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LAURA STARR & LAUREN AURIGEMMA
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF & MANAGING EDITOR

In the University Center Arena on Jan. 28, President Ray Ferrero, Jr., addressed the faculty and staff to give a general idea of the results from the Gallup poll in 2008.

After a short movie was shown about how “We are NSU,” Ferrero opened the speech with a jovial comment about NSU participation and involvement. “If we offer lunch or bagels in the morning, we get one heck of a turn out,” Ferrero commented.

Joking aside, the main purpose of this gathering was to celebrate the accomplishments of NSU and to give thanks to the valuable team members who have propelled the progress of the institution.

This event also conveyed the message that the administration has heard the voices of the students, faculty and staff, and that if the budget had enough money left to put on a full homecoming this year, but decided to keep a portion of SGA’s money to allocate funds for the upcoming SGA projects,” said Campenni.

Michael Rasmussen, a senior accounting major and SGA vice president, agrees. “I think that the money SGA allocates should be evenly and fairly distributed between all of the clubs and organizations as well as special homecoming. No homecoming dance will be held this year due to SGA’s senate vote; however, the other events such as the annual raft race will be "bigger and better," said Anthony Campenni, SGA vice president.

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Rosenthal Renovation

Photo by A. Rodriguez

ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

The hard-hat-wearing men who can be spotted outside the University Center have been working on the renovations of the Rosenthal Building since August 2008.

One of the oldest buildings on campus, Rosenthal is located by the dorm-facing side of the University Center. It used to provide the accommodations for organizations such as Radio X, the old Flight Deck and a cafeteria. Although some elements such as Radio X will remain in the building, redesigns are being made to create a place for all student organizations to hold their meetings, staff offices, a faculty only lounge and a quiet place for students to perform various religious rituals.

There is no set date for the opening yet but students are already debating the possible effects the new facilities will have on the NSU community.

“I don’t think it would be very good because then the facility would be alienated from the students in case someone wanted to ask them a question. Now however, they eat with us in the dining hall soda events. ‘Based upon my

SGA Spending

ANNA BLACK
FREELANCE WRITER

NSU’s Student Government Association has been questioned recently about the way in which they are allocating their funds based upon recent news regarding homecoming.

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UC, so they are available for any concerns [the students] might have," said Charnel Hall-Fryson, a freshman biology major.

"Pryson’s friend, Ashley Charles, also a freshman biology major added. “Although, it would be good because this way, all the organizations would be in one place, which would make them easier to find, not like now [where] one has to run around the campus from organization to organization."

The renovations being made to the building were specific to the needs of the organizations. Currently, student organizations are experiencing trouble finding a place to hold their meetings. With five new meeting rooms in the Rosenthal building, designers are hoping to solve this problem.

"We are hoping to create a space where there is a lot of energy and to promote the Shark spirit," said Terry Morrow, director of the Student Leadership and Civic Engagement office. "This will be a place all these organizations will call home, and in which they can connect to each other and their fellow students," concluded Morrow.

It is expected that the new facilities will open in mid-February although exactly when is still unknown. So, keep an eye out for the opening of the new home of all your favorite organizations.

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The turnout for those students over 25 years has been very small and it doesn’t seem to be a big priority for them."

at the dances in the past years has been announced at the men’s home basketball game during homecoming week. Anyone interested in attending any of these events can find more information on signs posted all around campus.

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Want to say something about what you have read? Do you have an idea that you think would be great in The Current? Then send a Letter to the Editor at nsunews@nova.edu. You can also visit our Web site at www.nsunews.com. While you are on our Web site, take a look at the changes we have made, comment on articles, view videos and go through our archives. Visit frequently, as staff bios will soon be available.

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The War In Gaza: Very Real to the NSU Community

NAIDIA ALCIME
STAFF WRITER

For some time now, international affairs have been of great importance to members of the NSU community—in part because of the diverse cultural and religious makeup of NSU's student body. Hence, when the war in Gaza between Hamas and Israel broke out late in December, many here at NSU were greatly moved.

Yusuf Abdullah Mendez, a student at the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, is one such person who has felt frustrated as he closely followed this latest chapter in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. "This is important to me because my master's [degree] is in conflict analysis and resolution and so I'm interested in understanding this conflict," said Mendez. "On a personal, religious level, I am a Muslim and the Palestinian conflict is a major issue in the Muslim community—especially as it involves human lives."

The war in Gaza began on Dec. 27, 2008, with the Israeli military sent Arabic-language cell phone messages to thousands of Gazans urging them to evacuate it, whether by force or consent. Hamas had hidden weapons near or in their homes. What Israel proceeded to do that day, began one of the bloodiest conflicts that Gaza has seen in recent history. According to several aid agencies, the war in Gaza has resulted in more than 1,300 deaths—400 plus of which were civilians—4,000 destroyed homes, with 21,000 badly damaged, as well as 100,000 people left homeless.

Most of Gaza remains largely intact, including the capital and Gaza City. However, other areas where Israeli tanks and artillery poured in at the start of the ground war are devastated. In the wake of the ruinous aftermath, the attention goes back to Israel—initiator of the war—for an explanation for their actions.

