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Students Weigh On-NSU's New-Shuttle System

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Staff Writer

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On Oct. 1, the Office of Facilities Management (OFM) released its "new and improved" campus and residential Shark Shuttle Bus System.

The new Shark Shuttle has extended its route, which will now include trips to Publix and the Broward Mall from Rolling Hills and Leo Goodwin residence halls. The schedule has also improved such that a shuttle will pass every 10 minutes.

Until now, there have been complaints about the limited routes and long bus-stop waits. "I've been really dissatisfied with our shuttle service," said Velmir Seignon, resident student and legal studies major. "I don't have a car, so I rely on the shuttles heavily. I just wish they would do something about this problem to help us out."

Sentiments like these have been expressed by members of the NSU community who have ridden the Shark Shuttle.

"It's a bit of a walk," said Nina Shah, a resident biology major, who commented on the distance between her dorms and her classes. "In the past I've chosen to walk instead of waiting on the shuttle because it would take even longer. And since it takes me about 10 minutes to get to class, sometimes I have to leave about 10 minutes early to make it on time."

However, for other students who chose not to walk the long distances, the Shark Shuttle is the only other option. For this reason, NSU's OFM sought to improve the system.

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History Made in 2008 Election

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With the presidential election behind us, people in the NSU community are still talking about the historic election that took place on Nov. 4. After nearly two long years of campaigning, the American people will be the 44th president of the United States of America. History was made as Obama became the first African American to be elected as President.

According to Holly Torsit of the Youth Vote Coalition, "21 million people ages

Who Will be the Biggest Loser?

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Manager, is responsible for implementing the recent changes. "When I came in this year, the phones were ringing off the hook every day," said McGuire. "There were lots of complaints about the service. This was a major problem for the students, this year, the phones were ringing off the hook again due to the recent changes. "When I came in as the new manager, I was able to see the improvements. The new GPS system that lets students use their phones to see where the shuttles are, has been a big improvement. We have seen an increase in the number of students using the shuttles. The green and orange Rolling Hills Express shuttles are hard to miss. Shah further commented on the positive changes she had seen regarding the shuttle service. "For our college students, time is money. I'm thankful that I'm getting to my classes much quicker because the buses are more efficient."

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NSU Community Comments

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Monday
Nov. 10
"My Strange and Wonderful Florida"
Patricia Wickman, Ph.D., will give a lecture surrounding the geography and the land of Florida. The lecture will begin at 10 a.m. in the Lifelong Learning Institute, located at 3424 South University Drive in Davie, FL. For more information, please call (954) 262-8471.

Tuesday
Nov. 11
"Posing Off: Performance and Body Language on the Jamaican Stage"
Andrea Shaw, Ph.D., assistant professor at NSU, will look at reggae dancehall album covers and discuss the seductive yet indifferent ways that the bodies pose for the camera. This lecture will take place at 12 p.m. in Room 240 of the Parker Building. For more information, please contact Jim Dean, Ph.D., professor in the Division of Humanities, at dean@nova.edu.

Wednesday
Nov. 12
Career Management at NSU
The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Career Development will host an interactive reception and career management discussion by the Wharton Club of South Florida. The reception will begin at 6 p.m. in Room 1034/1035 and will be followed by a panel discussion at 7 p.m. in the Knight Auditorium. For more information, contact the Office of Career Development at (954) 262-7201.

Thursday
Nov. 13
Debate Between NSU Students and Great Britain Students
Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences will sponsor an exhibition debate titled "The United States Should Cease Acting As the World's Moral Police." The debate will be between students from the British National Debate Team and undergraduate students from NSU at 5:30 p.m. in the second-floor gallery of Alvin Sherman Library. For more information, please contact Jennifer Reem at reemj@nova.edu.

Friday
Nov. 14
"The Dining Room"
The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences Division of Performing Arts will showcase A.R. Gurney’s "The Dining Room," which explores the decline of the dining room as the center of family relations. The NSU production will feature eight student actors who will depict 58 different characters in 19 different time periods, from the 1930s to the present. The production on Nov. 14, 15 and 20-22 will begin at 7:30 p.m. For reservations, please e-mail nsutheatre@nova.edu or call (954) 262-8179.
Tuesday Nov. 4 was a historical day in United States history. In an election that broke voter records, Americans chose their first African-American President. So on Election Day, Lucky 13 put on a lecture to raise awareness of what happens when you do not vote.

