings. Raza hopes to see more courses in art, film, horticulture and gay and lesbian studies. "I really like the class sizes here," said Raza. "The average class size at NSU is about 25 students and most do not go beyond 30. 'What's sort of disturbing to me is that you have these great professors, the benefits of small class sizes and very little diversity in the courses themselves.'"

When students ask for more, Raza feels that they want more diversity, more time offerings and more seats or availability in classes. "Don Rosenblum," said Rosenblum, "We're adding as many faculty as we can every year and they always come in saying they have more grants, more money allowed to bring in some creative ones as well."
Wednesday

**V The Plastic Brain**: The Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences will present a symposium featuring Eric Kandel, M.D., recipient of the 2000 Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology and university professor at Columbia University. The symposium will feature the guest speakers who are conducting research associated with Kandel’s findings. The event will begin at 6 p.m. on the second floor of the University Center. For more information, contact Jaime Tattar at 954-262-8192.

Thursday

**V Panell Discussion with Iraq War Veterans**: The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences will be hosting an open discussion featuring Iraq War veterans. The discussion is part of this year’s “Truth and Power: War in Iraq” series and will help to raise awareness about the war while also dealing with media portrayal of the war. The discussion will take place at 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m. in the Knight Auditorium of the Carl DeSantis Building. For more information, contact Jason Piconce at piconce@nova.edu.

SOME CLASSES STUDENTS MAY BE INTERESTED IN ARE:

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For more information, contact Jennifer Joseph at josephj@nova.edu.
NSU Students Share Leadership Experience

Kristine Belizaire, Current Affairs Editor

V The Pursuit of Leadership is an interactive event that brings students together to listen to community leaders, faculty members, and administrators as they share their experiences about their path towards leadership. For the first time ever, SU students, Alina Tawil and Shane Johnson, have been chosen to speak out about their leadership experiences on campus at this year’s event.

“They were chosen because of the passion that they had within them,” said Marcie Washington, Graduate Assistant for Leadership Development. Tawil is a junior and the current president of the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority and the program assistant for NSU’s Student Union Board (SUB). Johnson, also a junior, is a resident advisor in the Commons residence hall, founder of NSU’s Leadership Development. Tawil is a junior and the current president of the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority and the program assistant for NSU’s Student Union Board (SUB). Johnson, also a junior, is a resident advisor in the Commons residence hall, founder of NSU’s Leadership Development.

Tawil began her leadership path at NSU during her freshman year. When Tawil initially attended NSU’s club and organization fair, she was disappointed with the small number of clubs and organizations available to the student body at large. Tawil felt as though student life was greatly lacking on NSU’s scattered campus, and immediately decided to become more involved with the university. Tawil worked her way up to the leadership roles that she now holds. Tawil joined Delta Phi Epsilon and met many people who have had a great impact upon her life, such as Brad Williams, Ed.D., Dean of Student Affairs. Tawil believes that she has helped to make things bigger and better than ever on campus. Tawil’s mother has also provided her with a constant source of support and backup, especially when she had to make some tough choices such as her decision not to attend law school. “Make your presence known,” said Tawil. “No leader is born. I challenge you to do more than just be average.”

Johnson’s journey towards leadership has followed a much different route. In high school, Johnson learned how to lead on the field as the captain of both his football team and his varsity baseball team. Upon arriving at NSU, Johnson further built upon his personal understanding of the qualities that make a great leader. Johnson did not anticipate becoming the founder of an important organization on campus, however after he had proposed the idea of the Step it Up initiative and it was considered by several administrators, his suggestion for improving campus awareness about the various aspects of the political process quickly came to fruition. Johnson also believes that his mother has played a key role in his path towards leadership because she pushed him from the very beginning to get more involved in various activities during high school despite his protests. Johnson feels that there are certain key qualities, like faith, passion, compassion, patience, determination and ambition, that help to make you become a better leader.