In a briefing held on Dec. 29, 2008, Israeli Defense Minister, Ehud Olmert, answered questions about what justified the war by utilizing a statement made by President Barack Obama. "If somebody was sending rockets into my house, where my two daughters sleep at night, I'm going to do everything in my power to stop that," said Olmert quoting a statement made by Obama last summer. "And I would expect Israelis to do the same thing." According to the Israeli military's count, Hamas fired a total of 3,000 rockets at Israel in 2008—a key figure used in Israel's calculations.

David Kilroy, Ph.D., and associate professor of history, provided his observation of the situation. "The Israeli campaign in Gaza was launched in response to the repeated rocket attacks from the Gaza strip by the militant Palestinian organization Hamas," said Kilroy. "Israel was clearly provoked in this instance and appears determined to crush Hamas no matter what the cost in terms of lives."

However, a rising number of groups are questioning the validity of this claim.

In recent days, Israel has been facing increasing accusations from around the world that its offensive is disproportionate to the damage caused by Hamas' rocket fire into Israel. Israel is also receiving criticism because of the high number of Palestinian civilians that have been killed.

"What is most tragic is when civilians are used as shields... and this is what is happening to some extent in Gaza."

—Stephen Levitt

Kiran Sheikh, a NSU graduate in legal studies and former president of NSU's International Muslim Student Association was saddened that civilians were being killed in a political struggle with which they had no part. "They are attacking our homes and schools. It's unjust," said Sheikh. "The civilians who are living in the area had absolutely nothing to do with this political conflict."

In light of this observation, others are suggesting that Israel may have violated civilian protection laws of war that exempt certain institutions from being targeted in warfare. Comparative government and international law professor; Stephen Levitt, LLM, evaluated potential international laws that may apply.

"Homes are protected under international law; however, if they are used for military purposes, they may lose the protection that is granted to them under treaty law and the laws of war," said Levitt. "What is most tragic is when civilians are used as shields... and this is what is happening to some extent in Gaza."

Though the Gazan people have been primarily affected, the warfare has also affected several groups within and outside of Gaza's borders, and as stated before, it extends to reach members of the NSU community. NSU's Jewish and Muslim population has particularly been touched as many of them have friends and relatives residing in or near the combat zone.

Namisha Terrier, member of Hillel and a junior international business law, oceanography and psychology major, has family in Israel. Terrier, who is an Egyptian-German of Jewish descent, spoke very passionately about her desire to see her people live in peace and without fear.

"All we wanted was our peace," said Terrier. "We [want to] have our freedom where we can send our children to school where we can go and have freedom just like in America. That's all we're asking in Israel. And if it includes that we have to bomb Gaza to get our points across... asking for peace—then Israel's gonna do what Israel's gonna do."
Taking a Bite Out of NSU

ANNARELY RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

One of the parts in the immense checklist of going to college is visiting the campus of the schools you wish to attend. NSU holds various orientations throughout the year so that hopeful students can make an informed decision about the university.

This year, however, the school has added a new aspect to orientation. Hopeful students will be able to visit the campus, sleep in The Commons residence hall, attend a college class and meet members of organizations in which they might be interested, all before orientation and free of charge. The preview was first designed to showcase the residence halls to out of town students in the hopes of increasing enrollment in that area.

Shark Preview, a two-day event, will allow students to experience NSU before they even decide whether or not they will attend the university the following year. "Attendees will get a chance to attend a class of their choice [from a list provided], meet one-on-one with student leaders and experience other events such as SUB Thursday and the raft race during homecoming week," said Alexis Robinson, Shark Preview coordinator.

NSU's current students, although envious, feel that this is a great opportunity for new students. "I'm kind of jealous because they didn't have it for us, but I still think it is a great opportunity for incoming students to see what the school has to offer," commented Aisha Syed, a junior biology major. "When I first came to NSU I didn't know what my life would be like here. But now, students will have a better view of what life is like here," continued Syed.

Whatever your feelings, keep on the lookout for any new faces walking around campus who might need an encouraging smile, and make sure to put on your Shark pride to show them what NSU is all about.

For more information about Shark Preview, call 1 (800) 541-6682, ext. 28050.

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Are You Getting What You Pay For?

TIFFANY SIMONCINI
STAFF WRITER

Nova Southeastern University is a newly established and vastly growing university that is in the center of the community. Established in 1964, NSU is a non-profit, fully accredited, coeducational institution. With a rather small classroom setting and a beautiful new campus that is being advanced year by year, there is no wonder why students are willing to spend a “pretty penny” on their education. According to NSU’s main Web site, full-time undergraduate tuition fees are approximately $9,000 per semester; totaling $19,800 per year. Many NSU students are unaware of the resources and benefits that are included within the price of tuition. “I know that my tuition pays for my classes. But I don’t really know any extra benefits that are available to me,” said Michelle Cintrom, a sophomore criminal justice major. Some students reap the benefits of NSU’s pricey tuition fees; however, those who are blind to the increasing benefits are missing out on a world of health, fun, leisure and academic success.

