

Do YOU Feel Safe on Campus?

NSU Students Speak out About this Disturbing Dilemma

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NSU’s Public Safety department, also known as NOVALERT, is designed to give students, faculty and staff twenty-four hour access to security and safety on campus. Some of their services include a lost and found department located inside the Security Operations Center (SOC) of the Parker Building, reporting lost or stolen SharkCards, safety escorts throughout the campus and vehicle assistance in the community cannot get into his or her car for the phones that will connect to the ty office immediately.

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Winning the 2008-2009 SGA Election

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Philip Ortiz, a junior and finance major, is NSU's newly elected Student Government Association (SGA) president for the 2008-2009 academic school year. Julian Brownlee is the newly elected Vice President of Legislative Affairs and Anthony Campen is the newly elected Vice President of Judicial Affairs. The SHARKS UNITED party was victorious at the polls and were announced the winners at the victory party held in the Flight Deck on April 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.

"I think that Phil has worked very hard all year long and he really cares about the university," said Gary Gershman, J.D., Ph.D., one of the advisors to the SGA. "He will try very hard to do things to benefit the college. Every year SGA gets better and more involved. The voter turnout is a reflection of how hard Philip and his party have worked." Gershman hopes that those who did not win this election will still remain active within SGA in the upcoming year.

Terry Morrow, Director of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement and the other advisor to the SGA, was extremely happy with this year's voter turnout. "We only established the online voting system last year," said Morrow. "The goal is to allow all students to vote. We wanted to make sure that it was fair since not all students can make it to the polls." Morrow worked very closely with the Office of Information Technology (OIT) to help create a special Web link which all students could access in order to cast their votes. OIT ensured that students would only be able to vote once, so as to prevent any kind of abuse or misuse of the online voting system and to ensure that the election was fair.

