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NSU Student. Assaulted in The Commons

Sokhi (left) and Sharma (right) before the assault.

V On Feb. 29, Varun Sharma, a senior and biology major who lives on the fourth floor of The Commons residence hall, was, according to Sharma, assaulted in his dormitory room around 3 p.m. by his roommate Jatin Sokhi. The injuries were so extensive that he was taken to the hospital immediately following the incident for medical attention.

"I had an exam that day from about 1-3 p.m., but I finished early, so I went back to my dorm room to pack my things, since I was going on to New York for Spring Break," said Sharma. "When I came into my room, Jatin was just sitting in his desk chair relaxing. I was trying to hurry up to get out of there, since Hai was waiting for me," said Sharma. "I thought that it was a little bit strange, but I just kept packing up my things. Jatin was just waiting in his chair periodically to watch me pack. Then, suddenly, he jumped out of the chair and started punching me in the face. He held me, but he began turning around in his chair, but I was able to get up and run down to the office next door to get some help. "I immediately asked them to call Public Safety," said Khalid. Khalid said that he escorted Public Safety up to Jatin what had happened, but then I thought better of it."

Khalid run down to the RA's room to alert him of the situation, but the RA was not there. Khalid then took Sharma downstairs to the front desk to tell them what had happened and to try to get some help. "I immediately asked them to call Public Safety," said Khalid. Khalid said that the Dave police were there within five minutes and Public Safety about fifteen minutes later. "The thing that shocked me was that the front desk had no First Aid kit available. The person had to run down to the office next door to get it. Then, everyone started pestering Varun with question after question, when he was clearly in shock and not up to answering them," said Khalid. He escorted Public Safety.

Sharma soon after the assault.

V The Student Government Association (SGA) hosted the first-ever presidential election debates on Thursday, March 27, at Oudth Thursday. Each of the candidates had five minutes in which to present a brief overview of their platforms and positions on various issues, followed by a question and answer session. The members of the Organizational Standards Board (OSB) had prepared four questions for each of the candidates to answer, and then the floor was opened up to those NSU students who wished to ask further questions.

Philip Ortiz, presidential candidate for SHARKS UNITED, began the debates with a short outline of his party's issues. Ortiz pointed out the four main issues that he is most concerned with, including affordable textbooks for students, increased food options and hours in the cafeteria, continued funding for educational programs, and the creation of a student-run television station. "If you elect me as the SGA president, then we will have a student-run television program and a lot more student-run programs at NSU," said Ortiz. "I feel that my television program would increase school spirit by televising events such as athletic games that happen on campus," said Ortiz.

Ortiz acknowledged that his biggest downfall is the fact that he is perfectionist, as well as a workaholic, but said that he plans to work on both of those aspects of his personality if elected to the position.

"When you're looking to build your executive board, you need people that have executive skills," said Ortiz. "I'm going to market this campus like it has never been marketed before so that people will know what is happening on campus." Ortiz said that he is a hard worker who loves networking and following through with his plans.

Benedict Choi, Presidential candidate for LEAD STRONG, followed Ortiz with an overview of his party's main issues and concerns. Choi is interested in creating a student-run panel, more parties on NSU's campus, improving the food options in the cafeteria, working with off campus restaurants to try to create a deal in which the Shark Card can be used outside of the university, increasing collaboration with other universities, and increasing educational opportunities for students.

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Safety up to the dorm room when they arrived and then returned downstairs to go with him to the hospital. "I'm just shocked that it happened. I really do think that Jatin is psychotic," said Khalid. "All he would do was smoke cigarettes and do a lot of drugs. From what I heard, he didn't care much about school. I think that really made him snap was the fact that he had missed his flight home the day before."

Khalid was also frustrated with The Commons' reaction to the situation. "I would think that since this happened in The Commons, all of the residential advisors would have known about it, but they do not. I don't believe that there was no one knows about what happened, and that the university is trying to keep it under wraps."