College can be stressful at times. NSU offers 10 free counseling sessions for all students. “I think that this is a very beneficial part of the community. Although I did not know about this, I will definitely take advantage of it because it is helpful and if I am paying for it anyway, why not make use of it?” said Sara Haas, a sophomore communications major.

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While many students struggle through classes, others are taking full advantage of the “free” tutoring sessions available to them. Offered by NSU’s Office of Academic Services (Located in the Parker Building in Suite 100), this asset is highly valuable and can make a huge difference in student’s lives. “I knew about this service freshman year, but never used it. Now that I am a sophomore, as my classes got harder, I decided to sign up. Now I go almost every week and my classes just seem easier. They are super helpful and everyone should take advantage of this,” said John Rubinov, a sophomore biology major.

The Alvin Sherman Library, Research and Information Technology Center is the largest library building in the state of Florida. Students should take full advantage of this facility and everything our tuition pays for within it, including the following: free assessment test provided by the of Career Development office; printing labs; computer, mouse and video game rentals; interesting exhibits. Another library service is that students can make unlimited one-on-one appointments with a reference librarian for help with any research that is needed. As students leave the library, they can enjoy the free service of NSU’s Shuttle Bus, which will comfortably and safely take them anywhere on campus.

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The Past, Present and Future of Textbooks

When asked how much he spent on textbooks for the Winter 2009 semester, Michael Whitensell, a sophomore business legal studies major replied, “They were expensive. My books cost somewhere between $400 and $500 for this semester alone.”

In the past, students and their parents have shelled out hundreds and hundreds of dollars for textbooks every semester, only to sell them back to the bookstore for a small fraction of the price.

Some students go online to buy their books from Web sites such as eBay Inc., Amazon.com and Campus Book Rentals in hopes of saving a couple dollars over the notoriously steep bookstore prices. Other students try to work through the semester without purchasing all of their books or sharing with their peers.

Because most classes require students to have one or more textbooks, it is an inevitable cost that students must face. But are they wasting their money on standard, printed textbooks?

With the introduction of Amazon.com’s Kindle, it is projected that many will stop traveling to the bookstore and will begin downloading their textbooks for a small percentage of the prices they are now required to spend on textbooks. The Kindle is a 10 ounce electronic device that is about the size of a paperback book and retails for $359 on Amazon.com. The Kindle began as a novelty electronic for the avid reader and has rapidly become a wanted luxury no longer only for the “Twilight” obsessed, but for those college students who don’t want to spend a fortune on textbooks.

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Not all textbooks are currently available for purchase on download on the Kindle. However, if the book can be found on Amazon’s Web site, you can request to have the publisher that the book be published for the Kindle. Others have found an electronic component on publishers’ Web sites that can be downloaded onto the Kindle. Just this fall, Princeton University began asking publishers to print all of their textbooks for Kindle, to make textbooks more available, less cost consuming and more environmentally friendly.

The Kindle has the potential to become a serious rival for college bookstores and a profound friend of the penny-pinching college student. For more information on the Kindle, visit Amazon.com.

The 2009 STUEYS

Attention Students:

The 2009 STUEYS online nomination form is now available. This is just a friendly reminder that the deadline for the STUEYS nominations is Friday, Feb. 6.

You can fill out your application at http://www.nova.edu/studentengagement/stueys/nominations/index.html.
NSU Students Learn About the Four Year Career Plan

ALEXIS IRIAS
STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 28, Carleen Pallante, assistant director of campus relations, from the Career Development office at NSU hosted 'The Four Year Career Plan' event in the Alvin Sherman Library.

The attendees ranged from undergraduates to graduate students who were all seeking information on various steps to take towards their careers. "I attended this event because I am trying to find guidance on my career plans," said Paul, a senior finance major. "I got me thinking about what I need to be doing right now to further my future career."

The event proved to be very interactive and informative, as students attended their peers on career paths. Pallante ended the discussion with the various opportunities and options available through the Career Development office.

For more information about other services offered by the Career Development office, visit www.nova.edu/career.

Pallante commented, "This was very helpful," said Kimberly, a senior finance major. "I got me thinking about what I need to be doing right now to further my future career."

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NSU Community Learns About Careers in Industry-Sponsored Clinical Trials

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STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, Jan. 27, The Office of Research and Technology Transfer at NSU opened a series of educational seminars for faculty and students interested in research with "Careers in Industry-Sponsored Clinical Trials," at the Alvin Sherman Library.

The event featured guest speaker Dr. Melody Sanger, from the Drug Study Institute in Jupiter, Fla. Sanger discussed opportunities in clinical research, including externship opportunities for students.

In addition, Sanger discussed the process a drug goes through in order to receive approval. "The U.S. system of new drug approvals is perhaps the most rigorous in the world," explained Sanger. She also commented on the medicinal road to drug discovery and that it takes approximately 12 years and $800 million for a promising new pharmaceutical compound to travel from the bench in the lab to a person's chest.

