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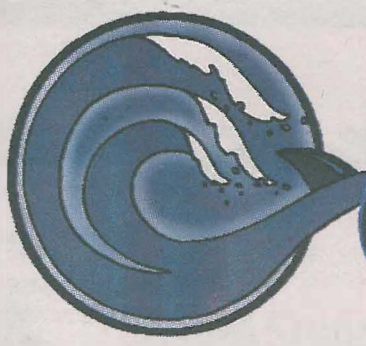
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## Sharkapalooza 2008!



### Exploration Week Ends with Sharkapalooza

**Kristine Belizafre**  
Current Affairs Editor

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 and received stamps 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 jam 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."

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## NSU Launches Integrated Web Portal

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Current Affairs Editor

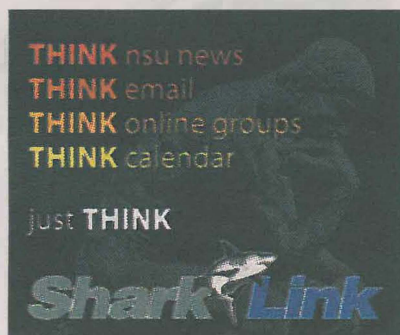
NSU has launched SharkLink, a secure online Web site designed to provide students, staff and faculty members with one main login where they can access all of their NSU applications, including email, WebSTAR and WebCT.

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.

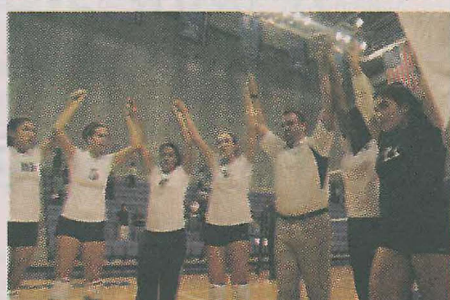
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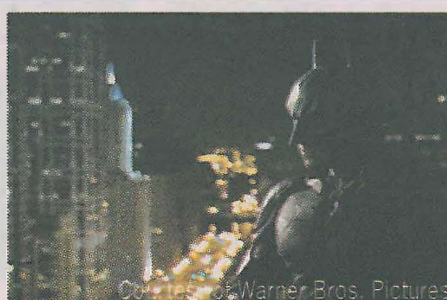
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# Students Storm the Dorms

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 their 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 not only what sharing is, but 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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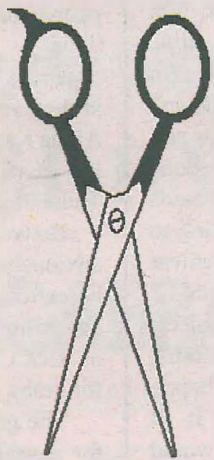
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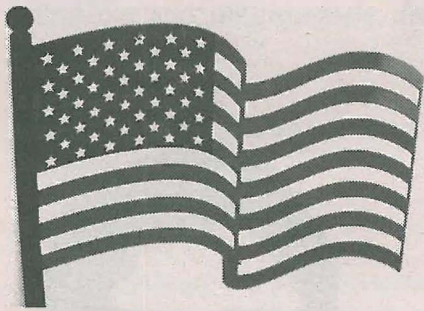
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# CURRENT AFFAIRS CALENDAR

## Monday Sept. 1

Labor Day-School Closed



## Tuesday Sept. 2

Empower Yourself to Succeed

This workshop is designed to help students learn the tools necessary to achieve success at the college level. Sponsored by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, this workshop will be hosted by Gail Levine, assistant director of Academic Services. Join us from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Alvin Sherman Library, room. 4009.

For more information, contact Gail Levine at levineg@nova.edu.

## Lucky 13 "NSU is U! Are you "In" (volved)?"

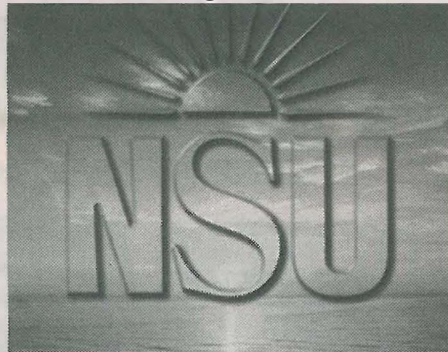
Interested in becoming involved on Campus? Then attend "NSU is U!" to learn about the different opportunities that NSU has to present. The event will take place in room 2056 of the Carl Desantis Building.

For more information, contact Michael McFarland at mmcfarla@nova.edu.

## Convocation

Members of the NSU community are invited to join in the celebration of the the 2008-2009 academic year at the Annual Convocation Ceremony. The ceremony will introduce this year's academic theme, "Life and Death" and Andre Dubus III, author of "House of Sand and Fog," will be the keynote speaker. To honor the author, new undergraduate students will be reading from his *New York Times* best-selling novel. The event will take place at 4 p.m. in the Miniaci Performing Arts Center followed by a reception in the Carl DeSantis Building.

For additional information, contact the Office of the Dean in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences at (954) 262-8068 or email convocation@nova.edu.



## Performing Arts Auditions

The Department of Performing and Visual Arts will be holding auditions in the Performing and Visual Arts Wing of the University Center at 6 p.m. All members of the NSU community are welcome to audition. Applicants are required to bring a song and a monologue. Audition requests should be sent to nsutheatr@nova.edu.

For more information, visit [www.undergrad.nova.edu/performingarts](http://www.undergrad.nova.edu/performingarts) or contact Mark Duncan, at [markdunc@nova.edu](mailto:markdunc@nova.edu).

## Academic Socials

Want to meet your fellow peers and professors out of the classroom? Then attend the academic socials hosted by the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. Different divisions will be located throughout the University Center.

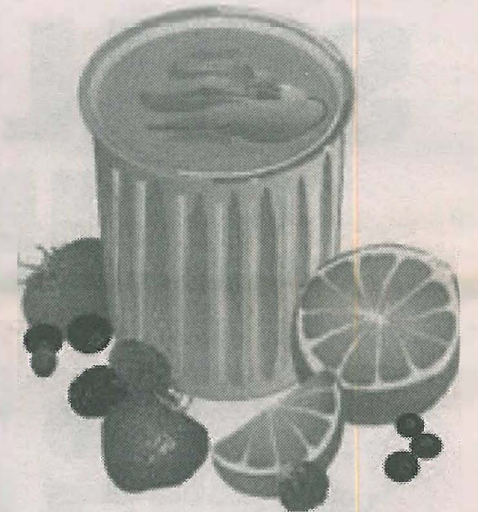
For more information, contact Nancy Lespinasse at [lespinas@nova.edu](mailto:lespinas@nova.edu), for more specific locations.

