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Success at Sharkapalooza Food, Entertainment, and Raffles Made for a Great Party at the University

Kristine Belizare Current Affairs Editor, **Jany Cabezas** Staff Writer

Old and new members of the NSU community gathered for the second annual Sharkapalooza, a combination of two NSU traditions Got Wood and NSU Exploration week.

Got Wood is a large event that brings clubs and organizations a chance to inform student about the different ways to become involved on campus. NSU Explorations Week takes place during the first week of school, where students are given NSU passports and the chance to receive stamps for visiting different places on campus. Students then receive raffle tickets for each stamp that they collected. With these tickets, students have a chance to win many raffle prizes, including gift certificates, and a free car for a year (courtesy of Rick Case Automotive Group).

Originally sponsored by The Office of Student Engagement, the office decided to co-sponsor with The Student Union Board, and the undergraduate SGA to bring more to this NSU tradition, such as

performances of local bands The Down- Home Southernaires, Raw B Jae, and The Jean Marie.

Due to uncertain weather

better to have it inside than outside where it can be hot. It [the university center] made the event more alive. I hope that in the next few years we can continue to hold it inside."

While the purpose of Sharkapalooza is to give students the opportunity to learn about the clubs and organizations at NSU, while also winning great prizes, members of the undergraduate SGA believed

said Anthony Ferrara, Public Relations Director for the SGA, "We want the students to know that we're the first ones that they should come to if they have a problem on campus." Joann Liria, Minority Senator for the SGA, agreed. "This is a groundbreaking year for the SGA and NSU overall. We are trying to promote unity within the organizations and the school."

Brad Williams, Dean of Student Affairs was proud of the event "It's amazing. This is what we had in mind while we were looking at building the University Center. What a wonderful way to welcome all the students" he said.

Greek Life at NSU was also present at the event, with step performances from Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, and Lambda Theta Phi.

The grand prize winner of the free car for a year was freshman and elementary education major Jeanene Hitchcock, who could hardly believe her luck. "I'm so excited," she said. "I actually lost my raffle tickets and found them right before the event."



Above Left: Psychology club holds IQ Toss.

conditions the event was moved into the University Center, which Rob Keever, Graduate Assistant for the Office of Student Engagement thought was a good move. "It is

that this is their time to inform students that they have representation on campus." This is our first chance of the year to have everyone together and promote campus community,

Below: UC finds itself packed from Sharkapalooza. Sharkapalooza.



Current Affairs

Current Affairs Calendar

Kristine Belizaire Current Affairs Editor

Monday:

Auditions for Fall 2007: The Women of Lockerbie: The NSU Theatre will be holding auditions for the Fall production *Women Of Lockerbie* by Deborah Brevoort. Auditions will be held on September 10-11, and are open to all NSU students, faculty, and staff, as well as members of the community. For more information or to sign up for an audition, contact NSU Theatre at (954) 262-8179 or email lisamari@nsu.nova.edu.

The South Florida Irish Film Festival: The Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences at NSU, the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival (FLIFF), and the South Florida Irish Studies Consortium will co-sponsor the first South Florida Irish Film Festival from September 6-14. The festival will feature five films shown at NSU's main campus and Cinema Paradiso in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The films are provided by Reel Ireland, which is run by the Irish Film Institute. For more information on the South Florida Irish Film Festival, please contact David Kilroy at dkilroy@nova.edu. The September 10 event features the film *Pavee Lackeen* at the NSU Mailman Auditorium.

Tuesday:

Faculty Lectures Series: Philosophical Conceptions of Truth: Darren Hibbs, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Division of Humanities will examine and assess each of the four dominant theories of truth within the western philosophical tradition: the correspondence, pragmatist, coherence, and deflationary theories. He will then discuss the relevance of the concept of 'power' in developing a theory of truth. For more information, contact Jim Doan at [HYPERLINK "mailto:doan@nova.edu"](mailto:mailto:doan@nova.edu) doan@nova.edu

Wednesday:

Mission India Business Symposium: Sponsored by Broward Company Economic Development. The Symposium will be held at the Miniaci Performing Arts Center from 7:30 a.m-3 p.m. For more information contact [HYPERLINK "mailto:szerbe@broward.org"](mailto:mailto:szerbe@broward.org) szerbe@broward.org

Applying to Law School: A Free Workshop Series: Students who are interested in law school and the application process are invited to attend a workshop that can help to answer their questions. Students will have the opportunity to speak to Tim Dixon, J.D. and Gary Gershman, J.D., Ph.D., associate professors of legal studies at NSU, as well as students from the Shepard Broad Law Center. The workshop will be held from 5.00 to 6:30 in room 202 of the Parker Building. For more information, contact [HYPERLINK "mailto:dixon@nova.edu"](mailto:mailto:dixon@nova.edu) Tim Dixon at (954) 262-8203 or [HYPERLINK "mailto:ggershma@nova.edu"](mailto:mailto:ggershma@nova.edu) Gary Gershman at (954) 262-8211.