Sanger described some of the employment opportunities for students interested in various fields of research and informed students that they could go on Big Pharma Web sites to find the human resources reply section for people searching for a job.

"Sanger touched on many topics that many students, including myself, were not familiar with," said Marcela Matamoros, a senior biology major, who expressed her interest in the pre-clinical trial stages of research. She added that Sanger helped her to visualize herself in other areas of research that are just as important as the pre-clinical trials.

Mindy Ma, Ph.D., assistant professor and coordinator of psychology, believed that the event was successful. "This is very informative for students. I'm always looking for opportunities like this that students can get involved in."

Protecting Our Next Generation

MOLLY SIGERICH
FREELANCE WRITER

On Jan. 30 and 31, Nova Southeastern University's College of Osteopathic Medicine played host to a national conference on immunization. "Protecting Our Next Generation" was created to educate health care workers on the latest research and information on health protections needed for children from birth to three years of age.

Featured speaker, Dr. David Askin, discussed the importance of not only getting young children the Tuberculous (TB) vaccine, but earlier detection and continuing the research for more effective ways of treating the disease. "One of the biggest killers in the world today is HIV, but people don't die directly from the disease itself. HIV is what weakens the immune system, but TB is what kills them," said Askin. As the largest curable infectious killer of young people and adults in the world today, it is hard to believe that the cost to cure a single person of TB is a mere 30 dollars, a fact that Askin mentioned.

Dr. Deborah Mulligan, director of the Institute for Child Health Policy, was another featured speaker at the conference, discussing drowning prevention for toddlers. In Florida, Mulligan explained that because swimming pools are very common, the risk of a young child drowning is increasingly high. "Even if you have to call your local village hall, you can find protective fencing to surround your pool and protect your children," said Mulligan.

The last topic of discussion on Friday was screening for Autism Spectrum disorders. Christine Reeve, Ph.D., of NSU informed the audience about the importance of speaking up as a physician when something seems suspicious with a child. "Only eight percent of pediatric practices do full complete screenings of children," said Reeve. "The most important thing is early intervention, getting children the treatment they need for their disorder as soon as possible."

Not only physicians and health care workers were the target audience at the conference, but also parents were informed of common mistakes made when dealing with the health care system and their young children. All three doctors stressed the need for open communication between parents and physicians when dealing with children up to the age of three years old.

The precautions taken with children around swimming pools were shown to have just as much importance as infants getting their TB shots. Both are forms of "immunizations" that can save young lives by the millions. Although many examples were listed, there is no set checklist for how to protect children from the many dangers they face at the ages from birth to three years. The conference was about informing and educating so that both parents and physicians could be aware of the faint and significant early signs of problems with a child's health.

For more information on this event, visit http://medicine.nova.edu/cc/protecting_generation.html.
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communication between university depart­
ments continues to grow collectively, so
will NSU.
Ferrero was also proud of the
dedication and comprehensive nature of
the study that was conducted to ensure that
NSU is serving the students, faculty and
staff properly. “We are the only university
in the United States who is doing a Gallup
poll,” stated Ferrero.
He also mentioned that the past two
years of results have shown more engaged
students, faculty and staff, who all believe
in NSU now more than ever.
Ferrero also showed his appreciation
to the faculty and students ofNSU for their
part in creating a successful and engaged
university experience. “The faculty is the
reason students believe in NSU; students
are the reason the faculty believe in NSU,”
he stated.
Barbara Packer-Muti, Ed.D., QEP
assessment director and Gallup liaison,
commented that the event was held to bring
all of the units ofNSU together to celebrate
in the university’s success that has been
created by the result of the hard work of
all members of the NSU community.
“We wanted to celebrate the high
quality and engaged work units,” Muti said.
She also stated that it was rewarding to see
the president of the university show his
appreciation for the leadership that makes
a significant difference at NSU.
In regards to outstanding leadership,
the ceremony particularly honored 12
supervisory leaders who scored in the top
10 percent due to their outstanding
leadership abilities and commitment to
students.
When asked why it was important
to have everyone together for such an
occasion, Ronald Chenail, vice president
of institutional effectiveness, presented the
idea that meeting as a group creates unity
within the university and supports the
mission of NSU.
“We could have sent out a memo, but
we wanted to put a face on this process.”
Chenail further stated that some members
of the NSU community felt that they were
not really a university until they all come
together for such a cause.
Ending as he started off, Ferrero
encouraged all members of the community
to not only follow his vision of what NSU
can be, but also to contribute and make
it their own stating, “Do you believe in
NSU?” To this the crowd shouted back,
“Yes!” He proudly started the chant, “Go
Sharks! Go Sharks! Go Sharks!”
This event is an ongoing process and
the survey will be conducted again next
year to assess how far we have come from
this point.

President Ray Ferrero, Jr., gives a thumbs up to a
fellow colleague in the crowd.

The crowd looked carefully as President Ferrero
speaks about the Gallup poll results.

President Ferrero was joined on stage by the 12 supervisory leaders that scored in the top 10 percent due
to their outstanding leadership abilities and dedication
amongst the NSU community.