## Friday Sept. 5

Panhellenic Council Smoothie Day

Interested in becoming part of a sisterhood? Then come join the women of Delta Phi Epsilon, Sigma Delta Tau, and Phi Sigma Sigma for more information on recruitment. The event will take place at 11 a.m. in front of the Parker Building.

For more information, contact Thatine "Chini" Camargo, at [tc332@nova.edu](mailto:tc332@nova.edu).



## Wednesday Sept. 3

Free Karate Class!

Classes will take place at the University Center Recplex, at 7 p.m.

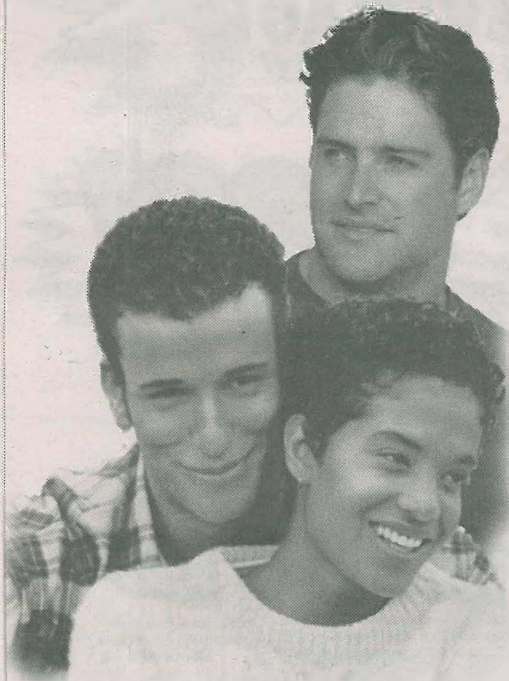
## Thursday Sept. 4

SUB Thursday

Come join the Student Union Board on the Flight Deck patio for an afternoon filled with music and free food! The event will start at 11:30 a.m. and end at 1 p.m.

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# NSU Graduates Inaugural Class of Anesthesiologist Assistants

Laura S. J. ...  
Editor-in-Chief

On Aug. 24 students of the College of Arts and Sciences proudly walked across the state to receive their degrees in the University Center Arena.

Twenty-nine students received Master of Science degrees in Anesthesiologist Assistant. These students represented the first graduating class of the only Anesthesiologist Assistant Program in Florida.

Many of the anesthesiologist assistant students stated that both the welcoming atmosphere of NSU and the supportive efforts of the administration led to their success. "It felt like home," said Cecilia Brown, a student who returned to academia from a career in physical therapy. "The professors gave you a lot of attention, classmates were supportive, and the school was intent on creating a first class program."

Robert Wagner, Program Director and Assistant Professor in the Anesthesiologist Assistant Program was

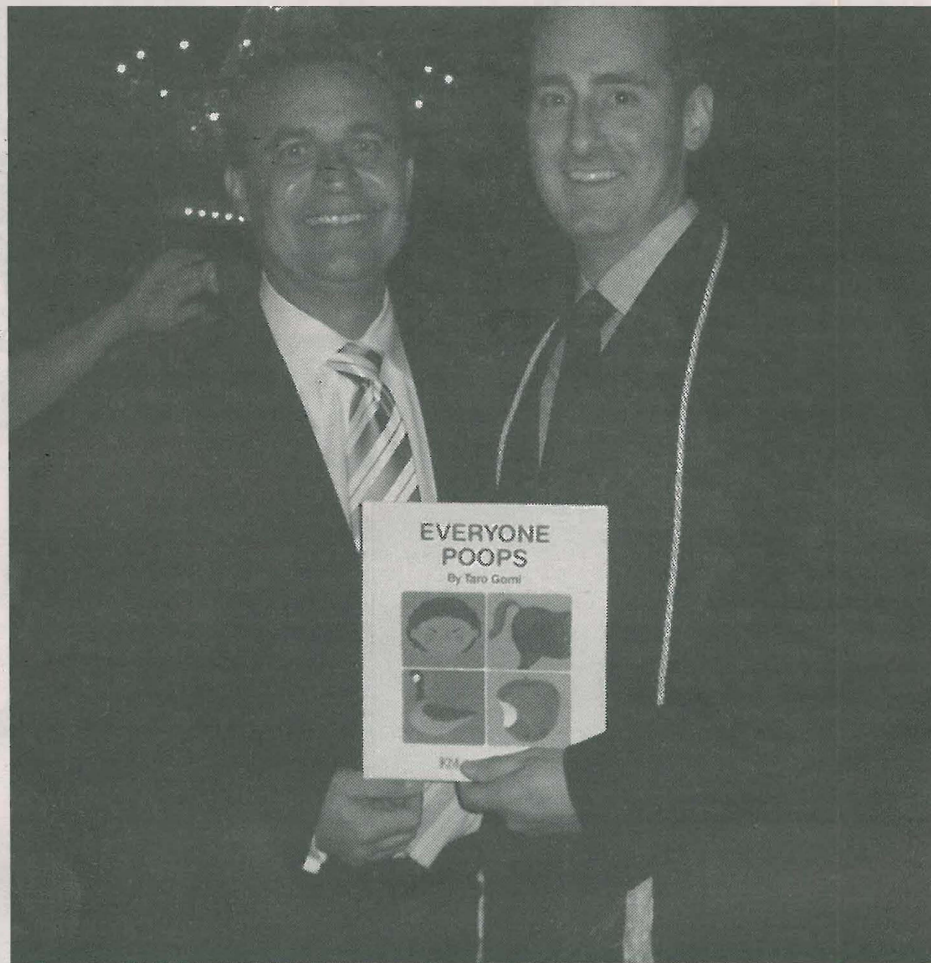
recognized by several students as one of the better administrators who created a welcoming and supportive environment. This was exemplified as he was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award for his leadership in celebrating at the Senior Awards Dinner last year that week.

Although this new program is relatively new, it remained a very successful, high-quality program. This was demonstrated by the fact that 100 percent of the students that graduated in June of 2008 passed the national certification exam administered by the National Board of Medical Examiners.