Thursday:

Rosh Hashanah- University Holiday

Friday:

Flight Deck Fridays. The Flight Deck will be hosting "Flight Deck Fridays." Come out for live music, free food and drinks specials. For more information call the Flight Deck at 954-262-7260.

Sunday:

A Day for Children: NSU will host the 6th annual A Day for Children in front of the Alvin Sherman Library. The event is open to the entire Broward and NSU community. The event will be focusing on free health care, as well as social services and other resources to meet the needs of the children of Broward County. The event will also be hosted by the Chris Evert Children's Hospital, BlueCross Blue Shield of Florida, WPBT Channel 2 and WPBT Kid Vision, Broward Family Life, KISS Country Radio, the Epilepsy Foundation, Broward County's One Community Partnership, the Rose & Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center, COSTCO, Florida Kid Care and the NSU Health Care Centers. For more information call 954-NSU-CARE (954-678-2273).

Convocation Celebrates Start of New Academic Year

Kristine Belizaire Current Affairs Editor

Members of the NSU Community gathered at the Miniaci Performing Arts Center for the 2007 NSU Convocation, an event celebrating the beginning of a new academic year.

Don Rosenblum, Dean for the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, welcomed everyone to the convocation before introducing Frank De Piano, Vice President for Academic Affairs at NSU.

After welcoming everyone on behalf of Ray Ferrero and the Administration, De Piano delivered his message to the NSU community. He implored the incoming students to get involved on campus by taking interesting classes and joining organizations on campus. "Explore across the board in things that you are interested and even things that you aren't interested in. You can go to class and go home and get your degree but being involved will help you get the maximum experience."

Dr. Kathleen Waites, professor in the Division of Humanities received the Full-Time Faculty Excellence in Teaching award and spoke on behalf of NSU faculty. Waites also introduced the academic theme for the 2007-08 academic year: "truth and power." With the theme in mind, she said she believed that there is an infection of dishonesty on college campuses. "Dishonesty is a cultural infection. The practice of dishonesty is becoming all too commonplace. What are we going to do about it?" To answer that question, she asked everyone to make a pledge to truth and honesty and highlight the new academic year with honesty.

The last person to speak was keynote speaker Altaf Ali, executive director of the council on American-Islamic Relations. Ali spoke about the significance of classroom manners to the real world. "Be successful yes, not only for yourself but for others, and never compromise your integrity."

The event came to a close with the recognition of the 2007 orientation leaders and the jacketing ceremony of the newest students to be participants in the Clinical Exploration program, where students shadow doctors, nurses and other professionals working in NSU clinics. Dean's List Scholars were also given recognition. Dean scholars are sophomores who made the Dean's List during both the fall and winter semesters of their first year at NSU. Sharein El-tourky, one of the Dean's List scholars felt proud to be recognized. "It feels really good. I have been working very hard and it's nice to be appreciated"



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NSU Students and Faculty Show Interest in their Health

Julian Brownlee Staff Writer

“To promote health and overall well being of our community.” Those were the words of NSU’s Student Health Manager, Eric Beauette stating the main objective of the health fair. As hundreds of people from the community attended the health fair, students were approached by representatives from various companies ranging from the Broward County Health Department to TIAA-CREF. Mr. Raul Cevallos, a representative from Eastern Financial felt that it was important for a financial institution to be present at the health fair. “Students need to be financially sound, not just physically.” In addition to Cevallos’ comment, Mrs. Francetta Slacum from TIAA-CREF Financial Service stated that “Employees need to establish a retirement plan early with their employers.” Miriam Collazo, of Fort Lauderdale said “I will see my boss ASAP about my retirement plan.” Steven Ganim, an NSU junior said “I learned that finances and physical health go hand and hand.”



Top: Razor displaying the athletic training booth. Bottom: Raul Cevallos sharing information on his financial institution.

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SharkTube: NSU's New Interactive Media Technology

Tanya Parnes Staff Writer

SharkTube, a 40 inch flat screen television, is one of the newest pieces of technology set to arrive at NSU this fall as part of the Electronic Directory Kiosk (EDK) Project. There will be fourteen televisions in all placed around NSU’s main campus, the Oceanographic Center and the North Miami Beach location. “Our goal is to inform, and to entertain and to stimulate conversation,” said Mara Kiffin, Associate Director of Internal Communications. “It lets everyone know what’s going on and will help people coming to campus looking for their events.”

SharkTube will provide a wide range of information for students, faculty members and visitors to NSU including messages from the Deans and the President, public safety messages, health and wellness messages, student and faculty highlights and “Today at NSU,” which will list the different locations for the events taking place on campus. This information will run from the morning through the evening and will continually loop so that everyone can remain up to date at all times.

“I think it’s going to be a good source for information about departments, events and campus happenings,” said Arlene Giczowski, Director for Student Disability Services. “Having the screen in each building catches your attention and I’m looking forward to it.”

The EDK Project is being managed by the Office of Information Technologies and Digital Media’s Project management. The second half of the project includes seventeen interactive kiosks that will also be placed at various locations throughout NSU, as well as at the Orlando, West Palm Beach and Miami Student Educational Centers. These kiosks will provide maps of the campus and a list of the events taking place. Several other functions are being considered for the kiosks, but they have not yet been finalized.