NSU's Public Safety Department was one of the 12 teams that showed excellence in leadership and dedication
amongst the NSU community.

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NSU women's basketball (8-10; 4-4 SSC) began to turn their season around as they picked up two uplifting Sunshine State Conference victories on Jan. 24 and Jan. 28 against Saint Leo University and Florida Southern's Moccasins, respectively.

Junior Stephanie Sarosi (44) began to turn their season around as Conference victories on Jan. 24 and Jan. 28 against Saint Leo University and on Jan. 28 against Florida Southern's Moccasins with her surprising 3-point shooting ability. Both teams are currently double with 19.9 and 10, respectively. Tepe is upholding near double figures with 10-0 NSU run.

The Sharks crushed Saint Leo's Lions, 58-44, powered by an early 13-point lead as they held the lead throughout the remainder of the game, with 6:22 left in the second half the Sharks pulled away with the lead for good. Junior Stephanie Sarosi (44) had yet another stellar performance as she pulled down 13 rebounds and 23 points.

Sophomore Abbie Tepe (3) got the Sharks going in the right direction early on in their game, while taking on Florida Southern's Moccasins with her surprising 3-point shooting ability. Both teams entered the locker room at the half, 28-27, in the Sharks favor.

Freshman Stevie Kamp (34) sealed the win for the Sharks at 67-62, as she sunk a foul shot with just 3 seconds remaining. The Sharks worked hard in their game, while taking on Florida Southern's Moccasins with her surprising 3-point shooting ability. Both teams entered the locker room at the half, 28-27, in the Sharks favor.

Answers to Men's and Women's Basketball Exclusive

Across:
1. Dionte Perry
2. Jordan Smith

Up/Down:
1. Ross Allsop
2. Iran Hollis
3. Abbie Tepe
4. Eliza Allen
5. Jen Ceant

In regards to why the team continues to improve, Monico stated, “After every practice we pass a bear around and say how each one of us felt about the practice, positives and negatives.”

Monico is a 5-foot-6-inch base from Bristol, Conn., where she was born and raised by Ty and Kathy Monico, along with her older sister, Alocia. Monico also commented on why she chose to attend NSU. “I chose to come to NSU because of the beautiful landscape and the great scholarship opportunities,” stated Monico.

This elementary education major dreams of graduating in 2013 and becoming a successful teacher. Along with her passion for cheering, Monico loves reading, competitive dance and gymnastics.

In 2005, Monico was a National Ultimate Gold Medalist along with being awarded the George Loe Heart of Dance Scholarship. Monico claims her best asset to the Sharks are her loyalty, responsibility and ability to be loud.

Fin-atics can see Monico in action if they head to the Shark Tank for a men’s or women’s basketball game, to watch her cheer on the sidelines or on the court during half time.

FUN FACTS ABOUT MONICO

If you were stranded on an island, what are three things you would want to have with you?
“Sunscreen so I can work on my tan, my iPod so I can listen to my music and jam out since I’ll be alone and my bear because I wouldn’t be able to sleep without him.”

Skydiving or bungee jumping? “Skydiving is much more of a thrill. I think it’s a must do before you die.”

If you were an animal, what would it be? “I would want to be a golden retriever dog because they’re loyal, fun and cute!”

What is your greatest childhood memory? “When I used to spy on my older sister through our cubby entrances (secret door connecting my room to hers).”
Across:
1) I am 5-foot-11-inch senior on the NSU baseball team. I wear the No. 3. I am a criminal justice major and I love to go fishing.

2) I am a junior pitcher on the NSU softball team wearing the No. 10. I am currently majoring in nursing. I believe my best asset to the team is my versatility and drive.

Up/Down:
1) I am a 5-foot-2-inch junior on the NSU softball team. You will see me on the field playing second base while wearing the No. 11.

2) I am an incoming freshman on the NSU women's golf team from Bordeaux, France. While in France, I was ranked as one of the 10 best French golf players under the age of 18 in 2008.

Fan of the Week
CHRIS BALABAN
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Spotted on the basketball courts in NSU’s RecPlex, Roberto Vinciguerra, a junior biology major, was shooting some hoops over the weekend. Vinciguerra can be seen playing in this seasons' intramural basketball league and in attendance at many of NSU's men’s and women’s basketball games. When asked what he enjoys outside the court, Vinciguerra replied, "I love working on my biceps while listening to Mariah Carey, the Jonas Brothers and Lil' Weezy. I wish they were on Rockband!” Congratulations to Roberto on being NSU’s “FAN OF THE WEEK!”

Men’s Basketball

TRANELL MESA
SPORTS EDITOR

Sharks’ men’s basketball (10-6; 5-3 SSC) dropped two significant Sunshine State Conference games on Jan. 24 against Saint Leo University and on Jan. 28 against Florida Southern College in what were both very closely contested match-ups.