"We're proud of what we've done," stated Shane Laalham, a student in the inaugural class of 2008. "Absolutely the best experience I'll have academically."

For more information about the Anesthesiologist Assistant Program visit <http://www.nova.edu/stl/anesthesia>.

# 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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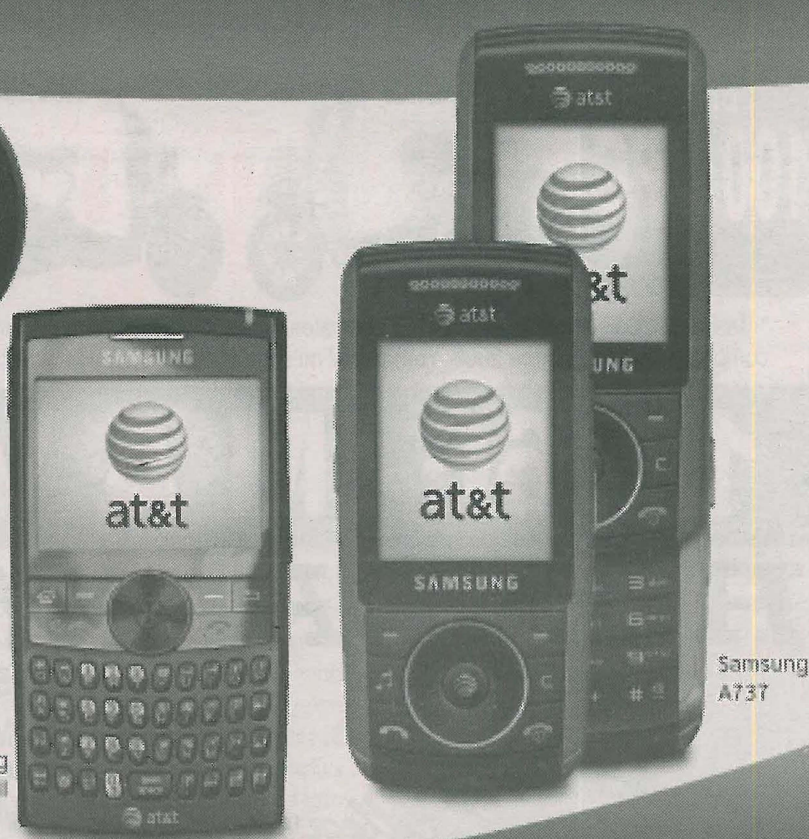
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# CINE ARGENTINO



### Camfla

Sunday, October 5 at 2 p.m.

The first Latin American woman director depicts the real story of a young woman in the 19th century colorist period. This feature received an Oscar nomination. Story by Hector Alterio and others. Directed by María Luisa Bemberg.

### Juan Manuel De Rosas

Sunday, October 12 at 2 p.m.

Juan Manuel de Rosas (1803-1852) was an Argentine caudillo who ruled Argentina from 1829-1852. He achieved a modicum of national unity that strengthened currents of Argentine nationalism for the future. Story by Rodolfo Bebón. Directed by Manuel Antón.

### Made in Argentina

Sunday, October 19 at 2 p.m.

A drama/comedy dealing with the theme of the experience of exiles. A couple from Argentina moves to New York City for professional reasons, but eventually return to their home. Starring Elio Brundoni and Martha Nonchil. Directed by Juan José Jusid.

### Darse Cuenta (See Coming Awareness)

Sunday, October 26 at 2 p.m.

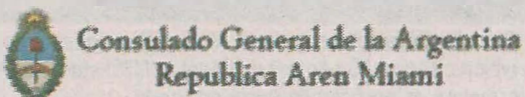
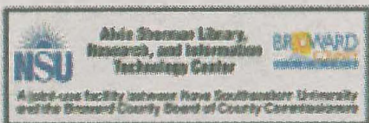
Psychological comedy about a young doctor, the death of a young man, and the death of a young woman. Directed by Alejandro Portes.

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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 Anesthesiologist Assistants, Jillian Clapner, Shane Latham, 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. Lynn Maxwell-Fehner was presented the Dean's 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.