“We’re hoping to help people find their way around” said Kiffin. “While they come into the buildings for a few minutes, we’re hoping they will stop and learn about all of the things happening here on campus.” Kiffin hopes that the project will enhance student life experiences and will be a very entertaining and informative addition to NSU life.

“I think it will impact the campus positively,” said Student Affairs Dean Brad Williams. “It’s a way to celebrate things that are happening on campus.”

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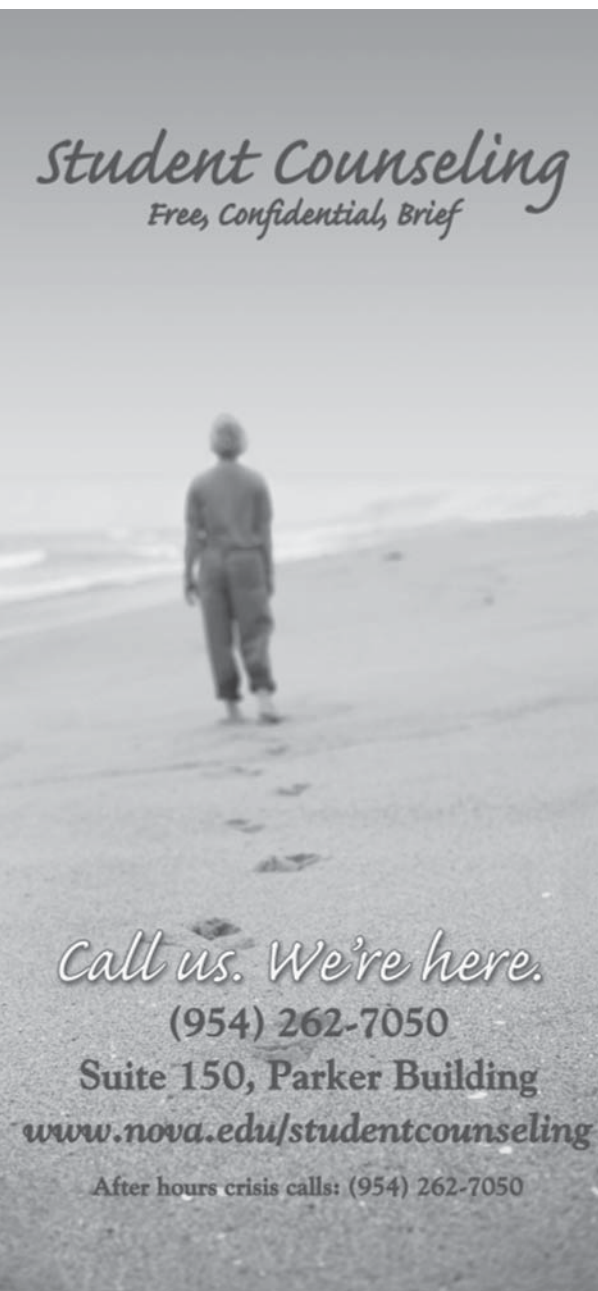
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Living Like a CHAMP: NSU Athletics Issues a New SHARK Challenge

Nelly Mesa Sports Writer

The fall season of 2007 marks the beginning of yet another athletic year. New athletes from all over the world have come to join NSU's athletic family and are excited to perform at the peak of their potential for their teammates, coaches, families, friends, and of course the Shark Finatics.

NSU's Athletic Department is making efforts now more than ever to promote its student-athlete's level of participation in regards to supporting to their fellow teams.

In doing so, with help of Compliance Coordinator and CHAMPS/Life Skills Coordinator, Reyna A. Gilbert, NSU's Athletic Department has established the "SHARK Challenge."

"The SHARK Challenge is a department wide game that is played by all teams," said Gilbert, "it effectively encompasses the five CHAMPS/Life Skills commitment areas while having fun in a positive and competitive environment."

In 1991, the NCAA Foundation developed Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success (CHAMPS)/Life Skills Program with the intent of generating a social developmental program for student-athletes.

The five commitment areas Gilbert refers to are as follows; Academic, Excellence, Personal Development, Career Development, Service, and Athletic Excellence.

Each year 40 teams are selected by the NCAA to join CHAMP/Life Skills, and in 2005 NSU was accepted to join the program amongst the other 581 Division I, II, and III schools nationwide.

This 2007-08 athletic year marks the SHARK Challenge's 2nd year in operation. "Teams can earn points in the following categories: Scholarly Success, Athletic Enhancement, Professional Development, Community Outreach, Personal Enhancement, Athletes Supporting Athletes, and Above and Beyond," explained Gilbert.

In order to accumulate points, athletic teams must do their part in getting involved. Coaches are given agendas which list upcoming affairs, seminars, volunteer opportunities and other scheduled events, each of which are worth points. From here, coaches are expected to inform and encourage their athletes to participate. Points are generally kept track by a CHAMPS/Life Skills representative from each team and turned over to Gilbert at the first of each month.