Sharma said that Luis Hancock, Director of Residential Life, and Meagan Eshberry, Area Coordinator for The Commons, also arrived shortly after the incident was reported. Public Safety. "They asked me if I wanted to call someone from my family so then them knowing that I had been attacked," said Sharma. "Then the EMT showed up to clean me up and take care of me. The Davie police showed up about ten minutes after I reported the incident. They went upstairs to my dorm to arrest Jatin and he was taken to jail that same day."

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Sharma has gained a lot of experience during the last semester. "I've learned a lot about myself. I keep replaying the incident in my mind and it's hard for me to concentrate or focus on my studies. Sharma has been very affected by the attack and worries about possible future implications of this aftermath. "The incident really freaked me out," said Sharma. "I really feel scared on campus now because I feel like he may come back to hurt me again. He got expelled from the university and I'm scared that he may come back for revenge. Sharma knew that he has friends in the area and he worries about his safety as well as the safety of others on campus."

Sharma and Sokhi have been roommates since the 2007 semester. Sharma said that they had been pretty friendly with one another throughout the fall semester but that things had changed in the winter. "We had all noticed that Jatin had been very quiet this semester. He has stayed in his room a lot watching YouTube and listening to a lot of R&B music," said Sharma. "He noticed Sokhi spending a lot of time on the computer, reading all kinds of random pieces of information. Sometimes he was about football and he visited Wikipedia a lot as well," said Sharma. "When I asked him what he was reading about, he told me that he was looking at random things. I also asked him why he was so quiet this semester but he said "I was trying to fit in." Sharma said that Sokhi stopped hanging out with them during this semester. "Every time we went out, we would invite Jatin to come along, but he refused to come out," said Sharma. "He always said that he had to stay in the dorms to study for classes, but he never saw him doing any work at all. He constantly skipped his classes and was sleeping all day long." Sharma noted that Sokhi had failed three of his courses during the previous semester and that he had not shown any interest in school during the current one. "He also started smoking cigarettes at a roughly a pack a day," said Sharma. "He would go to sleep at around 5 a.m. and then get up an hour or so later to go outside and smoke. Then he would come back to the room and go back to sleep."

Sharma really does not know why this incident took place. "I have asked him to stay in his room a lot watching YouTube and listening to his roommate to engage in that kind of aggressive behavior. "It was very difficult for me to concentrate or focus on my studies. Sharma has been very affected by the attack and worries about possible future implications of this aftermath. "I really feel scared on campus now because I feel like he may come back to hurt me again. He got expelled from the university and I'm scared that he may come back for revenge. Sharma knew that he has friends in the area and he worries about his safety as well as the safety of others on campus."

Sharma is concerned about both his own safety, as well as that of the NSU community at large. "Jatin needs help, because he should not have assaulted me," said Sharma. "He did this for no reason whatsoever. I'm worried that he might come back and try to do something else, especially since he has been expelled as well as been in jail." Sharma said that he met with Holliday on March 3 to discuss the issue. Holliday assured Sharma that the incident was very serious and that the university was not taking the situation lightly at all. Holliday set up two separate meetings on March 12 with Sokhi and Sharma to further discuss and decide upon a resolution to this incident. NSU decided to expel Sokhi from the university but provided him with the option to appeal within seventy two hours of the ruling. Sokhi did appeal the university's decision, but he was denied. "I met Dr. Holliday again on March 18 and she informed me that Jatin was expelled from NSU," said Sharma. "I was actually hoping that NSU would expel him, so I was very satisfied with NSU's actions when they did so."

One thing that bothered Sharma, however, was the fact that the university did not publicize the incident. "When I came back from Spring Break on Sunday, March 9, I only saw one picture of Jatin hanging in the dorm, alarming the students about his expulsion from campus," said Sharma. "They had told me of the phone that they had put his picture all over campus, but that simply was not the case. By Wednesday of that week they had already taken the picture down, and when I asked Dr. Holliday why, she told me that I had to go discuss the issue with Public Safety.