In partnership with the student initiative "step iT up," Lucky 13 took registered students to vote in Shark Shuttles. For those who did not vote or had already done "step iT up," they brought Brad Williams, Dean of Student Affairs to raise awareness of what happens when you do not vote.

"How do you get someone interested in something they’ve always had?" asked Williams rhetorically about democracy. Williams started his lecture with a brief history of the role of schools in democracy. He also brought a game to obtain students feedback on several proposed legislations. "Take a Chance" consisted of a "craps table," on which students would roll dice and get a card with the number they rolled. Each card had a legislation which was proposed either on state or national level. Every time a student got a card it was read out loud and everyone voted thumbs up or down depending whether they agreed or not.

The game got very heated at some points because students discussed their reasons for voting a certain way. Some of the legislations included lowering the drinking age to 18, whether the government should be allowed to view social security files to prevent terrorism, lowering the speed limit of highways to 55 miles per hour, among others.

In a solemn moment, Dean Williams took time "to ôr in the game to show and explain to students the struggle through which women suffered only 88 years ago in order to have a voice in this country and vote."

" trick or Treat," which was designed so that students could take democracy for granted was a nice change for students. "We learned about how people struggled to get us where we are and Dean-Williams kept our attention engaged the whole time. It was great. It wasn’t boring because of the game. I wouldn’t have changed anything," said freshman Anthony Garcia-Lez.

The next Lucky 13 will be called "It’s Never Too Early to Plan 4 the Future." It will be held on Nov. 4 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 3049 of the Carl DeSantis Building.

For more information, you may contact Dalis Dominguez, Ph.D., at (954) 262-8485.

On Nov. 6, the Office of Residential Life put on a campus housing fair designed to give students the opportunity to meet with realtors and leasing agents in the Broward County area.

"The idea is to get property development and community partners to have a first-hand interaction with the students," said Jamie Rodriguez, Graduate Assistant for Housing. "We want them to know that they (property development and community partners) are here to work with them and offer them discounts," she said. According to Rodriguez, discounts could include waiving the application fee for NSU students.

The participating communities at the fair included Grove East in Plantation, Camden Apartments and Whispering Palms.

"We are very close by to the university, and we would like to offer our services to students at a low price," said Angie Peralta; community manager for Sawyer Realty Holdings, a company that manages Whispering Palms.

Present at the fair was Jennifer Joseph, president of the Commuter Student Organization (CSO). "The realtors are very nice and have a great connection with the students," she said. "They are always willing to give things to the students."

Since the event is mainly geared to commuter students, Joseph used it as an opportunity to inform students about CSO. "We want to recruit members and let them know about what we offer," said Joseph.

Freshman Tiahana Doglas found the fair to be helpful. "It’s really nice," she said. "They have a lot of nice apartments available for students. Nova spoils us, and they are always trying to help us, even if we don’t live on campus."

For more information about off-campus housing, contact Jamie Rodriguez at yaileimu@nova.edu. For more information about CSO, contact Jennifer Joseph at josephje@nova.edu.

Freshman Adrian Patron rolls the dice as part of "Take a Chance."
NISA to Host International Students Week

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Current Affairs Editor

From Nov. 17 - 23, Nova International Student Association (NISA) will celebrate diversity at NSU.

"[International Students' Week] is to recognize the presence and contribution of international students at NSU," said Ronald Mabunga, Graduate Assistant for International Student Affairs. He added that there are about 1,000 international students who attend NSU, either online or at one of the campuses. "The mere fact that they choose NSU to study is a contribution," said Mabunga.

NISA has collaborated with several offices on campus to put this week together. These offices include the Office of Career Development, International Students and Scholars and Student Financial Services and Registration.

International Students' Week will feature both educational and social services to students. The educational events will take place on Nov. 17, 18, 19 and 21 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 1047 of the Carl DeSantis Building. These events will provide international students with career information and tips that they can use to improve their resumes. The workshops will also provide them with information on the H-1B Visa and ways to secure employment after graduation.