The athletes from NSU Women's Softball team were last year's SHARK Challenge winners. The women were acknowledged at the Student-Athletic Banquet and awarded with a framed certificate.

"Being named the winner of the SHARK Challenge mean that the coaches and student-athletes of the winning team were dedicated to enhancing the five commitment areas of the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program," said Gilbert.



Stephanie Quinones-JR
Midfielder



Craig Heenighan-FR
Midfielder

Sports

Women's Soccer Team "Kicks" off the Season with Strong Start

Nelly Mesa Sports Writer

The Sharks Women's Soccer team (2-1, 0-0 SSC) made a remarkable recovery from their season opening 2-1 loss against the University of Tampa in a non-conference match, by crushing Harding University just days later, 6-1.

Junior, Hayley Oligane, put the Sharks on the scoreboard in the 18th minute of the Harding game, which would account for one of the final three goals she would record for the evening, resulting Oligane's first career hat trick. Juniors, Shurell Burton along with Heather Swift and Natalie Bellini scored for the Sharks as well.

At the conclusion of week one for the women's soccer season, junior Alyssa Fernandez ensured another win for the Sharks after scoring on an amazing shot from 30-yards away in the final few minutes of the match against the University of West Georgia, tacking on a regional win for the Sharks.

Men's Soccer Starts Season Undefeated

With a total of 17 newcomers added onto NSU's Men's Soccer team (4-0,0-0 SSC), the Shark's future looks bright as they have gotten off to a remarkable beginning, going 4-0 and receiving a national ranking in the number 10 position thus far in the 2007 season.

Freshman, Aly Hassan, stunned the crowd with his outstanding offensive performance scoring not one, but the first 2 goals of his collegiate career aiding the Sharks in their 3-0 victory against North Georgia College and State University's Saints. Senior goalkeeper, Jarod Rennick, upheld his end of the win with a total of 9 saves, resulting in a scoreless game for the Saints.

After a long and trying game, the Sharks entered overtime while competing against the Saints. Rennick and Hassan pulled it together, Jarod once again holding the opposing team to zero while Aly tacked on the winning goal.

After two successful games on the road, the Sharks were finally able to take the game on their home turf while matched up against Bentley College. Feeding off the energy radiating off the intense crowd, the Sharks brought home the win 2-0. Sophomore, Romain Onteniente scored both goals while Rennick had his 3rd consecutive shutout.

While taking on the Hurricanes of Georgia Southwestern, Onteniente along with freshman, Darryl Gordon, tallied up two goals a piece to ensure another win for the Sharks, 4-1.

After recording 3 goals over this past week, Onteniente was honored by the Sunshine State Conference being declared the SSC Offensive Player of the Week.

NSU's Volleyball Team "Set" for 2007 Season

Nelly Mesa Sports Writer

NSU's women's volleyball team (5-4, 0-0 SSC) held the annual NSU Sharks Volleyball Classic at their home court in the University Center where they kicked the 2007 season off to a stellar start.

The Sharks opened up the tournament on day one with two consecutive wins against Franklin Pierce, 3-0 and Dowling College, 3-2.

Unfortunately for the Sharks, day two did not go according to plan in the win column as NSU fell to #16 nationally ranked Washburn University 3-0, and Augustana College, 3-1.

Junior, Christina Chubb, led her fellow teammates with 19 kills, while freshman, Paola Ruiz, proved herself as a promising addition to the Sharks roster, registering 12 kills for the tournament. Junior transfer, Valentina Petrova, stacked up extremely impressive numbers as well, concluding the weekend with and outstanding 46 assists, 6 kills and 9 digs.

As the week continued the Sharks hit the road for Austin, Texas where they competed against a number of prestigious teams, returning home with another 3 wins under their belt and just one loss. Games: St. Edwards University (L 3-2), Northwestern Missouri (W 3-2), Arkansas Monticello (W 3-2), Southwestern Oklahoma (W 3-1).

Despite the Sharks 3-1 loss to Palm Beach Atlantic on Sept. 4, Petrova had yet another marvelous game resulting in 52 assists and 23 digs.

Sports

Profile: Head Strength and Conditioning Coach, Rene Pena

Nelly Mesa Sports Writer

Many would agree that there is one coach within the Athletic Department who stands out amongst many, the NSU Head Strength and Conditioning Coach, Rene Pena, universally known amongst the Sharks athletic world simply as, "Coach P."

Coming from a Division I background, Coach P joined the Sharks family in 2006 and is prepared to begin his 2nd year here at NSU along with his two Graduate Assistants (GAs), Jennifer Daratany and Cameron Yearley, more commonly known as Jen and Cam.

Upon taking on the demanding position of Head Strength and Conditioning Coach, Pena intends on sharing as much of his knowledge and experience as possible to do what he can in helping to build a more effective and successful athletic program.

Arriving to the UC at 5:15am Monday-Friday for the sake of fitting in workout schedules for each and every team here at NSU, Coach P, Cam and Jen spend nearly 15 hours a week on the clock. Whether it is training a team in the weight room or taking them onto the UC gym floor to practice proper running technique followed up by excruciating sprint sequences, Pena and his staff are extremely invested in the success of their athletes. In addition to the hours Pena puts in during a regular work week, he often travels with teams when requested to do so as well.