Sharma was very frustrated by this because he feels that the students should have been aware of this incident. Arun Sharma, Varan's older brother, who flew in from New York to help him settle back into the dorms, was also very upset about the situation. "Varan needs treatment and is really scared about everything," said Sharma. "He has constant nightmares about this incident."

Sharma said that he is concerned about the safety of his brother as well as the other students throughout the campus. "He very much about this university. "I'm just shocked that it happened. I really did not believe it," said Shenai. "It was really just confusing, because we were all friends with him. We would never have expected something like this to happen." Shenai noted that they all used to go out together, especially to go fishing, and that they had always gotten along really well with one another. "In the beginning of the semester, he'd work out with us, but then he suddenly stopped," said Shenai. "I think that right about the time that this incident occurred, our friendship was very limited. We'd ask him about school and he would give very short answers."

Shenai said that Sokhi stopped going out and was constantly hanging out in his dorm room reading things on the computer. "When he started pulling away, we figured he was stressed out and just wanted to keep to himself," said Shenai. "We kind of knew that he was stressed and that something was wrong. He would wake up almost every hour to have a smoke. I think that all we all felt bad for him and were trying to help, but he never would talk to us. Shenai said that he feels really confused about the whole situation because he used to be friends with Sokhi. Shenai simply could not understand how his friend could do something like this. "I hope that he gets help to fix whatever it is that is wrong with him," said Shenai. "I don't know what happened that day to make him snap, but I am worried about the safety of others on campus. (I was very surprised to return.)"
across campus, a larger amount of laundry board. We touch different groups of people throughout the campus life and I think that "We are running for truth and change. We want to provide the campus with a fresh outlook and true change for our students," said Johnson. "I thought that Philip Ortiz was an exclusive across." Johnson said that she is a strong supporter of Choo because she has had the chance to get to know him personally throughout the course of the year, as well as become familiar with his work ethic. "I know that when Ben puts his mind to something, he'll do it and he'll do it well," said Johnson. "I think that whatever party is chosen, it will turn out alright. I do think that Philip's Ortiz's ideas are a bit much right now for this school. I think that Ben's ideas are more realistic and will work better to improve the university."

Gubbins Ligden, a junior and finance major, thought that the debates were very well organized and that both parties had an opportunity to present their platforms to the NSU community. "I'm familiar with the LEAD STRONG ticket, because they are all current members of SGA whom I have worked with in Residential Life," said Ligden. "I am familiar with their character, commitment and work ethic." Ligden said that he feels very confident in LEAD STRONG's ability to lead this university next year. Ligden noted, however, that he has some very serious concerns about SHARKS UNITED. "I'm not sure if SHARKS UNITED is authentic and real with their goals. Phillips' experience displaying hot topics that are just sound bytes to my ear," said Ligden. "One of the questions I wanted to ask about how SHARKS UNITED plans to work with the university's interest as well as with the revenues received from the textbook sales. How do you fight the biggest interest group? I want to know how real their platform is or whether it is just an overzealous approach." Ligden noted that the candidates personalities essentially spoke for themselves. "Throughout the year, I have noticed that Philip's interest in representing SGA members was very clear," said Ligden. "The compensation would be proposed consisted of almost $20,000 of the $100,000 SGA budget and I believe that his agenda was clear. The people on the LEAD STRONG ticket challenged his proposal by pointing out that it was taking away from the diversity or NSU's campus." Anthony Ferrara, a senior and legal and criminal justice major, really enjoyed watching the debates. "I thought that it was a nice outlet that I have never seen SGA take on campus before," said Ferrara. "I think they had good questions and that the candidates did a great job of answering them." Ferrara said that he is very excited to see the outcome of the election because both candidates have so much enthusiasm regarding student involvement on campus that he expects next year to be better than ever. "I would have liked to have heard more about how each of the candidates felt about the past administration, both in terms of the positives that they would like to continue, as well as the negatives that they would like to rectify," said Ferrara. "I am very conflicted because I support both candidates. One of them is my fraternity brother whose student panel I have gotten to know well over time, has a great idea with the student-run television network. Regardless of who wins, I do believe that the future president should consider incorporating both of these ideas."

