NSU Launches Integrated Web Portal

Kristine Belizaire
Current Affairs Editor

NSU has launched SharkLink, a secure online Web site designed to provide students, staff and faculty members with one main login where they can access all of their NSU applications, including email, WebSTAR and WebCT.

According to the Office of Information Technologies and Digital Media, NSU decided to create SharkLink in order to provide the NSU community with enhanced, streamlined access to NSU's computing resources and Web communication options within an online information portal. "The idea was to take all of the internal resources that we need as staff, faculty and students and put it on a separate homepage," said Dave Dawson, Executive Director of University Relations. Dawson went on to say that the main NSU Web site should be an external home page used to advertise NSU and recruit new students.

NSU patrons will automatically have access to SharkLink free of charge. Users can access SharkLink with their existing NSU e-mail username and password.

New NSU students and employees will have a temporary password sent through e-mail or U.S. Postal Service. When signed on to SharkLink, email can be accessed automatically without having to re-enter any information. SharkLink also gives users the option to modify the design of their channels or links on their personal page. For example, students can subscribe to channels and layouts that fit their individual needs and interests, such as the Alvin Sherman Library or The Shepard Broad Law Library. Once logged in, NSU patrons can view upcoming NSU events, Campus Safety, and activities and organizations. SharkLink also has a Student tab which allows students to view their academic records or pay their tuition bill.

In addition, NSU patrons can join online groups to communicate with others. An online tutorial is available on SharkLink to aid users in setting up online groups and channels. Information sharing can be done through links, chat and messaging boards on SharkLink, which might be appealing to students. "I think it is the most convenient thing. It is the Facebook of NSU," stated Esther Fortune, Special Projects Assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs.

Senior Brandi Garcia is also happy with the new web portal. "I like it. It had all the information that you would need as a student, and it gives you instructions on how to use it," said Garcia. For more information, contact the Office of Information Technologies Help Desk at (954) 262-HELP, Extension 24357, or visit help@nova.edu.

Old and new members of the NSU community gathered in the University Center on Aug. 29 for the third annual "Sharkapalooza." This event is a combination of two NSU traditions, "Got Wood?" and "NSU Exploration Week.

"NSU Exploration Week" took place during the first week of school. Students were given NSU passports for visiting various locations on campus. Students then received raffle tickets for each stamp they collected for a chance to win prizes at "Sharkapalooza." "Sharkapalooza" was the large event that concluded the week. This year, the NSU undergraduate Student Government Association was invited to help co-sponsor the event with the Office of Student Engagement. Other offices in the Division of Student Affairs also pitched in to make this event a success.

At this event, students had a chance to jump out to NSU's very own Vocal Ensemble while learning more about how to get involved with the clubs and organizations on campus.

Among the clubs and organizations were the Pre-Dental Society, Rotaract Club, Caribbean Student Association, Pan-African Association, Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Society and the American Marketing Association.

Senior Jason Green, helped to recruit members for AMA. "We are looking forward to transforming this campus to the next level," said Green. "Our mission is to help students build relationships with the people that they need to build relationships with." Greek Life at NSU was also present at the event, with step performances from Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Zeta Phi Beta, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, and Lambda Theta Phi.

Between step performances, students anxiously awaited their ticket numbers to be called, as a $500 scholarship, a three-day cruise and a free car for a year, courtesy of Rick Case Automotive Group, were up for grabs.

The grand-prize winner of the free car for a year was sophomore Alexander St. Preux. "It's amazing," he said as he stood by his new Honda Civic. "Young money." For photo highlights of this event, turn to page 8.
Students Storm the Dorms

Alexis Irias
Staff Writer

On Aug. 22 - 24 parents and students arrived from all over the world to move into the Leo Goodwin Residence Hall.

Anxious freshmen waited in line as the surge of nerves and excitement rushed through them. They approached the check-in procedure not caring about anything else but getting their keys and unpacking their belongings.

Students and parents carried dozens of boxes filled with things to be unloaded in the dorm room these freshman will be residing in for the next 10 months. As the lines to the elevator got longer, helpful fraternity and sorority members carried and pushed dollies overloaded with boxes and containers. New NSU residents were surprised when Delta Phi Epsilon greeted them with cheers and excitement.

The office of Residential Life and Housing, also known as ResLife, was impressed to see that this year the lines weren't up to the parking lot.