There were some problems that arose however. "I think that there are always issues that arise and we always expect that," said Morrow. "We waited for them to arise and then deal with them." The issues Morrow is referring to involve the online voting system. "This year there were some students who were having problems voting online," said Morrow. "The first issue was..."
had a very positive experience with class. Carrion noted that one of her friends could not find it anywhere. However, they lost her ID but was told that a professor had echoed by Amanda Peters, a sophomore and biology major who also commutes to campus. Carrion. "There's always security around so I've never had a reason to be concerned about anything." Mary Kiprop, a first year graduate student in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, lives in the CLC residential hall and feels very secure campus. "I think it's pretty safe because I leave class at 9 p.m. I walk to my dorms and I do not see much around Kiprop. She said that Public Safety has been very helpful to her whenever she has needed them for something. "I locked my room key in my dorm room twice and the residential student members were not in the dorm at the time," said Kiprop. "I saw Public Safety outside my room and asked where I could find the key. They were very kind and extremely helpful." However, others on campus hold a less favorable opinion of Public Safety. "Everyone that I have seen around the dorms at all times which is great," said Todd Riethermiller, a junior and commuter student who lives in The Commons. "My common concern however, is that there is no real protection by the Mailman Building which is where the guests on campus are required to park. Riethermiller said that while Public Safety does a fairly adequate job for the most part, he has seen some professors sit outside around that part of campus. "My girlfriend once called Public Safety to inquire about the reason for the lack of security by the guest parking by the Mailman Building," said Riethermiller. "They told her that securing that part of campus simply wasn't major concern of theirs at the time." Melissa Correia, a sophomore and international studies major who also lives in The Commons, said that she is highly dissatisfied with the performance of Public Safety on this campus. "They just sit in their cars, whip out their laptops and chat on the phone while they are supposed to be looking out for crime," said Correia who is very angry about the whole situation. "As soon as somebody walks by pull up their laptops and start looking around the campus." Correia had also seen some Public Safety vehicles parked in the corner of the lot the night that the break-ins had occurred a few months ago and simply could not notice the break-ins or the2 incidents completely. "When something happens on campus they want to be all up in your face but they really don't do anything," said Correia. "When an incident occurs they act like they want to do their job for a week or two. For two weeks and they are just sitting around. Correia had been driving all over the parking lots and then they stopped once again. Correia feels upset by their behavior and their alleged lack of confidence for the NSU student population. "When you're alone in the dark from a late night out, there are always thirty-plus cars parked in the only available student parking spaces on campus. It's not like you don't have the details on what happened to me," said Correia. "That's when they're giving out tickets because there are legitimate reasons for doing so. However, Public Safety will pull out early in the morning to hand out tickets, so you, who had no choice but to park illegally since your legitimate parking spot was not taken the night before by a non-NSU student, will be the one to get penalized." Correia also claims that several Public Safety vehicles speed by the dorms at all hours while shopping for the students who are trying to cross over to their cars. "We have an extremely open campus and Public Safety says that's why they are here for us, yet they're never around," said Correia. "The Blue Light phones are inconveniently located and when you have to use one, the officers actually have the nerve to ask you a million questions when you're calling desperately for immediate assistance." Correia will often observe three or more Public Safety officers as well as the two Davie policemen who are supposed to be patrolling the campus, standing around chatting the night away instead of looking out for the students. "They spend more time harassing students over parking violations than anything else, and it's not even consistent at that," said Correia. "All they want to do is give out tickets and get more money out of you. They're trained to ticket you and get as much money as possible out of those who attend Nova Southeastern University." Bias stated that his number one concern on campus is student safety and security. Bias noted that he takes violations of that policy very seriously, especially if some of the Public Safety officers are supposed to be fulfilling their job duties. "Recently, I have not received any complaints about one of our officers being inattentive to his duties," said Bias. "I would only be looking for some officer to make sure they are doing their job." Bias pointed out that Public Safety as well, leaving him with a very bad taste in his mouth regarding their ability needed to work over at the law library during the night shifts so she would have to close up by herself very late in the evenings," said the student. "One night she was alone in the library by to lock up the building. She explained to them that she was alone and waiting for me to show up. Then she asked if she could wait inside, but it was it was lit up and she wasn't comfortable for her personal security and made her wait outside in the dark until I made it over to get her up. She was scared and he was already angry with her because he thought that she was going to go home without any care or concern for those whom they are supposed to be watching and protecting. "I used to work at the gym and I would watch Public Safety officers consistently stop and talk to other students in offices or in a corner where they would not be found," said the student. "They are never there when you need them and purposely try to hide so people cannot ask them for help with different things. When you actually do call them over for some assistance, you can see in the way they drag themselves over to you and through their overall body language that they really don't want to help you out. Laturya Greenwood, a second year master student in the Department of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, is thoroughly disgusted with the performance of Public Safety on campus. "Hell no, it is not safe here at NSU," said Greenwood. "I think that safety should be a top priority for the administrators of this university. Since NSU is an open campus, more steps should be taken to provide protection for students and staff especially for those of us who are here after 5 p.m." Greenwood said that the campus needs to be better equipped with lighting and emergency Blue Light telephones. Greenwood said that she simply does not feel safe with the campus as it is right now. "There need to be more patrolmen on the grounds doing the actual patrols, instead of just riding around, chilling in their vehicles with the air conditioner on, talking on their cell phones, listening to the radio or making phone calls," said Greenwood. "I don't think they do anything which means they serve no purpose whatsoever. The whole situation is very wrong with their training because there is no reason for people to be breaking into cars or stealing things on this campus Greenwood says that sometimes she sees the Public Safety officers anywhere when she walks around campus during the evenings. "The vehicles themselves and the flyers about Public Safety are around," said Greenwood. "Yet the Public Safety officers stand around the steps of the Horus Nightlight, idle, with their hands in their pockets when they should be guarding the campus. When you're a female walking alone on campus they don't even bother to say hello and see if you are alright." Greenwood recalls an incident that occurred a few nights ago while she was walking past the UC on her way back to the residence halls. "I was walking down the other night by the parking lot in front of the Mailman building and a group of about six to seven people looked like they were in conflict direction," said Greenwood. "One of them started trying to talk to me but I ignored him. As I did so he started getting nasty and he started yelling at me. I was fast as I could but I felt threatened and very angry," Greenwood said that Public Safety was not around to help and she didn't know how to get someone to stop her because she made her extremely upset. Greenwood is very irritated and agitated with Public Safety. "They may not be able to come to you and harassment for the wrong things," said Greenwood. "For as much money as I pay to go here I should feel safe on campus at night." Bias noted that Public Safety officers are responsible for locking down the campus around 9:30 p.m. every night. Security personnel are scheduled routine within which they finish one task and go on to another building or facility and complete similar tasks," said Bias. "If someone wishes to enter their vehicle or a facility on campus, they can call NOVALERT and Public Safety will walk them to their desired location. 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Banner was telling students that they occurred back to Morrow with this second glitch. In order to combat the problem, Morrow sent out a mass email once again to all NSU undergraduate students on Wednesday April 2, reminding them to go out and vote. The email also included a message from Morrow asking those students who had difficulty voting to contact her for support.