Josh Lira, a sophomore and legal and criminal justice major, was very pleased to see these debates on NSU's campus for the first time. "I want to state that I felt that SHARKS UNITED was very negative towards LEAD STRONG," said Lira. "I feel that if Philip Ortiz is a candidate in SHARKS UNITED, Philip Ortiz, had the need to have such a negative debate, then he does not have the ability to run the SGA in a way that people are going to want to follow him." Lira said that she thoroughly enjoyed watching the candidates debate the issues. "I feel confident about Benedict Cho and I feel that he will be able to conduct himself in a professional manner at every meeting," said Lira. "Vote LEAD STRONG, the party that represents the constituents, by the constituents and for the constituents of NSU."

Max Hyman, a freshman and legal studies major, was not quite as satisfied with these debates as some of the other students. "I thought that they showed the true intentions of both sides and what each candidate wants to achieve," said Hyman. "I don't believe that people had enough time to ask questions and that it is a very important for the NSU student population to be able to ask critical questions of their potential candidates." NSU students can vote for next year's SGA beginning March 31 through April 3. On March 31, voting will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in front of the Parker Building, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Commons residence hall, and from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Goodwin residence hall. On April 1, voting will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., from 6 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the center of the University Center and in front of the Parker Building. On April 2, voting will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in front of the Parker Building. On the last day of voting, April 3, students can vote from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Parker Building, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Commons residence hall, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in front of the Parker Building, and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Goodwin residence hall. Students will also have the opportunity to vote online. As email will be sent out to all students containing a link they can follow to cast their vote.
Mon, Apr 30: V. Armed Conflicts in the Philippines: Sam E. Baroni, Ph.D., and Ronald Mahung will present a lecture on the present conflicts in the Philippines from a "transcend perspective." The lecture will take place at 10 a.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute. For more information, contact Heike Dose at 954-262-8471.

Tue, May 1: Happy April Fool's Day!

Wed, May 2: V. Great Literature: Poe and the Pararnormal: Arthur Berger, J.D., will discuss aspects of paranormal literature, specifically the works of Edgar Allan Poe. The lecture will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute. For more information, contact Heike Dose at 954-262-8471.

Thu, May 3: V. European and American Witch Hunts: Micheline Carbonara, M.A. will present a lecture on the history of the spread of witch hunts in Europe and America. The lecture will take place at 10 a.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute. For more information, contact Heike Dose at 954-262-8471.

Fri, May 4: V. Undergraduate Student Symposium: Come out and support your fellow students as they display their scholarship through presentations, poster displays, and papers ranging from the fields of science, art, humanities and mathematics. The college will also host its 9th annual film festival where students can showcase their short films. The event will begin at 100 p.m. in the Alvin Sherman Library. For more information, contact Allan Schulman, Ph.D., director of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, at schulman@nova.edu.
Minds Expanded at First Annual Faculty Research Symposium

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V March 24 marked a very special occasion as the date for NSU’s very first Annual Faculty Symposium. NSU professors from a variety of disciplines gave presentations on an even wider variety of topics.

NSU professors from the departments of Math, Science and Technology, Humanities, and Social and Behavioral Sciences gave 20 minute presentations based on scholarship they had researched or were in the process of researching. Topics ranged from “New Compounds with a Potential for use as Hydrogen Storage Media,” to “Adventures in Parameter Space,” to “Why I Hate the Yankees: The History of Sports Rivalries and Social and Cultural Conflict in American Society.”

The opportunity to learn from such wide fields of research was well received by students. “I didn’t come to see any one professor. A lot of these topics are very interesting,” said senior David Cevallos. “But then I also saw Dr. Casale’s work on a student later on. I thought it was a good concept, to let the faculty present some of their research right here on campus. The variety was fun: Vietnam and baseball, and then another presentation on the U.S. electoral system, back-to-back-to-back. There was a pretty broad range there.”