Belinda Thomas, President of NISA, thinks that the workshops will be beneficial to students. "The information that will be presented at the workshops being held during this week is of critical importance to students. The information that will be presented at the workshops being held during this week is of critical importance to students," said Thomas.

Social events include NSU Sub-Thursday at 11 a.m. on Nov. 20, where all students can gather and network on The Flight Deck PATB in an info. NISA will also host a trip to South Miami Beach on Nov. 22 at 10 a.m. This trip will allow students to have fun in an off-campus setting and enjoy the sights that South Beach has to offer.

International Students' Week will come to an end with an International Thanksgiving Dinner in the atrium of the Carl DeSantis Building on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 5 p.m. This event is designed to give international students the opportunity to celebrate the sacrifices we have made by leaving our homes, our friends and our families to seek out something better. It is a time when we can bask in the glow of all the things we have achieved in the time we have been here. In addition, it is a time when we can showcase the diverse culture and heritage of our birthplace, taking a moment to teach those who may not know where we are from and what makes us who we are, stated Thomas.

For a complete list of events, or to RSVP, contact Ronald Mabunga at mabunga@nova.edu, or Belinda Thomas at belinda@nova.edu.

Flick On the Field - "Iron Man"

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On Nov. 4, NSU's Student Union Board (SUB) hosted "Flick on the Field", in front of The Commons Residential Hall Court Yard. Almost 100 students and staff gathered around to watch "Iron Man," a 2008 superhero film based on the Marvel Comics' character, directed by Jon Favreau.

The film stars Robert Downey Jr. as Tony Stark, a billionaire industrialist and master engineer with a plethora of playboy vices who builds a powered exoskeleton and becomes the technologically advanced superhero, Iron Man.

"Iron Man was such a cool movie, I saw it once already, but I couldn't deny myself to watch it over and over again," said sophomore Nena Lara.

Students were gathered around on blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the movie while SUB served sodas, chips and popcorn.

"I wish SUB does this more often! It was so nice to see so many people gathered together watching a movie," said sophomore John Rubinov, a biology major.

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Men's Basketball

Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor

NSU's men's basketball team took on Florida International University on Nov. 6 in an exhibition game which allowed the Sharks to see some quality competition before the regular season begins later this month.

The Sharks didn't get off to the best start as they struggled with the speed of FIU's Golden Panther's, taking them into the half down by 11 points, 35-24. NSU kicked off the second half with much better direction tallying together 51 points to take the lead for the first time in the game with five minutes left, 51-50. FIU managed to tie the game up by 57-57 a piece, and with just 30 seconds left, Golden Panther Matt Domingez sunk a crucial three-point shot for the victory.

Freshman Iran Hollis lead the Sharks with 16 rebounds and nine points followed by fellow freshman Teddy Tassy with nine points, all coming from three-pointers. NSU opens the regular season at 5:00 p.m. on Nov. 15 vs. Southern Arkansas in the West Florida Classic in Pensacola, Fla.

Rowing Regatta

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Staff Writer

NSU's women's rowing team competed on Nov. 1 for their second race of the 2008 fall season in a tri-meet against the University of Miami and Barry University. However, in contrast to their usual performance, the Sharks did not come to much success.

The Sharks Varsity 8+ 'A' boat finished with a time of 17:15.5 in the 3K race to place them fourth while the 'B' boat finished just behind with a time of 17:50.9 to take fifth. Varsity 4+ boat battled it out on a 4K race course. The Sharks' 'A' boat came in 8th with a time of 15:46.0 while the 'B' boat overpowered the 'C' boat to finish sixth and eighth respectively.

Although the Sharks were disappointed with their overall placement in the regatta, the team stated that they know they have 3 lots to work on but they are all willing to put in the time and effort because they know that is what it takes to win and they believe they are winners.

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Fan of the Week

Chris Balaban
Staff Writer

Senior dance major, Jimmi Singh, sported a stylish jersey on his way to support NSU's men's and women's soccer team. Singh's passion for dance and theatre's, combined with his outstanding support for Sharks Athletics makes him NSU's "FAN OF THE WEEK!"

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**Volleyball**

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Sport Editor

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