Several students approached her about the issue. In order to combat the problem, Morrow worked on getting the voting system corrected correctly for campus. The information just sent the information into the system.

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**NISA and CSA Celebrate Culture Through Fashion**

Kristine Belizaire  
Current Affairs Editor

They modeled traditional African and Asian garb, while also modeling outfits that had writing on them such as "IZA Haitian" and "IZA Yardie" and various shirts with logos for Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Asia, Africa, Haiti, and Brazil. This year's sponsors for the fashion show were Cooyah, a Jamaican brand of clothing; Izatrini.com, an internet-based brand which makes apparel for all West Indian countries and "Proud to Be," a brand name that celebrates all different cultures around the world.

NISA is an organization that helps international students in providing a supportive, family-type network. Most members are looking to interact, network, and further enhance their future career goals, all while fostering an environment of integration and diversity among people of all nations. For more information about NISA's events, email Krystal Gayle at krystalg@nova.edu.
Peace Corps Comes to NSU

Kristine Belizaire
Current Affairs Editor

On April 1, Peace Corps regional recruiter Colleen Scott came to NSU's Office of Career Development to speak to students about volunteer opportunities offered in the Peace Corps Program. Scott is a former Peace Corps volunteer who now works as a recruiter in Atlanta, Ga. She is also responsible for recruiting in South Florida and coming down during the school semester to speak to students. Scott began the information session by giving some general information about the Peace Corps. Volunteers serve in many countries such as Africa, Asia, Europe, The Middle East and Central and South America. According to the pamphlet that Scott gave the attendees, 37% of volunteers serve in Africa, 23% in Latin America, 20% in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, 6% in Asia, 5% in the Caribbean and 4% in North Africa, the Pacific Islands and the Middle East.

Scott went on to describe the various opportunities that volunteers can become involved in if they join the Peace Corps. Some of the opportunities involve teaching, health care, agriculture, the environment and business development. After completion of a two-year service in the Peace Corps, volunteers are eligible for post-volunteer programs. These benefits involve job placement support and noncompetition eligibility, which means that if volunteers meet the minimum requirements for the position that they are applying for, they are exempt from the hiring process that other applicants are subject to. Volunteers also receive affordable health benefits and over $6,000 that can be used towards readjusting to life in the United States.

Scott ended the session by explaining the volunteer requirements. Volunteers are required to be at least 18 years old, and be a U.S. citizen or naturalized citizen of the U.S. For more information about getting involved with the Peace Corps, contact Colleen Scott at escott@peacecorps.gov.
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Sharks Sweep Florida Southern for First Time in Program History
Tramell Mesa
Sports Editor

The NSU men's golf team competed in the Buccanneer Invitational hosted by Barry University from March 31-April 1 and took third place amongst thirteen rivaling teams. In the first of two days of competition, the Sharks found themselves in third after two rounds of play—just four strokes off the tournament leaders and their conference rivals Barry University.

NSU was led by junior Constantine Schwarz who shot 144 over two rounds. Schwarz was followed by freshmen Bobby Bode and Michael Moore who both shot 144, aiding the Sharks along the way, timer the day within striking distance of the tournament leaders.

While competing in day two, Schwarz continued his fine play, shooting 72 in the final round, thus moving him forward into the field on the individual leader board, a mere two strokes off the tournament champion. A proutal performance by senior Greg O'Mahony kept the Sharks in third place to finish the day. O'Mahony shot the best round of the day, 70, following him to jump 25 places and place 25th individually.

Moore shot a solid final round with 75, which also contributed heavily to the NSU third place finish as the Sharks finished only six strokes off the tournament champion Barry. With these results, NSU looks to defend its Sunshine State Conference Championship Title on April 13 in Melbourne, Fl., as they compete in the SSC Championship Tournament.
Sharks Drop Tampa Series
Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The NSU baseball team (19-13; 4-3 SSC) dropped the Sharks vs. Tampa Spartans series after first dominating the opening game on March 28. The Sharks came to lose both games of the double-header on March 29.