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The faculty also had the opportunity to share with their colleagues what they are working on and get some exposure and practice for their dissertations, said Darren Hibbs, Ph.D., who presented “External World Skepticism in Ocklan and Descartes.” “I hope to present a paper on the same topic at the Florida Philosophical Association conference in November of this year.”

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Exciting Games in Shark Softball

Tranell Mesa

The NSU softball team (30-11; 2-1 SSC) began their conference play on March 20 with a series win over the University of Tampa Spartans and by splitting their double-header with the Palm Beach Atlantic Sailfish.

Sophomore Dani Caron was the difference in the first game against the Spartans, pitching all 14 innings in an awesome display, giving up only two runs on 10 hits and not walking a single batter. Tampa struck first in the fourth inning with one run off of an RBI single. The Sharks tied up the game in the sixth, when senior Ashley Baker singled up the middle for an RBI, scoring freshman Rachel Talenfeld.

The next seven innings the score remained locked at 1-1, until the fourteenth inning, during which Tampa's Michele Horan hit a solo home run, and Tampa took a one run lead.

Down one in the bottom of the fourteenth inning, junior Katie Pepper stole second base, a fielding error allowed junior April Donachie to score the tying run, and Pepper advanced to third.

On the next at-bat, sophomore Noemi Luciani hit the game winning RBI when she singled through the left side, allowing Pepper to score the winning run.

Caron is now 10-5, earning the win and giving all fourteen innings, and Luciani went 3-for-7 with an RBI. NSU went on the next day to win the series, splitting the double-header on March 21 by dropping the first game 6-2, but overcoming the loss and taking game two 7-2.

In the opening game, the Sharks drew first blood in the first inning off Baker's RBI single, scoring Luciani, but Tampa immediately struck back in the top of the second, scoring off a solo home run and a Sharks error, making the score 2-1.

NSU tied the game up in the bottom of the second when Talenfeld was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, forcing in the tying run. The Spartans broke the tie in the fifth inning and went on to extend the lead in the sixth off two unearned runs due to wild pitches. The score extended to 6-2 in the seventh inning off a two RBI double by Tampa's Samantha Becker, which NSU would not recover from.

Baker's fine performance in the first game carried over to the second game on both offense and defense as she went the distance on the mound, giving up only two runs off of five hits.

Both teams scored a single run in the opening inning, but the Sharks broke open the game in the bottom of the third when Luciani scored off of a throwing error followed by Donachie hitting a two RBI double to centerfield, making the score 4-1.

NSU gave one run back to Tampa in the fourth off a throwing error, but the Sharks amplified the pressure in the bottom of the fifth, when Baker was able to steal home and NSU loaded the bases, forcing in a run when sophomore Dana Bergner was hit by a pitch and Caron scored on a passed ball.

The three run fifth inning gave NSU a 7-2 lead which they held onto for the victory. Baker's offensive performance was once again stellar, going 2-for-3 with two runs and an RBI, while Donachie went 2-for-4 with two RBI's and a run.

Against Palm Beach Atlantic, the visitors wasted no time scoring their first run in the top of the first off of an RBI single, but the Sharks immediately responded, taking the lead in the bottom of the first courtesy of freshmen Brooke Mitchell's two RBI singles.

Play remained quiet until the bottom of the fourth inning, when the Sharks ended up winning off of a straight RBI's.

First, senior Kelly Brookins smashed an RBI, double scoring Baker, then Caron followed with another RBI, double scoring Brookins, and finally Bergner scored Caron, bringing home another RBI double and making the score 5-1.

NSU tied the game up in the fifth with a two-run inning, but NSU stretched the lead to 6-3 in the sixth when Pepper scored off of a throwing error.

Caron closed out the seventh and final inning, retiring three straight batters and taking her 12th win of the season.