"Traveling with the teams allows me to better evaluate their performance when in competition mode," states Pena. "Not only does it let me see the ways we have improved, but I can pin point the areas we need where we need to work."

Pena makes it known that "As much as I love traveling with my athletes; I will only leave campus knowing that the rest of my teams are taken care of with the help of my GAs, Cam and Jen."

Over his past year here at NSU, Pena claims to already have seen major improvements in nearly all of the athletes. NSU's Athletic Training Staff states that the addition of a formal strength and conditioning program has definitely enhanced athletes peak performance and overall wellbeing. Pena believes that in addition to this, it is also in big part due to attitude that the athletes have bought into his program.

Pena states, "If my kids didn't believe in my program, they wouldn't have the desire to train."

Lack of desire to train is definitely not the case.

"A lot of my kids come in for extra work too. I like that they know I am always here for them" claims Pena, "Working together we have made great gains".

Coach P believes that the bonds he has created with his athletes have proven to be extremely important in their success together. Trusting in the idea that by building a strong comfort zone, the athletes' self esteem is enhanced thus boosting their confidence while competing.

Junior soccer player, Nate Dunbar has made the following statement in regards to Coach P:

"Coach P has helped me a great deal. I stayed in Florida this past summer instead of going home to Connecticut and he trained with me multiple times a week to help me improve my speed and strength for soccer. He has greatly impacted all the aspects of my game and has boosted my confidence on the field. Coach P has become more than just a strength and conditioning coach to our team, he has become part of the team and we respect him greatly for all of his time and efforts."



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In a Summer of Sequels and Remakes, Halloween Holds its Own

Stefani Rubino Staff Writer

How could anyone forget the first time they watched Wes Craven's *Halloween*? It is a hard experience for ever fully forget: that white mask, the music that lets you know just when he was coming, and the uneasiness felt from killing after killing after killing. Now, a whole new generation of moviegoers can relive that experience again and again as the man who is responsible for gore-fests like *House of 1000 Corpses* and *The Devil's Rejects*, Rob Zombie, brings us his take on *Halloween*.

We all know the story: Michael Myers, a sociopath and mentally deranged youngster, takes a knife to almost his older sister (and in the remake, his mother's boyfriend as well), leaving his baby sister, the only person in the world having not done wrong to him, alive. Myers is sent away to a psychiatric hospital/prison, where he sits and waits for fifteen years, until he finally makes his big break in hopes of finding the baby sister he loved so dearly, who in turn denies his love and the fact that they are even related. The night that ensues is a bloodbath finally culminating with the "cat-and-mouse-game" between Myers and his sister Laurie.

However, Rob Zombie tells the story a little differently. He takes us back to the beginning, but not just the killing of the Myers family or just the initial arrest. He takes us to the psychiatric hospital where Michael is being treated, of course by Dr. Loomis (Malcolm McDowell). Here, we gain insight into the reason why Michael killed his family—he is evil, pure evil.

Young Michael is played by Daeg Faerch, who certainly excels in the role. In the original, the role of young Michael was not shown nearly as much as it is here, but Faerch definitely rose to the challenge. His attitude and innocence make young Michael come alive. He lightens and darkens the screen with his sadness and anger. You know he is a murderer and psychotic, but you feel bad for him and want to give him a hug at the same time. It is a weird dynamic that no other young boy that I can think of could have given the film. He had the best performance in the entire film.

Let's zoom back to fifteen years later, where Laurie (Scout Taylor-Compton) and her adoptive family are preparing for *Halloween* night and the festivities are just beginning. Laurie goes to another family's house to

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baby-sit, as the now adult Michael (Tyler Mane) begins his search for her. Personally, I was not very impressed with Compton's performance as Laurie. Of course, after seeing Jamie Lee Curtis as Laurie in the original, it is not hard to be unimpressed. Compton did do one thing extremely well, though, she could scream, even when it was just completely uncalled for.

What is there to be said about the Tyler Mane's (*X-Men I & II*) performance as Michael? Well, he is in a mask, which means no emotions, and all he really had to do was walk tall and fast and pretend to kill people. He did it just fine.

The most interesting performance in the entire film was that of Malcolm McDowell (*A Clockwork Orange*). His performance was not necessarily great or even good, for that matter, it was just interesting. He played Dr. Loomis, as stated before, who is Michael's psychiatric evaluator in the institution. In Zombie's *Halloween*, he tries to be Michael's friend, his pal, not realizing that Michael would kill just as easily as any other person.

Rob Zombie even wound up changing the ending of his take on it, but I will leave that for you to figure out. Overall, the same can be said about *Halloween* as much of Zombie's other work, it is a horror film in the 21st century, but where others use camera tricks to give the audience cheap thrills and scares, Zombie uses dialogue and emotion to evoke a sense of eeriness and on-edge that most other filmmakers (like Eli Roth or Alexandre Aja) could never pull off. This is no cheap scream-fest, this is the best remake you will probably ever see.