In the opening match against the Spartans, NSU produced a 17-hit offense drive in 13 runs on 13 RBIs. The Sharks’ starting pitcher, senior Rudy Garcia, pitched seven innings allowing seven hits and five runs to claim his sixth victory of the season.

The first inning saw both teams drive in one run a piece – the Sharks’ run coming from junior Dale Alberto’s RBI single to left field. However, NSU would break open the game in the top of the second with a five-run, six-hit inning.

Senior and pre-season All-American Matt Mindick started the scoring off with an RBI single through the left side. Then, senior Cory Clark hit two RBI singles through the right side, scoring the runners on second and third.

The scoring in the second inning would come to a close, but not before Alberto’s two RBI doubles gave NSU a 6-1 lead. Scoring would resume until the top of the fourth when the Sharks drove in another three runs thanks to freshman J.D. Martinez’s RBI single to center field.

Senior Bryan Cook then dropped a double RBI bomb to make the score 9-1. NSU scored another two runs in the fifth off of RBIs from Mindick and Clark, but Tampa replied with a solo homerun in the same inning.

Garcia pitched the first five innings allowing only three hits and two runs, but the Spartans had a big sixth inning, scoring three runs on three hits to bring the back to 11-5, which would be the last runs that Tampa would score.

Sophomore Jose Velazquez pitched the last two innings allowing no runs and no hits as well as allowing the Sharks to stack up two more runs off of sophomore Eric McCans’ RBI single and a forced-in RBI when freshman David Robinson was walked with the bases loaded, bringing the score to its final tally of 13-5.

Standouts for the game included Clark, who went three-for-five with three RBIs and three runs, Alberto for going three-for-six with three RBIs, McCans, who went four-for-six with an RBI and two runs and Cook who went two-for-five with 2 RBIs and 2 runs.

The next day NSU faced the University of Tampa in a double-header to determine the winner of the series. Unfortunately, the Spartans took both games 5-1 and 4-2.

The first game saw Tampa take a 4-1 lead after three innings with NSU’s run coming from a McCans’ RBI single to right.

The Sharks rallied off two more runs in the fourth and sixth inning off junior Daniel Marino’s RBI single through the left side and another RBI single by McCans, also through the left side, giving the Sharks some hope of a comeback.

Tampa scored the last run of the game in the bottom of the sixth giving Tampa the victory.

McCans led the Sharks going two-for-three with two RBIs, and Marino followed as he went two-for-three with an RBI and a run.

In the final game of the series, the score remained locked at 0-0 courtesy of pitcher, Jon Spier who retired nine batters straight in three innings. However, the Spartans broke the tie in the fourth inning scoring the game’s first two runs.

The Sharks clawed their way back into the game in the top of the sixth inning when McCans provided a clutch double RBI homerun tying the game back up at 2-2.

Tampa immediately responded with what was to be the winning runs in the bottom of the sixth, making the game 4-2. NSU was unable to bring the game back in the seventh and final inning.

McCans and Robinson were the bright spark for the Sharks, as they both went two-for-three with McCans scoring one run and hitting in two.

Sharks Finish Fourth in Hoya Invitational
Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

The NSU women’s golf team finished fourth amongst a Division I field of competitors while taking part in the Hoya Women’s Golf Invitational hosted by Georgetown University from March 31 to April 1 at the Members Club at Four Streets.

The Sharks found themselves closing off the opening day in fourth place overall, 11 strokes off Yale who led the tournament after two rounds of play, shooting a total of 614.

Freshman Taylor Collins played a quality two rounds of golf, shooting a solid 74 and 79 to finish with a two-round scoring score of 153, putting her in ninth place – just four strokes back from the individual leader.

Sophomore Maria Garcia Austin finished one shot behind freshman Nicole Whitmore, who stood in a tie for 15th place, shooting a total of 156, keeping NSU’s hopes of a top three finish alive.

On the second day of play, the Sharks were able to hold onto the fourth spot on the leader board despite their fourteen rivaling Division I and II competitors.

Collins once again came up with the goods, shooting two over 74 in the last round of play, giving her a three-round total of 227, which was a score worthy of a fourth-place finish in the individual standings.