The Sailfish were determined not to let NSU sweep the day and took the second game of the double-header 4-1. The Sharks outhit the PBA 5-4 but were unable to capitalize with a victory.

Sophomore Brittany Lamb was the only player with more than one hit, going 2-for-3 in her at-bats.

Shark Tennis Falls to Rollins, 3-6

Tranell Mesa

Sophomore Mary Criden

The Tennis Eagles were defeated by the University of Tampa 9-0 and by Rollins College, 3-6, losing their eighth match of the season.

In order to keep precision, roll-ins were made on the courts to make all the players accurate in their respective matches. In contrast to the previous round-robin competition, each team was given a match with doubles competition, and doubles results were gathered by the NSU coaches.
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Varsity 8+ Conquers Rollins College

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The NSU's #4 ranked women's crew team underwent a rough week of competition as both the Varsity 8+ and Varsity 4+ boats fell to #3 Dowling College in a dual meet on March 20 in their respective 2000-meter races.

The Sharks would make a comeback while contending in the Governor's Cup Regatta at Florida Tech's home course, commonly known as "The Ditch." The V8+ took first with an impressive time of 7:11.5 in their first race of the day, later taking second over SSC rivals of Rollins College by a 2-second difference in what was commented on as being one of the most exciting races of day. The V4+ came in a close third just behind the prestigious Columbus University, behind Dowling as well once again.

NSU will be back in action on April 11 for the FIRA Championships, in which the Sharks will face off with a number of their SSC foes.

Knights and Warriors Devoured by Sharks

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The Sharks overcame a Lynn comeback in the ninth inning to take the victory, 5-4. Garcia picked up his fifth win and senior pitcher Nick Carris collected his sixth save of the year.

The Sharks faced the Merrimack College Warriors in a game in which the Sharks never trailed.

After three up, three down first inning for the visitors, NSU posted on three runs in the bottom of the first, when senior Matt Mindick scored on a fielding error and Robinson collected two RBIs, scoring Cook and junior Dale Alberto. The Sharks scored three more runs in the third and fourth innings.

J. Martinez scored Mindick after grounding out to the Warriors' shortstop, and in the fourth inning, senior Ryan Wadding hit an RBI single and senior Jimmy Sposa scored off a wild pitch, giving the Sharks a 6-0 lead.

Three RBIs by the Warriors in the fifth inning gave Merrimack some hope of a comeback and two more runs in the eighth inning closed the gap to one run, 6-5.

NSU received a two run cushion going into the ninth inning, courtesy of a clutch RBI single from Sposa to left field. Freshman Sean Albury recorded his first save of the year, closing out the ninth inning with no runs and no hits and giving NSU the victory.
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V. Tyler PerryReduce the investment of his devoted in his independent work_Meet the Browns, using his highest-grossing material and becoming quite intimate with his audience. The playwriting, actor, and director has perfected his movie art to "franchise a plot that only he can deliver." Being marketed predominantly to the black community, there is little effect on ticket sales and his staying power in the theaters.

Peaches material and becoming quite intimate with director has perfected his movie art to his devoted in his comedy-drama. I am not a big Tyler Perry fan, I can respect the movies a road with many paths and one to follow. He gives various real-life hardships a light, surreal depiction that his characters conquer in one fell swoop. Also, the assumptions be allows his characters to make are quite elementary and one dimensional. For example, when Vera finds out that Brenda is a single mom has had children with all different men, she changes her behavior towards her and treats her with disapproval and disdain. But by the end of the movie, she goes back to respecting Brenda as a conquering woman. Knowing what his audience wants, Perry never lacks in giving it. Meet the Browns is another excellent marketing venture for the self-selling playwright.

A Night With Kimy Dawson
Stefani Rubino
Staff Writer.