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Devendra Banhart's New Album is of the Best This Year

Stefani Rubino Staff Writer

When I first heard Devendra Banhart, about three years ago now, I remember thinking that this guy was going to get bigger and better as the years go by. It is now 2007, five years after his first release *Oh Me, Oh My...*, and my predictions seem to have come true. Banhart's newest release and follow-up to 2005's *Cripple Crow, Smokey Rolls Down Thunder Canyon* (due out Sept 25) shows Banhart's gradual musical maturity and showcases some of the best music and lyrics Banhart has ever written and/or composed.

The album opens with the slow and smooth "Cristobal," sung entirely in Spanish with the help of Mexican actor Gael Garcia Bernal (*The Science of Sleep, The Motorcycle Diaries*). As I said, the song is slow which gives way for the rest of the record which is almost entirely at a low tempo, with the exception of a few songs that seem to be inspired by 1950's doo-wop, 1960's pop, salsa, reggae, and one song that is purely rock and roll inspired. Along with "Cristobal," there are three other entirely Spanish songs on the album called "Samba Vexillographica," "Carmencita" and "Rosa" (featuring Rodrigo Amarante of *Los Hermanos*). I can't say much about these songs' content, but I can say that they are beautifully composed and even though I may never understand what the words mean, it is still easy to memorize and sing along with.

"Seahorse" is Banhart's eight minute epic with beautiful melodies and musical twists and turns at every corner. The song begins slowly and then gradually builds up tempo until the piano is playing a repetitive melody until an electric guitar steals the show and leads the song to an explosive and well-composed ending with the entire band to back it up. "Seahorse" is one of the best tracks on the album, not just because it is eight minutes long, but because it's composition and its beautiful and strategic writing.

If this album shows us anything new about Banhart, it is his incredible versatility. "Shabop Shalom" is his doo-wop inspired tale about his love for a young Jewish girl. "Lover" is his pop inspired (reminiscent of the Jackson 5) masterpiece full of upbeat vocals ("I wanna be your love, babe!") and a ton of percussion. "The Other Woman" is Banhart's incred-

ible take on a roots-reggae style that proves to be one of the most beautifully composed tracks on the album. And finally, "Carmencita," Banhart's delightful take on salsa with modern twist and gorgeous guitar playing that will have you humming for days and days.

My favorite track, and possibly the best track, on the album is "I Remember," which again follows suit to the down-tempo slow kind of rhythm the album has. It is also probably one of the best tracks Banhart has ever written. Even the beginning of the song, a lone piano, will immediately stir up some intense emotion within every person, you just know something beautiful is coming. Then Banhart's sophisticated-yet-gritty and striking voice comes in and sings of memories, but not just any memories, stunning, dramatic memories of a past or present lover.

Besides the quality of the music, I think what is important about this album is that people should start taking Devendra Banhart seriously. I do not think that the general public see him as a true musician as much as they do a commodity. Smokey shows that more so than ever before. He is a bright talent in the dark world of music, and we should hope he sticks around for a while.

All-in-all, *Smokey Rolls Down Thunder Canyon* showcases some of Banhart's best and more creative work. The album is full of wonderful storytelling and gorgeous melodies that will stick with you. As I said, the album is due out September 25th, so get to your local record store and pick it up as soon as it comes out, you won't regret it.



Parking Shortages Cause Aggravation Amongst the NSU Community

Tanya Parnes Staff Writer

Students and faculty alike agree that parking on NSU's campus has become an important issue at the start of the 2007-2008 school year. Many have complained about the lack of available parking spaces and the amount of time that has been spent searching for those spots.

"The parking is absolutely horrendous," said Sammy Garcia, a junior student who works in the Athletic Student Affairs building. "There is no accessibility anymore because everything seems to be blocked off." Garcia, like many others, has voiced his frustration over the current parking situation at NSU. "Residential Life and Housing has now allowed the students living in the Commons to park in our lot back here where commuter students used to park," continued Garcia. "If you're a residential student you shouldn't be allowed to have a car your first year."

Garcia is not the only one being inconvenienced by the changes that have taken place on NSU's campus. Juliene Alvarado, a sophomore student, said that it takes 15-20 minutes to park on campus. She noted that there has been a big change in parking from last year to this one. "I'm taking a class in Mailman and I have to park in the Business building because they don't have parking ever," she stated.

"They have lots of places where there are no buildings and they can make more parking spots," said Rob Keever, a graduate student at NSU, who also sees the parking situation as problematic. "It has to be fair," Keever said. "If they're giving more to residential students they should give more to commuter students."

NSU's 300 acre campus houses over 26,000 students, which is an increase of over 1000 from last year. There are approximately 7,451 parking spaces on campus and about 612 of them are reserved for residential students. University School stu-

dents who purchase parking permits through their high school are issued NSU cards and can park throughout the campus in the general access areas. The two lots in front of the Shepard Broad Law Center as well as the lot between the Parker and the Sonken building are reserved for faculty and staff only which means that they are not a part of NSU general access. The two lots in front of the ASA building are reserved for faculty and staff during the daytime but are open for general access after 5 p.m. There are also 844 spaces in the Parker Building Garage that are public access only, which means that anyone wishing to park there must pay a fee for the day to use those spots.