Austin also finished strong, shooting a total of 233 to place her ninth overall, which jumped her seven places on the leader board. Whitmore’s solid play was pivotal in securing NSU’s fourth place finish as she came in with a total of 236.

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Dear NSU Community,

It is with great pleasure and pride that I present you with the 20th Student Government Association (2007-2008) State of the University Address. This year’s SGA started off with a daunting task and responsibility: to rebuild and restructure SGA from the ground up. As reflective in our goals, this year we have been committed to making SGA student oriented, collaborative, accountable, professional and the voice of the students. Passion, along with dedication, commitment, good leadership and hard work has served as the bottom line of our administration. The administration has met a lot of success in achieving its goals and serving as the voice of the undergraduate students. I hope you will take the time to read the address and judge for yourself this year’s SGA’s performance. Following are our accomplishments as per the goals we set in the beginning of the year.

Goal #1 Connecting to Students:
NSUSGA is the voice of the students and serves as a liaison between administrators and students. In order to be a true voice and to ensure all sections are represented equally, NSUSGA will make extensive efforts to connect and reach out to as many undergraduate students as possible. To further build a more positive, professional and friendly bond with the administrators, image building, more interaction and communication will serve as the key to success.

Accomplishment of Goal 1:
SGA made huge strides in making a connection with the students and having its presence felt. Following are some of the accomplishments for the above goal.

- Student Issues and Concerns Meeting: SGA meetings were re-structured to make them more student oriented. First and third meetings were re-structured to be bill hearing and resolution, the second meeting was titled “Student Issue and Concern Meeting” to discuss student issues on campus, whereas the fourth meeting was made a leadership development committee session for SGA members to re-group and plan for the future.
- SGA Tuesday: The creation of a monthly event for students to meet and greet student government members, as well as express concerns, in a fun and informal atmosphere. This allowed SGA to better represent student needs.
- SGA Welcome Back Week – SGA hosted the first ever SGA Welcome Back Week in the first week of school in the winter semester to connect to students.
- SGA Welcome Back Week was a full week of events giving students more information about SGA, as well as listening to student’s feedback, suggestions and concerns.
- SGA Seal: SGA designed its own logo to give itself an individual identity. The new seal has also helped students recognize SGA and make a connection.
- SGA Board in Parker – The SGA Board in the Parker second floor was completed and serves as a stationary location for information about SGA to its students. The board has been decorated with goals and updated with SGA meetings dates, a contact list and a calendar to further connect with the students.
- Ask Mr. Shark – The SGA president’s column in The Current – the universities student newspaper. The bi- weekly column sought to answer questions that students might have about the campus.
- SGA at Sharkapalooza – SGA co-sponsored Sharkapalooza with the Office of Student Engagement to help students to connect at NSU and get to know different clubs and organizations on campus. SGA also had a booth present at the event with free give aways and information about SGA for students.
- SGA Campaign “What Has SGA Done for Me Lately” – A campaign started to promote awareness of various things SGA has done for its students. It has provided a better connection between students and SGA.

Goal #2 Addressing Project SERVE
SGA realizes the importance of volunteerism among students in building a better campus community, but at the same time realizes that students, clubs and organizations have raised some concerns about Project SERVE. As the voice of the students, NSUSGA needs to address those concerns with their respective groups and help in reaching a win - win solution or a mutual conclusion.

Accomplishment of Goal 2:

- Member on Civic Engagement Board: SGA was able to get one of its members on the Civic Engagement Board started by Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement to promote volunteerism as well as to work on any suggestions or feedback for Project SERVE. The Civic Board is currently working on a week of volunteer events to provide organizations with plenty of opportunities to do volunteer work as well as planning an “alternative spring break.”
- IOC Meeting for Concern: Project SERVE suggestions and concerns were brought up this year as one of the topics for discussion for clubs and organization led by SGA.

Goal #3 Building a Campus Community / Collaboration: One of the purposes of NSUSGA is uniting the NSU community. Collaborating events and activities with its constituents as well as the administration, faculty, staff and departments will play a vital role. Organizing and planning with DOSA and Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences would be of great importance. This will also provide NSUSGA the opportunity to be the students’ voice in matters of importance.

Accomplishment of Goal 3
As SGA this year has worked very hard on collaboration with different clubs, departments and schools to promote unity, school spirit and create a more dynamic and diverse campus.