Despite the Sharks’ 72-66 loss to the Saint Leo’s Lions, NSU managed to outshoot the Lions 46.8 percent to 35.1 percent, in addition to out-rebounding them, 42-36, as well. Junior Dave Naylor (33) shined as he registered 22 points to go alongside his nine rebounds. Senior Dionte Perry (1) trailed with an impressive 12 points and 15 rebounds, while freshman Darrin Williams (32) contributing 12 points of his own.

Upon facing Florida Southern’s Moccasins, a series of lead changes were swapped for the majority of the game. Unfortunately, the Moccasins were able to tire the Sharks out with their speed in the final few minutes of the game, taking the match 69-62.

Senior Tim Coenraad (22) led all scorers with 21 points, four rebounds, four assists and four steals. Perry recorded his eight double-double on the 2008-2009 season, as he tallied together 11 points and 10 rebounds. Teammate Naylor and sophomore John Brooks (2) poured in 11 points each respectively.

Marking the half way point through SSC competition, the Sharks are now ranked third in the conference. Coenraad is leading NSU with a 15.4 scoring average, in light of his 3-point ability which is marked at .413 percent. Perry has had a fantastic season thus far, nearly averaging a double-double with 11.8 points and 9.75 rebounds per game. Naylor following closely behind as he is currently averaging 9.5 points and 7.4 rebounds while in SSC play.

FAN POLL

What sport do you think Homecoming 2009 should be most involved with?
(100 members of the NSU Community were polled)

Men's Basketball - 35%
Women's Basketball - 30%
Baseball - 25%
Softball - 10%
At 22-Years-Old, Zach Condon Knows More About Music than You

Both men are standing in an enclosed room with two chairs. They are looking into the Well of Fate, arguing about the decision a murderer—who is about to face capital punishment—will make, and what his fate will be. Instead, they end up arguing about each other’s role in the lives of men.

Evilone is lounging in a chair and Goodfellow is pacing the floor.

Evilone: Torment? Interesting use of words my good fellow. That word does sound wonderful things to my creative genius. It makes me think of all the Kosak moments he and I will have.

Goodfellow: (Sighs) Sadly, that is not the case. Evilone, but it is the fact we are here.

Evilone: (Places his hands on his head) You are obviously joking? You say torture and think Disneyland. Now, is it fair to deny me my pleasures? (Tapping his chin with his forefinger)

Evilone: And your point is?

Evilone: Hmm... evil and illuminate. Goodfellow does no justice to the Word. He needs repentance himself.

Evilone: (Patronizing) Why thank you. You are a twisted, tyrannical man.

Evilone: Goodfellow, Yes!

Evilone: (Cynical laughter) You say torture and think pain and agony. I say torture and think Disneyland. Now, is it fair to deny me my happiness? Your Employer recommends it to everyone.

Evilone: (Laughter) You are selfless for once.

Evilone: Well, even so, we are not here for you. We are here for him. So please, just be selfish for once.

Evilone: (Sighs) Sadly, that is one thing we can agree on Evilone, but it is the fact we are here.

Evilone: I am pleased you said religious and not righteous. Because as wicked as I am, I am not ignorant of righteousness, and Rev. Smith does no justice to the Word. He needs repentance himself.

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Evilone: Goodfellow, you flattter me unnecessarily. (Smiles cheekily) You make my cheeks grow hot.

Goodfellow: You live in fire!

Evilone: Yes! To be Continued...

Evilone: And your point is?

Goodfellow: (Holds hands up in dismissal)

Wait, wait. I am giving you what you want, anger and disapproval. Your evil artwork will find no canvas to illuminate on today.

Evilone: Hmm... evil and illuminate. (Tapping his chin with his forefinger) It is interesting that you should use those two words in the same sentence. I have always believed evil is simply good misunderstood.

Goodfellow: You are obviously joking?

Evilone: No, I’m serious as my hate for you. I honestly believe that no one has ever taken the time to truly understand me.

Goodfellow: Well, even so, we are not here for you. We are here for him. So please, just be selfish for once.

Evilone: (Places his hand over his heart)

Are you trying to say that I selfishly fear, dear Goodfellow?

Goodfellow: Is it not obvious?

Evilone: I always knew you had a soft spot for me. Goodfellow. You are simply pretending with your compliments today.

Evilone: gets up and moves towards the Well of Fate

Goodfellow: Never mind you Evilone. Let us see what is happening in the prison.

(Both men are looking into the Well of Fate) Evilone, where is that Pastor? What is he doing? He needs repentance himself.

Goodfellow: (Holds hands up in dismissal) Yes! Rev. Smith, very a religious man. It seems he is talking to him about repenting. (Face lifted up) Well, praises to Him!

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Goodfellow: (Sighs) Sadly, that is one thing we can agree on Evilone, but it is the fact we are here.

Evilone: And your Employer trusts these superficial, life-infected, molded clay to make such a decision?

Evilone: Yes!

To Be Continued...