The university has undergone many changes in parking during this fall semester. "Each dorm resident, based on a formula that Anthony DeSantis provided, does have a parking spot for their vehicles that are here," said Alice Aschbrenner, Assistant Director of Operations. "We've cut the 246 spaces in that Mailman Hollywood southeast lot to give 140 spaces to the Goodwin resident students. Now that we've got an assessment of how much is left on the res hall side I think we're getting back 52 on that side, but we've had like 9 open so I'm able to grab back 60." Aschbrenner said that they wanted to assess where the university was after the first week and half, once the add/drop period was complete, before they altered the parking areas at the university. "Because we cut the 246 spaces in half and we needed to accommodate the employees in the surrounding buildings of Mailman Hollywood, UC, library and Rosenthal, we gave specific clearance to those people because there were only 120 spaces in those two gated lots."

Several members of the NSU community are unhappy with these parking changes. "I can't find a parking spot and I especially have difficulty because I come in at a later hour because I stay later and they're all gone by then," said Marikay Concan-

non, an Academic Advisor who works in the Mailman Hollywood building. Concannon said that it has been taking her an additional twenty minutes to park every day and she is pretty irritated with the situation. "I just feel as an employee we should at least have a place to park." Concannon suggests having Public Safety officers in the lots guiding people to empty parking areas to alleviate some of the traffic buildup on campus. "It's frustrating, the driving around looking, to have people following you. I'm waiting someday for a fight to break out," she stated. "Something needs to be addressed and something needs to be done because it's just not efficient."

Concannon is not the only one upset over parking however. Dr. Lenore E. Walker, a Professor in the Center for Psychological Studies, is very angry about parking on campus. "It's horrible for me," said Walker. "I have a disability. I can't walk very far, I can't stand very far and I'm a professor here so I have to carry books back and forth. I need parking that's accessible for me and there's inadequate handicapped parking." Walker noted that there are very few handicapped parking spots in the faculty lot in front of the Maltz building so she is often forced to park at the Law school and walk. "I can never get a parking place in the parking lot that's closest to our building entrance because law school students park there, our students park there for CPS and the administration building people park there, and there are no handicapped spots," Walker states. "The only parking places I have are the few parking spots in the parking lot that services the clinic and I feel sometimes it's not fair to take away spots for other people." Walker often has to park illegally in the lot because she feels like she has no other choice. "I have students that are late to class because they can't find parking. I invite guest speakers to come and they don't want to come because they can't find parking. It's a desperate situation. It's always been bad but now it's desperate."

Aschbrenner noted that the administration is aware of the staff and student population complaints and has been discussing other alternatives to combat the parking issue such as making more parking available in areas that were not previously general access parking spots and even creating new parking lots at NSU. They are meeting to discuss these ideas and to work out the details, so no definite plans have been made just yet. "It's always bad the first couple weeks of school," said Aschbrenner. "I think it was more impacted this side of campus because of the RecPlex. By adding the gates we actually insured that the rest of the NSU community that's not supposed to be parking there isn't parking there." She pointed out that these gates in front of ASA help to guarantee faculty and staff parking by preventing general access to their lots.

"We're probably one of the only institutions that do not charge for parking permits and parking privileges," said Aschbrenner. "There is increase in the residential students, there is increase in the HPD programs and we're pushing to have increase in the undergraduate programs. 140 spaces are not going to make or break our campus." Aschbrenner noted that that there was a problem with parking spots before they took away these 140 spaces. "Are we aware of our faculty, staff and student populations' complaints? Yes. But, I have to work with the here and now. I feel that public safety and facilities and all the other centers do their best to accommodate what we have to work with, without totally inconveniencing our student and staff population. It's a give and take."

For more information, questions or concerns please contact Alice Aschbrenner at alicea@nova.edu.

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Editor's Note

Michael Bergauer Managing Editor

Greetings to the NSU community! To returning students, you will notice there's a new guy writing the Editors Note. It's me Michael Bergauer. I've been with The Current since 2006, so you probably remember seeing my name in the paper already. I am the new Managing Editor and interim Editor in Chief (only Graduate Assistants need apply), so until further notice, I'm the one running this newspaper.

To new students, welcome to NSU. You are reading the student newspaper, The Current. It is your link to, and the forum for, the entire NSU community. As new students, it will be pretty helpful by letting you know, not only about events on campus, but also news about where the university is headed, the latest athletic progress and programs, as well as reviews on movies, music, books and videogames.

Believe it or not, as the managing editor of this paper, you fellow students and I share a very similar goal. We want to grow and we want to get better. Is that not the purpose of enrolling in a college? We want to expand our minds and become more professional. By graduation, we want to be the pinnacle of excellence. This desire to grow and improve is hard not only for you, the students, but for this newspaper as well. As such, I look forward to doing this together with you. Hopefully very soon you will see features for paper, not only inside it, but around campus as well.