"People were extremely eager last year and lined up at 5 a.m. to move in," said Jessica Bostock, Training and Development Coordinator of ResLife. "But this year thanks to collaboration efforts during new student orientations, Residential Life was able to make this year's move in much smoother. We were able to tell families not to rush but to take time moving in as we had ample people willing to assist throughout the day," Bostock said.

Some students are lucky because they will be able to choose who they will be living with. However, most will have to experience for the first time what sharing is, and mostly how to compromise and coexist with complete strangers.

Jessica James, a freshman who just moved into Goodwin, commented on what she thought about the overall on-campus experience. "It's nice. I like my roommate and the RA's are nice and helpful. The rooms are also clean," she said as she expressed her excitement towards this coming year.
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NSU Graduates
Inaugural Class of
Anesthesiologist Assistants

On July 24, 2098, students of the College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences walked across the stage to receive their degrees during the College's inaugural Convocation ceremony.

Twenty-nine students received the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, each representing the first class of students in the new program. These students represent the first graduating class of the only Anesthesiologist Assistant Program in Florida.

Many of the students expressed that this was a significant milestone for their careers, and the positive energy of the event was felt by all. "We felt like heroes," said Rebecca Brown, a student who recently graduated from a career in physical therapy. "The professors gave us a lot of attention, classmates were supportive, and the ceremony was intense and unlike anything we've ever experienced before." Robert Wagner, Program Director and James Lunsford, President of the NSU College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, shared the book "Everybody Poops," by Taro Gomi, to remind themselves to keep it simple.

Congratulations Graduates of the Health Professions Division

Robert Wagner, director of the Anesthesiologist Assistant program and James Lunsford, President of the Anesthesiologist Assistants program committee, share the book "Everybody Poops," by Taro Gomi, to remind themselves to keep it simple.

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Graduates of the Health Professions Divisions (Continued)

Kelly Kelps, Michael Pitter, Amy Starr, members of the 2008 graduating class of Vascular Sonography. Members of the inaugural class of Anesthesiology Assistants, Jillian Clapner, Shane Lloyd, James Lunsford.

Emmanuel Bathelemy, received an award for attending every day of class, labs and clinicals. Michael Pitter, was presented with the prestigious Chancellor’s Award. Lyn Mawell-Fehner was presented the Deans Award, which is presented to a student graduating with the highest scholastic achievement.

Dr. Judy Parker, Associate Professor/Faculty Advisor for the Student Occupational Therapy Association, Occupational Therapy Department. Recipient of the Golden Apple Award.
NSU Vocal Ensemble performs. This could be you! For more information on how to become a choir member please contact Lesa Phillips at lesa@nova.edu.

Members David Leyva, Annie Amaro, Pedro DaSilva, and Rob Vogel of The Latin American Student Organization (LASO) celebrate fun with a drum. Amaro said that the organization "is a great way to meet people and spread diversity through NSU's community."

Rene Blake, O'Brien Duhaney, and Melanie Denny, members of Alpha Kappa Psi, an international co-ed professional business fraternity.

Kayla Revelus, Shelly-Ann Gregg, Aline Bantou, and Kerece Grant, members of Raw Xplosion Modeling Troupe. Interest meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Mailman-Hollywood building. For more information contact Kerece at kerece@nova.edu.

Carleen Pallante and Camille Wright, employees of the Office of Career Development encourage students to attend the Career Fair which is coming up October 7. For more information please visit www.nova.edu/career.

Sarah Silverstein, President of the NSU Chapter of Hillel. Sloane Rosenberg and Gary Wolff of Hillel of Broward and West Palm Beach. Diane Klein, Assistant Director of Internship, the Office of Career Development.

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Giovanna Rivano, member of the Psychology Club, blows bubbles at her booth.

Kiarra Sequete and Danielle Schwartzberg, both Marine Biology majors, happily accept their Shark Discount Card which offers a 10 percent discount to NSU students from various local businesses. For more information on participating vendors go to http://www.nova.edu/studentengagement/discount/maincampus.
Radnee Anib, member of Alpha Phi Omega interacts with Nena Lara, a member of LASO at their "Feed the Shark" booth.

Max Turnbull and Jason Heidgerken feed hungry patrons with samples of their delicious MOE'S Southwest Grill burritos and chips and salsa.

Nova Lishon-Savarino, a 15-year-old biology major, talks to Britannica Jeffers. Jeffers is a member of the Residential Student Association, a resident-run organization. She stated that their "purpose is to represent the residential student body and voice any concerns that these people may have to ResLife and SGA."

Elizabeth Gist, Katie Scheuener and Tina Gist, also members of Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity.