The Pursuit of Leadership is sponsored by the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement, and co-sponsored by the Office of Career Development. For more information please contact Marcie Washington at 954-262-7256 or online at mwashington@nova.edu.

NSU Homecoming Week Attempts to Unify NSU Community

Bibin Tharimattu, parampli Staff Writer

V Homecoming 2008 is focused on bringing the members of the NSU community together for a weekend filled with exciting and interesting activities. There are a number of events taking place on campus beginning with the Inaugural Homecoming Concert on Thursday, Feb. 21 featuring Hollisgoodbye and other local bands. Tickets are selling for $30 general admission and $12.50 floor seating, and are available to all NSU students as well as the community at large. They can be purchased in the ASA building or online at ticketmaster.com using the promotion code “homecoming” to access the NSU discounted tickets.

Friday is NSU’s annual school spirit day. Students are encouraged to dress up in their NSU gear and show off their shark pride. There will also be a series of campus tours available to students throughout the day in order to fill them in on the many improvements and changes that have already taken place as well as the future developments to come on NSU’s rapidly growing campus. Students will have the opportunity to show off their golf skills at the second annual Dennis Donnachair Golf Oouting; between 10 a.m and 3 p.m., for a fee of $40. Once the tournament is over, students will have the chance to relax for the evening with a pair of denim jeans, blazer, shoes, and champagne at the third annual Blues and Baseball Alumni event.

NSU’s homecoming dance will take place later that evening at 9 p.m. at Revolution Nightclub in Riverfront, which is located in downtown Ft. Lauderdale. Students are required to “dress to impress,” because the dance is a red carpet affair. Tickets are available to all NSU students and can be purchased from any of the SGA senators for $25.

The greatest number of events is taking place on Saturday, Feb. 23. Students will have the chance to enjoy eating breakfast with the Dean of Student Affairs, Brad Williams, Ed.D., from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Carl DeSantis Building Atrium. Immediately following breakfast, there will be a number of different courses and seminars available to students in the same building including Re-energize Your Career, Estate Planning 101, Pharmacology Update, Effective Negotiating-Controlling Information in the Bargaining Process, and many more.

On the same day, students can head over to the Gold Circle Lake at 12 p.m. for NSU’s Community Fest, an annual celebration that seeks to unite the NSU community for a day filled with food, fax, games, activities and live entertainment. At 4 p.m., a special Time Capsule Unveiling event will take place at the north end of the University Center. 2008 will mark the beginning of the 50 year countdown. Later that evening, both the women’s and men’s basketball teams will be playing against their rivals from Lynn University. The women’s game starts at 5:30 p.m. and the men’s begins at 7:30 p.m. NSU students should go out and support their basketball teams to help them ensure victories on homecoming night. After the games, the NSU community is invited to attend a comedy show that will take place in the Flight Deck. Appetizers and drinks will be served, and they will be accompanied by a night filled with entertainment from the hilarious comedic lineup.

For more information about Homecoming 2008, students should contact Kathryn Blincic at kblincic@nova.edu.

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Shark Softball Sweeps Northwood

Tranell Mesa Sports Editor

V NSU's Softball Team (5-3) was sparked by a starting roster dominated by freshmen while taking on the Northwood Seahawks for a doubleheader on Feb. 7, taking a sweep on the day with scores of 14-1 and 3-1.

Freshman speed demon Rachel Talenfield kicked off game one with a splendidly placed bunt, registering the first of many Shark hits for the day!

The second inning of game one was an RBI fiesta for the Sharks as Talenfield knocked in junior Katie Pepper and freshman Noemi Luciani with a 2-run single just before game one's starting senior pitcher, Ashley Baker, cranked her 2nd triple of the season, driving in 3 RBI's of her own. Once the bases had been cleared, Baker sat alone on 3rd in anticipation, but not for long however, as sophomore Brittany Lamb didn't waste any time bringing Baker in on an RBI single.