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3-D Delivers the Gore In "My Bloody Valentine"

RACQUEL FAGON VARIETY EDITOR

Let me start off by saying that horror flicks are not exactly my choice of movie entertainment, especially since the taste of horror flicks has changed from bone-chilling, mind-believing scares to blood-guzzling, weapon-wielding freak shows. "My Bloody Valentine" is no different from any other "new" slasher-horror flick. But the added bonus is the 3-D technology that director Patrick Lussier uses to bring out, and then use to disgustingly entice moviegoers. Not having the privilege of seeing the 1981 release of the film, I am unsure if this remake follows the same plot. However, what is certain is that this version has enough eye-popping, scream-inducing gore to satisfy the quota for both movies.

The source of evil is Harry Warden, a coal miner who is left in a coma after a tragic accident. When he regains consciousness, he goes into a killing frenzy and hacks up several residents in the town of Harmony (this seems to be a popular town name in horror flicks) before the police finally kill him... or so they believe. Then a couple of years later, similar pick-axe murders start to recur, and the survivors of the last massacre begin to suspect that maybe good ole' Warden isn't really dead.

As with all horror flicks, there are several people who through the mercy of the writers seem to escape the gruesome death that others haplessly receive. Tom Hanniger (Jensen Ackles), Sarah Palmer (Jaime King) and Sheriff Axel Palmer (Kerr Smith) are the surviving actors, not only for maintaining the horror standards, but because of the love triangle that is also a viable part of the film's plot.

Another intriguing aspect of the film is the brandished nudity of both men and women, even as their chests are torn open, and they receive lethal pick-axe stabs to the head. These, along with the interweaving of some suspense and heart-pounding anticipation, make the film worthy of being watched.

The film fulfills its purpose of giving lots of blood and guts. Forget a good storyline and passable acting, as those are little to nonexistent in the film. But as far as 3-D killings go, this film gets a passing grade.

Renowned Black Authors

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Are you a communications major? Are you considering a career in journalism? Then come gain some hands-on experience at The Current!

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Voluntary euthanasia. Assisted suicide and voluntary euthanasia are touchy subjects in this country as people on both sides of the argument are made to look like a bunch of holothoys yelling out irrational arguments at each other.

However, if I were ever in a terrible accident that leaves me paralyzed and disfigured, diagnosed with a terminal illness and/or voluntary euthanasia suffer from some kind of mental disorder or mental illness. As far as I know, I am not suffering from a mental disorder and never have.

In a way, people in my position sort of throw this argument out the window. We have made up our minds and in the event of something terrible happening, we just have to hope our lawyers see that our wishes are being fulfilled.

In the Netherlands, for example, voluntary euthanasia and assisted suicide have been legal since the 1980s. The right to choose is limited when the patient considering assisted suicide and voluntary euthanasia suffer from some kind of mental disorder or mental illness. In one of his stand-up performances, comedian David Cross talks about this issue in a sort of thought-provoking manner. He does an impression of a seemingly religious woman, from some far off city, calling a patient considering assisted suicide and telling him he cannot do it because she says "no." The bit is a lot funnier when you hear it, but at the same time, just thinking about that can make your head hurt.

The most upsetting thing about assisted suicide is that the choice is not even there. The possibility of me being able to make that choice tomorrow is not even there for me to take advantage of. Cross follows the impersonation with the line, "I just don't get it how somebody miles away can control what I do with my life." For me, that idea alone shows the ridiculousness of the "other side's" argument against legalizing assisted suicide.

By legalizing assisted suicide and voluntary euthanasia, the government would simply be saying, "if you are dying or sick and you meet the criteria, you can take advantage of physician-assisted suicide." In the same way the government has criteria for abortion, they could have criteria for assisted suicide, and Americans all over the country can choose to have their lives ended or not, just as pregnant women choose to have an abortion or give their children up for adoption.

Regardless of whether the patient is suffering from a mental illness, it should be his/her choice to end his/her life or continue suffering. Treating a patient for depression or bipolar disorder or any other mental illness cannot ease the pain and emotional distress caused by terminal illness.

Some patients, though, would just rather not be waited on hand-and-foot because they are unable to do anything for themselves. For these patients, it is completely unfair for someone miles away to tell them they cannot die because it's against "God's" wishes or against the law. Some patients would rather die quickly, peacefully and comfortably, not drowning in their own vomit or lying in their own excrement. Once again, for these patients, the option needs to be left open and the choice should be there for them to take advantage of or not.

In closing, I was giving someone the right to do something (i.e. the right to die) that does not hurt anyone else, can only help society, not damage it further. With that being said, people should be given the right to do whatever they want to their bodies so long as they are not harming the people around them.
Would You Like Some Salmonella With That PB & J?

STEFANI RUBINO
OPINIONS EDITOR

In early January, the Food and Drug Administration recalled thousands of products containing potentially salmonella-contaminated peanut butter. Last year sort of seemed like a record year for food borne illness contaminations across the country, with the FDA recalling spinach, tomatoes and even jalapeños.

As a vegetarian, this recall affects me big time; as peanut butter and products containing peanut butter serve as a substantial part of my diet. Needless to say, the American food industry is horrible. It’s no secret that Americans love food. Americans love food so much that we have festivals in its honor, we have eating ·fests in its honor, we have eating.