Tatiana Riesgo, Secretary, Michelle Rushinsky, Vanessa Moody, executive board members of Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Society.

Michelle Manley, Director of Radio X, a WNSU station, Maureen Dookie and Kimberly Galer from the Office of First Year and Transitional Programs and Carleen Rubante, man the barrel of raffle tickets to make sure no one cheats. For more information about this office please contact Dan Sullivan at sullivan@nova.edu.

John Rubinov, Philipp Kromer, Sakthi Murugan, pose proudly as founding E-Board members, of the Rotaract Club, a youth rotary organization that does international humanitarian service projects around the world. Their first project is in Uganda, Africa where they will be offering vaccines, books, and first aid kits to people in need. For more information go to rotaract.org.

The ladies of Chicks on Point, also joined in on the festive step show. They were founded in 2002 and are here to bring people together with their stepping and entertainment endeavors.
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08-09 NSU Sports

What to Watch for in the Fall
Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

Men’s Soccer

Looking back, NSU’s men’s soccer team had an amazing 2007 season with an astounding 15 freshmen who took Sharks all the way to a top ranking of second in the nation as they capped off the regular season with a 11-5-1 record.

As for the 2008 men’s soccer season, Fin-atics expect great success from the Sharks which are currently ranked third within the Sunshine State Conference in the pre-season poll.

To sharks look-forward to the return of 2007’s Conference-layer of the Year, Junior Romain Outeain along with fellow All-SSC First Team •Top scorer Forward Aly Hassan.

Women’s Volleyball

The Sharks women’s volleyball team looks forward to their up coming season after having completed their most successful year in program history. This resulted in their first ever bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Sharks who smashed numerous NSU records in the following categories: kills, attacks, hitting percentage, assists, aces, blocks, and having the best season on record with a 26-10 season.

The Sharks Volleyball Team has set another record prior to the beginning of the season with their first ever pre-season national ranking of 24 in the United States. The 2007 Women’s Volleyball Coach of the Year, Steve Velecosky, will return with the hopes of propelling the Sharks even further during the 2008 season.

A few players to definitely watch out for this year, would be senior veterans Christina Chubb, Valentina Petrova and All-SSC Second Team selection Melinda Gorman, as they look to capture SSC gold this season.

Men’s Cross Country

Upon completing the 2007 season with a third place finish in the SSC Championships to go along with a seventh place finish at the NCAA Regional Tournament, the men’s cross country team is ready to compete for their first-ever SSC Title this 2008 season.

Without question, the runner to watch for this season is 2007’s SSC Male Runner of the Year, senior Eskender Abdalla, with five top ten finishes in the Sharks six races.

Women’s Cross Country

The women’s cross country team enjoyed a third place finish at the SSC Championships in 2007, but are looking to improve on their 26th place overall finish at the NCAA Regional Competition.

Junior Tim Haddock returns as the runner to watch for in the 2008 season seeing as she led the Sharks in six of their seven races as well as having earned SSC Runner of the Week honors and is looking to build on her 2007 breakout year.

On Campus NSU Sports Facilities

Jiro Coenraad
Staff Writer

Nova Southeastern University is home to a number of athletic facilities where students are able to catch all the live Sharks action free of charge. From a 4,500 spectator arena, to a brand new soccer field, the teams have the luxury of an on campus sports facility looking forward to seeing large crowds out in the stands as the 2008-2009 athletic year kicks into gear.

First on the list is the year old 366,000 square foot, multi-use University Center, more commonly known as the UC. This facility’s arena has been dubbed the “Shark Tank” and houses the women’s volleyball team along with both the men’s and women’s basketball teams. The UC is within walking distance from the dormitories and students are able to grab their tickets upon entry at the box office. All attendees should feel free to take fall advantage of the concession stands and restrooms, sit back and enjoy the action!

A new feature to NSU Athletics this year is the gorgeously green soccer complex located just behind Leo Goodman Hall. The new soccer complex not only seats a grand total of 1,000 spectators but students can literally spot the games from their dorm room windows as NSU hopes to increase Shark athletics fan base. Fans are able to receive their ticket at the gate and concessions are available throughout the games.

NSU is proud to make known that it is home to one of the finest soccer facilities in all of South Florida which comes fully equipped with accommodations for 500 spectators, concession stands and restrooms. Fantastic amenities are made accessible for the student athletes from the complex’s spacious bustling bays and dugouts to the beautifully playing field. Located near the Health Professions Divisions (HPD) building just across from the Miami Dolphins Training Facility students are encouraged to support their NSU soccer team this upcoming season.