In these first steps of your collegiate career, I want to give a bit of advice that Dean Rosenblum (that's the Farquhar Dean) gave to me very recently. He recommended that you write down everything you do. College is a fun and life changing experience and you are not going to want to forget one bit. And someday, you can look back and see just how much you have improved.

Ask Mr. Shark

Akshat Bhargava President, Undergraduate Student Gov't Association

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2. Mr. Shark what are my options if I receive a parking ticket from Public Safety? Where do I pay?

My fin, I would say you have two options – either pay or appeal. Students can pay the NSU parking citation at One Stop Shop located in the Horvitz Building. On the other hand you have the right to appeal your citation. According to the Public Safety website all persons have the right to appeal any Nova Southeastern University parking citation within five (5) days of receiving the citation. You can get the parking appeal form from the following link: http://www.nova.edu/cwis/pubsafety/forms/NSU_APPEAL_FORM.pdf. For more information please contact Public Safety 954-262-8999.

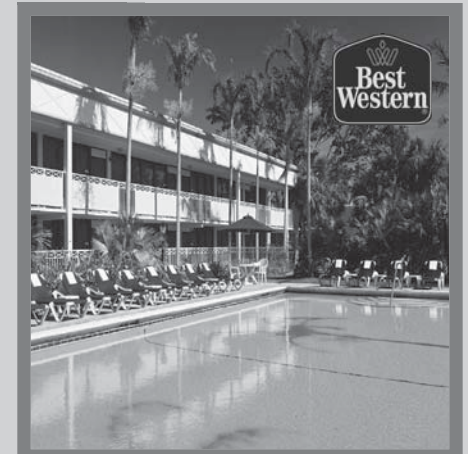
3. Mr. Shark I am a sophomore and am very dissatisfied about parking on campus. It takes me anywhere between 20-30 minutes to find a parking spot and then walk all the way to my class or work, who should I address my complain to ?

My fin, you should address your complaint to your undergraduate student government. You can go on their website www.nova.edu/nsusga and fill out a documented complaint under "request information." Or you can attend an SGA meeting which are always held Wednesdays 4-6pm in the Goodwin Hall classroom. One of the goals of the NSU undergraduate student government (NSUSGA) this year is Parking and Transportation and they are planning to address the issue in front of PANSIGA and the university President, Ray Ferraro.

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NSU On The Scene

What do you think of parking at NSU?

Kristine Belizaire Section Editor



Tatiana Riesgo

Legal Studies, Junior

"Oh my God! It is horrendous. I wish that the University School students didn't have to park in our parking lot. It would make it a lot easier to find parking."



Kristina Christoph

Biology, Junior

"I think it's alot tougher to find parking this year and it would be nice if we could expand to the public parking."



Vanessa Palacios

Marketing, Sophomore

"Horrible, There is not enough parking. I've noticed that there are leaks in the new parking lot, and that there is more parking where there are no roofs. I don't want to park my car where it rains. Why does the library need four levels of parking?"

Perry Uwanawich

Marketing, Sophomore

"I think that Nova, having closed down all the other parking lots to Nova students, gives me no other option but to walk this vast campus in humid, South Florida weather."



Jon Muniz

Biology, Junior

"Now parking sucks, for lack of a better term. It's gotten very congested this year. It wasn't like that for the first two years that I was here. I actually had to park illegally in the library parking."

Dear Fellow Sharks,

On behalf of the Undergraduate Student Government Association, it's my honor to welcome you to NSU. We are looking forward to serving you to the best of our abilities. The Undergraduate Student Government's purpose is to serve as the main governing body for its undergraduate students. SGA provides funding for recognized student organizations, promotes events on campus, and serves as the voice of the student body to the university administration. Overall, SGA strives to create a more dynamic and diverse campus.

We sincerely hope that your NSU experience will be fun and rewarding. We encourage you to maximize your experience by getting involved within and beyond the classroom. There are a variety of ways to be involved and connected at NSU. For more information, visit the NSU event calendar at <http://www.nova.edu/cal/public/webevent.cgi?cmd=openca1&cal=cal2> or the Division of Student Affairs website at <http://www.nova.edu/cwis/studentaffairs/index.html>.

We look forward to seeing you on campus. Please consider joining us at one of your Student Government Association meetings which take place on the first three Wednesdays of the month beginning at 4pm in the Goodwin Residence Hall classroom. Should you have any questions or want to part of the student government please visit us at www.nova.edu/nsusga or email us at nsusga@nova.edu.

Best wishes for a successful academic year.

Sincerely,

Akshat Bhargava

President, Nova Southeastern Student Government Association



Rear: Joann Liria, Minority Senator; Sheela Venero, Minority Senator; Rachel Garbaj, Athletic Senator; Sharein El-Tourky, Residential Senator; Philip Ortiz, Non-traditional Senator. **Front:** Sidjae Price, VPL; Alexandra Heron, VPJ; Akshat Bhargava, President; Anthony Ferrara, Public Relations.



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