As peanut butter and products containing peanut butter from.

In peanut butter products from.

As a food production company or distributor, I would think preventing illness from occurring from their products would be at the top of their “concerns” list. Apparently, though, it is not. Their interests lie in saving as much money on production costs as possible so their CEO can take their trips to the South of France once a month.

This article could take up the entire newspaper talking about the things they do to help save money, but it can be summed up in one simple sentence: they want more food, they want it now and they want to spend the least amount of money producing it.

Perhaps, though, this issue is partly our fault as a nation. The beginning of the 20th century brought about a change in the way people live and eat. With less farms around and more urbanization, it is almost impossible to get every nut available every day of the year. We have an endless supply of cow’s milk and goat’s milk, which are both the only animals in the world that can produce milk, and we have many corporations that can produce these products quickly and cheaply, at the cost of quality and safety.

Unfortunately, Americans also happen to be extremely demanding, which is why our food production does not follow the seasons, as it should. We can get summer squash in the winter and winter squashes in the spring. We can get every nut available every day of the year. We have an endless supply of cow’s milk and goat’s milk, making us the only animals in the world that drink a different species’ milk for sustenance. We can get black beans, kidney beans and garbanzo beans anytime.

We are a nation of eaters, but we are also a nation of people demanding convenience. So, while these dirty corporations should be held responsible for the things they do, we should hold ourselves responsible for the way we eat as well.

Digressions is now accepting submissions for the Spring 2009 issue!

Digressions is NSU’s only student-run literary magazine and is now accepting poems, short stories, dialogues, photography and artwork for inclusion in this year’s magazine.

The deadline for submissions is Feb. 13. You can send up to 10 submissions to sbrev@nova.edu.

So, hurry up and send those submissions in to get your voice heard!

Editor’s Note

LAURA STARR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After spending some time with students, it appears that many of them prefer to use an electronic medium to communicate with their professors in some way. While WebCT, e-mail and Google all seem like super-fast and super-effective ways to send, receive and research information over the Internet, since the information exchange is happening on the “information nonexistent superhighway,” in which communication is basically done through another technological realm, it made me want to articulate what may be lost in translation during the exchange of information between the technological world and the student.

While WebCT offers more people a chance to get involved in the learning process, since the education process is not fully physical and conducted in-person, it made me wonder if students are truly getting the college experience and fully understanding the information if it is exchanged over the Internet. Even though some WebCT classes have tools such as Illuminate, which allows a visual component, I still feel like it is important to be in the presence of a professor as the college experience feels more interactive and team-oriented.

Additionally, I found that procrastination and/ or late assignments can also sometimes be a result of online-only classes. In my experience, it always helps me to have a physical class appointment, to serve as a reminder that an assignment is coming up. I have found that without this reminder, I end up falling behind on my assignments, which feeling like I have to chance to fr— fully understand the information. But this may just be my own personal experience.

Another medium that may have potential issues regarding electronic based information is e-mail. Since e-mails could be sent over the Internet in seconds, many may consider them efficient and even environmentally friendly, as they do not require paper, which offers advantages of Internet communication. However, with speed comes error, and the potential to forget to include important information, thus creating the added work of sending the “I forgot to attach the document” e-mail.

Additionally, a conversation over e-mail can be downright destructive at times. Unlike face-to-face conversations, a person cannot necessarily hear a person’s tone in an e-mail. Consequently, sarcastic or even a point-blank statement can easily be taken as rude or even offensive. If a disagreement occurs, then what was supposed to be a simple 30 second request, can turn into a 20 minute mediation, thus diminishing the efficient nature of this technological medium.

Because of the restrictions, misinformation can also result from using the Internet for research. While fast, students should be leery of information found using this internet tool, as some Web sites are not always credible or accurate. As you saw in an article in our last issue, Wikipedia is not as viable as some may think. While “sharing is caring,” accuracy is still important. To this, go to e.his is recommended when researching to find credible information.

Now I am not saying, “Stay away from the Internet because it is an evil invention that can only cause misery and despair to all who dare to cross the threshold of the keyboard!” I’m just saying that since the Internet can cause misunderstandings, mis-information can also result from using the Internet for research. While fast, students should be leery of information found using this internet tool, as some Web sites are not always credible or accurate. As you saw in an article in our last issue, Wikipedia is not as viable as some may think. While “sharing is caring,” accuracy is still important. To this, go to e-mail and do research by visiting libraries and asking experts.

On the Scene

KRISTINE BELIZAIRE
CURRENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

Who Do You Think Is the Most Significant Person in Black History?

“Barack Obama, because he is making history.”
Carolina Sanchez, a sophomore psychology major.

“Madam C.J. Walker, because if it wasn’t for her, what would I do with my hair? I would be one nappy-headed sister.”
Arantxa Perez, a sophomore psychology major.

“Martin Luther King Jr., because he led the civil rights movement.”
Arantra Perez, a sophomore psychology major.

“Rosa Parks, because I think she shows that someone can make a big impact with a small action.”
Elon Bick, a freshman marketing major.
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