Lastly, the AD Griffin Sports Complex, home to our NSU softball team is located directly across from the Miami Dolphins Training Facility. The softball complex offers a stunning game field which overlooks HPD and a practice field with restrooms and concessions available throughout the games.

With tremendous athletic facilities spread throughout NSU’s campus and stellar athletes performing in them, NSU Athletics is eager to see enthusiastic "Fin-atics" out in the stands for all of the Sharks home games this fall, winter and spring.

Fin-atics

Tim Coenraad
Staff Writer

Just over three years ago, the NSU community came together in an effort to build a better sense of school spirit amongst the university’s small world of athletics. Student fans would gather together before sporting events to make banners and t-shirts, show their support and enthusiasm for the student athletes at their respective competitions. It was not long before NSU Athletics jumped on the bandwagon and got involved in what quickly became known as the “Shark Fin-atics.”

NSU Athletics has now taken the "Shark Fin-atics" a step further with the establishment of "The Official NSU Fin-atics Fan Club" with hopes of reaching even greater heights of school spirit and fellowship amongst students.

The goal of club is to help increase attendance, fan support and overall excitement at all NSU athletic events. For five dollars, fans can become an official member of the club. The membership comes with a "Fin-atics FinCard" for incentives, a "Fin-atics" shirt, access to the "Fin-atics Fan Club" section at NSU home athletic events, and eligibility for give aways at home NSU athletic events.

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"Fin-atics" Frenzy

Nova Southeastern University is home to a number of athletic facilities where students are able to catch all the live Sharks action free of charge. From a 4,500 spectator arena, to a brand new soccer field, the teams have the luxury of an on campus sports facility looking forward to seeing large crowds out in the stands as the 2008-2009 athletic year kicks into gear.

First on the list is the year old 366,000 square foot, multi-use University Center, more commonly known as the UC. This facility’s arena has been dubbed the “Shark Tank” and houses the women’s volleyball team along with both the men’s and women’s basketball teams. The UC is within walking distance from the dormitories and students are able to grab their tickets upon entry at the box office. All attendees should feel free to take full advantage of the concession stands and restrooms, sit back and enjoy the action!

A new feature to NSU Athletics this year is the gorgeously green soccer complex located just behind Leo Goodman Hall. The new soccer complex not only seats a grand total of 1,000 spectators but students can literally spot the games from their dorm room windows as NSU hopes to increase Shark athletics fan base. Fans are able to receive their ticket at the gate and concessions are available throughout the games.

NSU is proud to make known that it is home to one of the finest soccer facilities in all of South Florida which comes fully equipped with accommodations for 500 spectators, concession stands and restrooms. Fantastic amenities are made accessible for the student athletes from the complex’s spacious bustling bays and dugouts to the beautifully playing field. Located near the Health Professions Divisions (HPD) building just across from the Miami Dolphins Training Facility students are encouraged to support their NSU soccer team this upcoming season.

Lastly, the AD Griffin Sports Complex, home to our NSU softball team is located directly across from the Miami Dolphins Training Facility. The softball complex offers a stunning game field which overlooks HPD and a practice field with restrooms and concessions available throughout the games.

With tremendous athletic facilities spread throughout NSU’s campus and stellar athletes performing in them, NSU Athletics is eager to see enthusiastic "Fin-atics" out in the stands for all of the Sharks home games this fall, winter and spring.

Fin-atics

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Just over three years ago, the NSU community came together in an effort to build a better sense of school spirit amongst the university’s small world of athletics. Student fans would gather together before sporting events to make banners and t-shirts, show their support and enthusiasm for the student athletes at their respective competitions. It was not long before NSU Athletics jumped on the bandwagon and got involved in what quickly became known as the “Shark Fin-atics.”

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Sharks Attack and Create an Upset

Laura Starr
Editor-in-Chief

The killer Sharks of the women's volleyball team defeated the Southwest Minnesota State Mustangs in the University Center Arena on Aug. 29.

This was an upset, as the Minnesota Mustangs are ranked #12 nationally, compared to our lady Sharks ranking #24, with a final score of 27-25.

Performance standouts included Molly Sigerich, Downers Grove, Ill., #5, who led the team with 17 kills, according to NSU Athletics. Equally notable digging efforts were also made by Valia Petrova and Melinda Gorman.

Gorman, Sarasota, Fla., #16, was also a fine contributor in kills, in that the opponent was not able to take defense on the ball. She commented on how the game will help the Sharks in the future. "We've just seen how we measured up in the nation and it feels really good."