Not only did the Sharks dominate the game in the batter's box, but NSU also took over the base paths, by stealing 4 bases, 3 of which were swept up by Talenfield. Talenfield, along with fellow freshman Brittany Phillips, led the Shark's offense for the day, as they worked in collaboration with Phillips to give the Sharks a solid lead of 2-0 in game two. Freshman Lexi Sarradet worked hard in the pitcher's circle for game two, quickly making a name for herself as she clutched her 3rd win of the season.

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Men's Basketball Drops 4th Game in a Row

Tranell Mesa

V. NSU's men's basketball team (9-13, 4-7 SSC) had an unfortunate week as they dropped two regional games, one to Christian Brothers University by a score of 81-48 and the other to Eckerd College with a score of 81-63, which resulted in the Sharks being dropped down to a 7th place ranking in the SSC.

Despite these losses, two Shark athletes managed to stand out apart from the rest. Senior Kevin Chester and junior Josh Wood worked really hard to pick up the team's slack, giving two of their best individual appearances thus far during the 2007-08 season.

Chester grabbed 14 points against Eckerd's Tritons and tallied up an impressive 21 points and two blocks while playing the Christian Brother's Buccaneers.

Wood not only executed with excellent defense during both games, but also racked in a whopping 20 points against the Tritons and 15 points against the Buccs.

Women's Basketball is Back in the Game

Tim Coenraad

V. NSU's #2 nationally ranked women's basketball team (16-6, 9-2 SSC) got back into their winning ways upon defeating Eckerd College's Tritons on Feb. 9 with a comfortable score of 70-56, maintaining their tie for the first place SSC slot with the University of Tampa.

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NSU Sports

February 16, 2008

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Women's Golf Team

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V. NSU's #2 nationally ranked women's golf team knocked off the #5 ranked team in the nation at the Turnberry Classic, finishing in 4th place.

Defending their title as NCAA Div. II Women's Golfer of the Year, sophomore Maria Garcia Arrieta, gave an outstanding performance of the 4th finishing first going 3 while shooting 73 and 74 in the first and second rounds, respectively. The Sharks missed their 18th place finish at the NCAA Tournament, shooting 208 in round one and 212 in round two, finishing 30th and 31st.

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Editor's Note

Michael Bergbaumer
Interim Editor-in-Chief

Y On my way to class
last week, I was hailed by a
fellow student. "You know
what you should write
about next?" he asked.
"Professors that just don't
care!"

Since I've been here at
NSU for a while, I think
that I can safely say that
NSU is home to a wide
variety of professors.
They run the gamut of
passionate, fun, strict, laid
back, way-too-laid-back-
to-be-professor, personable,
jeer-wad and many more,
which I am sure is common
at just about any university.
To say there are some
professors who truly do
out of your education what
you are willing to put into
it. When confronted with
adversity, one must rise
above. I would imagine that
those seemingly uncaring
professors don't actually
realize that they are coming
off as such to their students.
The very nature of the
position is to nurture the
minds of their students.
Students must continually
ask to show their interest
and dedication. Besides,
there's always that "A"
for effort. In the same
vein, professors too, must
ask to keep students from
constantly having to. It's
not always that easy to
approach the one who
controls academic destiny.
Also, if questions are
asked in advance, then
they are answered before
they get too big. It's like
I'm always saying here at
the newspaper: two-way
communication is key.

On The Scene

Kristine Belizciire
Current Affairs Editor

Are You Going to the
Homecoming Dance?

"Yes, because student government is throwing it, and Andre Dennis, the campus entertainment director, throws the biggest and best parties."

Philip Ortiz Junior, Finance.

"Yes, I'm going to have fun and support the school's student government."

Daniela Reyes Sophomore, Communications Studies

"Yes, I'm going to homecoming to entertain the crowd with my showy dance moves."

Jimmy Deane Junior, Theater

"No. I have to go away with my family."

Chelsea Illeck Freshman, Nursing

"Yes, because it's a school event and I thought I'd support it."

Tucker Compster Freshman, Pharmacy

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