- SGA collaborated with AVACS and Student Union Board to host Halloween party in the flight deck for students.
- SGA members are also part of the Food Service Committee with Chartwells to improve the dining experience of its students and NSU Community at large.
- SGA is also part of the Commencement committee. Currently, two of its members serve as the students’ voice in one of the most important events of their life.
- SGA drafted a resolution called Memo of Understanding to create partnership with Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences to fund conferences for pre-professional organizations. Even though the resolution got passed and strongly supported by the Dean of Farquhar, Don Rosneblum, SGA unfortunately could not implement it since Brad Williams, Dean of Student Affairs, raised some concerns and denied the resolution even after acceptance and prior knowledge.
- SGA co-sponsored Sharkapalooza with the Office of Student Engagement for the NSU community.
- SGA co-sponsored the Shark Show with PASA and SUB during Homecoming Week. In addition to that SGA also be hosted the homecoming dance and raft races for the students.
- For the first time, SGA members assisted with planning and organizing CommunityFest, making us the first SGA to get volunteer hours.
- SGA collaborated with the Office of Disabilities and passed a resolution requesting the administration to let the University Center doors remain automatically
Goal # 4 Improving Parking/Transportation on Campus: Parking has been a major issue with undergraduate students and it's high time that NSUSGA makes an effort to address the concerns. The NSUSGA would like to research the topic in order to better discuss it with the students as well as faculty, staff and concerned authorities. Finally, NSUSGA would like to present the topic in the PANSGA for further action.

Accomplishment of Goal 4:
- Worked with administrators to open 700-plus parking spots on campus for commuter students.
- SGA members rode the campus shuttles and shared their experiences with administrators.
- Led the parking concern in PANSGA.
- Met with Office of Facilities to discuss the parking situation and get a better understanding of it.
- Created Parking Survey that was adopted by PANSGA and sent out to all students.
- Did parking surveys at SGA Tuesdays.

Goal # 5 Budget Guidelines/Constitution: The NSUSGA will be undergoing a transition and will be modifying the ways that money is allocated. The purpose is to be fair and consistent with money allocations. With the changes taking place, NSUSGA will make a special effort to reach out and communicate the changes to its constituents as efficiently and effectively as possible to minimize any inconvenience to its constituents as well as the concerned authorities.

Accomplishment of Goal 5
- Adopted new and modified guidelines for money allocation to clubs and organizations, which simplified money allocation.
- Advertised new guidelines through various listservs for organizations to be well aware of them.
- Held budget workshops and new budget guideline workshops to help organizations adapt to the new guidelines and answer any questions or concerns they might have.

Goal # 6 Promoting Leadership, Campus Life and Development of Undergraduate Students: Student leadership development is the process of involving students in meaningful ways, both in and beyond the classroom. It is providing opportunities for students to demonstrate their talents, skills and interests while continuing to develop new skills. It is also about giving students more ownership of the programs they attend. Students bring new energy and ideas to the program. Second, student leadership provides opportunities for students to get involved and to learn skills that can be transferable to the workplace or community. Finally, student leadership deepens each student's commitment to adult literacy and increases the chances that the student will continue to learn. Campus leadership has an abiding commitment to the improvement of campus climate, community and diversity and must seek effective ways to translate that commitment into action. NSUSGA respects student/campus leaders and will make a strong effort to produce future NSU leaders and work with the administrators to provide them with training, opportunities, recognition and other necessary tools as needed.

Accomplishment of Goal 6
- Passed a resolution for recognition at the Commencement Ceremony for Leaders.
- Secured two seats on the Commencement Committee, presented and lobbied the idea to the commencement committee for recognition of graduating leaders at the commencement ceremony.
- Attended IOC meetings and gave special gifts to IOC leaders for their commitment and dedication to NSU and their organization.
- SGA this year nominated for some categories for Student Life Achievement Awards (STUEYS).