Steve Wilcosky, head coach of the team, hoarsely voiced what this game meant to him. "This was obviously a great team that we played, and it was so nice to see our hard work paying off. Our girls are just staying disciplined and making big things happen."

Spectator, Raquel Beson, former college athlete and current AVP beach volleyball professional said that "excellent coaching and execution by players," lead to the game's success.

She and Assistant Coach Michelle Piantadosi are also teammates on the professional AVP beach volleyball circuit. Collegiate and professional experience in tow, Beson commented on the team's overall talent and promise. "I think they have the potential to be one of the top teams in the nation. Definitely national championship type material."

Fall Sport Home Games

AUGUST
Volleyball Tournament: 8/29/08-8/30/08
8-29-08 Game 1: Volleyball vs. Alderson @ 3pm
Game 2: Volleyball vs. Southwest Minnesota @ 7pm
8-30-08 Game 1: Volleyball vs. California @ 12pm
Game 2: Volleyball vs. Puerto Rico @ 3pm

SEPTEMBER
9-5-08 Men's Soccer vs. Warner Southern @ 7pm
9-7-08 Men's Soccer vs. Lake Erie @ 11:30am
9-11-08 Women's Soccer vs. PBA @ 7pm
9-14-08 Women's Soccer vs. Lynn @ 6pm

DOUBLE HEADER
9-19-08 Men's Soccer vs. St. Thomas @ 6pm
9-20-08 Men's Soccer vs. Dowling @ 8pm
9-24-08 Women's Soccer vs. Barry @ 7pm
9-30-08 Volleyball vs. Florida Tech @ 7pm

DOUBLE HEADER
9-27-08 Women's Soccer vs. Thomas @ 6pm
9-27-08 Men's Soccer vs. Thomas @ 8pm

OCTOBER
10-3-08 Women's Soccer vs. Flagler @ 7pm
10-4-08 Men's Soccer vs. Lynn @ 7pm
10-8-08 Men's Soccer vs. Barry @ 7pm
10-8-08 Women's Soccer vs. Florida Tech @ 5pm
10-10-08 Volleyball vs. PBA @ 7pm
10-11-08 Volleyball vs. Rollins @ 4pm
10-11-08 Men's Soccer vs. PBA @ 7pm
10-15-08 Men's Soccer vs. N. Georgia @ 7pm
10-21-08 Women's Soccer vs. Eckerd @ 4pm
10-21-08 Volleyball vs. Barry @ 7pm
10-22-08 Men's Soccer vs. Eckerd @ 7pm
10-31-08 Volleyball vs. Eckerd @ 7pm

DOUBLE HEADER
10-25-08 Men's Soccer vs. Florida Tech @ 7pm
10-25-08 Women's Soccer vs. Northwood @ 5pm

NOVEMBER
11-1-08 Volleyball vs. Tampa @ 4pm
11-7-08 Volleyball vs. Florida Southern @ 7pm
11-8-08 Volleyball vs. St. Leo @ 4pm
11-11-08 Volleyball vs. Lynn @ 7pm

**BOLD = Sunshine State Conference Games**

**All Volleyball Games are on the Main Court in the University Center Arena (free admission for students)**

**All Men's & Women's Soccer Games are on the field directly behind Leo Goodwill Dorms (free admission for students)**
Paradigm of Life
Racquel Fagon
Variety Editor

As I stood on the edge of the Marfa Bridge and stared transfixed into the murky maelstrom, I felt fifty feet beneath me, I began to see the occurrences that led up to this life-hanging moment.

The day began like every other, since I turned thirteen and decided to live outside the smothering hate and abuse my mother bestowed on me from the day she discovered I was pregnant: I got out of bed, went into the bathroom, looked into the mirror and told myself: I have a purpose in this world where my life is my responsibility and my mother isn’t to be blamed.

All my life, I had tried countless times to understand her and anger, because I knew being raped had to be hard, even for the strongest person and then to conceive a child from that maelstrom, even more unwanted seed that grew in the soil hardened to Florida State University, I packed my life in a grand reality. While working on the play, I felt betrayed and lied to. I believed that maybe it would be better if we started to get to the side door of the dorm, because I didn’t see Tami for four weeks, until the incident.

I followed her along the sparsely lit walkway, hiding strategically, that when she turned around or asked if someone was there, I was tacked away, safely and patiently waiting to act. As she approached an outgrown of fear, I knew it was the perfect place. She was jugging now, breathing heavily and looking frightened and uncertain. I could sense she was afraid of what she couldn’t see but known was there; an ideal atmosphere for my imminent actions.