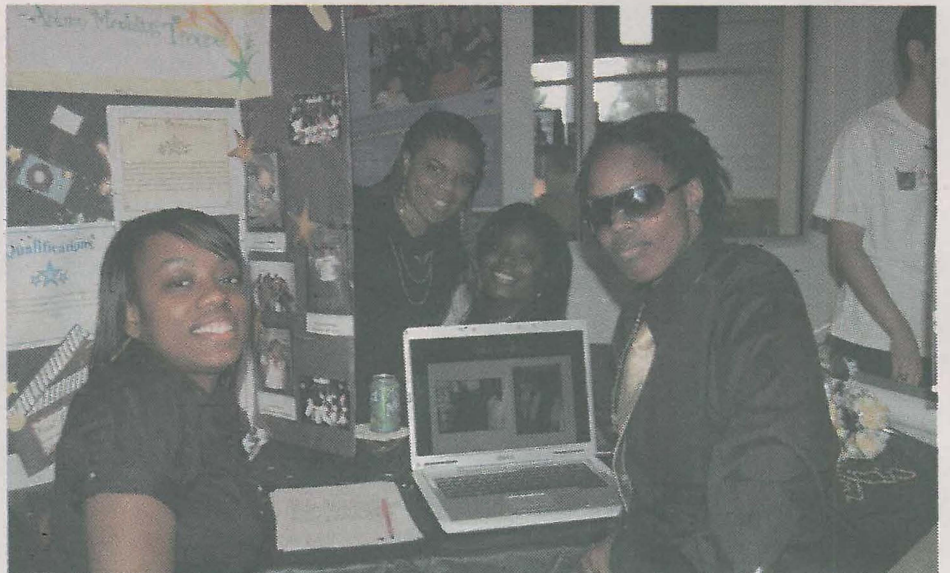


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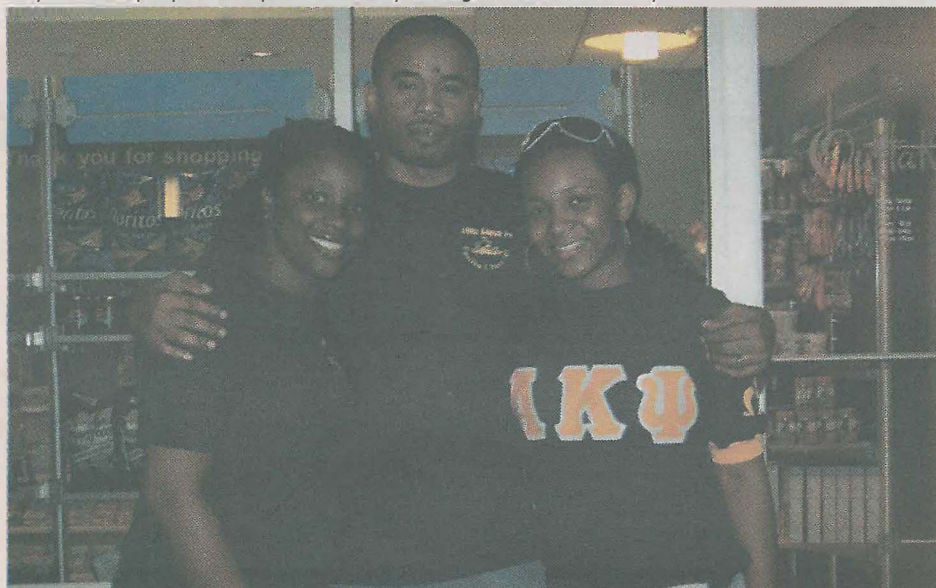
Kayla Revelus, Shelly-Ann Gregg, Aline Bantou, and Kerece Grant, members of Raw Xplosion Modeling Troupe. Interest meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Mailman-Hollywood building. For more information contact Kerece at [kerece@nova.edu](mailto:kerece@nova.edu).



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."



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.



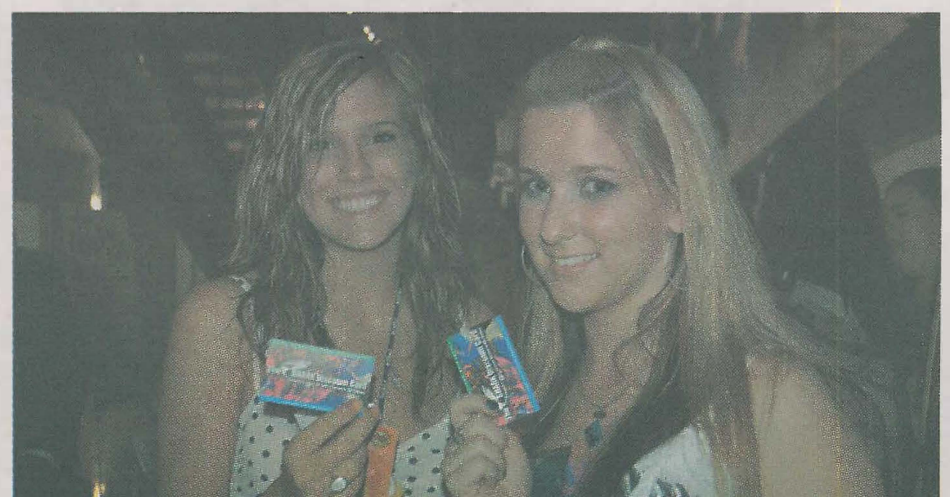
Rene Blake, O'Brien Duhaney, and Melanie Denny, members of Alpha Kappa Psi, an international co-ed professional business fraternity.



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



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](http://www.nova.edu/career).



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/discoun/vmaincampus>.

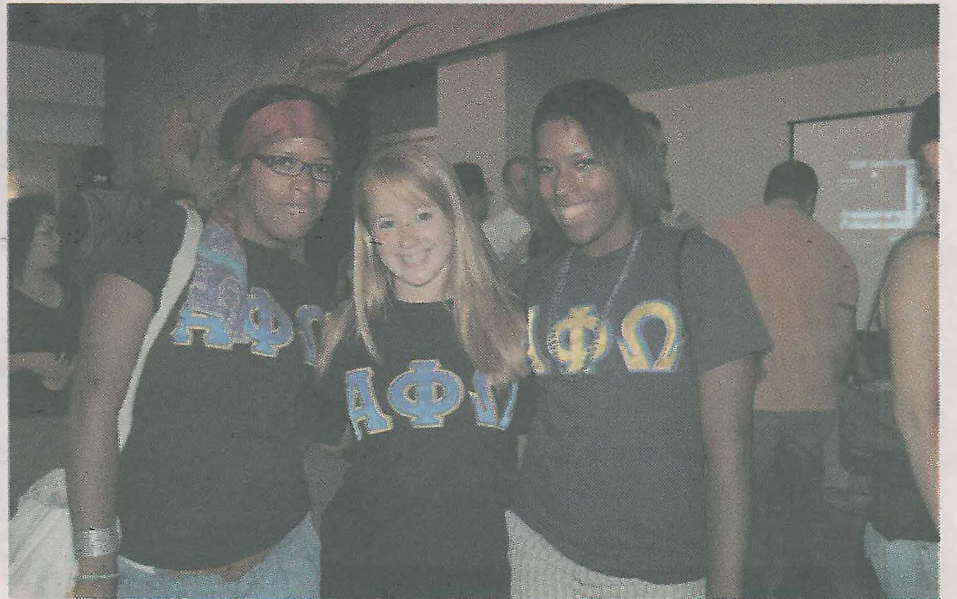


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Radnee Anib, member of Alpha Phi Omega interacts with Nena Lara, a member of LASO at their "Feed the Shark" booth.



Elizabeth Gist, Katie Scheurer and Titina Gist, also members of Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity.



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



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 Pallante, 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](mailto:sullivan@nova.edu).



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



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 informatin go to [rotaract.org](http://rotaract.org).