Other Outstanding Achievements for SGA This Year:
- Holding an SGA meeting with Dean Don Rosneblum present.
- SGA working with Residential Life to provide fax machines for residential students.
- SGA working with Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences to provide printing stations in the Parker Building.
- SGA sponsored Homecoming witnessing the highest attendance in the history of homecoming with over 300 students attending the event.
- SGA nominated for the Best SGA of The Year at Student Life Achievement Awards 2008.
- SGA lead FRAG petition got over 250 signatures.
- SGA food court survey gets 243 responses.
- SGA Team was the best undergraduate team at the 2007 ethics bowl competition at NSU and went to represent the school at southeast regional ethics bowl debate competition in St. Petersburg. SGA came in eighth place out of 22 teams. This has been the highest rank ever for NSU.
- SGA got 10 volunteer hours for helping with Community Fest, making us the first SGA in the history of NSU to earn volunteer hours.
- First SGA to go technology friendly, SGA is now on WebCT to make SGA more organized and planned as well as to support the SGA Go Green Initiative.
- First SGA to have a full senate in over 5 years.
- First SGA to hold a presidential debate at Quad Thursday for the election process.
- SGA elections had a voting record with over 450 votes being casted.

Please let us know what you think. We look forward to hearing your comments, suggestions and feedback. Please feel free to contact me at bhargava@nova.edu or SGA at nsusga@nova.edu

Remember, SGA is always there for you!
Sincerely,
Akshat Bhargava
Finding out that this film was directed by the sitcom to compete with Whit in a marathon for a competition starts when Doyle decides for something and be the man she has always liked. Doyle's self-appointed assistant coach delivers additional humor to the plot, being watched by the casino's toughest security guard Cole Williams (Laurence Fishburne). Now the team must learn to do their "thing," deal with the pressure while "keeping their cool," however, as you might have guessed, these stories never work out like that.

Due to romance toppled onto typical teenage drama, what could have been a truly interesting thriller turns into a melodramatic love story which happens to take place during one of the most tumultuous times of these students' lives. The movie starts out strong, but the director and producers seemed to have tried too hard by adding in too many subplots, which all ended without satisfaction. There was too much focus on the love and "feeling" rather than on what was going on inside the casinos and the team dynamic itself.

To be honest, I saw this movie because of Kevin Spacey's previous role in "Beyond the Sea," and Ben Sturgess (Across the Universe) was the one who made the film worth its while. Sturgess' previous role in "Across the Universe," a major waste of time to say the least, showed that he definitely has an already versus pressing and 21 proves no different. Even co-star next to the great Spacey, Sturgess takes command of the screen, which is uncommon for a young actor such as himself to accomplish while standing behind veteran co-stars. He is lovable and intelligent, all of which comes through wonderfully in 21.

Spacey's role was probably the best decision in the production crew's mind for this film. He was demanding, as an incredibly intellectual teacher should be, as well as sneaky. If it wasn't for Spacey, these kids wouldn't have so much money, and Spacey's demeanor and attitude reminds you of that throughout the entire film. From his presence in a room to each word he spoke, Spacey took the film straight to the next level and beyond.

Both Sturgess and Spacey fans should be impressed with the work that they both accomplished in this film, I am sure you will enjoy them in the roles of Campbell and Ruga. Overall, the film can be a bit boring, typical and uninteresting, but taken in bit by bit there are definitely parts that make it worth the eight dollar movie ticket or, at the very least, the four dollar rental.

A Good Race for Run Fat Boy Run

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Upon viewing the trailer of this movie, I knew it was a "must see" for me. Finding out that this film was directed by my favorite star, David Schwimmer, from the sitcom "Friends" was just another fantastic kicker for me.

In this silly "underdog" comedy, British comedian, Simon Pegg (Hot Fuzz, Shaun of the Dead), plays Dennis Doyle — a commitment-retarded guy who can never see anything through to the end. Five years earlier, Doyle leaves his fiancée, Libby (Kate Bosworth), runs off with his teammate, Jill Taylor (Kate Bosworth). The pressure is further pushed to its limit when Doyle finally realizes his mistake at Libby. The real excitement begins when Doyle leaves his adorable son, Jake, while still finding the time to fall head over heels for a wealthy, sometimes gross, romantic comedy that functions nicely. Doyle's self-appointed assistant coach delivers additional humor to the plot, making for a great comedy.

Regardless of what most critics have said, Run Fat Boy Run is a funny, sweet, sometimes gross, romantic comedy that deserves to be seen at least twice. It definitely serves as a winning start for Schwimmer's directing career.