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The Best of the lot [in no particular order]:

**"American Teen"**

The concept of this documentary film is brilliant—find a high school in some small town in the Mid-West, then find one teenager from every imaginable clique at the high school, and film their trials and tribulations as they go through the school year. It seems simple, and possibly a bit boring, but "American Teen" is deeper and richer than you think.

**"The Last Mistress"**

Catherine Breillat is the queen of French cinema, and "The Last Mistress" proves that point more than any other film so far. Starring the incredible Asia Argento, "The Last Mistress" explores violence, sexuality, love, relationships, and the dark secrets of aristocratic men and women. "The Last Mistress" points out human flaws and exploits them, only to show that they are inescapable and irreversible.

**"Henry Poole is Here"**

It is one of those films that comes along to tell you that what you are feeling or thinking or doing is not unknown to others!

**"The Dark Knight"**

Not only one of the best films of the summer, but one of the best superhero films ever made.

**"Pineapple Express"**

These guys are good, really good at what they do. Although "Pineapple Express" does fall a little short compared to other Rogen & Goldberg films, what was once described as a stoner-action-comedy, "Pineapple Express" became so much more.

**"The Love Guru"**

Not only was it not funny, but it was condescending and annoying, too.

**"The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor"**

It was not as bad as "Indiana Jones," but still one of the worst of the summer. One of the biggest faux pas in filmmaking is to make a sequel that features different actors or actresses in already established roles, and "The Mummy" did just that. Besides that serious mistake [Rachel Weisz, why did you ever leave?], The Mummy III has too much action; mysticism, and stupid jokes to be anywhere near as good as the first of this series.

The Worst of the lot [in no particular order]:

**"Tropic Thunder"**

Like most people, I actually had high hopes for this film considering the cast and the seemingly hilarious plot synopsis. However, "Tropic Thunder" fell short, way short, of what could even be considered a remotely decent movie. Much like "The Love Guru", "Tropic Thunder's" humor focused mostly on injuries, mental capacities, and genitalia.

**"You Don't Mess with the Zohan"**

What is it with Hollywood's obsession with toilet humor and clichés that makes them release a film like "Zohan"? Not only was it not funny, but it was condescending and annoying, too.

**"Indiana Jones: The Kingdom of the Crystal Skull"**

Aliens? Really? Come on, George Lucas; get your head out the stars. This has to be, at the very least, the most disappointing film of the summer (the most disappointing film of all time. Not only was the premise horrible, but Cate Blanchett's shoddy acting made any scene with her in it almost unbearable.

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Should Students be Hallowed to Use Cell Phones in the Library?

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When I think of the library, I see it as a place for students, staff, and faculty to go to study, find a new book to read, use the computer, and most of all, a place that is quiet and relaxing, giving people time to reflect or think. This atmosphere is maintained because everyone who walks into the library knows other people are there to take advantage of the peace and quiet. Cell phones disrupt fellow library-goers with their blaring ring tones, the buzzing sounds of their vibrating option, or the intense clicking of someone writing a text message or an e-mail. The library is almost like a sanctuary for people who get out of their noisy dorm rooms, away from their siblings and pets, away from their kids and family members, so that they can have the complete concentration everyone deserves.

I'm not saying people should not bring their cell phones into the library, I'm simply asking on behalf of all those annoyed library-goers, for people to turn them off, take the vibration option off, ignore that text message for two seconds, or just go to the "cell phone areas" that are provided for you in the library. Has this society been sucked so far up into the vortex of progress that we cannot go for two hours without being away from our cell phones, computers, or PDAs?

Cell phones also aid to relieve temporarily fried brains, by playing a game of "Cannonball" on their cell phones. Some people use their cell phones to listen to music, something that soothes their mind, enabling them to block out the tones, the buzzing sounds of their vibrating phones.

However, that is the reason cell phones have more than just incoming and outgoing calls features. There are also text messaging, internet messaging, Wi-Fi technology, so you can send and receive e-mails. These are all ways of communicating on a cell phone without having to talk.

Even NSU has made use of these other features with their alert system. In case of an emergency, a text message is sent to all students' cell phones alerting them to the situation. However, if cell phones must be off at the library, or students are not allowed to bring cell phones into the library, they will never be able to receive the alert.

People need their cell phones at the library, as much as other places, because they are personal life lines. Being without a cell phone is like being on a 95 naked, deaf, and blind.
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