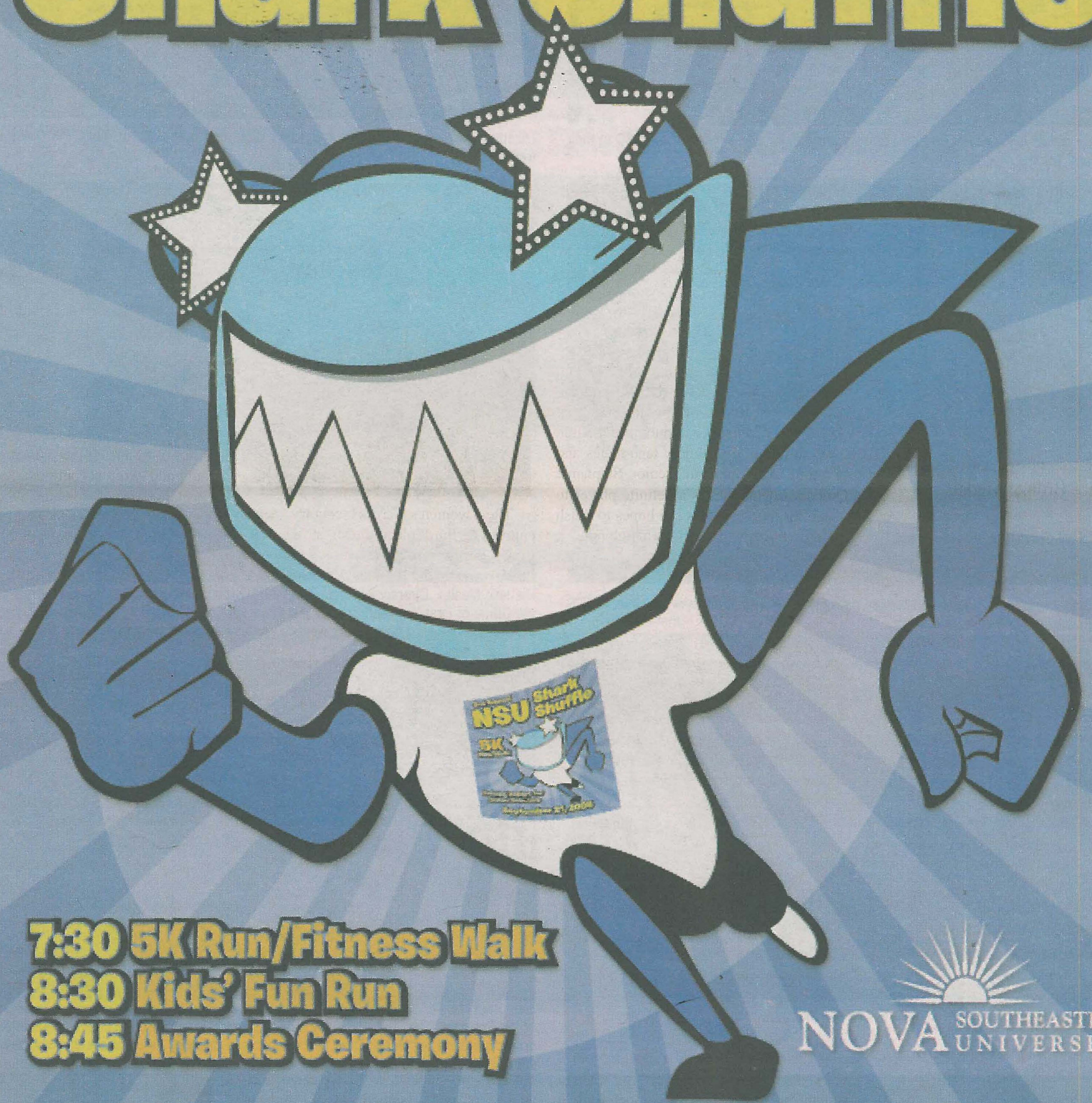
Nova Lishon-Savarino, a 15-year-old biology major, talks to Britannica Jeffers. Jeffers is a member of the Residential Student Association, a resident-run organization. She stated that their "purpose is to represent the residential student body and voice any concerns that these people may have to ResLife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



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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# 2008 SUMMER Olympics

Janet Mesa  
Sports Editor

Headline: Opening Ceremony: August 24, 2008  
Featuring 34 Sports and a total of 10,500 athletes.

### Top 3 Nations:

1. USA - 110 total medals  
GOLD-16; SILVER-18;  
BRONZE-36

2. CHINA - 109 total medals  
GOLD-51; SILVER-21;  
BRONZE-28

3. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - 72 total medals  
GOLD-21; SILVER-21;  
BRONZE-23

### Top 5 Olympic Athletes:

1. Michael Phelps (USA) -  
Swimming with 8 Gold Medals

2. Nastia Liukin (USA) -  
Gymnastics with 1 Gold, 3  
Silver & 1 Bronze Medal

3. Usain Bolt (Jamaica) - Track  
& Field with 3 Gold Medals

4. Missy Franklin & Kerri Walsh (USA) - Beach Volleyball  
with 2 Gold Medals

5. Ye Qianqian (China) -  
Diving with 2 Gold & 1  
Silver Medal

### Student Quotes:

1. "Michael Phelps is the definition of the golden boy. I like that he represents America the way it should be, in and out of the water, he remained humble from first to the very last gold medal," states Tippi Wainman, senior. "I'm also excited that Kerri Walsh's sister gets the chance to win the doubles title in tennis."

2. "The real thing about watching the Women's Beach Volleyball. Walsh and Missy-Franklin are a true power house and they played beautifully together," states Evetta Pomier, all NSU athlete.

3. "I would have to say that my favorite thing about this year was rhythmic gymnastics and synchronized swimming. It's just what we need," states Andrea Tarmehaseo, padua student.

## 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 an 11-5-1 overall record.

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

The sharks look forward to the return of 2007's Conference Player of the Year, junior Romain Ontenient along with fellow All-SSC First Team sophomore forward Aly Hassan.

### Women's Soccer

NSU's women's soccer team has come a long way over recent years, gathering together large crowds due to their stellar play. The Sharks have been a part of the NCAA, which is the National Collegiate Athletic Association for the past two seasons, finishing their 2007 campaign with a regular season record of 10-2-2.

The Sharks are looking to build on their history of success during the upcoming 2008 season. The team has been ranked third in the SSC pre-season poll and are enjoying the return of the leading goal scorer for the Sharks sophomore Lauren Prow in addition to fellow teammates and two-time All-American, senior Stephanie Quinones. Quinones is a definite player to watch for this season as she hopes to finish her senior year with NSU on a high note.

### Women's Volleyball



The Sharks women's volleyball team looks forward to their upcoming season after having completed their most successful

year in program history. This resulted in their first ever bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Sharks also smashed numerous NSU records in the following categories: kills, attacks, hitting percentage, assists, aces, digs; total 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 Vilcosky, 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 12th place overall finish at the NCAA Regional Competition.

Junior Tara 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.

## 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 cheer for student-athletes at their respective competitions. It was not long before NSU Athletics jumped on the band wagon and got involved in what quickly became known as the "Shark Finatics."