Stop-Loss breaks the Mold

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Kimberly Peirce, director of Boys Don't Cry, is known throughout Hollywood for taking unconventional or controversial stories and turning them into something that is accessible for all. In Boys Don't Cry, she challenged the status quo with her exposing on a transgender in the American south. In her most recent film, Stop-Loss, she does something similar by challenging the U.S. Army's policy known as "stop loss." Once decorated Iraq War veteran Sgt. Brandon King's (Ryan Philippe) tour of duty throughout the Middle East has finally come to an end, he returns home to see his family and best friends and then fell behind when fighting. Soon after, he settles back into his new life at home, reconnecting with family and friends. While learning how to be a civilian again, King finds out that he has become the newest victim of the Army's "stop-loss" policy which was also known as the "Back Door Draft." He did his duty and fought through his term, however, now the Army is requiring him to come back and serve another tour. With the support of his friends and family, King must decide what he is going to do and what would be the "right" decision.

With his in-depth character, Ryan Philippe (Flags of Our Fathers, Breaker) brings about some of his best acting since Cruel Intentions in the film Stop-Loss. I would personally like to welcome him back into the "real actors" club seeing as he did an amazing job playing the role of King. He demonstrated both force and feeling, as if these events were actually happening to him. Amongst a sea of young actors, Philippe stands out as he takes control over each and every scene, demanding his audience's attention with every word he says.

Nonetheless, a great deal of credit is due to Peirce. She managed to steer clear of making the film pro- or anti-Iraq War. There was not a direct message about whether or not we should still be in Iraq, or not, or whether or not the war is truly worth its cost, however, you can tell that Peirce deeply sympathizes for American soldiers. Stop-Loss provides its audience with one of those little know injustices that over 80,000 soldiers have become victims of.

Peirce was incredibly fair in the way she portrays soldiers, because in all rationality, not every young man who enlists is a stereotypical violent, racist psychopath. Peirce makes clear to her viewers that these soldiers are regular people who want and year to do something great.

While expectations were initially low for this film and although it doesn't quite match up to Boys Don't Cry, Stop-Loss is a step in the right direction for Peirce. She shows what she is made of and manages to keep it coming up to the very end where a surprise is in store for all. She breaks normal Hollywood conventions by taking this story above and beyond anything I expected. It doesn't matter what your opinions are; Stop-Loss is a war movie which should be appreciated. Get ready to be surprised, delighted and shocked when you see this film; it is definitely worth being seen.
Editor’s Note
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As the pressure of the last month of the semester sets in, it seems school is on everyone’s mind. That’s good for exam week, but too much of one thing is never good. That is to say, you shouldn’t learn everything in a classroom. Perhaps the best thing about the college microcosm is that the pursuit of knowledge has many venues and much variety. NSU has boasted symposiums, famous speakers, more special topics lectures than I can count, and about 18 volumes of The Current. Taking the pursuit off campus doesn’t lose traction. You can tune a radio to NPR and learn about world events or foreign policy. Debates on TV, libraries, museums, the Internet. Yes, knowledge is everywhere. The college microcosm is that the pursuit of learning mediums. Check out the Current Affairs calendar this week and pick something that either interests you or something you don’t know much about. Take the time to learn about other fields of study. It was a long time ago now, but remember the key message of orientation: stay well rounded, and have fun. It's fun. They play every genre of music that touches every student who works out.”

Shane Johnson, Junior, Business Administration

The music is good. It’s hype and makes you want to work out.”
Alex Sarradet, Freshman, Nursing

“I really don’t pay attention to the music, but from what I’ve heard it is repetitive. They play the same songs all the time.”
Monica Henderson, Senior, Nursing

What do you think about the music in the RecPlex?

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Razor Adventures
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Correction
In the story titled “NSU Student Assaulted in The Commons” (Vol. 18, Issue 22, March 31, 2008), eyewitnesses Varun Sharma and Zain Khalid stated that public safety arrived upon the scene roughly 10-15 minutes after the incident occurred. Prior to going to press, an attempt was made to verify this timeline with the Department of Public Safety, but no answers were provided. Post publication, The Current was provided with the following timeline from the Department of Public Safety, based on their video records (written records were not and still have not been disclosed to The Current): The incident was reported at 3:00 p.m. A public safety officer was dispatched at 3:01 p.m. The officer arrived on the scene at 3:02:56 p.m. (approximately 3 minutes after the incident occurred). The first Davie police officer arrived at 3:08 p.m., and two additional Davie police officers arrived at 3:11 p.m.
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