V. In case you missed it the soundtrack from Juno, the little indie-film that could, hit number one on the billboard charts not too long ago, beating out top country and rock acts for the spot. Why did the music get so big so quickly? I like to think it is because ofKimmie Dawson, and Molly Peaches of course. Luckily, because of her new-round fame and popularity off the soundtrack, Dawns, along with friends. Paul Baribeau and Angelo Spencer, started touring in the beginning of March. To make things even sweeter, that tour included a date in Miami on March 26.

The event was held at a little-known Miami water-sports facility called Shalke-A-Leg, which provides disabled services and opportunities for underprivileged and physically challenged kids in the area. The Maskers decorated the facility with Christmas lights and seating was provided for most of the people in the audience. It was all very intimate and somewhat romantic, even though there had to be over one hundred people in the audience.

Spencer started the show off with his offbeat beat sort of folk-rock that featured his voice, a guitar, a bass drum, a harmonica, and a tambourine (played by him and only him). He played a selection of songs from what he said was his new album and then got to an older one called "Cousin's.

I suppose it was a bit of a hommage song from one Frenchman to another, but it was definitely the best song he played that night. It was slow, and then sped up at the chorus with him bumping on the bass drum the entire time. The lyrics were interesting, intelligent, funny and definitely worth listening to over and over again.

The best part of his performance, though, was the fact that at first I could not figure out how he fit into the bill, but then realized later how well his obscure musical compositions fit into the shows as a whole.

Baribeau was next, and since it was my fifth time seeing him, I felt as if I knew what to expect. However, my expectations were all wrong. Baribeau was different this time in that he played songs I had never heard perform live before. He played "Ten Things," possibly one of his best songs and one of the best performances of his entire set. But his best did not come until he sang the a cappella "Things I Don't Do," which I had never seen him sing live before. The song is not that long, but it was the perfect ending to his always heartfelt, earnest set.

Finally, it was time for Dawson to come on. She came out and in her subtle way treated the audience individually. "My Heroes" for Pee-Wee Herman and Michael Jackson, and then went on to say "Maybe not so much for Michael Jackson anymore."

She ended the set with the brilliant and said "Hold My Hand," an anthem that calls for better treatment of children everywhere. This was the most honest performance of the entire night and Dawson played it with such feeling and heart that it will be hard to forget that performance.

"Hold My Hand" was a perfect ending to a truly great night. All three performers did an amazing job, disheartening the size of the audience they are not used to playing to, and it was great seeing them all together in Miami for the first time in a long time. Hopefully, they'll be back again sometime soon.
Drillbit Taylor—Is a Major Disappointment

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V Let’s face it. Knocked Up and Superbad were two of last year’s funniest screwball comedies. The same guys (Judd Apatow, Seth Rogen) who produced those hilarious films have just released their newest film, Drillbit Taylor. Except this time, the result is not that great.

Drillbit Taylor focuses on two nerdy kids (Wade and Ryan) who are being tortured and pushed around by the two biggest bullies in school (Ronnie and Filkins). When the boys get fed up with the constant bullying, they decide to hire a bodyguard to protect them. That’s where Drillbit Taylor (Owen Wilson) comes in. Drillbit decides he will disguise himself as a teacher and infiltrate the school to protect the boys. Drillbit fails in love, the boys learn how to protect themselves on their own and eventually become two of the most popular kids in school. etc. etc. It’s all very predictable and expected.

Just as I was beginning to warm up to Owen Wilson’s The Darjeeling Limited, Night at the Museum/Because of Lisey’s incredible performance in The Darjeeling Limited, he has to go and star in this horrible film. Wilson’s sarcasm and one-liners are laughable at times, but for most of the film he looks like one of the people who isn’t funny but is trying extremely hard to be. Wilson has talent, and he’s shown it in other films, but he takes on these screwball roles from some reason I can’t remember hearing more than two collective laughs from the audience throughout the entire film.

Drillbit Taylor, overall, is a sad and wasted attempt at teenage-bully films by Apatow and crew. They should have been able to come up with a release film so far, and should have put some more thought into what they were doing. Hopefully, their next release will be much funnier and more enjoyable.