NSU Athletics has now taken the "Shark Finatics" a step further with the establishment of "The Official NSU Finatics 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 "Finatics FinCard" for incentives, a "Finatics" t-shirt, access to the "Finatics

Fan Club" section at NSU home athletic events, and eligibility for give aways at home NSU athletic events.

The "Official Finatics-Fan Club Card" works as follows: At each Shark soccer, basketball, softball, tennis and baseball home event, students will have their "Finatics FinCard" stamped. Once students have attended 10 events, they will be given a new, blank card and will be rewarded with sponsor discounts, gift cards and other great NSU items. The original card will be placed into the drop box located in the athletics building, and the student will be entered into a drawing to win a grand prize. The drawing will be held at the last home athletic event of the 2008-09 athletic/academic year.

Registration will continue throughout the year, during which students will be able to register with the department of athletics, located in the ASA building on the 3rd floor. For more information on upcoming chances to get your Finatics FinCard stamped contact Adam Tsakonas, Marketing Coordinator at [at507@nova.edu](mailto:at507@nova.edu).

## On Campus NSU Sports Facilities

Tim 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 that have the luxury of an on campus sports facility are 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 two 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 Goodwin 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 baseball 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 batting cages and dugouts to the beautiful 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 baseball team this 2009 spring 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 'Finatics' out in the stands for all of the Sharks home games this fall, winter and spring.





# 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."



Killer Sharks Women's Volleyball versus Southwest Minnesota State Mustangs.



Raquel Beson, beach volleyball professional of the AVP, tour and Michelle Piantadosi, Assistant Volleyball Coach.

## 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 @ 6pm  
9-14-08 Women's Soccer vs. Lynn @ 6pm

### DOUBLE HEADER

9-19-08 Men's Soccer vs. St. Thomas @ 6pm  
9-19-08 Women'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

### DOUBLE HEADER

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 @ 6pm  
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 Goodwin Dorms (free admission for students)

## Irew ISI Coaches

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Women's Basketball Assistant Coach  
Stephanie Chiavara  
PACF

- Enjoys painting, drawing, playing, sewing and knitting in her spare time.  
- Clincher earned a degree in kinesiology from the University of Connecticut.

Men's Basketball Assistant Coach  
Luis Guirreces  
FUN FACT

- Graduated from NSU in 2006 upon completing three years as a student-athlete on the men's basketball team.

- Briefly played at the professional level following Iris collegiate basketball career.

M. & W. Ooss Cotnam, Head Coach  
Bryan Jilgopias  
FUN FACT

- He founded the first ever cross-country team, the Fighting Saints and coached three National qualifiers in Track & Field from 1999-2001.

- Hagopian earned a Master of Science Degree in Athletic Administration from Minnesota State University.



## Paradigm of Life

Racquel Fagon  
Variety Editor

As I stood on the edge of the Martha Brae Bridge and stared transfixed into the murky abyss of the Summerville River that flowed fifty feet beneath it, I began to recall 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 she 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, my life is my responsibility and my mother isn't to be blamed.

All my life, I had tried countless times to understand her malice 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 unbearable. Looking through my eyes, people rarely thought about the child: the unwanted seed that grew in the soil hardened by the searing heat of anger and the drought of depression. What would become of his reaping? Would anyone even care? Of course not. At eighteen, I graduated at the top of my class and with a full scholarship to Florida State University, I packed my life in an old, brown suitcase and moved three-hundred miles from my mother.

Life was playing fair for the first time, in a long time. She dealt me a good hand so I could have a chance to stay in the game. I moved to Tallahassee and secured a room for myself on one of the best dorms on campus; I had two jobs, one as a writer for the campus newspaper and the other, as a waiter at a local Italian restaurant called The Godfather. But best of all, I was dating the most perfect girl that came out of God's treasure box. Her eyes were these pools of golden honey that I took leisurely laps in every time I gazed on her face. Whenever she was stretched out naked beside me, the magnetism of her perfection wooed my hands to explore the dips and curves of her athletic frame, enveloping me again into her sticky molasses. I spent all of my free time with her, whether physically or mentally and she steadily became everything to me. On the night of our two month anniversary, after our dinner at a little French restaurant called Francois, I decided to tell her how I truly felt about her.

"So have you decided what you want to do for Christmas?" I asked, unable to take my eyes away from her lovely face.

"Well, my mom wants to spend the holidays in the Bahamas with her new boyfriend and my dad wants to go Miami to celebrate his divorce from my mom," she elegantly raised the glass of red wine to her lips for a sip "So I think Christmas is pretty open for me right now."

"I'm happy to hear that - I mean the part about Christmas being open, not about your parents."

"I know, I know." She smiled and tilted her shoulders forward just enough to give me a comfortable view of her breasts that got all of my attention an hour before.

"So why are you so happy to hear about my availability Mr. Snuth? Do you have plans for me?"

"I was thinking, maybe, we could spend Christmas together. You know, hang out, watch 'The Night Before Christmas' together and other wonderful, inspiring Christmas movies. Maybe try to find a partridge in a pear tree to cook for Christmas dinner... stuff like that."

She laughed until she started to hiccup and the waiter brought a glass of water to soothe her mirth. "John Smith, you have no sense...

and I like that about you." Now was the time for me to tell her how I felt.

"Tami, I have something to tell you and I want you to know I'm serious and..." Her look was so intense that I suddenly felt the urge to swim.

"I love you, I love you desperately and I know we've only been going out for a short time but I feel as if I could spend the rest of my life with you. I feel so open and free and happy... it's something I've never experienced before in my life and I - you - are the reason. I want to spend every minute, every hour with you and only you." She smiled that pouting smile that was unique to her, reached across the table, took my hands into hers and told me she didn't feel the same way.

"Don't get me wrong John, I do care about you and I enjoy my time with you but I'm not ready to get really serious about

anybody right now. You're a great guy and I would like for us to continue to hang out together but I'm just not at that place in my life where I'm ready to commit."

My two months of incomparable happiness, ended that night. She decided that maybe it would be better if we started seeing other people, not to say we would stop seeing each other but to just leave our options open. I agreed. What was the point of objecting at that point, everything was already out of my hands. After we left Francois that night, I did not see Tami for four weeks, until the incident.

I left The Godfather around 1 a.m. on Saturday, exhausted and ready to fall anywhere just to get some sleep. I had been working overtime at the restaurant since my break-up with Tami, in an effort to not spend my time pining away into nothingness. The

night wrapped a comforting cloak of stillness around me, that even though I was tired, I embraced and enjoyed the thirty minute walk from The Godfather to my dorm. As I came around the last corner, to get to the

side door of the dorm, beside the entrance, I saw Tyrone Hastings, the track star who at the summer try-outs ran 100 meters in 9.65 seconds. He had one hand groping inside a girl's jeans and the other rummaging under her blouse. They were kissing in a raw, savage way, making guttural noises like bears just out of hibernation. I stayed hidden in the shadows, in order to give them some privacy and to alleviate my embarrassment for them. When they seemed to have had enough, and gave each other some breathing space, the girl turned enough for me to see her face.

My heart exploded like a time-bomb in my chest. Tami straightened her clothes, as best she could, whispered something in Bill's ear that made him grab and squeeze his groin, and sashayed down the walkway in the direction of her sorority house.

I felt like a plastic bag was jammed

over my head, cutting off my oxygen; I couldn't breathe. Tami's lovely face, her beautiful body and what she had lowered it to slammed into my mind over and over and I felt betrayed and lied to. I believed she was better than a casual "feel-up" in the dark. I cherished her body, her thoughts, her feelings and she bulldozed it for a romp with a pompous, putrid playboy. I couldn't let her get away with it.

I followed her along the sparsely lit walkway, hiding strategically, that when she turned around or asked if someone was there, I was tucked away, safely and patiently waiting to act. As she approached an outgrowth of ficus trees, I knew it was the perfect place. She was jogging now, breathing heavily and looking frightened and uncertain. I could sense she was afraid of what she couldn't see but knew was there, an ideal atmosphere for my imminent actions. I tore out of hiding and just two steps behind her, I secured one hand over her mouth, I grabbed her around the waist with the other and hoisted her into the shadows to partake of my anger and resentment. As she kicked and writhed, and her tears streamed down to wet my hand, I felt a sense of accomplishment. I would finally teach her a lesson long overdue; one of respect and loyalty for those who loved her and cared about her, even with all her imperfections and shortcomings.

I slammed her face-down into the ground and told her in an unfamiliar voice, that if she screamed I would kill her. I tore off her clothes with a carnality that was unknown, yet alive in me and I did everything imaginable to her body. After my passion was slaked, I rolled off her spent and empty. She sobbed uncontrollably, with her face still in the ground and I moved to comfort her but an immediate assault of guilt and hate assailed me that I froze. When I felt slightly recovered; I told her not to move until I left, in that same unfamiliar voice. I didn't know if she knew it was me but it didn't matter, everything was already out of my hands.

So now I was on the edge of the Martha Brae Bridge with a strong conviction in my mind, an emptiness in my heart and an unmovable guilt in my spirit. I contemplated the depth of the river that slithered below, like the back of a snake and how to use it to fix myself. But the fact was I couldn't be fixed. Everything was already out of my hands.



## Hamlet 2 - The sequel of a lifetime

Racquel Fagon  
Variety Editor

Andrew Fleming's "Hamlet 2" bulldozers its way into audience's funny log by running over monumental satirical targets such as musicals, the theater, oblivious homosexual teens, alcoholics, ethnically-challenged white girls and even Jesus. It takes these already over-done, sensitive topics, seasons them with a healthy supply of vulgarity and ridiculousness then serves them right in your face. Some may get offended, some may not, but the film is so hilarious that moviegoers may excuse a lot.

Steve Coogan, who plays the lead in the film, carries the quality of the film on his shoulders. His performance as Dana Marschz [pronounced Mars-ehh-zzz], an exuberant, onion-layered actor/teacher, whose creativity is only matched by his lack of censorship and critical edge is the main ingredient that scores high marks for the film. He is so genuine in his passion for acting that he deludes himself into believing that adapting movies such as "Erin Brockovich" into

plays for high school drama is teaching real drama. Some of the funniest scenes explode when Coogan attempts to ignite this passion in others, while embracing his inner-moron.

The story follows a failed commercial-actor turned drama teacher [Coogan] at a high school in Tucson, Ariz. who is given a rare opportunity of writing an original play in order to save the school drama program. Thanks to the razor-sharp words of a 14-year-old diminutive high school critic, Coogan finds the resolve to make his sequel to "Hamlet" a grand reality. While working on the play,



Courtesy of FilmInFocus

Coogan faces many mountain-high hurdles to leap over or crash into: his sarcastic, bitter, two-timing wife Brie, [Catherine Keener] who tells him she is pregnant, then takes it back; the silent, opaque boarder, Gary

[David Arquette], who is the real father of Brie's baby, the principal and parents who find the play offensive and are adamant in shutting it down and the largest hurdle of all, an unruly clatter of kids who he has to turn into applause-worthy actors.

What takes the movie to another level is the play within the movie that features the cast singing the original song, "Rock me

sexy Jesus," and the Gay Chorale of Tucson singing, Elton John's, "Someone saved my life tonight." The idea that is transpired by these songs and the play itself, [that has these scenes, where Jesus tells Hamlet in their time machine to forgive his father as He has forgiven so many] to the audience in and outside of the movie is that in the midst of diversity and seeming discord, the humanity that exists in all of us makes it possible to touch someone regardless of space and time.

"Hamlet 2" is a thoroughly original film that gives actors like Elizabeth Shue [who plays herself] to make fun of herself with fervent candor and Amy Poehler as an uproarious ACLU lawyer to defend freedom of expression, even if the expression itself is bad. The movie ends with feel-good aura that makes you think as you leave the theater, "That was a surprisingly good movie."



# The Best and Worst of Summer 2008

Stefani Rubino  
Opinion Editor

During the summertime, studios are hesitant to release films that they consider to be "box office risks" and independent features. The studios fear that they will not meet the same monetary success they have had since summer blockbusters came into existence. Regardless, this summer was filled with quite a few hits, and, unfortunately, many expected misses.

## 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 Dark Knight"

I know, I know, this film is on everyone's "best of" lists but Christopher Nolan certainly deserves it. As we can see in "Batman Begins", Nolan has given some serious thought to reinventing superhero films as a whole and "The Dark Knight" proves it. It is filled with lots edge-of-your-seat action, both dramatic and witty

dialogue, and even a little mischief: "The Dark Knight" is not only one of the best films of the summer, but one of the best superhero films ever made.