The fighting, punching, and antics that go on throughout the whole film are so repetitive that by the time it’s over, you’ll never want to see another fight again. The jokes are somewhat funny in the beginning, but they are repetitive and the writers didn’t have enough credit for his abilities and it shows as the film chooses to be in.

The characters of Ryan (Troy Gentile) and Wade (Nate Hartley) seemed almost recycled from Rogen and Apatow’s previous film SuperBad. Ryan and Wade are basically younger and more pathetic versions of Seth and Evan. Ryan and Wade even look like Seth and Evan did. This is probably one of the major problems with this film. The characters throughout the entire thing seem like differently stylized versions of characters from Apatow’s other films.

The young actors who played the bullies, however, give a little hope to the film. Josh Peck (of the Drake & Josh series) as Ronnie and Alex Frost (Elephants) as Filkins fit perfectly as the sadistic hecklers. Peck, especially, shows that the switch from TV to film is not that hard and pulls off Ronnie better than most of the other characters in the film. Frost, whose previous film roles did not feature too much talking on his part, proves that he is capable of being more than just an extra or silent side character.

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Creative Corner

The Promise of Tomorrow
by Wordsmith

As the shimmering globe drops silently behind the violet clouds and the daylight murmurs to a close, the whispering of the feathered bushes to an end and the whisper of the breezes gently teases as it pleases, singing sweetly songs then ceases, as the sun drops ever lower to leave dusk's sky tinged satin rose.

Linger in the silence somewhere in the horizon lies the promise of tomorrow the forgiveness of today, and far over the mountains tinged red-gold with autumn there lays the one forgotten watching every sinking ray.

Blinded by the streetlights by the single-minded people somewhere in the city I have lost my soul. Stricken by the horror and the darkness and the sorrow caught up in a tomorrow that cannot exist today.

Then the wind laughs softly to me and turns my gaze out on the view and there I find the strength to start anew, in the knowledge that no matter what the dusk brings to my door, the sun will rise and set forevermore.

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Editor's Note

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I (NSU community, please bear with me as the Editor's Note ventures into the uncharted waters of politics.) Last Tuesday, I attended a viewing of “No End in Sight,” a documentary on the war in Iraq. I have never followed the war in Iraq, nor politics for that matter. Like many others, I have been content to narrow my focus to my own business and “swing to the symphony of destruction,” as they say.

The documentary detailed the war rather thoroughly (or so my ignorant self thinks). If you need the major points of the last five years summed up for you in about 100 minutes, this film does the trick. During the film, I was actively applying my college-grown analysis skills to figure out how this conflict has grown into such a disaster. I didn’t have time to watch long.

It seemed to boil down to two things: a lack of planning and a lack of teamwork. Administrators would start programs or processes without considering long-term implications, or would make decisions without consulting experts or otherwise experienced people. The end of the film indicated that this is something that continues today.

The documentary didn’t explain whether these kinds of things happened out of haste, so one person could get all the credit or general ineptitude. Of course, people who made mistakes did not want to be interviewed. All of this illustrates the importance of living true to the human nature of being a social creature. We need to communicate with one another, to listen to what people need, to learn what the best course of action really is, and work together; a valuable lesson for college students, the leaders of the future.

On The Scene

Kristine Belizaire
Current Affairs Editor

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Nicole Martinez Sophomore Pre-nursing

“I am voting because I want NSU to be a more secure campus.”

Andrew Ibrahim Senior, Finance

“Yes, it shows activism and it shows that we care.”

Joanne Vera Cruz Junior, Nursing

“Yes, I will be because it’s my responsibility.”

Khayel Koppar Senior, Biology

“Yes, because it’s important for us as students to choose our organizational leadership.”

Vivian Marte Del Campo Senior, Legal Studies

“Yes, I will because there are a lot of flaws with our SGA and I want to vote for the right person.”

Jin S. Sophomore, Biology

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