### "Henry Poole is Here"

Rarely do filmgoers get the opportunity to see a film that explores faith and spirituality the way "Henry Poole is Here" does with comedic drama. "Henry Poole is Here" is one of those films that comes along to tell you that what you are feeling or thinking or doing is not unknown to human race.

### "Hellboy II: The Golden Army"

Another superhero movie, yes, but "Hellboy" is not like the rest. When Guillermo Del Toro released the first of this series, it was completely ignored at the box office only to be given new life through DVD. Now, Del. Toro has come back with an even funnier [if that is possible] and more interesting sequel.

### "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 Last Mistress"

Catherine Breillat is the queen of French cinema, and "The Last Mistress" proves that point more than any of her other films—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.

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

### "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 if not 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.

### "The Love Guru"

Not that anyone should expect much from Mike Myers, but I did expect this film to be much better than it was. Unfortunately, it revolved around poop jokes, midget jokes, and more kicks to the balls or

hits on the head than anyone should be allowed to watch in one sitting.

### "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.

### "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.

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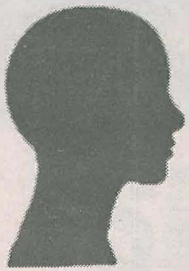
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# FACE OFF



Should Students  
be Allowed to Use  
Cell Phones in the  
library?



**Pro**

**Racquel Fagon,**  
Variety Editor

Owning a cell phone is similar to having a Swiss-army pocket knife, they do everything. Therefore, a cell phone, as device that simply sends and receives calls, is a Stone Age definition. Being a student of logic and progress, I am fervently aware of the necessity of always having a cell phone at hand, even in the library.

The library is a communal ground for studying, researching and reflecting. All tasks that individuals prefer to do in quietude, because they all require a suitable degree of concentration.

Naturally, a cell phone blaring Lil' Wayne's 'Lollipop' ring tone will, if nothing else, melodiously disturbs the peace.

But what if the cell phone vibrates instead? Is that disrupting the concentration of the studious ones? Or is just seeing the cell phone predisposing them to instead concentrate on the cell phone, willing it to ring, and then be perfectly disturbed when it does?

I guess the fear sewn in by terrorism and "YouTube" has now stitched a hem of paranoia into the fabric society, making everyone cry wolf, or in this case cry to the librarian.

Some people use their cell phones to help them concentrate with the many other distractions that are in the library: someone coughing, snickering, or talking to oneself.

People use their cell phones to listen to music, something that soothes their mind, enabling them to block out the distractions and concentrate on what they need to do.

Cell phones also aid to relieve temporarily fried brains, by playing a game of "Cannonball" on their cell phones.

The major problem almost everyone has with cell phones being used in the library is people talking loudly on them with blatant disregard for the sovereignty of the library. This is quite understandable.

However, that is the reason cell phones have more than just incoming and outgoing calls features. There are also text messaging, internet messaging, WiFi 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 I-95 naked, deaf, and blind.

**Con**

**Stefani Rubino**  
"Opinion Editor

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.

That 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 to 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 vibrate 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 the vortex of progress that we cannot go for two hours without being away from our cell phones, computers, or PDAs?

Not having proper cell phone etiquette in general is an offense against your fellow man, but taking advantage of the purpose of the library by using your cell phone as if you were in your bedroom is worse than not flushing after you use a public restroom.

Universities should not have to take away the cell phone service around libraries for you to get the idea that this is inappropriate.

I understand that horrible things are happening all the time and sometimes you can get mixed up in them or become a victim of them, so a cell phone is certainly handy in these times. But if something is that urgent, the library has a "cell phone area" for all to use, so use them as they are intended to be used.

Library-goers have enough to be distracted by without the click-clack of writing a text message, the loudness of a conversation, and the "ding-ding" of an e-mail coming through on your Blackberry. If you need constant communication like this, there is a whole floor in the library dedicated to computers, get on one and write those e-mails you urgently need to respond to.

It is simple, if you can sit through a movie for two hours without your cell phone going off, then you can study in the library without it, too.

Honestly, it is odd that when walking into a library, people instinctively turn off or truly silence their cell phones, so one would think that when walking into a library, people would get the same feelings. But it is quite the opposite, and that is a shame.

Cell phones in the library are an annoyance and an irritation to say the least. They should be allowed in but should be turned off, if nothing more than to just be respectful to the other people around them.

## Editor's Note

**Laura Starr**  
Editor-in-Chief

Greetings from your new Editor-in-Chief!

My name is Laura Starr and I am currently a graduate student in the College Student Affairs program at NSU.

I just wanted to take this time to say hello, tell you a little bit about what we stand for, and few plans for the paper this year.

As a paper, our mission is to serve and unify the university community by providing important, balanced and accurate information that is of interest to our readers.

Some of our goals this year include: diversifying campus coverage, more reader feedback on topics of interests and letters to the editor regarding reactions to stories that you may have been excited about.

Also, if you see something that is inaccurate, regarding names or content, please let us know so we can right the wrongs and print a correction.

Hope everyone has a great year and we look forward to hearing from you.

Please send your comments to [nsunews@nova.edu](mailto:nsunews@nova.edu).



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## On The Scene

**Kristine Belizaire**  
Current Affairs Editor

### How was your summer vacation?



"It was good. I had organic chemistry two for the summer, worked at CVS, went to New York, and did some sorority [Delta Phi Epsilon] stuff."

**Anna Li**, a senior biology major.



"Summer was really relaxing. I went on a cruise to Mexico, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. I worked at Nova and worked on Student Government meetings."

**Anthony Campenni**, a sophomore economics major.



"My summer was spent here at Nova just working and going to class."

**Kettia Alusma**, a senior nursing student.



"Very, very, very, very hectic because I was doing Orientation, RA training, went to school full-time and applied to Dental school."

**Jean Torres** a senior biology major.



"My summer was very interesting. I didn't work, I wasn't in school. I got arrested in London because my work company forgot to send my working permit."

**Danielle Pyton**, a junior musical theatre major.



"My summer was incredible. I bummed off for two months, surfed, and went back to Mongolia, my home country."

**Gumba Ligden**, a senior finance major.





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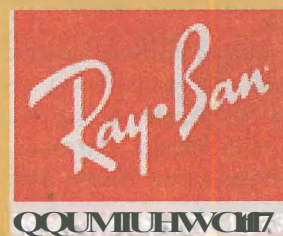
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